

# Rockhound News

**NEXT MEETING: Thursday, March 17, 2011**

**PROGRAM: Annual Silent Auction**

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

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**Location & Time:** The CMLMS March Meeting will be held on March 17 at 7:30 pm at the North School, 333 E. Miller Rd, Lansing, MI. Please get there a little early to help set up the tables. Bring all those great rocks, mineral specimens, jewelry, books, and lapidary equipment that need a new home. Print your auction forms from the [www.michrocks.org](http://www.michrocks.org) website, fill them out, and be ready to roll. Also, Dan Sine promises that there will be 25 door prizes for the March meeting, so be sure to be there!

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## Calendar for April 2011

April 7, 2011 Board Meeting-7:00 pm at the Okemos Library

April 21, 2011 Membership Meeting at North School.

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## Club News:

- **Message from Roster Secretary Ernie Aughenbaugh: 2011 Dues are OVER-DUE!!! If you want to go on the 2011 CMLMS Field Trips or get this newsletter, you must pay your annual dues NOW -- please contact Ernie at 989-224-7619.**
  - Many thanks from CMLMS to long-time member **Bessie Rogers** for her contribution of mineral specimens and carved figures. These beautiful pieces will be added to the Silent Auction at the CMLMS Annual Show and a few may become wonderful door prizes at the CMLMS Annual Banquet in May.
  - Planning for the Banquet is in full swing. **Roni Sionakides** has made arrangements for the program -- *An Evening with Bela Hubbard*. **Sharon Bacigal** is seeking contributions and helpers for the Hospitality Table; Lee Laylin and Marie Lewis will do the decorations; **Dan Sine** is coordinating displays, so call him if you want to bring your display; **Elaine Beane** will provide the banquet programs; **Sue Casler** will select and wrap the door prizes, with Dan Sine providing 10 special door prizes; **Sharon Patton** will collect tickets at the door; and **Alan Hukill** is inviting other clubs to send representatives. A great evening is planned, so get your tickets now! Tickets are \$10 each and are available from Ernie Aughenbaugh; please call Ernie to order your tickets, or see him at the March meeting!
  - The CMLMS Club Display Chair is **David Westjohn**, who is looking for volunteers to serve on the Display Committee. David and Director **Jan Sjoquist** are taking the Club Display to the Kalamazoo Show. You can help with other shows; please call Dave to volunteer.
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## Message from Field Trip Chair Dan Sine:

**\*On Saturday, March 26**, a special field trip to **Archy Ammerman's workshop** for two groups of about 15 people each. Sign up for 11 AM group or the 1 PM group at the March 17 meeting. From Cedar St. in Mason at I-127, go east to Legion St. near Wendy's. Archy's workshop is north on Legion St., the first building on the right side, behind a vacant auto dealership. Park behind or on the right side of the building; do not block the drive. You may also call or email **Dan Sine** to sign up for this field trip.

\*Dan also is arranging a trip to the **LaFarge Quarry** in Alpena in April or May, plus October. In September (2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>), we will join the Tulip City club in a trip to **Flint Ridge, Ohio**; and from June 24-26, Dan is organizing a field trip to **Bloomington, Indiana** to coincide with the Bloomington show.

\*The **CMLMS Safety Rules & Field Trip Waiver** booklet was approved by the CMLMS Board to be used at all field trips. Read it, sign it, & hand it to Dan, and you are eligible as a CMLMS member for all the 2011 field trips. **Field trips are starting, so please get your waiver signed and submitted to Dan, who will bring copies to the March meeting and to each field trip.**

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**This issue of the CMLMS newsletter is your last one if you do not pay your 2011 dues by the end of March!**

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**Show Chair Roger Laylin** has added a new dealer for the 2011 October Show. S&S Gold & Diamonds does silver-smithing and will have stock for sale at the show. Good deal, Roger!

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### Central Michigan Lapidary and Mineral Society Board Meeting, February 3, 2011

**President:** Roni Sionakides called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm at the Okemos Public Library.

Next meetings scheduled: March 3, April 7, and May 5.

**Board Members Present:** Ernie Aughenbaugh, Elaine Beane, Sue Casler, Milt Gere, George Heaton, Roger Laylin, Gordon Lewis, Bob Mosher, Jennifer Martin, Kara Miller, Sharon Patton, Dan Sine and Roni Sionakides.

[Absent: Elaine Angstman, Mary Gowans, Alan Hukill, Lyle Laylin, Jan Sjoquist, Dave Westjohn and Kris Wood]

**Vice President:** Dave Westjohn (Absent) - The February program will be a presentation on Meteorites; and the March program will be the Annual Silent Auction.

**Recording Secretary:** Sue Casler - Minutes from January 6, 2011 meeting were taken by Roger Laylin, and will be included in a future newsletter. Thank you, Roger.

**Corresponding Secretary:** Sharon Patton - Sharon will send a card to Alice Turner recently had hip surgery.

**Treasurer's Report:** Kris Wood (Absent) - President Sionakides reviewed the treasurer's report for January. It was reported that the American Lands Association dues were paid.

An Audit Committee is required to review the club books for 2010; Elaine Beane "volunteered" and another volunteer or two will be sought at the membership meeting. Also, there was some discussion on methods for making bank deposits in Treasurer's absence.

**Directors:** [1-YR] Mary Gowans (Absent); [2-YR] Bob Mosher - Discussed the four folding displays; two to go to the Science is Fun Day; and [3-YR] Jan Sjoquist (Absent)

**Roster Secretary:** Ernie Aughenbaugh - No Report.

**Liaison Officer:** Alan Hukill (Absent)

**Past President:** Milt Gere/Roni Sionakides - Banquet - May 19<sup>th</sup>, tickets are available. Ernie A. to sell/record ticket sales; Sharon Patton will take tickets at the door; Sue Casler will take care of door prizes; Dan Sine - coordinate displays; decorations - probably Lee Laylin and Marie Lewis; Sharon Bacigal - hospitality; Elaine Beane - program; invites to other clubs - Alan Hukill; and banquet speaker - President Sionakides to arrange.

**Membership:** Elaine Angstman (Absent)

**Field Trips:** Dan Sine - 1) Feb. 26, field trip to Gypsum Mine in GR, 13 club members have signed up; 2) March - the Kalamazoo Club is planning a Safety Training Session (4 hr. course for \$20), location in Marshall ;

3) June 24-26, Bloomington, IN swap meet;

4) Holland club is planning a trip to Flint Ridge over Labor Day; and

5) Oct. 2, Kalamazoo club trip to Alpena. Also discussed club member safety, insurance and sign in/waiver form.

**Publications:** Elaine Beane - items for newsletter due by next Tuesday.

**Education & Community Outreach:** Jennie Martin/Kara Miller - February 12 is Science is Fun Day at the Okemos H.S. time 11-3 pm. MGAGS - June 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> Petoskey stone polishing demonstration.

**Library:** Roger Laylin - No report.

**Display:** Report from Dave Westjohn - Jan Sjoquist has volunteered to assist with display. Discussion of the Fenner display - what to do with big club case that is there? - Discuss next meeting. Fenner is also looking for someone to do a hands-on project.

**Finance:** Gordon Lewis - No report.

**Web Master/Site:** Lyle Laylin (Absent)

**Show:** Roger Laylin - The 2011 Show Budget was presented and discussed. Elaine Beane moved and Sue Casler seconded approval of the 2011 Show Budget amount of \$12,300; Vote taken and motion approved.

Gordon Lewis presented the Central Michigan Lapidary and Mineral Society Budget for 2011. Roger Laylin moved and Dan Sine seconded approval of the 2011 CMLMS Budget amount of \$20,790; Vote taken, motion approved.

Kara Miller moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Jennie Martin. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sue Casler, Recording Secretary

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