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Silent Auction Month

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The Central Michigan Lapidary and Mineral Society is a non-profit organization, meeting to promote interest and increased knowledge in the fields of mineralogy, geology, paleontology and the lapidary arts. It was organized in May 1957 and celebrated its 50th Anniversary in 2007.

Meeting place: Masonic Center, Hamilton Street, Okemos, MI
Regular meeting date: Third Thursday, except July and August

Meeting time: 7:30 p.m., doors are open at 7:00 p.m.

Annual Dues: Adults \$10.00; Families \$15.00; Students under 18 \$2.00

Board meetings: First Thursday, except July and August; 7:00 p.m., Okemos Library

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ROCKHOUND NEWS

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, March 20, 2014

PROGRAM: Silent Auction

REFRESHMENTS: Members with Initials M - Z Please Bring Goodies

Location and Time: The CMLMS membership meeting will be held on March 20, 2014, at 7:30 p.m., at the **Masonic Center, Hamilton Street, beautiful downtown Okemos, 2175 Hamilton Street.**

Calendar for Spring 2014 and later

March 20, 2014 - Membership meeting

April 3, 2014 - Board Meeting, Okemos Public Library, 7 p.m.

April 7, 2014 - Newsletter deadline

April 16, 2014 - Fairview Elementary School Science Fair, 6 pm to 7:30 pm.

April 17, 2014 - Cole Academy Science Fair

April 17, 2014 - Membership meeting

May 1, 2014 - Board Meeting, Okemos Public Library, 7 p.m.

May 2, 2014 - **10 AM, newsletter deadline, FIRM**

May 15, 2014 - Annual Banquet, see Ernie Aughenbaugh for tickets

SILENT AUCTION IS COMING - BRING LOTS TO SELL!!

Silent Auction information: Now is the time to start thinking about rockcleaning (a more weighty form of housecleaning!) and get together those items you want to contribute to the silent auction. Mineral specimens, jewelry, rock-related equipment, books/magazines may be sold at the silent auction. Auction sheets are available at the CMLMS website - www.michrocks.org. Click on the Club Info menu and select Programs. There is a hyperlink to the auction sheets. They can be printed out with either 2 or 3 sheets per page. Please have your auction sheets filled out when you arrive. But if you forget there should be a few available at the meeting. Also bring change for cashing out.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Let Sue Casler know if you have any ideas for speakers, or other programs.

April, 2014 - TBD

May, 2014 - Annual banquet

June, 2014 - Show work bee

July/August - Summer vacation!

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Michael Wolf of Sunfield, Michigan

SOCIETY HAPPENINGS

Outreach Committee: Always in need of volunteers to help with school science fairs, talks and presentations at schools and other organizations, and educational opportunities. Contact committee chair Mary Gowans to lend a hand. gowans@msu.edu or 517-351-6135.

From the Librarian: There are several members and past members who have books checked out. I ask that all books be returned as I am trying to review and up date the contents and condition of collection in the Library. **I need all books to be returned as soon as possible.** If you cannot bring them to the February meeting either mail them or contact me to arrange for their delivery. Lee Laylin, Librarian. Ph 349-3249 or l.r.laylin@gmail.com.

From the Show Chair: Looking for suggestions for Exit Gift Mineral/fossil. Contact Roger Laylin with any suggestions. Ph 349-3249 or l.r.laylin@gmail.com.

UPCOMING SCIENCE FAIRS/EDUCATIONAL OUTINGS

Fairview Elementary School Science Fair on April 16, 6 pm to 7:30 pm. The days will be longer; the days will be warmer and hopefully the sun will be shining. Please think about helping with this Science Night in the spring.

Cole Academy on April 17. Cole Academy will conflict with our membership meeting night. Please let Mary Gowans know if you are planning on coming again this year. Bennett Woods Elementary School is located 2650 Bennett Road, Okemos, Michigan.

MAY BANQUET

Banquet date is May 15, 2014, 5:30 social hour, 6:30 dinner. The speaker will be The Agate Lady, Karen Brzys. Karen is a well-known expert on agates who has written books, created DVDs, developed online courses and on-site courses, and created agate works which she sells at shows. She also has the Gitche Gumee Museum in Grand Marais, Michigan. Mark the date! (www.agatelady.com). Members are encouraged to bring guests and a display of agates. Tickets are now available - \$10 adults, \$5 children. Contact Ernie at esaslapidary@hotmail.com or 989-224-7619, or at the membership meetings.

CLUB NEWS

Field Trips! Dan says he'll start planning field trips for this year when he sees the green of the grass!!! See Dan Sine to sign up and for more information. Cell phone 517-316-5713 or daniel.sine@opm.gov

April 26, 2014, 10am - 4pm - Alabastine Gypsum Mine in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Contact person is Kreigh Tomaszewski (Kreigh@Tomaszewski.net). Expect to find selenite, alabaster gypsum, epsomite hairs, and fossils. There is a \$3 fee for entering the mine to cover the cost of electricity and elevators. There are specific directions and those are available from Dan Sine.

The Three Rivers Gem and Mineral club (jwphilipps@gmail.com) has invited CMLMS members to participate in their summer trip and the information was distributed: June 20-28, 2014, Wyoming. Collecting will be at many sites for specimens such as agate, moss agate, various petrified woods, jasper, fossils, opalized wood, fish fossils. Contact Jim Philipps if you are able to join them; be sure you mention your membership in CMLMS.

Cincinnati Dry Dredgers(drydredgers.org). They are having a GeoFair on May 3-4 and have scheduled field trips in 2014.

Minimum age for a quarry is 12. No children under 12 will be allowed at the quarries (their rule). Trips to other collecting sites may have no minimum, or maximum, age requirement. Safety rules in the **Field Trip Guide** are posted at the society website. They should be reviewed, printed out and **taken to every field trip**. Also, insurance coverage for the field trips by the Federation is very limited. It provides only for damage that members might do on-site. There is no personal injury coverage; no coverage underground. Coverage is only for members, so our policy is that field trips are only for members. Members should review this insurance information on our website. Let Dan know of any other locations and contact information that you may know about and would like to visit. Dan does a fabulous job getting these field trips lined up for club members so please take a moment to thank him personally for all his work.

**PLACES TO GO AND THINGS TO DO—Check www.amfed.org/mwf
or our website www.michrocks.org
FoundMichigan, an online magazine on culture in Michigan—
www.foundmichigan.org**

Check out our website for items for sale. There are links to eBay and Craig's List.

Spring, 2014 - Beginning Metalsmithing / Jewelry Making Classes will be offered several times in April and possibly May at the Absolute Gallery in 'Old Town' at 307 East Grand River, Lansing, Michigan. The inexpensive, four-hour class includes instruction, use of shared tools and equipment and copper materials to make a simple pendant. A second short class emphasizing setting a cabochon stone will also be offered. Instructor will be Milt Gere. Contact Absolute Gallery, phone: 517-482-8845, for details.

Upcoming shows

March 14-16, 2014: Michigan Gem and Mineral Society Annual Show "Rock Your world," Friday 11-7, Saturday 10-7, Sunday 11-5. Jackson County Fairgrounds, American One Event Center, 200 W. Ganson, Jackson, MI. Info: Sally 517-522-3396.

March 29, 2014 - Midwest Mineralogical and Lapidary Society 42nd Annual Metro Rock Swap, Saturday only, 10 am -5 pm, St. John's Lutheran Church, 13115 Telegraph Road, Taylor, Michigan. Free admission. Contact 734-259-8532 for more information.

June 7-8, 2014: Michigan Geology and Gemcraft Society Rockhound Weekend (workshops/demos), Western Michigan University. Info: call 734-421-8159.

CMLMS MINUTES

CMLMS, Membership Meeting. February 20, 2014

Call to Order: The February membership meeting was called to order by vice-president Sue Casler at 7:35pm at the Okemos Masonic Center.

Welcome and Introduction of Guests/Visitors: Welcome to Mike Wolf of Sunfield.

Minutes of Last Meeting: The January membership meeting minutes and the February board meeting minutes were printed in the February newsletters. No corrections.

Treasurer's Report: January report is available at the head table.

Announcements: President Sue Casler reviewed these notices:

1. Lapidary & Mineral Auction, Schoolcraft College, Livonia, March 1-2. Both silent and verbal auctions.
2. Michigan Gen & Mineral Society Show, Jackson Co. Fairgrounds, March 14-15-16.

3. Michigan Geology and Gemcraft Society Rockhound Weekend (workshops/demos), Western Michigan University, June 7-8.
4. Wyoming collecting trip: June 20-28. CMLMS members are invited by the Three Rivers Gem & Mineral Society. Contact Jim Philipps (jwphilipps@gmail.com).
5. CMLMS Banquet, May 15 (\$10). Speaker will be the Agate Lady, Karen Brzys of Gitche Gume Museum, Grand Marais MI.
6. March meeting is a silent auction: slips are available.
7. April may be a DVD; May is banquet; June is work party.
8. Mary Gowans (Outreach) sent this report and asked for member participation:
 - Bennett Woods Science Fair, Wednesday, February 26, from 6:30-8pm.
 - Laingsburg Science night, Wednesday, March 5, 5:30-7pm.
 - Fairview Elementary School Science night, Wednesday, April 16, 6-7:30pm.Contact Mary if you can participate in any way. Gowans@msu.edu or phone 517 351-6136.
9. Dan Sine (field trips): April 26 10am-4pm, Grand Rapids Gypsum Mine, contact Kreigh (Kreigh@Tomaszewski.net).
10. Roger Laylin (show): A large quantity of specimens has been donated to CMLMS by the family of long-time member, Neil Snepp. There are approximately three pickup loads to transport. There is an urgent need for temporary storage of these specimens!
Please contact Roger Laylin if you have any storage space available. It can be a garage, storage shed, trailer-whatever would keep the boxes dry. This is temporary storage. Roger/Lee: 517 349-3249
11. Jan Sjoquist: Husband Doug has had a heart attack and is home recovering.
12. Ernie Augenbaugh is collecting all late dues. Will have banquet tickets.

Door Prizes: by Dan Sine. Thanks, Dan!

Adjournment: Lyle Laylin moved to adjourn the meeting, supported by Milt Gere. The meeting was adjourned.

Program: Norwood Chert DVD.

Respectfully submitted, Jan Sjoquist, Recording Secretary

CMLMS, Board Meeting, March 6, 2014

Board Members Present: Lyle Laylin, Milt Gere, Ernie Augenbaugh, Gordon Lewis, Roger Laylin, Sue Casler, Theresa Hubbard, Lee Laylin, Al Hukill, Roni Sionakides.

Board Members Absent: Elaine Angstman, Elaine Beane, Kris Wood, Dan Sine, Nate Krupp, Kara Miller, Jennifer Martin, Mary Gowans, Jan Sjoquist.

President: Elaine Angstman - absent. Vice-president Sue Casler called the meeting to order at 7:16 pm at the Okemos Library. Both the President, Elaine Angstman, and Vice President, Sue Casler, will be absent from the April board meeting. Roni Sionakides will preside at the April meeting.

Vice President: Sue Casler: March program will be the annual Silent Auction, April is not determined, May will be the annual Banquet.

Recording Secretary: Jan Sjoquist absent. Roni Sionakides is taking the minutes for the board meeting. Minutes for the February membership meeting and the March board meeting are published in the newsletter.

Corresponding Secretary: Theresa Hubbard. sent a get-well card to Doug Sjoquist. She suggested that a rubber stamp be made with the club name and address. The committee has a small budget that she can use to purchase a stamp.

Treasurer: Kris Wood absent, report submitted.

Directors: Milt Gere (1 yr.): No report.

Lyle Laylin (2 yr.): He sent the board members an email with ideas and suggestions for children's activities that he received from a California club. The board could pick out ones we are interested in using, take to the membership to encourage them to help participate by selecting one and working with it. Theresa Hubbard has made a list of her ideas and showed some. She will take these to the membership meeting to encourage participation.

Nate Krupp (3 yr.): Absent, no report.

Roster Secretary: Ernie Augenbaugh said there are still about 35 2013 members who have outstanding dues. A few are on the way.

Liaison Officer: Alan Hukill: No report.

Past President: Elaine Beane, absent, no report.

Membership: Elaine Angstman, absent. Ernie Augenbaugh received a new membership application from Michael Wolf of Sunfield. Sue Casler moved to accept Michael Wolf in to membership; Allan Hukill seconded. A vote was taken and the motion passed..

Field Trip: Dan Sine absent. He reported there will be a trip to the Alabastine Gypsum Mine in Grand Rapids, Michigan in April.

Publications: Roni Sionakides: Deadline for the newsletter is March 10. Roni will need newsletter information immediately after the board meeting in May, by May 2, 10 am. She also reminded the board she needs the address information on new members for the mailing list.

Outreach: Mary Gowans absent. Roger Laylin reported Bennett Woods Science Fair on March 26 went well with good attendance. He also reported that the Laingsburg Middle School Science Fair was well attended. They had a problem with time for set-up. Coming up will be Fairview Elementary School Science Fair on April 16 and Cole Academy on April 17. Cole Academy will conflict with our membership meeting night. Theresa Hubbard will set up that night.

Education: Kara Miller and Jennifer Martin, absent, no report. Theresa Hubbard has ten or more ideas for the children's programs at the fall show and needs samples for the displays. She wants to change the configuration for the children's entry into the arena so they can go past displays.

Library: Lee Laylin is working on books from the society's library to withdraw and offer at the March Silent Auction. Memorial books will be put in a box for future decisions.

Display: Jan Sjoquist, no report.

Finance: Gordon Lewis distributed the proposed application schedule for the scholarship grant. Additions and removals from the form were discussed. He will send the form back to MSU with our changes. A timeline for action was also reviewed. Club members are needed to interview the students.

Web Master/Site: Lyle Laylin, no report.

Show: Roger Laylin: No report. Ernie Augenbaugh said he has sent out contracts to the dealers and four are back. Also discussed was the number of tri-fold flyers needed and that was 1,500.

Old Business: The board at the February meeting approved a check for \$1,000.00 to be sent to the Midwest Federation as a memorial of deceased society members to their scholarship memorial fund (Roger Laylin made a motion to "appropriate a \$1000 donation to a Midwest Federation scholarship fund for members not otherwise memorialized."). It was pointed out that there is no scholarship fund at the MWF, only an endowment fund. The American Federation of Mineralogical Societies does have a scholarship fund and that was the one to which the board wanted to direct the money. Sue Casler made a motion **to correct the board action of the February 6, 2014 meeting from the Midwest Federation to the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies Scholarship fund.** Al Hukill seconded. A vote was taken and the

motion was passed by the majority of board members; one opposed.

New Business: None was presented.

Adjournment: Lee Laylin made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Lyle Laylin supported the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:47pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Roni Sionakides, acting Recording Secretary

NOTES FROM THE LIBRARY

From Roger Laylin

Do you have an interest in the plant fossils from the Pennsylvanian deposits in the Braidwood, Morris, Wilmington area of Northern Illinois? If so you should check *The Wilmington Coal Flora From a Pennsylvanian Deposit in Will County, Illinois* book in the Library. The author, George Langford, relates a brief history of the collecting activities in the Mazon Creek area including a translation of the Greek names used, i.e., carpus* = seed, dendron = tree. He states that in his 50 plus years of collecting they found more than 450 species of flora and 150 species of fauna, all collected from 1912 - 1941.

The book contains more than 300 pages of pictures with plant descriptions. More information than you can ever begin to remember.

Our club received the book as a gift from the Esconi Associates, a committee of the Earth Science Club of Northern Illinois, the book Publishers. The CML&MS had the most members in attendance at the Mid- West Convention Banquet of 1958 at Downers Grove Illinois.

*[Editor's note: This word in Greek is karpos, using current European transliteration of the Greek alphabet. The form, carpus, is a Latinized form of the word.]