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the air**



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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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Midwest Federation of

Mineralogical and Geological Societies, <http://www.mwfed.org/>

ROCKHOUND NEWS

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, April 20, 2023 @ 7:00 pm
PROGRAM: Introduction to Wire Wrapping
REFRESHMENTS: Members with last names M-Z please bring snacks to share

Location and Time: The CMLMS membership meeting will be held on April 20, 2023 at 7:00 p.m., at the **Masonic Center, 2175 Hamilton Street, beautiful downtown Okemos.**

Calendar for Spring 2023

April 6- Board meeting, 6:00 p.m., Okemos Library

April 20 - Membership meeting, 7:00 p.m.

May 18 – Annual Spring banquet, 5:30 social hour, 6:30 dinner.

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

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

April 20 – Wire wrapping demonstration with Amy Miller

May 16 – Annual Spring Banquet: Dinner and Speaker, Dr. Peter Voice * **Please reserve tickets***

Our April 20, 2023 meeting will be a wire wrapping demonstration from club member Amy Miller. She will show us how to get started with the basics of wire wrapping, what supplies are needed and how to have fun wire wrapping your favorite specimens.

May is our ANNUAL BANQUET:

Our annual spring banquet will be held Thursday May 18, 2023, 5:30 social hour, 6:30 dinner. tickets will be available at the April club meeting or you can email Dan Sine to reserve. The Spring Banquet is our yearly event that includes Dinner cooked by the famous Okemos Masonic Lodge kitchen crew, followed by a presentation from a guest speaker.

The family style dinner includes: Roasted Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Veggies, dinner roll and drinks, along with fruit pie for dessert. Members are encouraged to bring guests.

The Guest Speaker this year will be Dr. Peter Voice from the Michigan Geological Repository for Research and Education, who will be giving a talk on the Mineral and Energy Resources of Michigan.

Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 children.

Please plan on joining us for this delightful chicken dinner and help keep the banquet tradition going.

Tickets can be purchased at the upcoming meeting or Email Dan Sine at dantheman225500@gmail.com to reserve tickets.

CLUB NEWS:

MSU Scholarship Awarded:

Recently the CML&MS 2023 Scholarship Committee: Lyle Laylin, John Juroszek and Milt Gere, interviewed four MSU Geology candidates for our club's 2023 scholarship of \$2,500.00. They were all good candidates. This proved to be a time where we wished we had additional scholarships to give. However, we did select one to be our 2023 awardee.

She is: **Ms. Libby J. Ashby** from Jenison, Michigan. She will become a Junior at MSU this year and is currently majoring in Geology and Chemistry. We wish her success now and in the future.

The MSU Science Festival is going on all month and there are many activities around campus and surrounding community. Please look through the full schedule of events to see what is offered- this really is a great event every year.

Schedule of Events: <https://sciencefestival.msu.edu/event/schedule>

(Below are a few Earth Day activities)

Potter Park Zoo BioBlitz Exploration

Saturday, April 22, 9:00 - 11:30 AM at **Potter Park Zoo Main Entrance 1301 South Pennsylvania Avenue Lansing, MI 48912**

Appropriate for: All Ages

Potter Park Zoo is hosting our first ever BioBlitz! Community members are invited to come together for a guided walk along the River Trail to find and document as many species as possible using smartphones and iNaturalist. Help us survey the local environment and record the diversity of life we find. Enjoy a walk in nature and contribute to citizen science at the same time! No experience needed. All participants will receive free admission to the zoo and have the opportunity to enjoy the

Party for the Planet event at the conclusion of the BioBlitz.

Corey Marsh BioBlitz Exploration

Saturday, April 22, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM at **Corey Marsh Ecological Research Center 9422 East Herbison Road Laingsburg, MI 48848**

Appropriate for: All ages

Want to take an opportunity to explore the outdoors and get to know plants, trees, and critters while contributing to local citizen science efforts? Join our BioBlitz Exploration at Corey Marsh Ecological Research Center. A BioBlitz is an event where scientists and the general public work together to survey an area in an attempt to record all the living species there. We will be using iNaturalist to catalog the various flora (plants) and fauna (animals) observed. There will also be a chance to experience a bird banding demonstration and other educational activities.

Rock and Fossil Hunting the Alpena Area – YouTube Video

This video shows what kind of fossils you can find around the Lakeshore near Alpena as well as what it is like to hunt around inside Rockport State Park!

<https://youtu.be/7K2n7QSIbWM>

Field Trips:

There will be a rockhounding program at the Veterans Memorial Library in Mount Pleasant on May 17, 2023 from 6:00pm to 7:30pm.

“Join Michigan Roundhounds founder Cody Wiedenbein in this unique, FREE hour-long presentation covering all you need to know about rockhounding in Michigan!”

<https://www.crdl.org/event/all-about-michigan-rockhounding>

If you have any field trip ideas, please contact Carl at Cell phone **517-599-1882** or **cmenn@yahoo.com**. Please contact him if interested in getting emails as field trips are set up.

THANK YOU!!

The Board would like to send a BIG **THANK YOU** to Mike Wolf and Sue Casler for always coming in early every meeting, setting up and then doing the clean-up for our general meetings.

In Memoriam: Mary Jane Gowans



Sadly, we have lost a longtime club member, Past President, and dear Friend as Mary Jane Gowans passed away on February 26, 2023 at the age of 97.

Mary was a remarkable woman and served the club as Chair of the Children's show as well as Community Outreach in addition to serving as President. She actively attended meetings until the age of 95.

Mary's incredible obituary as well as tributes that will bring tears to your eyes can be found at <https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/name/mary-gowans-obituary?id=48955561>

Her life was the epitome of a life well lived and we are thankful for having had her in our lives.

Anyone wishing to make a memorial contribution can give to Friends of Abrams Planetarium---
<http://givingto.msu.edu/> in her name.

UPCOMING SHOWS

May 5-7: KALAMAZOO, MI Kalamazoo Geological & Mineral Society Annual Show. Kalamazoo Expo Center, 2900 Lake St., Kalamazoo. Contact: Wrifton Graham, (269) 615-7073; <https://www.kalamazoorockclub.org/event-information>

May 6-7: SHARONSVILLE, OH Cincinnati Mineral Society Annual Show. Sharonville Convention Center, 11355 Chester Rd., Sharonville. Contact: Terry Huizing, (513) 574-714 <http://geofair.com/>

May 20-21: NORTH OLMSTED, OH Parma Lapidary Club Annual Show. 11-5 each day. Soccer Sports Plex, 3515 Lorain Rd, North Olmsted. parmalapidaryclub@gmail.com; <http://www.parmalapidary.com/big1.asp>

CMLMS MINUTES

March 2, 2023, Board Meeting

Board Members Present: Nate Krupp, Carl Mennare, Jessica Clark, Ruth Lehner, Mattie Newman, Milt Gere, Theresa Hubbard, Robin Smith, Steve Smith, Chuck Taricksa, Fawn Dunbar

Board Members absent: Lyle Laylin, Theresa Hubbard, Sue Casler

Members Present: Roger Laylin, Fay Mennare, Dan Sine, Roger Laylin

President: Nate Krupp called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m. at the Okemos Public Library.

President's items:

Peter Voice is speaking on Mineral and Energy Resources of Michigan at our May banquet.

Did we decide on banquet costs for adults and kids?

Our Silent Auction is in March. Wire Wrap Basics will be our program in April.

Upcoming Membership Meetings:

March is our silent auction-bring your small bills.

April is a wire wrap demonstration with Amy Miller.

Vice-President: This position is currently open.

Treasurer: Fawn Dunbar

She hasn't written any checks. No new activity in the account.

Recording Secretary: Jessica Clark

All older minutes pass unanimously. Ruth moves, Fay seconds.

Corresponding Secretary: Theresa Hubbard

They did go to Bennett Woods.

Director 1: Steve Smith, no report

Director 2: Ruth Lehner, no report

Director 3: Mattie Newman, has some friends that would like to sign up

Show: Robin Smith

Has been talking to Lindsey at the Ingham County Fairgrounds about show costs for next year.

Are they us charging a \$1 a person? She will report back.

We have changed the floor plan for the show next year a little bit.

Each space is 8 tables. Do we need a booth increase? What price are we thinking?

There was a move to increase vendor fees and vendor can only sell 6 items at a time.

Fay motions, Fawn seconds.

Demonstrators can only put out so much for sale. Maybe 6 items like some other shows.

We will pay them a small fee to demonstrate and our Flint knapper needs to wear safety glasses.

Roster Secretary/Membership: Robin Smith

Approve new members-the Parks Family and Matthew and Sarah Frisch. Motion moves.

Liaison Officer: Carl Mennare

Met with Michigan State University about the endowment. Carl passed out paperwork that is an example of an MSU endowment. We will cater this to our club and endowment.

Endowments are set up to make money for the endowments.

We will decide on a committee at the next membership meeting.

Past-President: Sue Casler-absent

She approves scholarship.

Field Trips: Carl Mennare

Wednesday, May 17th in Mount Pleasant at the Chippewa Library, seminar about rockhounding in Michigan. Free hour-long meeting.

Publications: Chuck Taricska

The next deadline for the newsletter is Wednesday, March 8th.

People can submit their ads on our website.

Education and Community Outreach: Theresa Hubbard, absent, no report

Bennett Woods was successful.

Library: Jessica Clark

Nothing new to report.

Display: Vacant position (looking for volunteers).

Finance: Milt Gere

Milt sent around the 2023 Budget. Robin moves and Chuck seconds the budget.

MSU sent 4 applicants for this year's scholarship. The board members will likely remain the same.

This meeting will be on Zoom again this year.

Webmaster: Lyle Laylin-no report, absent

Old business:

Jackson Show, March 17-19, 2023.

Board members please look at your position descriptions and see what needs to change.

New Business:

Banquet-Speaker Dr. Peter Voice, Western Michigan University

Dan Sine wants to raise the price of the banquet. \$15 for Adults, \$10 for Children under 12 years old.

Tickets are on sale for the banquet at the March Membership Meeting. 5:30 pm is social hour, 6:30 pm is dinner.

Please bring an appetizer to share if you would like.

Adjournment: Roger made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion received was seconded by Steve and the meeting was adjourned at 7:31 p.m.