

FOLKS WITH LAST NAMES BEGINNING WITH J-Q: IT'S YOU TURN TO BRING REFRESHMENTS. THANKS!!!

A NOTE FROM EL PRESIDENTE

As your new president I wish to reassure all the members that I no longer intend to unintentionally injure myself, as often. Being Vice president didn't seem to require as much dignity, but now I fully expect to lead a safe and productive life -- at least for the remainder of 1997 and try to be a good role model.

As for organizational details and goals I will rely heavily on Past Presidents for guidance and promise not to be very stubborn about taking suggestions from anyone. Already I owe Lila a debt of gratitude for agreeing to chair the very first Board Meeting of 1997, but I will be at the regular meeting on the 16th (weather permitting). This could be a critical factor in traveling home all the way from middle Florida and we have several contingency plans in order to be safely home in time.

We have not been "rock-hounding" yet, but did a bit of shelling and I flew a glider twice so far. More I'm sure. Possible rock-hounding on the way home through North Carolina !

I'm looking forward to a good year and lots of fun for everyone !

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NEWS FROM THE BOARD MEETING, READ THIS:

Leila Stevens, Program-- Mr. Bob Reszka from the Eddy Geology Center will be our speaker at the January meeting. His specialty is the **ROCKS of the Michigan basin**. You may bring in some of your perplexing finds for him to identify.

Bessie Rogers, Roster-- Dues are due.

Jude Miller, Membership-- The cost of our club badges has risen to \$7.00. This includes the club logo triangle and the name plate.

Roger Laylin for Lee Laylin, Library-- The large coffee table books are now being stored at Laylin's home due to their awkward size.

Melissa Tuchowski, Field Trips-- Don't forget the **club potluck, Sunday January 19 at the Alaiedon Twp. hall, Noon. Plan on eating at 12:30.** Bring dish to pass, eating utensils, & prizes for Rocko (wrapped, hobby related)

Margaret Green, Education-- See article for information about upcoming open-houses.

--We need help with presenters at the **Okemos Science is Fun Day, January 25 (Saturday)** from 9:00- 3:00 at the new Okemos High School. Call Margaret if you can help.

--**Mineral for this month will be Pumpellyite var. Chlorastrolite**, other-wise known as our state gem "Isle Royale Greenstone." Please bring your specimens and jewelry to show off.

Jean Ann Wahl-Piotrowski, Publications-- There was a lengthy discussion regarding the sad state of our copier. The conclusion was that the publications chair (i.e. ME) may make the copies as is most convenient and expedient, doing the best as possible to economize. If anyone wants to argue, they may take over the newsletter :).

Roger Laylin, Show--Michigan Lapidary Shows will be contacted to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of R&M. Several board members have seen this dealer's wares & supported the move.

--**We need a THEME for our show. Please submit your suggestions to Roger at or before the potluck.**

NEWS FROM THE BOARD MEETING, READ THIS: , cont.

--There will be a quick show board meeting at the club potluck, January 19.

A clarification of membership rules as stated in our club bylaws: "student" members applies only to students who are under the age of 18. College students are considered adults.

DOES ANYONE OUT THERE NEED A HANDICAPPER RAMP? We still have parts of the club handicapper ramp in storage at Turners' house. It would need to be reworked a bit to be useful. Contact Grit for more details if you need them: 694-9596

OK, DOES ANYONE OUT THERE HAVE A USE FOR SMALL CAFETERIA TRAYS?

If so, contact Alan Hukill: 641-6125.

LOST & FOUND

Has anyone lost a red baseball hat with a Lugnut emblem on front; or, a gray thermos drinking cup? If so, please call Mary Crosby: (517) 484-1375.

I FINALLY DID IT-- Alice Turner

I have made a video tape of some of the basic projects that I teach in my classes in my home and at the lapidary school in Young Harris, GA.

We have divided it into two tapes. In tape one we make an adjustable ring, bracelet, cabochon pendant, cabochon ring and earrings. Tape two inches a stacked prong pendent, chain, butterfly "basil" ring and a bead ring.

The price is \$25.00 for each tape or \$40.00 for both (plus \$3.50 shipping.) Please send your order to: Alice Turner, 2667 Pine Tree, Holt MI 48842; or, see me at a club meeting.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR CLUB MEMBERS-- Margaret Green

Please consider hosting an open-house! The motivation for this particular venue is to encourage new members to be active in club "doings" by providing a relaxed, informal setting for getting to know other club members and to learn more in the area of the hosts interests.

Our first open house will be Saturday, February 1 from 2:00 - 5:00 pm at Charlotte Jr. High School, Rm. 351. (The school is located at 301 Horatio St., Charlotte MI.) Larry Bourland is our host in his state-of-the-art black hole, er' classroom. You don't remember school being this fun or bizarre. BRING THE KIDS!

The second open house will be Friday, February 28 from 7:00 - 10:00 pm at the home of Neil and Connie Snapp, 1325 Orlando Dr., Haslett. The Snapps (especially Connie) specialize in fossils. This will be a chance to view their collection and reference library.

Remember these are "open houses" feel free to come & go at your convenience. You need not stay the entire time! Hope to see you there. Any questions or comments; or, to schedule your own open house, please call Margaret Green, 882-3637.

CLUB CALENDAR

- Jan. 16 Regular Meeting, 7:30 North School; J-Q bring refreshments
Speaker: Mr. Bob Reszka, Rocks of the Michigan Basin
- Jan. 19 Potluck, Alaiedon Twp. Hall, Noon
Show board meeting
Sorry folks, I'm typing this at work & don't have the slightest idea how to get to
the Alaiedon Twp. Hall. Be sure to ask about directions at the meeting, or call Roger
Laylin or Florence Hill who live near by.

SHOW CALENDAR

- March 9 & 10 Roamin Club Auction. Schoolcraft College, Waterman Campus
Center Bldg, 18600 Haggerty Rd, Livonia. Sat. 11-6, Sun 12-6. Free.
- March 14-16 Jackson Show. Frat. Order of Eagles, 302 5th St, Michigan Center.
Fri. 1-9, Sat. 10am-9pm, Sun. 10am-5pm. Adults \$2, Teens .50
- March 22 Metro Rock Swap (Dearborn Club). Democratic Club of Taylor,
23400 Wick Rd., Taylor (just East of Telegraph). 10am-5pm. Free.
- April 9-12 Indian Mounds Show. Eastbrook Mall, 28th St., Grand Rapids
- April 11-13 Mount Clemens Show
- May 9-11 Flint Show. IMA Sports Arena, 3501 Laper Rd (Center Rd. exit off I-69 to
Lapeer Rd.). Fri. 9-7, Sat. 10-7, Sun. 12-5. Adults \$4.00, 12-17 \$1.00.
- May 16-18 Dearborn Show. Dearborn Civic Center, Michigan & Greenfield.
Fri. 5-9, Sat. 10-8, Sun. 11-5:30
- June 27-29 Lawrence County IN show/swap. Monroe Co. 4-H Fairgrounds, Bloomington
Indiana. Fri. 10-7, Sat. 8-7, Sun. 8-4.

