

Rockhound News

MAY 18TH CML & MS meeting

A thru J bring refreshments

The May 18 program for the Central Michigan Lapidary & Mineral Society meeting will focus on stone tools and materials. We'll look at: 1) the uses for stone tools, since form follows function; 2) the materials used to make stone tools, which often required compromises between the use of the tool and the difficulty of finding and working with the raw materials; 3) manufacturing techniques for stone tools, and 4) other things that were made with those same manufacturing tools. There will be a slide presentation, exhibits, and examples. If you have stone tools or other stone artifacts (such as beads and pipes) in your collection, please bring them (in a viewing case, please). Also, if you have examples of stone tool raw materials, such as varieties of flint, quartzite, soapstone, catlinite, basalt, or fine-grained granite, please bring them for exhibit. Stone tool making was the technology that kept our ancestors fed and safe for the past five million years, and it includes a lot more than just arrowheads. Join us for this look at how simple hand axes developed into a complex tool kit.

Elaine Beane, Vice President for Programs

Member News

We regret to report the death of long time member ,

Sally Barber . Sally's cheerful presence and smiling face will be missed.

Reminder.

The library will be packed up and will spend the summer at the Laylin's. Please return any books you have out. You may check books out for the summer or you may get books during the summer by making arrangements with the librarian.

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CLUB CALENDAR

MAY 18TH Regular club meeting at 7:30 at

North School.

JUNE 1ST CML&MS Board Meeting 7:00

p.m. at the Okemos Library

JUNE 15TH Annual Banquet at Okemos

Whats Happening Elsewhere

May 19-21 Midwest Federation Annual Show & Convention hosted by Midwest Mineralogical & Lapidary Society. Southgate Arena, 14700 Reaume Pkwy. Southgate, Michigan. Fri.4-8, Sat.10-6:30, Sun.11-5.

May20-21 Toledo Gem & Rockhound Club Open House. Crosby Conf.Center. Toledo Botanical Gardens, 5403 Elmer Dr. Toledo, Ohio; Sat & Sun 10-5.

May 27-28 Chicagoland Gems & Minerals, Fossils and Jewelry Show Association 30th Annual Show, DuPage County Fairgrounds, 2015 W. Manchester Rd. Wheaton, Illinois;Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5.

June 10-11 Michigan Geology & Gemcraft Society

Lapidary and Gemcraft Seminar. Carrollton Middle School, 3211 Carla Dr., Carrollton, Michigan; Sat 9-5, Sun. 9-4

June 23-24 Lawrence County Rock Club 41st Annual Show and Swap, Monroe County 4-H Fairgrounds, Airport Road, 0.7 miles west of State Rte 45S, Bloomington, Indiana.

Show Report:

As we approach summer break we need to remember **Show** time comes very soon after we return in September. Allan has Show flyers for members to take and distribute. He will also bring the show floor lay out for viewing. Ernie has received positive response from all of the Dealers we invited. Elaine said she will have more prizes for the "Wheel" and that she acquired some interesting specimens for the Silent Auction . Club members need to work on the "Rock Pile" in my back yard to sort into flats or crates for show sales. We must also schedule one or two work days to complete the Exit Gifts , put together Petoskey Stone Polish Kits, price material and reload the Trailer. Lila also asks for help filling Egg Cartons , which day/s must be scheduled with her. Also needed is a volunteer or volunteers to supervise the Club Raffle at the Show. See me if you will take on this Job. Happy Collecting . OH don't forget the Pebble Pond. Roger Laylin- Show Chairman.

Central Michigan Lapidary and Mineral Society Membership Meeting

April 20, 2006

- a. **Call to Order.** The April membership meeting was called to order by President Dan Sine at 7:40 pm at the North Elementary School.
- b. **Welcome and Introduction of Guests/Visitors.** Charles McCourt (former member and his parents were active in club)
- c. **Minutes of Last Meeting.** Sue Casler - The March membership meeting minutes were printed in the April newsletter, no additions/deletions or corrections were noted.

d. **Treasurer's Report.** Alan Hukill - reviewed receipts/disbursements and balance to date for April.

e. **Announcements.**

*Flyer on front table on MGAGS Seminar in June

*Dan Sine reported on the April 1 field trip (w/Tulip City club) to LaForge Quarry in Alpena; and gave a brief report on the Okemos Science Day which was in January.

*Holland club will be taking a 2 month trip west if anyone in club is interested (Neil Snepp going on part of the trip).

*Kara Miller will be doing a Petoskey Stone polishing demonstration on May 24th at the St. John's public library.

*Roger Laylin reported on their trip west and rocks collected, had a few pictures of collecting at the Oceanside Tourmaline Mine, Escondido, CA.

*Flyers for the Club's October Show are now available.

*Gordon Lewis reported that the interviews for the MSU scholarship were completed and the MSU student selected to receive the scholarship [CMLMS funded] is Karen Strickland an Environmental Science major from Ionia, Michigan.

***CLUB BANQUET [JUNE 15TH]:** President Dan Sine asked for a volunteer for Banquet chairperson/or volunteers for the Banquet Committee. Several folks volunteered for tasks as follows:

Refreshments: Connie Snepp and Joyce Smith - **Tickets** (printing/selling): Ernie Aughenbaugh

Entrance table-taking tickets & greeting: Gail Hopkins and Marianne Smith

Invites to other clubs: Alan Hukill **Displays/Banquet Speaker:** Dan Sine

Table decorations/flowers: Lee Laylin - **Door Prizes:** Elaine Angstman and Sue Casler

MENU vote resulted in Chicken, Green Beans, Tossed Salad and Fruit Pies.

*Door Prizes were won by Charles Hughes, Gordon Lewis, Mary Kay Bean, Richard Miller, Cathy Hughes, Wayne Zittel, Gail Hopkins and Joyce Smith.

*Tonight's program is on Glaciers and will be presented by Vice President, Elaine Beane.

f. **Adjournment.** Kara Miller moved to adjourn the meeting, supported by Milt Gere. Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Casler, Recording Secretary

Central Michigan Lapidary and Mineral Society Board Meeting

May 3, 2006

President Dan Sine called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm at the Okemos Public Library.

Vice President: Elaine Beane - Program for the May Membership Meeting will be "Stone Tools and Materials".

Board Members Present: Dan Sine, Sue Casler, Roger Laylin, Alan Hukill, Elaine Beane, Richard Miller, George Heaton, Kristin Wood, Milt Gere, Ernie Aughenbaugh and Elaine Angstman. Also present were Bob Mosher and Judith Miller. [Board members absent: Gordon Lewis, Arie

Koelewyn, Kara Miller and Jennifer Martin]

Recording Secretary: Sue Casler - Minutes from the April 6, 2006 Board Meeting were published in the April 2006 Club Newsletter. Minutes accepted as printed.

Corresponding Secretary: Kris Wood - Sympathy card was sent to the family of Sally Barber.

Treasurer's Report: Alan Hukill - Reviewed receipts/disbursements for the month of April 2006.

Roster Secretary: Ernie Aughenbaugh: Received a few more membership renewals.

Liaison Officer: Alan Hukill - Directory from Federation is available.

Publications: Roger Laylin - reported that membership directory will be completed soon. Roger passed around info. On a new book available "Fossil Wood", potential club purchase?

Show: Roger Laylin - Looking for a person to head up the Raffle; we will need a couple of work days in the summer to sort rocks in Roger's barn; Lila Stevens will make up egg carton rock kits again - may need a work party organized to assist. Elaine Angstman reported that she has material/specimens from Tucson show and Deming, NM for silent auction and spinning wheel.

Old Business: Club Banquet - June 15 (3rd Thurs.), 5:30 Social/6:30 Dinner. Ticket cost will be \$10/Adult and \$4/Child. Reviewed list of tasks and volunteers from the April membership meeting. Dan Sine-print tickets; Ernie Aughenbaugh-sell tickets (pre-banquet).

New Business: A Big Welcome Back to Elaine Angstman! Elaine has offered to do a program in the future with her Tucson Rock Show and Deming, NM pictures.

Alan Hukill moved to adjourn the meeting, supported by Richard Miller. Meeting was adjourned at 8:14 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Casler, Recording Secretary

BANQUET NEWS

If you are attending the Banquet on June 15th, you are invited to bring your favorite cracker spread or before dinner snack for the hospitality table. The club will furnish punch and crackers.

Connie Snepp

HUMOR CAN BRIGHTEN A DAY

By Bob Carlson AFMS President-Elect

One thing that I have learned about Rockhounds is that they have a sense of humor -- sometimes strange! Without exception. I have never attended a Rockhound function where the mood was not festive. Oh, there are sometimes disagreements. but - are always settled amicably. Rockhounds are friendly and fun loving. Speaking of fun. I'll bet we all have stories to tell that will amuse almost any listener. I have one that I would like to share with you. It was in 1987, when the AFMS donated the "American Golden topaz to the Smithsonian Institution A friend and I went to Washington. DC for the presentation. We flew economy class- and as a result had to stay a week . To fill the week, as rockhounds will do, after the dedication ceremony we went rockhounding.

After a brief unsuccessful stint at digging at local locations, we decided to go to Franklin, New Jersey. After a fruitless search through the mine tailings we visited some of the old miners who had specimens for sale. We bought plenty.

When it was as time for us to fly back *to* the state of Washington, where I lived at the time, we had quite a load of specimens. We boxed them carefully and stayed within the limit of checked articles that the airline had at the time. Our flight home was scheduled for Mother's Day, and we got to the airport early in the morning. We managed to get our parcels to the weight scale with the grudging help of the local baggage handlers. The lady behind the counter, checking passengers in, didn't appear to like the idea of having to work the "Mother's Day shift." When we started loading our luggage onto the scale (and she had to lift them and put them onto the conveyor belt), she said, "what have you got in there? Rocks?" When we said "yes". she brightened to the point that I think our response made her whole day

To me, it was an amusing anecdote. We need more of these in our communications. Humor, however strange, helps us bond -- with ourselves, and with others.

From AFVLS Newsletter, May 2006

HUBBA HUBBA FOR JOE SCHMOE!

When was the last time someone in your club was recognized for contributions to the club? It's mid-March, and I have only seven "AFMS Club Rockhounds of the Year" for 2006. That averages out to one per federation (though two federations actually have no submissions). Is there only one person in your federation (How about your club?) who deserves to be thanked? I don't think so!!!

Send this information to your federation representative. Do it now. Everyone submitted will have their information printed in their regional federation newsletter and the AFMS newsletter. They will also have their name on the list as part of the AFMS convention record. It is a special way to show everyone how important these people are.

Cathy Gaber, Club Rockhound of the Year
(Eastern Federation)

From AFMS Newsletter, May 2006

(Editor Rog notes that we haven't made such a recognition of a club member in a long time!

Borrowed from Arrowhead News

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