

Rockhound News

NEXT MEETING: APRIL 17, NORTH SCHOOL
PROGRAM: "Closing the Gondwanaland Gap"
REFRESHMENTS :R thru Z please bring goodies.

APRIL Program

The April program will be presented by Mike Gottfried, MSU asst. professor of Geology. Mr. Gottfried is the Curator of Vertebrate Paleontology at the Michigan State University Museum. The program entitled "Closing the Gondwanaland Gap" deals with cretaceous fossils from Madagascar and Tanzania.

Club Calendar

April 17th Regular Meeting, North School, 7:30.

May 1st Board Meeting to be held at the Okemos Library.

May 15th This will be our annual Banquet. See article.

June 5th June Board meeting to be held at the Okemos Library

June 19th Regular Meeting to be held at the South Precinct, corner of Holmes and Cedar streets.

July 26th Picnic and show work shop at the Laylin' 11am until ?

August 16th Show work shop and lunch at Grit's Garage 9am until the works done.

PLACES TO GO AND THING TO SEE AND DO

April 10-12 Indian Mounds Rock & Mineral Club's 28th annual show. Rogers Plaza, (new location) 28th st 1/4 mile west of U.S. 131 in Wyoming. Thur. & Fri. 9:30-9:00, Sat 9:30-9:00.

April 11-13 Mt. Clemens Show. Mt. Clemens Community Center, 300 North Grosbeck, Mt. Clemens. Fri. & Sat. 10-7, Sun 11-5

May 2,3,4 Kalamazoo Geological & Mineral Society Gem & Mineral presents T-Rex , a full sized cast of Sue's Skull. Fri 5-9, Sat. 10-6, and Sun. 10-5.

Kalamazoo. County Center Building "Fairgrounds"

May 3-4 Geofair 2003. Sat 10-7, Sun. 11-5. Cincinnati Convention Center.

May 23,24,25 Memorial Day Rock Swap. Hidden Hill Campground 3246 Loper Rd. N.E. Newark, Ohio.

May 30-June 1 "Dearborn Show." Allen Park Civic Arena, 15800 White, Allen Park MI
Fri 5-9; Sat. 10-8; Sun. 11-5:30

June 27th-29th Lawrence County Rock Club **GEM, MINERAL, FOSSIL SHOW & SWAP** at Monroe country Fairgrounds, Bloomington, Ind. Fri 10-7, Sat. 8-7,

Sun.8-4.

August 3-10 Keweenaw Week Houghton, Michigan See flyer for more information

August 15th-17th Midwest Faceters PLUS Seminar, at Mott Community College, Flint, Michigan.(Details mailed May 1st

BANQUET -----MAY 15 ----- BANQUET ----- MAY 15 ----- BANQUET

We will be having our banquet at the Okemos Masonic Temple,(at the corner of Livernois and Hamilton) in Okemos (same location as last year). This year the membership voted to have swiss steak dinner. The cost of the dinner is \$8.00 adult, \$3.50 for 12 years and under. Tickets are available and can be purchased at the April 17th meeting or mail a check (made payable to CML&MS) to:Ernie Aughenbaugh

P.O. Box 67

St.Johns, MI 48879-0067

Ernie will send tickets for mail orders received. The deadline for ticket purchase is

MAY 8th.

Daniel Sine is in charge of displays for the banquet. He needs 5-6 displays. If you are willing to set up a display, contact Daniel at 381-0805 or e-mail him at daniel.sine@mail.dss.mil.

Remember to circle May 15 on your calender for our banquet. It starts with a social hour at 5:30 p.m. and dinner will be served at 6:30. The program and door prize drawing will follow.

We are looking forward to a fun evening. Our snow birds will be back, guests from neighboring clubs will be here, Shawn Carlson (see Milt's mutterings) will be our guest speaker and who knows, you might be a door prize winner.

See you at the banquet. Marie Lewis, Chair

Milt's Mutterings - April 2003

Last month I asked for volunteers to chair a couple of committees and be members of committees and to fill the Corresponding Secretary office that was recently vacated. There has been a rush of silence, except for Marie Lewis who said she was willing to do the Corresponding Secretary job for the rest of this year. Marie became our 'official' Corresponding Secretary at this month's board meeting. THANKS MARIE!!!! Please notify her of those members that should be remembered if sick or otherwise. Meanwhile. We still need those other volunteers.

I've asked Shawn Carlson, from Crystal Falls, Michigan, to be our May 15th banquet speaker. Shawn is a geologist that graduated from Michigan Tech. and worked for 14 years in mineral exploration, mostly for diamonds in Michigan as well as Canada and six or more other countries. He will talk to us about the special project that he and a few others conducted at the old, State-owned, Indiana Copper Mine in Ontonagon County, Michigan last year. Under a special permit from the DNR, they searched the old 'poor rock' piles for copper and other minerals, and then restored the location. They inventoried

the recovered specimens and have paid a royalty to the State for all of the items sold. A detailed report is being filed with the DNR and the publication of their story will appear in a future issue of one of the mineral collecting magazines. I'm sure we will all enjoy Shawn's presentation about a historic Michigan mine. Be There!

While on the topic of club banquets --- We have invitations to attend 2 of them. Please see or call me if you are interested in representing CML&MS at one, or both of them. They are:

Wed. April 23 --- Midwest Mineralogical and Lapidary Society, location- Westland, MI

Sat. April 26 --- Indian Mounds Rock & Mineral Club, location- Wyoming, MI.

Note --- The May and June CML&MS Board Meetings are scheduled for the Okemos Public Library again. It is located at the corner of Okemos Road and Science Parkway, Okemos, MI. Hope to see you at the April meeting. Milt

Corresponding Secretary- Get-well wishes were sent to Connie Snepp, who is recovering from surgery.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY 2003

As expected no matter how hard we try to be up to date there are several changes to be made to the directory. For the next couple of months we will be listing changes so if your entry is not right, please, please get changes to us. Hazel Morgan's e-mail is hmtopaz@MSN.com. Lindsey Monroe's e-mail is lmonroe20@hotmail.com.

Library-Please return all library material as this is the last meeting of the year at North School and the library will be going to the Laylin's for the summer. Books may be checked out for the summer or you can come out to the Laylin's and get books.

I want to thank Margaret Green for the donation of several excellent books to the library. I hope to have them cataloged and ready for circulation at the April Meeting. Lee Laylin, librarian

NEWSLETTER by e-mail

At the board meeting someone threw out the idea that to save on mailing cost that people with e-mail might like to get their newsletters by e-mail. Does any one have any ideas on this. It would take your editor a while to figure out how to do it, but if there was lots of interest it could be done. Let me know how you feel about it both pro or con. I have heard from only 3 people. All thought this was a good idea. If you are interested please let me know. Lee Laylin editor.

How to get Involved in Your Club

"I hear and I forget. I see and I remember. I do and I understand.

Confucius

The following is by Elaine Augstman. I know many of you want to hear about Elaine's trip