

**NEXT MEETING: FEBRUARY 21, NORTH SCHOOL**

**Mineral of the Month: Epidote.**

**PROGRAM: "Sand Dunes" Dr. Alan Aborgast**

**Dept. of Geography, MSU.**

**REFRESHMENTS: R-Z please bring goodies.**

**C.M.L.& M.S. Program, Thursday, February 21, 2002**

Dr. Alan Arbogast of the Department of Geography, Michigan State University, will present the program. Dr. Arbogast studies sand dunes in Kansas and Michigan and will tell us about the evolution of the dunes along part of Lake Michigan. Join us for an interesting program by an enthusiastic speaker.

In fall of 2001, Dr. Arbogast, along with two co-authors, presented the results of some of their recent research at the Geological Society of America's annual meeting. The presentation was titled: "Geomorphic Evolution of the Coastal Dune Landscape Along the Southeastern Shore of Lake Michigan". Their studies show that the age of the dunes has been misunderstood and that some growth still occurs now and then at times of high lake levels.

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After our program, some members may wish to have a short monthly Silent Auction of their materials.

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**C.M.L.& M.S. now has an e-mail address.** This is especially intended for folks wanting to ask questions about our annual show and will be included in the show listing in the various rockhound magazines. The address is: **centmichlapminsoc@yahoo.com**

I'll check the e-mail periodically and pass on questions and comments to others to answer.

Milt Gere

**Member address updates:**

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**Corresponding Secretary's Report** – Mary Gowans

This past month get-well cards were sent to Delores Saxman and Bettie Patterson. We are also pleased to have George Heaton back home and attending club events while recovering from his holiday auto accident. Our sympathy is extended to Wayne Zittel on the passing of his brother.

**Audit Report:** The Audit Committee composed of Gordon Lewis and Mary Gowans, audited the books of treasurer, Alan Hukill on January 15, 2002 and found the books to be in good order.

**January Potluck Report** – George Heaton

We had our January potluck at the Alaiedon Township Hall on Sunday, January 27. We had about 40 people at this popular event which was sufficient to provide a good quantity and variety of food. As usual, George Heaton did not overeat but ate just the right amount. Truly amazing will power. Besides eating food we played a new game developed by Dave and Jean Ann which they called "Musical Rocks." This was a fun departure from the usual "Rocko" game that we have played so many times in the past. It was nice to have something new to do. There were lots of prizes to be won and everyone went home with something.

**Central Michigan Lapidary and Mineral Society Membership Meeting, January 17, 2002**

The January general membership meeting was called to order by President Jean Ann Wahl-Piotrowski at 7:47 p.m. at the North Elementary School.

President Jean Ann announced that the Potluck was Sunday, January 27 at the Alaideon Twp. Hall. Also, there are several open chair positions, speak to Jean Ann if interested.

Guests/Visitors: Scott Voigt

Vice President Milt Gere announced that tonight's program is a Midwest Federation video on Gemstones. Milt also suggested that the show board have a planning meeting following the potluck on Sunday.

Treasurer Alan Hukill reported on funds in club account.

Recording Secretary: Minutes for the December meeting were read and accepted.

Display: Ed Drown (in place of Grit Turner) announced that show flyers were on the front table. Door prizes were won by 1) Richard Miller; 2) Alan Hukill; 3) David Piotrowski and 4) Dustin Mientkiewicz.

Liaison Officer: Bettie Patterson provided an overview of the American Federation Newsletter, including one interesting article on the "structure of the organization". Bettie also mentioned some activities at the Midland Center for the Arts, going on from January 19 through March, flyers were up front on the table if anyone was interested.

Education: Margaret Green discussed the mineral of the month – Datolite, several club members brought Datolite specimens to look at. Margaret also reminded folks of the Okemos Science is Fun Day from 11-4p, come and help out.

Corresponding Secretary: Mary Gowans - no report

Directors: Alice Turner – not present

John Jurosek – not present

Gail Hopkins – no report

Roster Secretary: Wayne Zittel – no report

Membership: Ernie Aughenbaugh – no report

Field Trip: George Heaton – no report

Publications: Jean Ann – no report

Community Outreach: Elaine Angstman. – no report

Library: Lee Laylin – no report

Finance: Gordon Lewis. – no report

Show: Milt made announcement for show board planning meeting following the January 27, potluck.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Alan Hukill moved to adjourn the meeting, (Kara Miller seconded), motion passed.

PROGRAM: Video on GEMSTONES

Respectfully submitted, Sue Casler, Recording Secretary

**White Chili** (jawp) I've had a few folks ask for the recipe of the White Chili served at our show hospitality. It comes from the Daily Mining Gazette (Houghton)

Saute: 1 lg. Onion chopped

1 med. Green pepper, seeded & chopped

2 cloves garlic, minced or 1 t. garlic powder

3 c. diced chicken breast

1 T oil

Add: 2 cans (15.5 oz. Each) Great Northern beans, undrained

1 can (14.5 oz) chicken broth

2 t. ground cumin

2 t. chili powder

½ t. oregano

1/8 t. ground cloves

¼ t. cayenne pepper

Simmer 15-20 min. Garnish with sour cream and grated Monterey Jack cheese.

**Tip for Memory Wire and Beads** – Susan Myris, *The Rockpile (Dearborn) January 2002*

Instead of turning the ends of memory wire with pliers and wrecking your fingers and pliers, use G-S Precision Applicator Glue in a tube.

Put on a bead, leaving ½ inch tail. Apply glue and allow to dry. Snip off excess wire, and put another dot of glue on end at bead hole. Do same on other end.

### **Spring Show Dates**

March 9-10 Roamin Club Auction. Sat. 11-6; Sun. 12-6. Schoolcraft College,

Waterman Campus Center Bldg., 18600 Haggerty Rd, Livonia MI

March 15-17 Jackson Show. Fri & Sat 10-7; Sun. 10-5. Michigan Center Masonic Lodge,

355 Napoleon Rd., Michigan Center MI

March 16-17 Cedar Rapids Iowa Show. Sat. 8:30-6. Sun. 9:30-5:00. Teamsters Union Local No. 238, 5000 J St. SW., Cedar Rapids Iowa

March 23 “Dearborn Swap” Sat. 10am-5pm. Democratic Club of Taylor, 23400 Wick Rd, Taylor MI (just East of Telegraph). Free admission & parking.

April 4-6 Grand Rapids Indian Mounds Show. Thurs & Fri. 9:30-9, Sat. 9:30-6. Breton Village Mall, take Breton north of 28<sup>th</sup> St. to Burton SE.

April 6-7 Central Ohio Show. Sat. 10-7, Sun. 11-5. Veterans Memorial, 300 W. Broad St. Columbus OH.

May 3-5 Kalamazoo Show. Fri 4-8, Sat. 10-6, Sun 10-5. Kalamazoo Cty. Fairgrounds.

Exit 80 off I 94. Featuring 8,000 lb. copper boulder, 10 ft x 4.5 ft x 1 ft

May 31-June 2 “Dearborn Show.” Fri 5-9; Sat. 10-8; Sun. 11-5:30. Allen Park Civic Arena,

15800 White, Allen Park MI

June 21-23 Bedford/Bloomington Show & Swap. Fri. 10-7; Sat. 8-7; Sun 8-4. Monroe Cty.

4-H Fairgrounds, Bloomington IN

June 29-30 MGAGS Rockhound Seminar. Roscommon Middle School. For info contact

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