

Rockhound News—October 2025

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Annual Show- Please Volunteer!!

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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; 6:00 p.m., Okemos Library

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Please check out the website and Newsletter of our Affiliated club:

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

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NEXT MEETING: Thursday, Oct. 9, 2025 @ 7:00 pm

PROGRAM: Show Prep and how to set up a Display Case

REFRESHMENTS: Members with Initials M-Z Please bring a snack to share

Location and Time: The CMLMS membership meeting will be held on Oct. 9, 2025 at 7:00 p.m., at the **Masonic Center, 2175 Hamilton Street, beautiful downtown Okemos.**

Calendar for Fall 2025

October 2 – Board meeting 6:00pm Okemos Library

October 9 – Early Club Meeting 7:00pm, Masonic Lodge ** Note Date Change **

***October 16-19 - Fossil, Mineral and Jewelry Show at the Ingham County Fairgrounds

Nov. 6- Board meeting 6:00pm Okemos Library

Nov. 20 - Club Meeting 7:00pm, Masonic Lodge. MSU Soil Scientist

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

*Please note the Earlier meeting time for the October meeting: will be meeting one week earlier than normal (Oct. 9) so we can prepare for the Annual Rock and Mineral Show. We will be making up children's Grab bags for Friday Morning and also going over how to make up a display case for showing off your rock/mineral collections.

CLUB NEWS:

IT'S SHOW TIME!!

The Central MI Annual Gem, Mineral, Fossil, Lapidary & Jewelry Show is our **BIGGEST EVENT OF THE YEAR.** Many people work all year long to bring a great show to Mason and everyone is need to help make this a success. Please consider volunteering at the show, October 16 – 19.

There are several areas that need coverage: Raffle, Hourly Door Prizes, Membership, Boutique, Children's Craft Area, Kids Rock Shop, helping in the Kitchen, Taking Vendor Meal Tickets, Geode Cracking, Silent Auction. **Thursday Set up will start after 12 noon**, and continue until finished; Sunday Tear Down always needs help loading everything back into the trailer, Delivering Water to Vendors, Vendor Relief (so they eat and use the bathroom).

Several people signed up at the last meeting and I will have a sign-up sheet at the upcoming meeting.

We will need you to sign in when you arrive at the show, get your volunteer badge then sign out and return you badge.

Volunteering for 4 hours minimum and you can attend the show any day for free.

Display Cases available: If you would like to setup a display case for display at the Show, please contact Nate for a case.

OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS NEEDED!

Please take some time to consider volunteering to fill an officer or board position next year. We are a fun group! Haven't been ousted from the Okemos Library yet! If interested, please let one of the board members know. Remember, without a board and officers, our society will cease to exist.

The Following positions will be needed for 2026:

President - Be the public face of the CML&MS, responding to e-mail and phone calls, Chair the Board of Directors meetings and bring pertinent items before the Board. Obtain the annual Banquet speaker and help organize it.

Vice President- in charge of membership meeting programming, except the Banquet, and temporarily takes over the President's duties when needed.

Display Chair - Maintain the permanent display case, exhibiting on behalf of the Society at shows, notifying members of area shows and enlisting members to display at these functions, and the acquisition and care of display specimens belonging to the Society.

Outreach Committee: We are always in need of volunteers to help with school science fairs, talks and presentations at schools and other organizations, and educational opportunities. Contact Theresa Hubbard, thrshubbard@yahoo.com to lend a hand.

Lapidary Class Interest

There has been some interest in possibly having another beginner lapidary class/beginner cabochon making. If you are interested in this please email Nate and we can work on putting something together.

UPCOMING SHOWS

Oct. 17-18: Three Rivers Gem & Mineral Society Annual Show, October 14, 10am – 6pm
Allen County Fairgrounds, 2726 Carroll Rd., Ft. Wayne, IN Contact: Bev Jenkins, (260) 639-0727; 3riversshow@gmail.com

Nov. 1-2: Mid Michigan Rock Club Annual Show; November 1-2·10:00am – 5:00pm,
Chippewa Nature Center, 400 S Badour Rd, Midland, MI 48640
Contact: Laura Foster, (989) 414-7254; pop345corn@sbcglobal.net

Nov. 1: Midwest Mineralogical & Lapidary Society Annual Auction
Saturday, November 1·6:00 – 7:00p.; Democratic Club of Taylor, 23400 Wick Rd, Taylor, MI 48180, Contact: Dwayne Ferguson, (313) 550-9809; shelby0671111@yahoo.com;
www.mmls.ws

Nov. 10: Michigan Mineralogical Society Annual Auction,
Monday, November 10·7:30 – 8:30pm
Cranbrook Institute of Science, 1 Institute Way, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304,
Contact: David Lurie, (248) 224-0752; dlurie2001@comcast.net; www.michmin.org

CMLMS Minutes:

September 4th 2025, Board Meeting Minutes

Board Members Present: Nate Krupp, Fawn Dunbar, Brian and Amy Miller, Robin Smith, Jess Clark, Ruth Lehner, Milt Gere, Theresa Hubbard, Chuck Taricksa, Lyle Laylin, Mattie Newman
Board Members absent: William Openshaw, Sue Casler, Fay and Carl Mennare

Members Present:

President: Nate called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. at the Okemos Public Library.

President's items:

- Theresa has about 200 students signed up for the show to come Friday.
- We need to put together a Slate of Officers now
- We will start prepping for the show at this month's membership meeting
- We need to figure out our facebook page, we have two
- Three Rivers Club is looking for rocks

Upcoming Membership Meetings: Thursday, September 18th at 7pm at the Masonic Temple in Okemos.

Vice-President: Vacant, this position is currently open.

Treasurer: Fawn Dunbar

- Gave Treasurer Report 9/4/25

- Both checking and savings look good
- Tax filing are up to date with Michigan

Recording Secretary: Jessica Clark

- Nothing to report
- Jess will type June 2025 membership minutes

Corresponding Secretary: Theresa Hubbard

- Working on memorial information for past members

Director 1: Mattie Newman, no report

Director 2: Brian Miller, no report

Director 3: Faye Mennare, absent, no report

Show: Robin Smith

- Saturday, September 27th, load the trailer work day 10am-4pm, bring your own snack and beverage, Sandhill Rd Mason, MI 48854

- Has clear plastic totes for light weight items. Ruth or Theresa might be able to use them

- Has badges ready to go for 2025

- 200 children coming in Friday

- Ruth-we are sold out, we have some new vendors

- We have a food truck, nothing over \$12 (Triple C Concessions)

- Baked good person too

- September 20th Ruth and Robin will be at DownHome Days with a booth in Mason, we have to bring everything to the event including table and chairs

- Also doing a promo with the Witches on the Town Event in Mason-can put something in the Chamber Letter (\$1 of admission and a free gift) if they come to the show

- City Sparks, will send out media posts for us

- We are in some Ann Arbor media now

- We will have electronic billboards

- We have an ad in rock and gem. November issue because it comes on in October

- Ruth with shoot a note to the state journal/tv station-will try not to come Sunday

- Will still have the ATM

- Nate will make sure we are on the the Midwest correspondence

- Start moving in after noon on Thursday, October 16th. Art Craft will bring our tables again

- The food truck will be there Thursday if folks in the club want food.

Roster Secretary/Membership: Mattie Newman

- Will get a list of membership to the board soon

Liaison Officer: Carl Mennare

- Absent, no report

Past-President: Sue Casler

- Absent, no report

Field Trips: William Openshaw

- Absent, no report

Publications: Chuck Taricska

- Get information to him by next Wednesday, September 10th

Education and Community Outreach: Theresa Hubbard

- Absent, no report

Library: Jessica Clark

- Needs to pick up boxes of books from Lyle

Display: Vacant position (looking for volunteers)

Finance: Milt Gere

- No report

Webmaster: Lyle Laylin

- No report

Old business:

- Robin is checking into a storage unit and where to house the trailer. She found prices at the Hull Road Storage Unit in Mason. The club needs to decide how big of a space we need.

New Business:

- We need someone to tow the trailer over to Roger Laylin's
- We may need a new trailer soon, Lyle has checked on prices
- Ruth is looking into the storage unit and a location to also keep the rocks and trailer
- New targeted email to members to help volunteer for the show. 4 hours of volunteer work gets you free into the show.

Adjournment: Fawn made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion received was seconded by Mattie and the meeting was adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Membership Meeting, 9/18/2025

Call to Order: Nate Krupp called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. at the Masonic Center in Okemos.

Welcome and Introduction of Guests/Visitors:

Amanda and her 3 kids, first timer

Returning member Shannon Hoppy

Greg W

Fred Lewins

President's announcements: Nate Krupp

Present Slate of Officers

Maybe a field trip chair

Meeting here October 9th, 2025. One week early. Note Date Change

Jesse's family donated a lot of stones for the Petoskey kits.

September 27th is a work day at Roger Laylin's house (1770 Sandhill Rd Mason, MI 48854), 10am-4pm

Michigan Rocks new book that is out, Michigan author Paul Brandes

Education and Outreach:

Had jewelry making day at Ruth's for Kid's table jewelry for the show

Officer and Chair Announcements:

Fawn-accounts are looking good, filled out the raffle license

Corporate paperwork is up to date

Talk about shipping container

Rogers house is for sale-see newsletter, he would like to sell to a rockhound

Talk to Mattie about getting newsletters and membership

Theresa-no science nights yet

Hopefully by October school will be signed up for science nights

Has had 3 workdays so far, have made jewelry to sell and plagues for puff paint are made. They have also made trees. Thank you to Chris and Ruth (use of her house). And Melvin cut all the boards for the show. Thank you for all the help!

Show: Robin Smith

Sign up sheet for the show is available now

Volunteer 4 hours and come to the show for free

Talk to Ruth, Robin or Theresa about what each volunteer area entails

This Saturday, is Down Home Days in Mason, so Ruth and Robin will be there spreading the word about our upcoming show, they are there 9am to 3pm, come visit

Yard signs are here, 33 feet from right away of center of the road

This year we will have a 3 day bracelet

And Veterans discount

Friday morning 9 am, around 200 school students are expected

Thursday is move in, set up for table and chairs will happen

Ruth-Badges should be available to pick up at the October 9th Membership Meeting

Members can order new badges next Jan/Feb of 2026.

Door Prizes:

16 door prizes were given out. We had 39 members present.

Today's events: Put together Petoskey Polishing kits, talk about rock picking adventures we had over the summer

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m. Jess moved and Fawn seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted, Jessica Clark, Recording Secretary.