

# Rockhound News

**NEXT MEETING:** Thursday, May 15, 2008

**PROGRAM:** 51st Annual Banquet at the Okemos Masonic Hall

**REFRESHMENTS:** Bring your contribution for the Hospitality Table

## **Banquet Information:**

**Speaker:** Prof. Larry Molloy of Oakland Community College will be our Banquet guest speaker, presenting "The Life of a Michigan Copper Miner". Don't miss this excellent presentation, a great meal, and the fellowship of CMLMS members and families at this 51st Annual Banquet. Invite your family members and former members of CMLMS. We're starting our second 50 years!

**Tickets:** Banquet tickets for Adults are \$10; tickets for Children under 12 are \$4. If you didn't get your tickets at the April meeting, tickets may be ordered by sending a check to Ernest Aughenbaugh at P.O. Box 67, St. John's, MI 48879-0067. Tickets may be held at the door for pick-up.

**Location & Time:** The Banquet will be at the Masonic Hall in Okemos; the Hall is located just West of the intersection of Hamilton and Okemos Rd. Parking is down the hill to the large lot in back of the Hall. The entrance door is on the lower level. The social hour starts at 5:30 pm (remember to bring goodies for the hospitality table); dinner will be served at 6:30.

**Hospitality:** Note from Marie Lewis, Hospitality Table Chair -- The Club supplies the punch, crackers and tableware for the hospitality table. Please bring your favorite before-dinner snacks, spreads, dips, cheese, or fruit for all to share.

**Scholarship Winner:** At the banquet, you will have an opportunity to meet and congratulate this year's CMLMS Scholarship Winner, Ms. Chelsea J. Mack, who is studying Environmental Geology at MSU.

**Displays:** We have a few displays lined up for the Banquet. If you have display items that go with the Speaker's topic (copper country and mining), please contact Roger Laylin at leora.laylin@acd.net to let him know you will bring a display.

## **Club Calendar**

June 5, 2008 Board Meeting-7:00 pm at the Okemos Library

June 19, 2008 June Membership Meeting at Woldumar Nature Center

## **Programs - A Message from Milt Gere**

Our May 15, 2008 meeting is our Banquet President Kris Wood has arranged for a special program on the Copper Country that will be interesting and entertaining. See the Banquet information, location, time and details elsewhere in this newsletter.

Our June 19, 2008 meeting will be at a different location...Woldumar Nature Center, 5739

Old Lansing Road; this is in Delta Township, just a short distance west of Waverly Road. We will meet in the lower level 'rock room' in the old barn building. More details will be in the June newsletter.

Future Meetings ... Please give me your suggestions for future meeting program topics, or offer to present a program yourself. Thanks. Milt  
Your help is needed!... Woldumar Nature Center is running a weeklong day camp for school-aged children the week after we meet there in June. They need several of our members to volunteer to talk about rocks, minerals, fossils, and different aspects of our hobby along with polishing Petoskey Stones. The 'geology' related items are scheduled for the mornings of Tuesday and Thursday, June 24 & 26, 2008. This is a good Community Outreach Project for our club.

Please contact Milt Gere, CMLMS Vice President, for details.

A note from the Lyle the web guy:

I'm afraid our field trip notice is a bit scrambled.

The Location, Times, Dates, and Directions are correct

The Quarry discription and Motels listed are from our last field trip in Alpena.

#### Field Trips - A Message from Dan Sine

CMLMS members and members of other clubs will be going on a field trip to the LaFarge Quarry in Paulding, Ohio, on Saturday, May 17, 2008. This is the trip originally scheduled for April 12 that was delayed due to flooding. We will need to confirm with the quarry that flooding is no longer a problem.

This large Devonian limestone quarry has easy access with minimal effort or use of tools in collecting. Primary fossils are corals (Petoskey heads, horn corals, favosites), brachiopods, and crinoids. Lucky folks may find fish scales and trilobites.

The LaFarge Quarry is at 11435 Road 176, Paulding, Ohio.

Please meet on Saturday, May 17, at 8:30 am at the quarry office parking lot on Road 176. Bring hard hats, hard-toed boots, and safety glasses, plus tools such as a geologist's pick or garden claw, buckets, collecting bags, and material to wrap delicate specimens.

The trip from Lansing to Paulding is about 125 miles and takes about 2.5 hours.

A partial list of area motels includes:

Best Western	1286 M-32 West (989) 356-9087
Holiday Inn	1000 US 23 North (989) 356-2151
Days Inn	1496 M-32 West (800) 0334-5920
Fletcher Motel	1001 US 23 North (800) 334-5920
Dew Drop Inn	US 23 North, 2469 French Road (989) 356-4414
Forty Winks	1021 State Avenue (800) 354-6104

If you want to participate in this field trip, please call Dan Sine, Field Trip Coordinator

#### Show News - A Message from Roger Laylin

Time does fly! The CMLMS Annual Show is only 5 months away. The Show dates for 2008 are October 24, 25, and 26. Show flyers will be available at the Banquet.

A big thank you to Grit and Alice Turner, who have completed over 60 table covers for the Show. The Turners have donated the table covers to the Club! That's a lot of fabric, thread, cutting, sewing, and time! This will be a big improvement in the appearance of our Show tables, and will decrease set-up and take-down time.

We still need more egg cartons, plastic only please. 200 more are needed. Remember, if you have mineral samples (amethyst, sulphur, apatite, etc.) of suitable size to fit in egg cartons, sets of 50 are desired.

Remember the pebble pond if you take a trip anywhere material is available, because as of now, the pebble pond is empty. We have at least 1,200 children expected for Children's Day at the Show.

If you have materials or help to offer, please call Roger Laylin, Show Chairman.

### Club News

Starting with this issue, the Rockhound News has a new Editor -- Elaine Beane. Please send any items you have for the Newsletter to Elaine at (gebeane@comcast.net). The deadline for each issue is five days after the monthly Board meeting. Anything received late goes into the next issue.

Please join your new Editor in thanking Leora Laylin for the many years she has served as the Editor, publisher, and mailer of the Rockhound News. She still serves as the CMLMS Librarian, organizes and produces items for many aspects of Children's Day at the Annual Show, works at the Show, and helps keep the Show workers well fed. This is all in addition to volunteering at the Fenner Nature Center, keeping the local chapter of the Audubon Society going, and other tasks too numerous to mention - all of them done well. Thank you, Lee, for all of your good work!

Remember that the CMLMS Library has been moved to the Laylins' garage for the Summer. Please bring any items you have borrowed to the June meeting at Woldumar Nature Center. Keep those rock tumblers rolling! We need polished stones of all colors and sizes for Children's Day at the Annual Show in October.

Please take a look at the new CMLMS website design. Go to [www.michrocks.org](http://www.michrocks.org), and click on the link to the "New Look". Thanks to Lyle for his great work!

There will be work parties for the Show during the summer. Contact the Laylins to find out when and where. Some Show work may be done at the June meeting.

### Things To Do and Places To Go

May 16-May 18, 2008: Southeastern Michigan Gem and Mineral Show, Southgate Arena, 14700 Reaume Parkway, Southgate, MI. Friday: 4 pm to 8 pm. Saturday: 10 am to 6 pm. Sunday: 11 am to 5 pm. Contact [nwhansch@prodigy.net](mailto:nwhansch@prodigy.net).

May 17-18: 40th Annual Cleveland Area Gem & Mineral Show, Parma Lapidary Club. Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds, Bagley Rd., Berea OH. Saturday 10 am - 7 pm; Sunday: 11 am - 5 pm. Contact [jjzabor@roadrunner.com](mailto:jjzabor@roadrunner.com).

May 24: Petoskey Stone Festival, Antrim County's Barnes Park, Eastport MI, 10am - 4 pm.

May 24-25: 32nd Chicagoland Gem & Mineral Show & Sale. Depage County Fairgrounds, 2015 W. Manchester Road, Wheaton, IL. Saturday: 10 am - 6 pm; Sunday 10 am - 5 pm. Contact [CTMA@sbcglobal.net](mailto:CTMA@sbcglobal.net).

May 31-June 1: Huge Rock & Mineral Sale, Marve & Kitty Starbuck, 7636 East V Avenue,

Vicksburg, Michigan, 9am til dark.

June 20-22: Midwest Federation Show & Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club Show. Lincoln, NE.

## Minutes

Central Michigan Lapidary and Mineral Society  
Membership Meeting  
April 17, 2008

Call to Order. The April membership meeting was called to order by President Kris Wood at 7:50 pm at the North Elementary School.

Welcome and Introduction of Guests/Visitors. Phyllis Keeney; Bobbie Darrell (sp); Jason and Michelle Clark. Great turn out tonight - 47 folks in attendance!

Minutes of Last Meeting. Sue Casler - All minutes (Board/Membership Meetings) for January, February and March have been printed in the April 2008 newsletter. If you have any changes or corrections, please let me know.

Treasurer's Report. Alan Hukill - reviewed receipts/expenses to date for April 2008.

### e. Announcements

\*Reminder for polished stones for Ele's Place - keep those tumblers going.

\*May 15, 2008 Club Banquet - Our speaker will be Mr. Larry Molloy, topic "Life of a Michigan Copper Miner". Tickets available from Ernie Aughenbaugh.

\*Upcoming rock shows.

\*Lila Stevens will be starting on egg carton rock kits - she could use some kona dolomite, apatite, sulfur, other? Please bring to the banquet.

\*Please note the NEW newsletter editor is Elaine Beane.

\*Elaine Beane proposed a motion that the club give an additional \$1,000 (MSU) Scholarship, IN ADDITION to the club's annual \$2,000 MSU Scholarship.

The issue was discussed.

Neil Snapp proposed an amended motion to add the \$1,000 to the existing Scholarship, rather than two separate scholarships; seconded by Mary Kay Bean. This also was discussed.

A vote of the membership was taken on the amended motion and the motion passed.

The revised motion then to approve an additional \$1,000 and to add it to the existing MSU scholarship; thereby having one \$3,000 MSU scholarship awarded; so moved by Elaine Beane, seconded by Grit Turner. Vote taken and motion passed.

\*Door prizes were provided by and distributed by Dan Sine

\*Reminder of May 3 Field Trip to quarry in Alpena; and "re-scheduled" Paulding, Ohio, Quarry trip now May 17th

The program tonight will be our own Neil Snapp sharing his stories on "Fossils and Rocks We Have Known".

Adjournment. Mary Gowans moved to adjourn the meeting, supported by Lee Laylin. Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Casler, Recording Secretary