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**Silent  
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This bulletin is the official publication of the Central Michigan Lapidary and Mineral Society of greater Lansing, Michigan. It is published each month except July and August.

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, 2175 Hamilton Street, Okemos, MI**

**Regular meeting date: Third Thursday, except July and August**

**Meeting time: 7:00 p.m., doors are open at 6:30 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 21, 2019**

**PROGRAM: Annual Silent Auction**

**REFRESHMENTS: Members with Initials A - K Please Bring Goodies**

**Location and Time:** The CMLMS membership meeting will be held on March 21, 2019, at 7:00 p.m., at the **Masonic Center, 2175 Hamilton Street, beautiful downtown Okemos.**

## **Calendar for spring 2019**

March 21, 2019 - Membership Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Masonic Center

April 4, 2019 - Board meeting, 7:00 p.m., Okemos Library

April 18, 2019 - Membership Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Masonic Center

May 2, 2018 - Board meeting, 7:00 p.m., Okemos Library

[Editor's note: the deadline for the newsletter is **Monday, 8 a.m.** after the board meeting.]

## **UPCOMING PROGRAMS**

March 21 - Silent Auction.

April 18 - TBA.

May 16 - Banquet, speaker TBA; Tickets are available for purchase at the meeting.

## **SILENT AUCTION IS COMING - BRING LOTS TO SELL!!**

Silent Auction information: Now is the time to start thinking about rock cleaning (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. There are Auction sheets attached to the end of the newsletter, print enough for any items you plan to sell and please have your auction sheets filled out when you arrive. There should be a few available at the meeting.

**Also bring change and small bills for cashing out your winning bids!!**

## **VACANCIES ON THE BOARD**

The following positions need staffing. Please consider volunteering for your society and helping out. It's a nice way to get to know members.

**Display Chair** - sets up the memorial displays at the club show and takes to other rock shows.

**Liaison Officer.**

## **Message from the Roster Secretary**

### **Dues are now being collected for 2019**

It 's that time again when you are asked to renew your membership in the Central Michigan Lapidary and Mineral Society. (Membership runs from January through December each year.) Membership dues for 2019 are NOW OVERDUE. Please try to get them paid ASAP so you will not be removed from the list for the newsletter. If you have not paid, please remember you will no longer have privileges for field trips. **YOU MUST BE A SOCIETY MEMBER TO GO WITH THE SOCIETY. DO IT TODAY BEFORE YOU FORGET!!!!**

If you are unsure if you have or have not already paid dues for 2019, check with Elaine Beane, current Roster Secretary.

### **Thank you Lyle Laylin!**

#### **Generous \$1,000 scholarship Donation--**

Lyle spent a good amount of time in Las Vegas this winter volunteering to help repair and restore pinball machines for Pinball Hall of Fame. For the time he put in he was able to request a donation be made to the CMLMS, which will be given as an additional MSU scholarship this year. The CMLMS will be able to award two MSU Geology students scholarships to help further their education.

Please thank Lyle the next time you see him!

### **CLUB NEWS**

**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 Theresa Hubbard, 517-203-9620, thrshubbard@yahoo.com

**March 22** science nights at Kinawa Middle School, Okemos, 6-8:30pm and Beagle Middle School in the Grand Ledge School System.

**April 12** science night at Hiawatha Elementary School. Let Theresa know if you want to help out. If uncertain, you don't need to bring anything but a smile and an answer to a question. The kids are great!

**New members:** please think about coming to the science night just for fun. You can help the team if anyone needs another "hand" or talk to the children and parents about our organization. I wish that we had a club flyer to pass out. If you have an exhibit, bring it along. But mainly I am hoping that new members will find another thing to do that is fun, helps fulfill our mission and encourage young people to share our passion for rocks and minerals and do fun things.

**Library:** Check out the new books in the library boxes. Always something in there, old or new,

### **Field Trips!**

None scheduled at this time. See Carl Mennare to sign up and for more information. Cell phone 517-599-1882 or [cmenn@yahoo.com](mailto:cmenn@yahoo.com). Carl has made a Field Trip Survey to help get a handle on the types of trips Members would be interested in. The Survey is attached to the end of the Newsletter. Please contact him if you have field trip ideas.

## **UPCOMING SHOWS**

**March 15-17: JACKSON, MI** Michigan Gem and Mineral Society Annual Show. Fri 10 a.m. - 7 p.m., Sat 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., Sun 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Jackson County Fairgrounds, 200 W. Ganson St., Jackson. Contact: Sally 517-522-3396; [www.mgmsrocks.com](http://www.mgmsrocks.com).

**March 23: Taylor, MI** Midwest Mineralogical & Lapidary Society Rock Swap, Sat, 10-5, St. John's Lutheran Church, 13115 Telegraph Road. Taylor, MI. Contact: Lou Talley, [ltalley1970@gmail.com](mailto:ltalley1970@gmail.com)

**March 30-31: CANTON, OH** Stark County Gem & Mineral Club Annual Show. Sat 9 am - 5 pm; Sun 10 am - 5 pm. Stark County Fairgrounds, 305 Wertz Ave, Canton. Contact: Jeff Storz, (740) 630-7714; [jstorz42@gmail.com](mailto:jstorz42@gmail.com)

**April 4-6: WYOMING, MI** Indian Mounds Rock & Mineral Club 44th Annual Gem & Mineral Show. Thur 9:30 am - 9 pm; Fri 9:30 am - 9 am; Sat 9:30 am - 7 pm. Rogers Plaza Town Center, 972 - 28th St., Wyoming. Contact: Kreigh Tomaszewski, (616)243-5851; [kreigh@gmail.com](mailto:kreigh@gmail.com) [www.indianmoundsrockclub.com](http://www.indianmoundsrockclub.com)

**April 27-28: CUYAHOGA FALLS, OH** Summit Lapidary Club and Akron Mineral Society Semi-Annual Show. Sat 10 am - 6 pm; Sun 10 am - 5 pm. Emidio and Sons Expo Center, 48 East Bath Rd., Cuyahoga Falls. Contact: Sandy Shorter, 8510 Grouse Ridge Dr., Chardon 44024; (440) 479-0069; [gemboree@outlook.com](mailto:gemboree@outlook.com)

**May 18-19: ST. JOSEPH, MI** Blossomland Gem and Mineral Society Annual Show. Sat 9 a.m. - 6p.m., Sun 12 - 6 p.m. Lake Michigan Catholic Elementary School, 3165 Washington Ave., St. Joseph, MI. Contact: [blossomlandrockclub@gmail.com](mailto:blossomlandrockclub@gmail.com).

## **CMLMS MINUTES**

### **CMLMS, Membership Meeting, February 21, 2019**

**Call to Order:** President Nate Krupp called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. at the Masonic Center in Okemos

**Welcome and Introduction of Guests/Visitors:** Nicole Samabria - guest; Ginny Yurich and children Jackson, Charlie, Winnie, Brooklyn and Vivian of Howell - new members.

### **President's announcements:**

1. There was an extra copy of the February newsletter for anyone who wanted it.
2. Vice President is Steve Smith who is in charge of programing and to see him with suggestions.

3. Steve Smith's wife Robin Smith has volunteered to be Membership Committee Chair.
4. Elaine Beane will order name badges.
5. March events will be the annual silent auction,
6. Kinawa Middle School science night on the 22nd.
7. The annual banquet will be on May 16 and Nate is trying to get a speaker from the Detroit salt mine.

**Treasurer's Report:** Elaine Beane reported on the current balance and explained that most show expenses checks have been cashed. She also explained that the old show and new show expenses are always ongoing.

**Announcements:**

1. Dave Berquest said that Beagle Middle School in Grand Ledge is having their science night on March 22 and he will attend.
2. Milt Gere mentioned that Mary Gowans is home from the rehab facility.
3. Roger Laylin passed out samples of flyers for the 2019 show that will go to MDOT. Sue Casler said we should be getting flyers ready to put out at rock shows as early as March. Ernie Aughenbaugh will take them to the Jackson show.

**Door Prizes:** Ernie Aughenbaugh substituted for Dan Sine who was absent.

**Adjournment:** Charles Holcomb moved to adjourn the meeting and Diane Baclawski seconded. The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

**Program:** Member Richard Lassen gave a talk "The Back Forty Project: Volcanogenic Massive Sulfide Mineralization in Penokean-aged Terrains Menominee County, Michigan"

Respectfully Submitted, Roni Sionakides, Acting Recording Secretary

**CMLMS, Board Meeting, March 7, 2019**

**Board Members Present:** Ernie Aughenbaugh, Elaine Beane, Sue Casler, Jessica Clark, Milt Gere, Theresa Hubbard, Nate Krupp, Lyle Laylin, Roger Laylin, Carl Mennare, Roni Sionakides, Steve Smith and Chuck Taricska.

**Board Members Absent:** Mary Gowans, Robin Smith.

**Members Present:** Fay Mennare and Dan Sine.

**President:** Nate Krupp called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. in the Okemos Public Library. The annual banquet was discussed with Sue Casler listing the various jobs and who will cover them. Nate said the program for the banquet is still open. He has tried to contact a speaker on the Detroit salt mine who has not responded.

**Vice-President:** Steve Smith said the March program will be the annual silent auction. Sue Casler mentioned members should bring small bills for paying and she will bring pencils/pens. Chuck Taricska will put the auction slips in the newsletter. For April he has tried to contact Danita Brandt of MSU and is waiting for a response. He has 2 20-minute videos on the Agate Lady and Yooperlite hunting. For June Lyle Laylin may have a program.

**Treasurer:** Elaine Beane noted there were few changes for February and she had actual report. 1. She has drafted a letter to Larry Irrer about updating the engraving on the memorial plaque for the Rock of Authority. She is looking at a style for those who served multiple years. After discussion on the subject with no solution she will revise her letter and talk to Larry about advice. She discussed name badges and who needed one.

2. She proposed a thank you to Lyle Laylin for a \$1,000 scholarship he earned by volunteering with the Pinball Hall of Fame that he could pass on to a charity. Milt Gere suggested we award 2

scholarships.

**Recording Secretary:** Roni Sionakides, who will replace Dave Berquist after he resigned, discussed how to sign the minutes - Acting or Pro Tem. Pro Tem would be the correct title. She also talked about what she received in prior minutes, that she has organized the books and what dates are missing. Sue Casler will get years 2011 and 2012 to her for the book.

**Corresponding Secretary:** Theresa Hubbard had no report. She will send out invitations to other clubs for the banquet. She has 6 clubs on her list that were reviewed.

**Directors:** 1. Lyle Laylin has purchased sharks' teeth, gastropods, crinoid stems, ammonites, etc. for the children's tables and geodes for the cracker. He also showed Staff badges for those working at the show. He has not followed up on the storage unit; board needs to determine what actual space is needed. Steve Smith suggested scanning all our documents.

2. Chuck Taricska had no report.

3. Jessica Clark asked that she and Chuck Taricska be added to administrators on our Facebook page. She has contacted Kristin Wood, the current administrator, but has had no response.

**Roster Secretary:** Elaine Beane presented a new membership for former member, Richard Lassen. He donated his speaking fee minus an annual club membership cost. Since he was a past member, his membership was considered a renewal.

**Liaison Officer:** Vacant position. Roger Laylin brought up that the MWF is asking for a list of all members who passed away during the year. He received an email from Alan Hulkill about this issue.

**Past President:** Sue Casler discussed additional banquet items including special door prizes.

**Membership:** Robin Smith absent, no report.

**Field Trips:** Carl Mennare wants to put a 7-question survey about trips in the newsletter to use for planning. Steve Smith mentioned Sebewa gravel mine and that he knows what is being found in the gravel. He and Carl can work on scheduling a trip.

**Publications:** Chuck Taricska asked about when the board wants the newsletter out and was advised at least a week before the membership meeting.

**Education:** Theresa Hubbard talked about mineral/fossil of the month and what does the membership want to learn about. She wants to put a survey in the newsletter on what education topics the membership is interested in. She is also working on an aluminum project for the show. She has some bauxite. Suggestion she could do a program for the society in April on bauxite.

**Community Outreach:** Mary Gowans absent, no report. The March 22 science nights at Kinawa Middle School and Beagle Middle School in the Grand Ledge School System, and the April 12 science night at Hiawatha Elementary School were reviewed.

**Library:** Jessica Clark had no report.

**Display:** Vacant position.

**Finance:** Milt Gere: 1. discussed what to do with the extra \$1,000 scholarship money from Lyle. Elaine Beane made a motion that the society award 1 scholarship of \$1,000 and 1 of \$2,500 to MSU geology students. Roger Laylin supported. After discussion the motion was revised by Elaine to add \$500 to the \$1,000, total \$1,500, to the scholarship award. Lyle Laylin supported. The motion was approved.

2. Milt also wanted to form a committee to interview students. The committee will consist of Milt, Lyle, Elaine, and alternates Chuck and Jessica. The interview would take place during the week of April 15. The awards will be presented at MSU on May 4.

**Web Master:** Lyle Laylin had no report.

**Show:** Steve suggested having all the stations and hours on a marking board in the break room so stations needing volunteers can be identified and for check-in by volunteers.

Roger Laylin: 1. discussed the note from Kalamazoo club about other clubs volunteering to help

# Field Trip Survey

To help tailor the club's field trip options to the needs of members, please complete the following survey.

1. How far would you be willing to travel?

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2. Would you prefer day trips or multiple day excursions?

\_\_\_\_\_

3. Some sites charge a fee. How much do you consider acceptable? \_\_\_\_\_

4. Would you be willing to take a safety class, if required by the site? \_\_\_\_\_

5. Would you be willing to sign a waiver of liability, if required? \_\_\_\_\_

6. Some sites require extensive walking. How far would you be willing to walk? (remember, you will have to carry your finds back to your vehicle) \_\_\_\_\_

7. Do you have a preference? Gemstones Minerals Fossils

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**Member Name**



