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# Rockhound News

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, Hamilton Street, Okemos, MI**  
**Regular meeting date: Third Thursday, except July and August**

**Meeting time: 7:30 p.m., doors are open at 7:00 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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**NEXT MEETING: Thursday, February 19, 2015**

**PROGRAM: "Stone Tools and Stories"**

**REFRESHMENTS: Members with Initials A - L Please Bring Goodies**

**Location and Time:** The CMLMS membership meeting will be held on February 19, 2015, at 7:30 p.m., at the **Masonic Center, Hamilton Street, beautiful downtown Okemos, 2175 Hamilton Street.**

**Calendar for Winter 2015** and later

February 19, 2015 - 7:30 p.m., membership meeting

February 25, 2015 - Bennett Woods's Family Science Night, 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm.

March board meeting - TBA

March 19, 2015 - 7:30 p.m., membership meeting, annual silent auction

April board meeting - TBA

April 16, 2015 - 7:30 p.m., membership meeting

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

**The Vice-President's position is vacant. Let President, Sue Casler, or a board member know if you have any ideas for speakers, or other programs.**

February 19, 2015 - Presentation of stone tools, display and story, by society members, Tom and Wendy Rosier.

March 19, 2015 - Annual silent auction. Members can bring their own items for sale.

April 16, 2015 - Tentative - Presentation of geologists/Michigan glacial geology by society member Diane Baclawski.

May 21, 2015: Annual Banquet. Speaker Dr. Patty C. Rice on amber.

**Message from Roster Secretary Ernie Aughenbaugh:  
Dues are now being collected for 2015.**

PLEASE NOTIFY THE BOARD IF YOU HAVE A CHANGE IN YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS

## MAY BANQUET SPEAKER PROFILE

Patty C. Rice, Ph.D. Author: *Amber: the Golden Gem of the Ages*

Dr. Patty C. Rice received her Ph.D. from Michigan State University. Her extensive amber collection has received numerous trophies and first-place awards in mineral shows through out the U.S. and Canada. Her travels include Poland, New Zealand, Dominican Republic, Germany, Sweden, and Russia where she observed first-hand amber museums, the industry and mining

techniques. As a popular amber lecturer, she has authored many articles in professional gem and mineral journals. In New Zealand, she visited the Kauri forests similar to the trees that produced the amber resin.

Her articles on amber appeared in *American Way*, *Gem and Minerals International*, *Lapidary Journal*, and *Rocks and Minerals*. She also is an expert appraiser of amber holdings. She traveled to St Petersburg to see the Amber Room in 1987 and again in 2003 to see it after restoration. Her work as a jewelry designer has received wide recognition.

*Amber: Golden Gem of the Ages* was considered the best available reference on amber. The new edition has been thoroughly revised and updated to include new information on mining in Baltic areas, added resources in the how-to section for polishing and working amber, more pieces from amber artists, and the latest research on the link between amber inclusions and DNA coding. With many new illustrations *AMBER: Golden Gem of the Ages* has been completely redesigned to be more attractive and reader friendly.

This book contains a wealth of information for amber and gem collectors, historians, and lapidary artists, as well as scientists in many fields (geology, mineralogy, paleontology, organic chemistry, entomology, botany, and archaeology).

### **POLISHED STONES FOR ELE'S PLACE**

If you are tumbling stones, or finding them at sales, please consider donating some to Ele's Place for their healing programs. Although they have enough for about 6 months currently, they are always in need of more. The stones should be a little larger than a quarter or about 1", something that could be held easily in a child's hand. Contact Nate Krupp at 517-626-1136 or [nathan.krupp1@gmail.com](mailto:nathan.krupp1@gmail.com) for information or to donate.

### **CLUB NEWS**

**Outreach Committee:** Always in need of volunteers to help with school science fairs, talks and presentations at schools and other organizations, and educational opportunities. Contact committee chair Mary Gowans to lend a hand. [gowans@msu.edu](mailto:gowans@msu.edu) or 517-351-6135.

### **EARLY REQUEST**

Bennett Woods's Family Science Night will be Wednesday, February 25 from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm. They give us about 3 tables to display our specimens or displays. Parents and students pass our tables and pick up specimens, try to put broken rocks together, look at displays. Normally there will be around 100 people stop by.

If you want to see how it is done, just come to Bennett Woods Elementary School in Okemos. It really is fun. For any information, email Mary Gowans at [gowans@msu.edu](mailto:gowans@msu.edu) or phone: 351-6136. If you are willing to show, please contact Mary so I know how many tables to request. Thanks, Mary Gowans, Outreach Chair

**Field Trips!** None scheduled at this time. See Dan Sine to sign up and for more information. Cell phone 517-316-5713 or [daniel.sine@opm.gov](mailto:daniel.sine@opm.gov). Dan would like to set up an email list of all who plan to go on the field trips. Please contact him if interested in getting emails as field trips are set up.

Minimum age for a quarry is 12. No children under 12 will be allowed at the quarries (their rule). Trips to other collecting sites may have no minimum, or maximum, age requirement. Safety rules in the **Field Trip Guide** are posted at the society website. They should be reviewed, printed out and **taken to every field trip**. Also, insurance coverage for the field trips by the Federation is very limited. It provides only for damage that members might do on-site. There is no personal injury coverage; no coverage underground. Coverage is only for members, so our policy is that field

trips are only for members. Members should review this insurance information on our website. Let Dan know of any other locations and contact information that you may know about and would like to visit. Dan does a fabulous job getting these field trips lined up for club members so please take a moment to thank him personally for all his work.

**PLACES TO GO AND THINGS TO DO—Check [www.amfed.org/mwf](http://www.amfed.org/mwf)  
or our website [www.michrocks.org](http://www.michrocks.org)**

**FoundMichigan, an online magazine on culture in Michigan—[www.foundmichigan.org](http://www.foundmichigan.org)  
Check out our website for items for sale. There are links to eBay and Craig's List.**

#### **UPCOMING SHOWS**

February 20-22, 2015 - Indianapolis, Indiana. At Indiana State Museum. Website [www.indianamuseum.org](http://www.indianamuseum.org).

March 7-8, 2015 - Livonia, Michigan. At Schoolcraft College, annual special silent auction sponsored by the Roamin Club. Call Todd Gall at 248-348-5093 or Clarence Sterling at 248-981-9673 for more information.

March 20-22 - Jackson, Michigan. Website [mgmsrockclub.com](http://mgmsrockclub.com).

March 27-29 - Indianapolis, Indiana. At Indiana State Fairgrounds. Website [www.toteshows.com](http://www.toteshows.com)

#### **CMLMS MINUTES**

##### **CMLMS, Membership Meeting, January 15, 2015**

**Call to Order:** President Sue Casler called the meeting to order at 7:48pm at the Okemos Masonic Center.

**Guests/Visitors:** None

**Minutes of the Last Meeting:** The December Membership Minutes and the January Board Meeting Minutes were printed in the January newsletter.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Elaine Beane has been working with past treasurer, Kris Wood, to transfer account access. The December treasurer's report was submitted by Kristin Wood.

**Announcements:** President Sue Casler presented the upcoming 2015 membership programs:  
February: Stone tool display and stories: Tom Rosier, member  
March: Silent auction.

April: Diane Baclawski will do a presentation about the discovery of the glacial geology of the Great Lakes.

May: Annual banquet

June: Show information, Roger Laylin. Working meeting.

Bennett Woods Science Night: Set up 5:30pm. February 25 (Wed.).

Discussion about Annual Banquet door prizes; there will be five of them.

**Door prizes:** By Dan Sine.

**Adjournment:** Sherry Sparks **made a motion to adjourn the meeting.** The motion was supported by Roger Laylin, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:04pm.

**Program:** *Galapagos Rift: Wonders of Mid-Ocean Ridges*, DVD Great Lectures Series.

Respectfully Submitted, Janet Sjoquist, Recording Secretary

**February 2015 Board meeting was canceled because of bad weather.**