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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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# ROCKHOUND NEWS

## **NEXT MEETING: Thursday Sept. 17, 2020 is cancelled!!**

The CMLMS Board has voted to cancel membership meetings through December. We feel this is the best option in order to maintain the health of our club.

### **Calendar for Fall 2020**

Sept. 17, 2020 – Membership meeting- Cancelled

Oct. 1, 2020 - Board meeting, 7:00 p.m., TBA.

Oct. 3, 2020 – Field Trip to Deer Lick Park, South Haven

Oct. 15, 2020 - Membership meeting, Cancelled

Oct. 23-25, Annual CMLMS Show-- CANCELLED

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

## **UPCOMING PROGRAMS**

We are planning a rock hunting trip October 3 to Deer Lick Creek Park, in South Haven, MI. It is about a 2 hour drive to South Haven, and we plan on meeting up at Deer Lick Park at **Noon on Saturday Oct. 3**. There are a variety of beach stones to search for including Septarian Nodules (lightning stones). The last time Lake Michigan was quite high so we moved down the road to Pilgrim Haven which turned out pretty decent for rockhounding.

**The address for the park is: 76773 13th Ave. South Haven, MI 49090**

Contact : Carl Mennare. Cell phone **517-599-1882** or [cmenn@yahoo.com](mailto:cmenn@yahoo.com)

## **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

**Katie Wilcox-Leigh, Marc Leigh and Dax Leigh**

## NOTES FROM THE BOARD

The CMLMS Board has decided to push forward all memberships into next year. Your 2020 dues will cover your 2021 membership as well. This has been a difficult year, and since we have not been able to meet, the board has decided that the best option is extend membership into next year. Hopefully we will be able to resume meetings at the Masonic Center soon. Please let us know if you have ideas for future meeting topics or locations. Thank you

## CLUB NEWS

**Newsletter:** If you have and club news or information you would like to pass along to the group, please email Chuck Taricska at [chuck\\_taricska@yahoo.com](mailto:chuck_taricska@yahoo.com) and he will make a note in the Newsletter.

**Outreach Committee:** We are not anticipating any school outreach events or science nights due to Covid restrictions. Many schools have switched to online learning.

### Field Trips!

If you have any ideas for field trips or want to get on the list for field trip notices, please contact Carl Mennare. Cell phone **517-599-1882** or [cmenn@yahoo.com](mailto:cmenn@yahoo.com).

## City of Grand Ledge is looking into expanding wastewater treatment plant into Fitzgerald Park

A Lansing State Journal article last week discussed a possible expansion of the Grand Ledge wastewater treatment plant into Fitzgerald Park, which could possibly cut the park in half, and have an impact on more than two miles of nature trails, 14 disc golf course holes, a pavilion, sledding hill, nature center and public restrooms on the west side of the park.

A group of concerned geoscientists from around the State quickly jumped into action by forming a Fitzgerald Park Geology Response Team. I believe Danita Brant and Michael Velbel (MSU) met with the Mayor of Grand Ledge and the City Administrator for a walk through of the park and discussed the importance of the Saginaw outcrops. They also discussed the city's re-development ideas. The Response Team will transition to a Geology Advisory Team and hopefully be able to give some insight to the re-development plans. A photo of the proposed changes is attached.



For more information on the geology of the area, please visit: “Ledges of the Grand River” from the GSA, 1987

[https://www.michigan.gov/documents/deq/GIMDL-GSA87H\\_302412\\_7.pdf](https://www.michigan.gov/documents/deq/GIMDL-GSA87H_302412_7.pdf)

Historically named after the decade of brick production that once took place on site, Lincoln Brick Park is located just north of Grand Ledge on Tallman Road one mile west of M-100 off of State Road. This 90 acre park is composed of a variety of habitats from woodlands and open meadows to over 6,000 feet of scenic river frontage.

The Interpretive Center at Lincoln Brick Park includes a museum and classroom meeting area with attached kitchenette. The museum area features a display on the history of Lincoln Brick Park and has a large collection of fossils and rocks from all over the United States. These facilities are designed for people of all ages; welcoming visitors and providing information and educational programs.

## UPCOMING SHOWS

**Most shows have been cancelled for the remainder of the year. Some clubs are doing Swap Meets instead of a normal show.**

Oct. 3, 2020 Livingston Gem and Mineral Society, 2020 Rock Swap, 9:00 am -5:00 pm

Christ Lutheran Church, 5987 Williams Lake Road, Waterford, MI 48329

“There will be approximately 27 booths, the majority by LGMS members, however we are hoping to get a handful of dealers. And our club table will be huge!! We just bought nearly 3 dozen milk crates full of mixed rocks. And we will bring more pick-up truck loads.”

<https://livingstongems.com/>

## CMLMS MINUTES

**CMLMS, Board Meeting Minutes, Mar 5, 2020**

**Board Members:** Ernie Aughenbaugh, Elaine Beane, Sue Casler, Jessica Clark, Milt Gere, Theresa Hubbard, Nate Krupp, Lyle Laylin, Carl Mennare, Fay Mennare, Dan Sine, Robin Smith, Steve Smith, Jake Chybowski.

**Board Members absent:** Sally Hedin

**Members Present:** Alicia David and baby Loki.

**President:** Nate Krupp called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. at the Okemos Public Library. Nate announced the death of past member Lorna Tripp and that our Banquet speaker will be Dr. Peter Voice speaking on the history of mining in MI. Banquet planning: Sue is doing door prizes. Nate will contact Dan Sine to see if he can prepare the tickets and programs again.

**Vice-President:** Steve Smith has planned a silent auction for the March membership meeting. A notice should go in the newsletter, along with the bidding forms and a reminder to bring small bills.

**Treasurer:** Elaine Beane presented her report based upon statements through Feb 20<sup>th</sup> (end-of month not yet available). Major expenditures were for the Midwest Federation of Mineralogical and Geological Society's dues and insurance and Lansing Schools' bus fees from the Friday education day before our Show last October.

**Recording Secretary:** The Feb 2020 Board and Member Meeting minutes were approved with minor corrections. Motion to approve by Jake C. seconded Elaine B.

**Corresponding Secretary:** Theresa Hubbard knew of the passing of Lorna Tripp and will send sympathy cards to both daughters. A card was sent to the Manina family last month. Alan

Hulkill (past long-time member, Treasurer & President) gave a letter from an elementary student girl to Ernie A. asking for specimens, passed along to Theresa.

**Directors:** Director 1 - Lyle Laylin: Bought a large amount of geodes, fossil fish, brachiopods, fossil snails, etc. at the Tuscon Show and elsewhere for our Show.

Director 2 - Jessica Clark: no report.

Director 3 – Sally Hedin: absent, no report.

**Show:** Robin Smith: She'll get with Elaine on tracking the \$ at each table of our Show. Ernie sent out the dealer contracts but has only received one back so far. Paleo Joe wants to expand to 8 tables this year to sell fossils so he notified the other dealers selling fossils. All dealers are happy for now. The Yooperlite guy is returning to our show and was at the Tuscon show. When there's a MI collection limit of 25 lbs Ernie wonders how he gets so many rocks to sell!

**Roster Secretary/Membership:** Robin Smith – no report.

**Liaison Officer:** Vacant position.

**Past President:** Sue Casler – no report but she will help with Banquet door prizes.

**Field Trips:** Carl Mennare – wants to plan a trip to Fisherman's Island State Park in Charlevoix in May for Petoskey stone collecting. The Kalamazoo show is May 1-3 so it will need to be the 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> or 23<sup>rd</sup>. We'll ask the membership for a vote at the March meeting.

**Publications:** Chuck Tariscka – he'll include in the newsletter the February minutes, the planned field trip in May, the silent auction notice and bid form, and Banquet information. Pass along newsletter items to him by March 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Education & Community Outreach:** Theresa Hubbard – the Bennett Woods Elem. Sci. Night is going on tonight, Beagle Elem. Sci. Night (Grand Ledge) is March 13<sup>th</sup>, Kenewa Middle School March 20<sup>th</sup> and possibly Averill Elem. in April. The Grand Ledge summer reading program is looking for specimens to give away as award incentives before March 22<sup>nd</sup>. Steve S. volunteered to bring them specimens. The INCH homeschooler group wrote a letter back that they are against geological science on religious grounds so we will not be purchasing a table at their convention. Dave B. still plans to attend but not representing the CMLMS.

**Library:** Jessica Clark – she's working with prior Library Chair Lee Laylin sorting out books and magazines rarely or never checked out. It was suggested that these could be Banquet door prizes.

**Display:** Vacant position.

**Finance:** Milt Gere – there were 11 applicants for our two MSU Geo. college scholarships but some may not meet the requirements. The interview committee will be Milt, Diane K. Elaine B. and Lyle L.

**Webmaster:** Lyle Laylin – newsletters have now been posted back to 1985 as well as the first two show fliers. He has newsletters from the late 1950s but they're not yet scanned or posted. He's looking for volunteers to be in charge of the different areas on our website. Our web domain registration is coming due (approx. \$45) and the host fee will be soon.

**Old business:** none.

**New Business:** Sue C. noticed the Schoolcraft Show had a notice that they are no longer a 501(c)3 (charitable) organization and therefore donations are no longer tax deductible. Elaine clarified that we also are no longer a 501(c)3 organization due to tax law changes.

Adjournment: Elaine made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion received a second by Jake and the meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m.