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## **Rockhound News—February, 2018**

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**Membership meeting  
starts at 7 p.m.**



# 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, 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, February 15, 2018**

**PROGRAM: Michigan Fossils by Paleo Joe**

**REFRESHMENTS: Members with Initials M - Z Please Bring Goodies**

**Location and Time:** The CMLMS membership meeting will be held on February 15, 2018, at 7:00 p.m., at the **Masonic Center, 2175 Hamilton Street, beautiful downtown Okemos.**

**NOTE: Membership meeting time change, now at 7:00 p.m. with doors open by 6:30 p.m.**

## **Calendar for winter 2018**

February 15, 2018 - Membership meeting, 7:00 p.m., Masonic Center

February 22, 2018 - Bennett Woods Science Night, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

March 1, 2018 - Board meeting, 7:00 p.m., Okemos Library

March 15, 2018 - Membership Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Masonic Center

April 5, 2018 - Board meeting, 7:00 p.m., Okemos Library

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

## **UPCOMING PROGRAMS**

February 15 - Paleo Joe on Michigan fossils and Cameron Andrews, our scholarship recipient, giving short talk on his plans. Members are welcome to bring in samples of fossils.

March 15 - Silent Auction.

## **VACANCIES ON THE BOARD**

The following positions need staffing. Please consider volunteering for your society and helping out. It's a nice way to get to know members.

Display Chair - sets up the memorial displays at the club show and takes to other rock shows.

Library Chair - maintains the library, checks books out and in.

Liaison Officer.

## **Message from the Roster Secretary** **Dues are now being collected for 2018**

It's that time again when you are asked to renew your membership in the Central Michigan Lapidary and Mineral Society. (Membership runs from January through December each year.) Membership dues for 2018 are NOW OVERDUE. Please try to get them paid ASAP so you will not be removed from the list for the newsletter. If you have not paid, please remember you will no longer have privileges for field trips. YOU MUST BE A SOCIETY MEMBER TO GO WITH THE

SOCIETY. DO IT TODAY BEFORE YOU FORGET!!!!

If you are unsure if you have or have not already paid dues for 2018, check with Elaine Beane, current Roster Secretary.

## FROM OUR MEMBERSHIP

### 1. ITEMS FOR SALE

Club member, Mr. Iral Nutt, has a microscope and an ultra sonic cleaner for sale.

Microscope \$150.00

Ultra sonic cleaner \$35.00

If interested, please call Mr. Nutt at 517-699-8136 after 5 p.m.

2. Roger Laylin has cutting oil for \$8.50 a gallon. The price was incorrectly reported in the January newsletter.

3. Sue Casler mentioned that the “America the Beautiful” series of quarters will feature Pictured Rocks with a release date of February 7, 2018.

## 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 517-351-6136.

1. Bennett Woods Elementary School Science Night, Thursday, February 22, 2018, 6:30 - 8 p.m., set up 5:30 - 6 p.m.

**Library:** Check out the new books in the library boxes. Always something in there, old or new, for all interests.

### 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 has an email list of all who want to go on the field trips. Please contact him if interested in getting emails as field trips are set up.

Dave Berquist, member, is willing to organize a caravan of cars and vans to the Department of Geosciences, Western Michigan University, 1903 W. Michigan Avenue, Kalamazoo. In February or March depending on the weather.

Hours: Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Contact is Tom Howe, (269) 387-5492, 1114 Rood Hall.

Located on the first floor of Rood Hall, the Lloyd J. Schmaltz Geology and Mineral Museum displays an impressive collection of rocks, minerals and fossils from Michigan and throughout the world.

The Kelley Collection of fossil and modern shark teeth

The James Duncan mineral collection, a Michigan copper boulder

An ultraviolet fluorescent display, Mastodon fossils from Van Buren County, Michigan

World-class fossil and mineral specimens, an interactive augmented reality sandbox

All are welcome, rendezvous to be arranged. Please contact Dave at 517 643-2301 or [3waverly@gmail.com](mailto:3waverly@gmail.com)

## UPCOMING SHOWS

**March 2-4: RICHMOND, Indiana,** Eastern Indiana Gem & Geological Society Annual Show. Fri & Sat 10 am - 6 pm; Sun 11 am - 4 pm. Wayne County Fairgrounds, 861 N. Salisbury Rd., Richmond. Contact Judy Burton, (937) 339-1966; jleeburton@woh.rr.com.

**March 3-4: LIVONIA, Michigan,** The Roamin Club Silent Auction. Sat 11 am - 6 pm; Sun 12 - 6 pm. Schoolcraft Community College, 18600 Haggerty Rd., Livonia. Contact Clarence Sterling, c.w.sterling@sbcglobal.net

**March 16-18: JACKSON, Michigan,** Michigan Gem and Mineral Society. Fri 10 am - 7 pm, Sat 10 am - 6 pm, Sun 11 am - 5 pm, Jackson county Fairgrounds, 200 W. Ganson Street, Jackson. Contact Sally, 517-522-3396.

## CMLMS MINUTES

### **CMLMS, Membership Meeting, January 18, 2018**

**Call to Order:** President S. Casler called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m. at the Masonic Center, Okemos.

**Welcome and Introduction of Guests/Visitors:** Loren Roeske and Shelley Whittaker.

**President's announcements:** Sue Casler said (jokingly), that due to the recent meteor sighting and breakup over southern Michigan, a field trip should be scheduled to Livingston County to look for meteorites! A visit to the LaFarge Quarry (Alpena) is being discussed as a possible field trip (due in part to all the closing of quarries in Ohio/Indiana to collectors).

**Minutes of the Board Meeting:** The minutes of the December 21, 2017 Board meeting were published in the newsletter. S. Casler said the correct date for D. Berquist's talk in Portland is January 23, not January 27.

**Treasurer's Report:** E. Beane reported the bank used an incorrect address, so there is no information more recent than the last Board meeting.

### **Announcements:**

1. R. Laylin said the cutting oil is \$8.50 per gallon, to allow for spillage.
2. Members informed D. Berquist that the U of M Paleontology Museum is closed so exhibits can be moved to a new building. D. Berquist is willing to van pool to the museum at Cranbrook in late February when weather permits. One member indicated interest.
3. It was sadly noted that club member, Dr. John Crockett, has passed away.
4. A member stated Schuler's bookstore at Eastwood Towne Center is closing and has books on sale.

**Door prizes:** D. Sine.

**Program:** T. Hubbard presented Petoskey stones and the controversy about proper classification and naming. S. Casler managed the Silent Auction.

**Adjournment:** R. Sionakides **moved to adjourn the meeting.** The motion received a second by D. Baclawski and the meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, D. Berquist, Recording Secretary

**CMLMS, Board Meeting, February 1, 2018**

**There was no quorum. These are only notes of the meeting.**

**Board Members Present:** Elaine Beane, Sue Casler, Milt Gere, Mary Gowans, Theresa Hubbard, Roger Laylin, Roni Sionakides.

**Board Members Absent:** Elaine Angstman, Dave Berquist, Gaylord Brooks, Nate Krupp, Lyle Laylin, Dan Sine, Chuck Taricska, plus 3 vacant positions.

**Members Present:** Ernie Augenbaugh.

**President:** Sue Casler received a thank you for the donation the club made to the Okemos Library in appreciation for letting the board meet there regularly. She also talked to the librarian and the board is scheduled to meet there for the rest of the spring - April 5, May 3, and June 7.

**Vice-President:** Absent, sent report. Paleo Joe will be the featured speaker for the February membership meeting and he will speak on Michigan fossils. Members are welcome to bring in fossils. If the weather is inclement and Paleo Joe is unable to get to the meeting, Theresa Hubbard will be the back up speaker. Scholarship recipient, Cameron Andrews, will also speak briefly.

**Treasurer:** Elaine Beane presented the Treasurer's Report for December 2017 through January 18, 2018.

**Recording Secretary:** Dave Berquist, absent, Roni Sionakides took notes.

**Corresponding Secretary:** Theresa Hubbard sent a card of condolence to the family of member, John Crockett, who passed away in December.

**Directors:** Director 1 Lyle Laylin, absent, no report; Director 2 Gaylord Brooks, absent, no report; Director 3 Chuck Taricska, absent, no report.

**Roster Secretary:** Elaine Beane discussed membership totals to date; still quite a number of members that have not renewed yet. Insurance has been paid to the Midwest Federation.

**Liaison Officer:** Vacant.

**Past President:** Elaine Angstman, absent, no report.

**Membership:** Dave Berquist, absent, no report.

**Field Trips:** Dan Sine, absent, no report.

**Publications:** Roni Sionakides, reminded the board that the newsletter deadline is Monday at 8 a.m. and to have any submissions copy ready.

**Education:** Theresa Hubbard, no report.

**Community Outreach:** Mary Gowans discussed upcoming school science night at Bennett Woods Elementary. We will be participating again this year. Mary is having problems with her internet service, therefore, Roni Sionakides will contact Bennett Woods for all information about the science night.

**Library:** Vacant.

**Display:** Vacant.

**Finance:** Milt Gere will call Danita Brandt at MSU regarding the scholarship. He will need an interview panel. Mary Gowans said she is interested

**Web Master:** Lyle Laylin, absent, no report. Discussed *Facebook* page and need for a co-administrator who can manage site. Also discussed possibility of hiring contract assistance with website update, will be discussed further with Lyle when he returns.

**Show:** Roger Laylin, no report.

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:** None.

Respectfully Submitted, Roni Sionakides, Acting Recording Secretary