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Meeting place: North School, 333 E. Miller Rd, Lansing 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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ROCKHOUND NEWS

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, April 18, 2013

PROGRAM: Keokuk Geodes

REFRESHMENTS: Members with Initials A - L Please Bring Goodies

Location and Time: The CMLMS membership meeting will be held on April 18, 2013, at 7:30 p.m., at the **North School**, our last meeting in this location. **In June of 2013 the meeting location will change to the Masonic Temple in Okemos on Hamilton Street.**

Calendar for Spring 2013 and later

April 18, 2013 - Membership Meeting, program DVD *Keokuk Geodes*, by Ed Wagner, Geologist, EPA

May 2, 2013 - Board Meeting, 7 pm, Okemos Library

May Newsletter deadline - May 6, 2013

May 16, 2013 - Banquet, Masonic Temple, Okemos, see Ernie Aughenbaugh for tickets

June 6, 2013 - Board Meeting, 7 pm, Okemos Library

June 20, 2013 - Membership meeting at Okemos Masonic Temple, possible show work bee

July August - no meetings

Dues are now OVERDUE!!! Please contact Ernie Aughenbaugh to get paid up!!

Welcome New Members

Deb and Dennis Carmichael of Lansing, Michigan

Danielle Gierman of Lansing, Michigan

BANQUET

2013 Banquet, May 16, Masonic Temple, Okemos: Tickets are on sale now, available at April membership meeting or contact Ernie Aughenbaugh.

Please bring an appetizer dish for the hospitality table.

Our guest speaker for the May 16th Banquet will be Stan Wollams and his program is titled "Agates". He is the president of the Michigan Mineralogy Society and he and his wife, Priscilla, are long time collectors of shells, minerals, and fossils, with an emphasis on agates. He will bring specimens for us to look at.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY 2013

As expected no matter how hard we try to be up to date there are always changes to be made to the directory. We can list changes in the news letter so if your entry is not right, please, tell

Publications Chair Roni Sionakides so we will know how to contact you. Should there be a correction necessary for this year please let her know ASAP before the new printing is made. As usual the directories will be available at the May Banquet.

PLEASE RETURN ALL LIBRARY MATERIALS AT THE APRIL MEETING

Please search your book shelves, bedside table and workroom for any materials belonging to the CML&MS library **AND BRING THEM TO THE APRIL MEETING**. The library will be going to the Laylin's for the summer. Books will be checked against the cards and if not found title of the book and name of person that checked it out will be in the May newsletter. I will be working on the library this summer and will be trying to locate all books and bring every thing up to date. - Librarian Lee Laylin.

SOCIETY HAPPENINGS

Committee positions that need to be filled

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 2013 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.

Interest Group forming:

If you are interested in working with a microscope and microfossils, call Bob Mosher. He would like to form a small group.

CLUB NEWS

Field Trips! See Dan Sine to sign up and for more information.

April 20 Flint Ridge Flint Ridge, Ohio Flint

May 11 Pipe Creek Swayzee, Indiana Fossils

May 18, Sylvania Quarry near Toledo, Ohio, (filled) guided trip limited to 20, contact Dan if interested. Trilobites, calcite. There is a \$10 per person charge to cover rental of a van needed to transport participants into the quarry and space is limited. Instructions are to meet at 9:45 am at 5675 Centennial Road for transportation into the quarry. Be prepared with adequate safety equipment and clothing (hard hat, safety vest), a sack lunch, water for the entire day. Once into the quarry, you must stay with the group with which you are transported.

May 25 Alabaston, Grand Rapids, Michigan, (filled) \$3.00 charge

June 1 LaFarge Quarry Paulding, Ohio Fossils

June 22 Deerlick Creek Van Buren County, Michigan Septarian nodules

July 13 Fisherman Island State Park Charlevoix, Michigan Petosky stones, sea glass, fossilized coral

July 27 Road cuts south of Richmond Richmond, Indiana Fossils

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.

In planning are trips to Irish Hills, Michigan, the Crandall Pit of Charlotte as well as a geode trip to Indiana. Contact Dan sine if you have places for field trips.

Lyle Laylin will be in Alpena Memorial Day weekend for three days. If members would like to visit sites with him, he has planned to visit several locations. Lyle is also inviting members interested in a Western Michigan trip this spring to collect septarian nodules. Contact him for more information, dates and times.

**PLACES TO GO AND THINGS TO DO—Check www.amfed.org/mwf
or our website www.michrocks.org**

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

Check out our website for items for sale. There are links to eBay and Craig's List.

The pawn shop on Grand River Avenue west of Williamston still has a lot of nice rocks, minerals and fossils for sale. Please stop in and check them out if in the area.

June 8 and 9, 2013

M.G.A.G.S. Rockhound Seminar

Western Michigan University, Rood Hall

near West Michigan Ave and Rankin Ave, Kalamazoo, Michigan

Information: info@mgags.org or Don 734-421-8159

UPCOMING BANQUETS, CONFERENCES

Indian Mounds Rock and Mineral Club banquet

Tuesday, April 16, 2012, 6:15 pm.

Wesley Park United Methodist Church, 1150 32nd Street, Wyoming, Michigan

There is an invitation for two couple to attend. Call Alan Hukill for more information if interested in attending

Tulip City (Holland) club has invited two couples to be guests at their banquet on April 24. If interested, RSVP card will be available at the membership meeting on April 18.

CMLMS MINUTES

CMLMS, Membership Meeting, March 21, 2013

Call to Order: The March membership meeting was called to order by vice-president Sue Casler at 7:47 pm at the North Elementary School in Lansing, Michigan.

Welcome and Introduction of Guests/Visitors: Welcome to Danielle Gierman who is attending for the first time. Good to see other members that we have not seen for a while!

Minutes of the last meeting: The minutes of the February 2013 membership meeting and of the March board meeting were published in the March newsletter. There was one spelling correction of Kreps which was published erroneously with two "p"s.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer was absent but report is on file. See Sue Casler if you would like to see it.
Announcements:

1. Dan Sine, Field Trips: There will be a trip to the Grand Rapids Alabaster Mine on May 25. There is a \$ 3.00 per person charge; the collecting is from 10am to 4pm. Certain restrictions apply, so email Dan to get more information.(Daniel.sine@opm.gov). Contact Dan also if you are interested in the Sylvania, Ohio trip on May 18, 2013. Other trips are coming soon, contingent on some weather issues. Dan has made many contacts and there will be numerous opportunities for collecting this spring/summer! Dan reports of a unique collection of specimens available at the Williamston, Michigan pawn shop. These specimens are from the Decker collection and are top notch. In two weeks, the Pawn TV show will have a segment on this location and of some of these specimens. Dan reported about the huge sulphur specimen he was able to purchase from there to use for his educational exhibits, as well as other items available like dinosaur egg, trilobites, etc.

2. Roni Sionakides, Publications: April 8 is the deadline to get articles submitted for the next newsletter. She also reminded us that the April meeting will be the last one held at North School. The May banquet, the June membership meeting and all of next year's meetings will be held at the Masonic Lodge in Okemos.

3. Mary Gowans, Outreach: Mary needs members to assist at the Fairview Elementary School Science Expo from 6-7:30pm on Thursday, April 11. Set-up can be done starting at 5pm. Bring items for the Expo or just come to help with monitoring or answering questions. It is fun watching the children make discoveries.

4. Richard Miller set up a display at the Darwin Discovery Days and reports that CMLMS will receive an invitation to participate next year.

5. Theresa Hubbard: Shared an experience she had locally as she visited an art gallery in Okemos. Theresa saw an elephant tusk for sale at the gallery. She asked the owner for documentation to verify that this was legal. The gallery owner could not produce documentation, the authorities were contacted and the ivory was confiscated. International laws stipulate that sellers of ivory must be registered and that each piece should have an identification card for tracking. The purpose of these laws is to stop the killing of elephants for the ivory and to protect elephants from extinction.

Theresa reported on the progress of the project to trace memorials listed in the Memorial Book. The specimen aspect has been inventoried and checked with the display chair. There are some specimens missing. The book list has been generated and the process of checking inventory has started.

6. Jan Sjoquist, Memorial Display Chair: The two memorial cases were on display at the Jackson show this past weekend. They will also be set up in Kalamazoo May 3-5 for the Kalamazoo Rock Club at the Kalamazoo County Expo Center. As a result of the memorial project with Theresa, there will be some changes made in the display.

Jan shared information about upcoming events:

Kalamazoo Show, May 3-5 (see above)

Michigan Geological and Gemcraft Society, June 8-9 at Western Michigan University. Hands-on classes, demos and presentations (20 per day). There is a charge (www.mgags.org).

Door Prizes: by Dan

Adjournment: Rick Andrews moved to adjourn the meeting, supported by Mary Gowans.

Program: Silent Auction

Meeting adjourned at 8:14pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Jan Sjoquist, Recording Secretary

CMLMS, Board Meeting, April 4, 2013

Board members present: Sue Casler, Janet Sjoquist, Theresa Hubbard, Milt Gere, Nate Krupp, Ernie Aughenbaugh, Alan Hukill, Elaine Beane, Dane Sine, Roni Sionakides, Mary Gowans, Gordon Lewis, Roger Laylin.

Board members absent: Elaine Angstman, Kris Wood, Lyle Laylin, Kara Miller, Jennifer Martin.

Member present: Bob Mosher.

President: Elaine Angstman absent; vice-president Sue Casler called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm.

Announcements: We have a banquet speaker, Stanley Woollams, who will present a program on agates. Stan is the president of the Michigan Mineralogical Society (MMS)

Tulip City (Holland) club has invited two couples to be guests at their banquet on April 24. If interested, RSVP card will be available at the membership meeting on April 18.

Vice President: Sue Casler has arranged a MWF video, "Keokuk Geodes" to be shown at the April 18, 2013 membership meeting.

Recording Secretary: Jan Sjoquist states that the minutes of the March membership meeting and the April board meeting will be published in the April 2013 newsletter.

Corresponding Secretary: Theresa Hubbard has received two communications; a request by a California club for permission to reprint the newsletter article by Marv Oesterle, and a request from a Lansing resident for meeting information. Theresa responded to the requests and will forward the California request to Marv. Theresa also provided board members with copies of the final Memorial Book list of specimens, donations and books.

Treasurer: Kris Wood was absent, sent no report, but states that it will be available tomorrow.

Directors: Milt Gere (1-yr) No specific report. Lyle Laylin (2-yr) Absent, no report. Nate Krupp (3-yr) Boy Scout program discussion with Outreach later.

Roster Secretary: Ernie Aughenbaugh has received applications for membership consideration. A motion was made by Mary Gowans and supported by Roni Sionakides to accept Deb and Dennis Carmichael and Danielle Gierman as members in CMLMS. Many of us spoke to our new members at our last meeting and enjoyed their enthusiasm and interest. Welcome! We have many opportunities for you to pursue your interests.

Ernie also has banquet tickets available.

Liaison Officer: Alan Hukill states that Margaret Randolph is missing from the memorial book. Sue may have the obituary for updating the information.

Past President: Elaine Beane has prepared a Memorial Study and Recommendations, a proposal for Virtual Memorial for CSMLMS members. See "Old Business."

Membership: Elaine Angstman, absent.

Field Trip: Dan Sine has arranged these trips:

April 20: Flint Ridge, Ohio; May 11: Pike Creek, IN; May 18: Sylvania, Ohio (filled); May 25: Grand Rapids (filled); June 1: Paulding, Ohio, LaFarge quarry(limit #25); June 22: Deer Lick Creek, MI; July 13: Fisherman Island State Park, MI; July 27: Richmond, IN road cut

Trips are also being planned to Lawrence Co. IN for geodes and to Irish Hills and Charlotte sites in Michigan. Dates to be determined. Contact Dan for more information

Publications: Roni Sionakides has prepared the banquet program, but needs more information about the speaker to include in the program. Also needs hospitality chair position to be filled for the banquet. Elaine Angstman will be asked to serve that position. Deadline for the April newsletter is April 8.

Education: Kara Miller and Jennifer Martin, absent; no report.

Community Outreach: Mary Gowans: Reminder about the April 11 Science Fair at Fairview Elementary School.

Mary Gowans and Nate Krupp discussed having a special division of Outreach to address the needs of Boy Scouts. The discussion had to be discontinued because of time restraints but the idea received positive input and information that may lead to the focus being on the younger Scout levels.

Library: Please return library books at the next meeting, unless you want to keep them during the summer. The library will be moved at the April meeting.

Display: The memorial cases were displayed at the Jackson show and will be on display at the May 3-5 Kalamazoo show. As a result of the Memorial Book inventory, some matches have been made, but several specimens are missing.

Finance: Gordon Lewis corrected newsletter information from Greater Lansing to greater Lansing.

Web Master: Lyle Laylin, absent.

Show: Roger Laylin, no report due to time limitation.

Old Business: In accordance with the Board actions at the March Board meeting, a study has been made of the suggestion of Bob Mosher that in place of physical objects as memorials for deceased members, a virtual memorial be created on the CMLMS website. The results of the study was presented by Elaine Beane: Memorials Study and Recommendations, Proposal for Virtual Memorial for CMLMS members. Included in this study was a suggested amendment to the CMLMS Bylaws. Alan Hukill made a motion to adopt the suggested amendments to the CMLMS Bylaws. The motion received support by Gordon Lewis. During the discussion that ensued, the proposition was amended to:

Section 5

Deceased members of the Society may be memorialized by the Society in accordance with a) the wishes of the family of the deceased member, or b) the wishes of the member, filed in writing with the Recording Secretary.

CMLMS will develop and maintain a member-specific virtual memorial on The CMLMS Memorials page of the CMLMS website “Michrocks.org”, with a picture of the member and a paragraph of text about the member’s activities with CMLMS.

A choice may be made among the following memorials:

A donation of \$50.00 to either the Midwest Federation Endowment Fund or American Federation of Mineralogical Societies Scholarship Foundation.

A \$50.00 addition to the geology student scholarship awarded by CMLMS in the year following the death of the member.

A \$50.00 addition to a scholarship awarded to a CMLMS member to learn a rockhound- related skill and demonstrate it for CMLMS members and the public.

Section 6

The CMLMS Board may vote to award a “Lifetime Achievement Award” to any CMLMS member during their service to the organization. Recognition of special efforts by members on behalf of the CMLMS should be made during the member’s lifetime, as well as following their death.

Nominations for such awards may be made by any member of CMLMS in good standing.

Sue Casler moved to **accept the amendments to the proposal**. Theresa Hubbard supported the motion to accept the amendments. A vote of Board members was taken and the amendments were approved.

New Business: None, secondary to time limitation.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Janet Sjoquist, Recording Secretary