

ROCKHOUND NEWS

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, April 19th, 2012

PROGRAM: *Geology of Michigan*, video

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

Location and Time: The CMLMS March Meeting will be held on April 19, 2012, at 7:30 pm, at the North School, 333 E. Miller Road, Lansing, Michigan. Please get there a little early to help set up the tables.

Calendar for May 2012 and later

May 3, 2012	Board Meeting at Okemos Library, 7 pm
May 17, 2012	Banquet at Okemos Masonic Center
June 21, 2012	Show work day, y'all come now!!! Also at Okemos Masonic Center

DUES ARE NOW OVERDUE!!! Please see Ernie Aughenbaugh to get paid up!!!

APRIL PROGRAM

Geology of Michigan, a video by John Zawiskie of the Cranbrook Institute of Science will be the program at the April meeting. Your newsletter editor had a quick preview of this film when shopping at the gift shop in the State of Michigan Historical Center last December and thought, "this is really good!" Almost forgot why I was in the gift shop! So, come out to view a very informative video of Michigan's past and see some of Michigan's gorgeous and unique scenery!

2012 Banquet, May 17: Tickets are on sale now, \$10.00, available at April membership meeting or contact Ernie Aughenbaugh.

Please bring an appetizer dish for the hospitality table.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Now is a good time to be of service to your society. There is always need for help with various projects

and committees. Please think of lending a hand for any of our committees, becoming an officer, and getting to know us better. We are a fun group!!!

Display committee: A new committee chair is needed. We also need a person or persons to take the beautiful new cub display cases to shows put on by other mineral, lapidary and gem clubs in Michigan. If you are going to a Michigan show, please consider taking the club's display with you. Call or email Jan Sjoquist to join the committee or President Elaine Beane if you would like to be chairperson.

Show committee: Show Chair *Pro Tempore*, Roger Laylin, needs an apprentice to help with the 2012 show committee and who will be willing to take over the show chair position. Call or email Roger Laylin to join the committee or President Elaine Beane if you would like to be chairperson.

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.

ALWAYS WANTED

Needed for the show and outreach are clean styrofoam egg cartons, about 1,000 and quantities of specimens for the show's children's tables; polished rocks, about 2" diameter, for Ele's Place; Petoskey stones (not Alpena type) for the show and outreach.

CLUB NEWS

UPDATE YOUR INFO: Now is the time to update any changes in your address, phone number, e-mail address. Contact publications and roster chairs.

Field Trips! See Dan Sine to sign up and for more information. Spring will be here soon!

- May 26, Grand Rapids gypsum mine, 10-4, email Dan Sine for more info
- June 9-30, 2012: Utah. Multiple sites with a vast array of specimens. Planned by Bob Sherwood of the Tulip City Club and open to those interested for entire trip or segments as can be arranged. Contact Bob Sherwood (bobandjulia@accn.org). See Dan Sine for the itinerary.
- Alpena, Paulding, Crandall and many others are in the planning stage.
- June 2, 9-1, Pipe Creek Quarry in Indiana. Check with Dan Sine for more info.

Upcoming shows: Our club display will be at the Kalamazoo Gem and Mineral Show, May 4-6, Kalamazoo County Expo Center at the Fairgrounds. This year's theme is "Mining in Michigan" and will have a model train exhibit on mining procedures.

Request: Lyle Laylin is trying to update our club website with older editions of the newsletter. He says our website has over ten years of our newsletter online and we would like to have more! If you have copies of our newsletter from 2002 and before and any old news clippings, please bring them to our meeting so they can be scanned and added to our online offerings.

PLACES TO GO AND THINGS TO DO—Check www.amfed.org/mwf

FoundMichigan, an online magazine on culture in Michigan—www.foundmichigan.org

Minnesota Mineral Club/Midwest Federation event, "A Celebration of Agates" July 26-29, 2012 in Minnetonka, Minnesota. If you would like the opportunity to represent the club as a delegate, with expenses paid, contact Elaine.

CMLMS MINUTES

Corrected minutes of the March board meeting; correction is in italics.

Central Michigan Lapidary and Mineral Society, Board Meeting, March 1, 2012, Minutes

Board Members Present: Elaine Beane, Sue Casler, Jan Sjoquist, Theresa Hubbard, Bob Mosher, Milt Gere, Lyle Laylin, Ernie Aughenbaugh, Alan Hukill, Roni Sionakides, Dan Sine, Mary Gowans, Kara Miller, Jennifer Martin, Gordon Lewis, Roger Laylin. [Board Members Absent: Kris Wood, Elaine Angstman]. Guests: None.

President: Elaine Beane called the meeting to order at 7:03pm, and announced that she is working on getting Professor Summer from Michigan State University to speak at the May banquet.

Vice President: Sue Casler has planned programs for the membership meetings:

- March 15: Annual Silent Auction.
- April 19: Cranbrook video, "Geology of Michigan".
- May 17: Banquet
- June 21: Show workshop (egg cartons)

The May and June meetings will be held at the Okemos Masonic Lodge; site arranged by Neil Snapp.

Recording Secretary: Jan Sjoquist said February membership and board meeting minutes will be in the March newsletter.

Corresponding Secretary: *Theresa Hubbard sent sympathy cards to Ernie Aughenbaugh on the passing of his brother. Sympathy cards were sent to Nancy Fleming and Janice Dussance, daughters of the late Howard Randolph, past president. On March 1, 2012, sympathy cards were sent to David Martin and Keith Martin, sons of the late Kathleen Martin, club life member.*

- In response to the request to swap Petoskey Stones for Tisbury Coral from England, Theresa mailed two pounds of Petoskey Stones and has received the interesting coral in return.
- A request was received from Audry Szymborsk to have someone from the CMLMS evaluate and appraise a 53.75 carat Emerald. Milt commented and will follow up. Bob Mosher suggested a referral to the Geology Department of Wayne State University and semi-retired Professor Lowrie.

Treasurer: Kris Wood was absent but emailed February, 2012 report.

Directors: Bob Mosher (1-yr.) has developed two reports from samples taken from two Michigan locations. He will share them with whoever may be interested. See Bob for these: *Sands of Lake Superior Beaches* and *Shale-From Grand Rapids Gypsum Mine*. Milt Gere (2-yr) has made contact with the Bellevue, Michigan quarry for possible field trip. Lyle Laylin(3-yr.) had no report.

Roster Secretary: Ernie Aughenbaugh has received an application for membership from Edward F. Cook, Lansing, Michigan. Mary Gowans moved to **"accept Edward F. Cook into membership"** and Sue Casler supported the motion. The motion was passed and we are pleased to welcome Edward into CMLMS.

Liaison Officer: Alan Hukill, no report.

Past President: Roni Sionakides presented upcoming Science Fairs:

- Bennett Woods: March 7, 6:30-8pm.
- Fairview Elementary: April 11, 6-7pm.

Membership: Elaine Angstman, absent

Field Trips: Dan Sine did a walk-about at the Grand Rapids Gypsum Mine on February 25, and found thick selenite and satinspar in new locations. Dan has made permission requests to sites in Ohio and Indiana.

Outreach: Mary Gowans, no report.

Education: Kara Miller and Jennifer Martin, no report

Publications: Roni Sionakides has successfully published her first newsletter, unassisted, and states that the system is working and members are welcome to submit half to one- page articles for inclusion in future newsletters. Email them to Roni.

Club Display: Jan Sjoquist, no report.

Library: Lee Laylin, no report.

Finance: Gordon Lewis, no report.

Webmaster: Lyle Laylin said the website works on both .com and .org.

Show: Roger Laylin talked about

- Expenditure of \$ 506.00 for specimens, printing, advertising.
- Would like approval for \$1200.00 for school transportation. Roger Laylin moved **“CMLMS will offer financial assistance to schools for transportation costs on a proportional basis, limiting total expense to \$1200.00.”** Mary Gowans supported the motion, vote was taken and the motion was passed to budget \$1200.00 for transportation expenses.
- MII’s Rock Odyssey, DVD was reviewed by Elaine Beane.

Old Business: Still need banquet committee chair, although all tasks are filled except for hospitality and reception. Mary Gowans is working to fill hospitality slot. Lee Laylin will provide decorations and Marie Lewis will decorate, Dan Sine will provide display, Sue Casler will provide door prizes. **BANQUET TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE (\$10).** See Dan Sine.

New Business: Roger Laylin obtained a covered flat display case from Fenner and has refurbished it with new labels. It will be a perfect case to use for children’s events as there are many colorful, interesting specimens that are clearly labeled.

- President Elaine Beane is looking for new ideas as to how to best serve the membership by the limited number of active members and also how to engage new members to become involved.
- Lyle Laylin suggested temporary memberships for field trips and a discussion ensued about insurance, liability, field trips, Midwest Federation requirements, etc. Questions were generated and Alan and Milt will follow up to clarify the insurance issues.

Adjournment: Alan Hukill made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mary Gowans supported that motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm.

Respectfully submitted, Jan Sjoquist, Recording Secretary

CMLMS Membership Meeting, March 15, 2012, Minutes

Call to Order: The March 15, 2012 membership meeting was called to order by President Elaine Beane at 7:45pm at the North Elementary School, Lansing, Michigan.

Welcome and Introduction of Guests/Visitors: Welcome to Claudia Reitsma of Lansing, who attended to learn about tumbling equipment. She received good advice by several members.

Announcements:

President Elaine Beane:

- Shared information and fliers about shows and swaps and encouraged members to sign up for the Fairview Elementary Science event on April 11, 2012.
- Presented Roni Sionakides a certificate in appreciation for her service as President of CMLMS for 2011.
- Requested help on the banquet committee and reminded members to purchase banquet tickets from Ernie Aughenbaugh.

Marie Lewis:

- Informed us about the Jackson Gem and Mineral Society’s show and the Fenner Nature Centers Maple Syrup Festival this weekend.

Roni Sionakides:

- Reported club participation in the Darwin Discovery Days, Okemos Science Fair and Bennett Woods Family Science Night and resulting thank you correspondences.
- Solicited participation in the Fairview Elementary Science Night on April 11, 2012 , 6-7pm. Sign-up sheet available.
- Attended basement field trip and encouraged attendance in upcoming March 24 opportunity.

Dan Sine:

- Keep your eye on newsletters. Scheduling is being processed for nearby field trips and the early spring may allow us into locations soon.

Minutes of Last Meeting: The minutes of the February membership meeting and of the March board meeting were in the March newsletter. Corrected minutes of the Corresponding Secretary report were read by Recording Secretary, Jan Sjoquist.

Treasurer’s Report: No report; treasurer absent.

Adjournment: Kara Miller moved to adjourn the meeting, supported by Alan Hukill. The meeting was adjourned at 8:07pm.

Program: Silent Auction
Respectfully Submitted,
Janet Sjoquist, Recording Secretary

CMLMS Board Meeting, April 5, 2012, Minutes

Board Members Present: Elaine Beane, Sue Casler, Jan Sjoquist, Theresa Hubbard, Bob Mosher, Milt Gere, Lyle Laylin, Ernie Aughenbaugh, Roni Sionakides, Dan Sine, Mary Gowans, Gordon Lewis, [Board Members Absent: Kris Wood, Elaine Angstman, Alan Hukill, Kara Miller, Jennifer Martin, Roger Laylin]. Guests: None

President: Elaine Beane called the meeting to order at 7:06pm and made these announcements:

- CMLMS delegate is requested to attend the Minnesota Mineral Club/Midwest Federation event, “A Celebration of Agates” July 26-29, 2012 in Minnetonka, Minnesota. If you would like the opportunity to represent the club, with expenses paid, contact Elaine.
- Check out “Found Michigan”, a free on-line magazine about Michigan life and culture (www.foundmichigan.org). Currently, there is a featured article about the 10th anniversary of the adoption of the mastodon as Michigan’s official state fossil.
- She is still working on obtaining a speaker for the banquet in May.
- Kris Wood sent the treasurer’s report and had renewed the CD that had matured.

Vice President: Sue Casler has made these program plans for membership meetings:

- April 19: “Geology of Michigan”, video made by Cranbrook.
- May 17: Banquet
- June 21: Work party for the fall show.

Recording Secretary: Jan Sjoquist said April Board and March Membership meeting minutes will be in the April newsletter, as well as the corrected minutes from the corresponding secretary’s report of March Board Meeting.

Corresponding Secretary: Theresa Hubbard received a request to rent a table at the club show. Request will be forwarded to the show chair. Tables cannot be rented by individuals, only dealers.

Treasurer: Kris Wood was absent, but provided the March, 2012 report.

Directors: Bob Mosher (1-yr.) combined report with Director 2: Milt Gere (2-yr). Reported on visit to Bellevue Quarry and gave information about the Lincoln Brick Park in Grand Ledge. Lyle Laylin (3-yr.) No report

Roster Secretary: Ernie Aughenbaugh, no report

Liaison Officer: Alan Hukill, absent

Past President: Roni Sionakides, no report

Membership: Elaine Angstman, absent

Field Trips: Dan Sine

- May 26, 2012: Grand Rapids Gypsum mine, Contact Dan Sine.
- June 9-30, 2012: Utah. Multiple sites with a vast array of specimens. Planned by Bob Sherwood of the Tulip City Club and open to those interested for entire trip or segments as can be arranged. Contact Bob Sherwood (bobandjulia@accn.org). Dan has the itinerary.
- Dates to be determined: Paulding, Ohio (May), Indiana (June),
- Charlotte, Alpena (late summer). Dan is open to any suggestions or “leads” for new sites.

Outreach: Mary Gowans, no report. Roni Sionakides received a request for science fair participation from a homeschool group from Wixom. Because of the distance issue, a suggestion will be made that they contact the Midwest Federation to obtain contact information for clubs in their area (Milt).

- Fairview Elementary Science Fair: Wednesday, April 11, 6-7pm. Six members have signed up to participate.
- Darwin Discovery Days at MSU in April - one session of a hands-on project needs to be covered by club membership.

Education: Kara Miller and Jennifer Martin, absent.

Publications: Roni Sionakides said the newsletter process is running smoothly with Office Max providing printing service. Would like to get accurate email addresses, perhaps from membership applications? Consult with Elaine Angstman, membership chair.

Club Display: Jan Sjoquist said will participate in the Kalamazoo show, May 4, 2012 (9:00am-8:00pm), May 5 (10:00am-6:00pm), and May 6 (10:00am-5:00pm) at the Kalamazoo Expo Center and Fairgrounds. Theme is "Mining in Michigan."

Library: Lee Laylin, no report.

Finance: Gordon Lewis, no report.

Webmaster: Lyle Laylin is seeking old newsletters or press clippings (before 2002) to include in website.

Show: Roger Laylin, absent, no report.

Old Business: Banquet tickets selling slowly! Get your tickets ASAP!

New Business: Ad Hoc Remodeling Committee is being formed. Theresa Hubbard is interested.

- Mary Gowans initiated a discussion about how to address issue with perpetrator who has taken items at show or science fairs.

Adjournment: Mary Gowans made a motion, seconded by Roni Sionakides to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:17pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Sjoquist, Recording Secretary

SHARING

FROM THE DIARY OF JAN SJOQUIST

In February, 2012, Jan traveled to Deming, New Mexico with her friend Betty Held-Sprague to explore the area and to collect. While there, they met Elaine Angstman. CMLMS member. This entry is part of the trip diary.

THURSDAY

Elaine picked us up with their 4-wheel drive pickup truck at 9:00 am in hopes of beating the predicted wind.

She took us to the Fluorite Ridge area near Cooke's Peak, just northeast of Deming. Elaine turned off the main "road" onto a hint of a trail that led to the bottom of a pretty rugged peak. There was no way one could get far along this two-track without 4-wheel drive and a courageous driver! The washes were cavernous! When we got to the base of the peak, we hiked with our backpacks on a winding trail to several collecting sites for green or pink fluorite. Betty stayed mid-peak to collect some beautiful square fluorite crystals, while Elaine and I continued to the peak to look for the dark green fluorite. We did NOT beat the wind! Gusts of 50 mph battered us, but the collecting was good. The trip down was difficult, however. Had to crouch low to avoid the wind gusts and used a pack of specimens as an anchor. For a change, getting DOWN was more difficult than going up. Felt like climbing Mt. Everest! We made it down to where Betty was collecting and were able to get out of the wind to collect the crystals. We hung onto the side of the slope to find some nice specimens; lunched and collected in a cozy cove in the ridge. It was a view to write home about! Could have stayed there all day in the sunshine and view!

We kidded that we would tell everyone that we had a facial today - sandblasted!

We returned "home" and started sorting and cleaning the week's treasures. Pretty overwhelming!!

Out to dinner with Bob and Julia Sherwood (Tulip City Club) to an Italian Restaurant. Ate way too much!! Another fabulous day!

Tomorrow, we rest up and will take a day off collecting and pack up some flat-rate boxes.