

# Rockhound News

**NEXT MEETING: MAY 20TH**  
**PROGRAM: ANNUAL BANQUET**

Speaker -**DAVID SZYMANSKI**  
TOPIC-*VOLCANOES and MINERALS: CRYSTAL FORMATION in MAGMAS and LAVAS*

## Club Calendar

**MAY 20TH ANNUAL BANQUET at the Okemos Masonic Temple SOCIAL HOUR 5:30  
DINNER AT 6:30.**

**JUNE 3TH Board meeting at the Okemos Public Library 7:00**

**JUNE 17TH Regular meeting to be held at Woldemar 7:30**

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Pres says

This weekend, April 30, May 1, has been a sad weekend for our club. Bettie Patterson passed away Saturday, May 1, after having had a severe heart attack on Friday. Our best wishes and prayers go out to her daughter, Pam.

The annual banquet will be on Thursday, May 20. If you have not purchased your tickets, \$10 for adults and \$3 for children, please do so as soon as possible. You voted on the menu so you know what a good dinner we will have. Come early for the hospitality table and, if you choose, bring one of your favorite munchies.

Our speaker will be David Szymanski, a PHD candidate at the MSU Department of Geological Science, who will speak on "Volcanoes and Minerals: Crystal Formation in Magmas and Lavas." Hope to see many of you there.

The June meeting is being scheduled to be at Woldemar. We will be able to see their new facilities. More in the June newsletter. Thanks Mary

## IN MEMORIUM

It is with great sorrow that we report the passing of Bettie Patterson, on May 1, 2004. Bettie served as president of our club in 1967, 1989 and 1993, served our club for years as our liaison officer and was a source of protocol. Bettie shared her love of our hobby by opening her home for us to see and learn from her knowledge of minerals, taught a class in crystal shapes, and taught us how to display our collections. Many of our board meetings were held at Bettie's home. Bettie was very involved in our annual gem and mineral show, acting as chairman, hostess, announcing at the show and also setting up our fluorescent booth. Bettie will be sorely missed and our sympathies go out to her family

## BANQUET

The Banquet will be held on May 20th at the Masonic Lodge in Okemos, the Social Hour starts at 5:30 p.m., dinner promptly at 6:30 p.m. Tickets needed to be reserved by May 14. **If you neglected to get your tickets, or can't make it in time for the meal, you are still welcome to join us for the**

**program.**

For the social hour the Refreshment Committee will be providing punch, crackers, etc. We ask club members to help with expenses by bringing a favorite dip or spread to share. Thanks in advance.

We are planning to have displays as usual so if you have something to share with the club please bring it along. If you have specimens or other hobby-related items that you would like to donate as door prizes, you can bring them --wrapped-- to the banquet.

**. Looking for demonstrators**

We need more demonstrators for our show this fall. If you have something you do and would like to share it with the public let me know. We are especially looking for gem tree makers since we have lost both of our faithful friends that did such a great job of this. Please give me a call at 694-9596 or e mail at gritalice@comcast.net . Thanks Alice Turner

**WIRE WRAPPING CLASS**

We have a time and place, now all we need is you, If you want to learn wire wrap, Alice Turner will be teaching a 2 day class on June 26 & 27 from 9:00am to 5:00 pm at Worldumar Nature Center. The class is limited to 10 people and the cost is \$50.00 for class and wire ,so sign up early by calling Alice at 694-9596 or e-mail her at gritalice@comcast.net Bring tools if

you have then, Alice has a few sets to loan if needed. Sign up early otherwise the class could be canceled. Oh yes she would also like to know if you want to work in gold filled or sterling silver.

**SPOOL KNITTING CLASS**

Grit Turner will also be teaching a spool knitting class that same weekend only he will hold his class on Sunday June 27 from

9:00 am to 5: pm the cost is \$30.00 for class and supplies. So sign up early.

**MINE SAFETY CLASS**

As mentioned at the April club meeting one of the best chances to obtain a Mine Safety Certificate will be Sat. June 5th. The State Line Gem & Mineral Society is sponsoring a class at their show. The class takes 4 hours, 10am-12 noon & 1pm-3pm. The cost is not known, probably depends on total number of participants.

Mary Gowens and Gordon & Marie Lewis attended the Dept. of Geological Sciences' 5th Annual Reception and Awards Recognition on April 28th, 2004.

The following is an excerpt from their program:

Sara Auer was chosen to be our 2004 scholarship recipient. Sara is president of the Geology Club at MSU .

Also awarded that day was the Wayne B.Henderson Scholarship. Wayne and Marion Henderson were long time members of CLM&MS

Respectfully submitted, Sue Casler, Recording Secretary

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**Southeastern Michigan Gems, Minerals, & Fossils Show** 141700 Reaume Pkwy, Southgate, MI Southgate  
Arena 14,15, &16 May 04.

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**Michigan Geology and Gemcraft Society 30th. Annual Seminar** 19, 20 June 04  
Washtenaw Community College Gunder Myran Building (Parking lot B) Clark Road, Ann Arbor, MI

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**Lawrence County Rock Club 39th. Annual Show and Swap** Monroe County Fairgrounds, Bloomington IN  
SW of Junction Ind 37 & Ind 45 S. Airport Rd, West of Bloomington 25,26,27 June 04

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**State Line Gem & Mineral Society 43rd. Annual Rock Show** 4,5,6 June 04 Fulton County Fairgrounds Junior  
Fair Building, Wauseon, Ohio, on Rt. 108 at the Ohio Turnpike.