

# Rockhound News February 2003

**NEXT MEETING: JANUARY 16, NORTH SCHOOL**

**Mineral of the Month: Rhodonite**

Bring any samples you may have .

**PROGRAM: DR.MICHAEL VELBEL**

Chairman the Geological Science Department at MSU will  
speak on "Water and the early solar system-  
Evidence from Chondritic Meteorites

**REFRESHMENTS: R-Z** please bring goodies.

**SOS to Members from Margaret Green, Education Chair:** Help is needed for the Okemos Science Day, **18 January 2002.**

## **DON'T MISS THE JANUARY POTLUCK, JANUARY 19**

For our January "field trip" we will be having a potluck at the Alaiedon Township Hall on Sunday **January 19** at 1:00 p.m. Please bring a dish to pass and your own plates, cups and other eating tools. Coffee, tea, milk and punch will be provided. Alaiedon Township Hall is located at 2021 West Holt Road., 1/2 mile east of Okemos Road. Holt Rd. is 3 miles south of I 96. The Hall is the only building on the south side of the Rd. If you use I 96 get off at the Okemos Rd. exit.

We hope that all members old and NEW can come on this "field trip" Its a good way to get acquainted. The whole family is invited not just the CML&MS member.

Many of you may recall the fun times we had there in the past enjoying "Rocko," watching movies or slide shows and eating lots of good food. Last year Jean Ann introduced us to a new game, "Musical Rocks." Don't panic, we won't make you leave your chair, just round them up into a circle. **Do please be sure to bring a wrapped rock gift or two to share, these will still be vital to the game.** For new members don't worry if you don't have a rock related gift some of the older members bring extras. This is an event for the whole family, not just members, so bring the crew!

**SURPRISE** After our game of "Musical Rocks" we are having a **SURPRISE BABY SHOWER FOR JEAN ANN.** Please don't mention this to Jean Ann and Dave, we want it to be a surprise. Their newsletter does not contain this paragraph. This is our chance to show Jean Ann and Dave that we appreciate all the things they has done for the club. Any questions call Lee Laylin 349-3249.

## **WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS** ( to be voted in at January Meeting)

1. Dallas Mientkiewicz(child) - he likes fluorescents, fossils & tumbling  
7781 S.Clinton Trail  
Eaton Rapids, MI 48827

2. Amy Elwert(adult) and Kaleb Elwert (child) - she likes lapidary crafts and mineralogy  
1583 Huntshire Dr. he likes faceting,geodes,mineralogy  
Holt, MI 48842 and tumbling

3. Thomas Godbolt (adult) - he likes archeology, fossils, lapidary crafts & mineralogy  
10781 Columbia Hwy  
Eaton Rapids, MI 48827

### **Club Calendar**

Jan. 16 Regular Meeting, North School, 7:30  
Jan. 18 Okemos Science Fair at Okemos High School 10-4  
Jan. 19 Club potluck, Alaideon Twp. Hall 1 P.M.

### **Mark That New Calendar with Spring Show Dates!**

March 8-9 Roamin Club Auction. Fri. 11-6; Sat. 12-6. Schoolcraft College,

March 22 "Dearborn" Club Swap. Democratic Club of Taylor, 23400 Wick Rd  
Taylor, 10-5. If you go ask a member for direction to the Pink Flamingo  
for lunch or supper, great food.

March 29-30 Blossomland Show. Berrian Co. Sportsman Club, 2985 E. Linco Rd., Berrien  
Springs. Sat & Sun 10-5.

April 11-13 Mt. Clemens Show. Mt. Clemens Community Center, 300 North Grosbeck,  
Mt. Clemens. Fri. & Sat. 10-7, Sun 11-5

May 30-June 1 "Dearborn Show." Allen Park Civic Arena, 15800 White, Allen Park MI  
Fri 5-9; Sat. 10-8; Sun. 11-5:30

### **2003 Club Gem and Mineral Show**

Roger Laylin has volunteered to chair a show in October, if it is to be held. He will request the club to vote to sponsor or not sponsor a Gem & Mineral Show at the January meeting. In the event the club agrees to hold a show **all members in favor** will be expected to assist in some manner to make it a successful event. A short Show Board meeting will be held immediately following the festivities on Sunday the 19th. **ALL MEMBERS ARE ON THE SHOW BOARD!!**

### **Personal note from Margaret Green to the general membership**

I am extending an invitation to all fellow club members to consider relieving club officers who are also filling in as Committee Members. A very good reason for a varied Board for this club is the wealth of knowledge and experience presented by a good sampling of the membership, however there is another equally valid reason for not doubling-up on the duties of the board members, Our constitution requires a minimum number of individuals in attendance for each board meeting to be called to order, each warm body counts as one. Please consider becoming a voting member of the board by taking responsibility for a committee position.

**DUES ARE DUE!!!** At last count there were at least 30 members who had not paid their dues. If dues are not received before or at the January Meeting you will not be in the Membership Directory and you will not receive the newsletter. Dues are to be sent to Ernie Aughenbach at PO Box 67, St. Johns, MI 48879-0067. Adults \$5.00 and students under 18 \$1.00. What a bargain.

**News Flash.** Meridian Township has had to change our board meeting site. The February 6th meeting and all future meetings will be in the Nelson Room on the second floor of the Public Safety Building located on Marsh Rd. More details at the regular meeting. If you plan on attending this meeting, you may want to check with President Milt.

FOR SALE:Mr. Roland Robbins, a life-member of the club, called to say he has a 10" Lortone saw, brand new, for \$400.00. Also for sale are approximately 500 or so cabachon blanks, no price given. (517) 646-0476

Excerpts from Kitty Starbuck, President of MWF, presidents message from November 2002 newsletter.

Note from new editor: Its not easy following a great editor like Jean Ann, so I hope you will overlook the mistakes in the first few issues of the newsletter I hope it will improve as I learn more about setting it up. In several notes in the newsletter you read about the need for more volunteers, I would like to add my 2 cents worth on this need.New members the best way to get acquainted and be come an active member of the club is to volunteer to help on a committee, you will learn as you help. The best way to get something out of the club is to put something in to the club. Lee