

Club Banquet May 16

If you haven't purchased your ticket by now, it's too late.

All are welcome to join us for Dan Behnke's talk on

"The Mines and Minerals of Cornwall"

at approximately 7:30.

Attendees are invited to bring your favorite appetizer for the social hour refreshment table.

Welcome to New Members:

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Field Trip to Flemingsburg Kentucky June 1 – George Heaton

For our May field trip we have permission to visit the Hanson Aggregates quarry near Flemingsburg Kentucky on Saturday, June 1. My schedule for May is crowded so June 1 was the best I could do. This quarry only allows collecting on Saturday mornings from 7:30 am - 11:00 am. This means most of us will need to travel Friday afternoon and spend Friday night somewhere close enough to Flemingsburg, to arrive at the quarry before 7:30 am. Try to arrive before 7:30 am to allow time to sign the release form, use the restroom, etc. so we can enter the quarry promptly at 7:30.

.All visitors must have hard hat, hard toed boots, safety glasses or goggles, etc. The usual tools are needed such as cold chisels and 2-3 lb. crack hammers. Heavier hammers and pry bars are also useful, and don't forget boxes and wrapping paper for specimens. This quarry is for the calcite collectors like myself. The calcite here is usually clear, lustrous, rhombohedrons, sometimes sprinkled with small pyrite or marcasite crystals. Barite may also be found as clear, colorless blades.

To get to the Hanson Aggregates Quarry take I-75 south in Ohio to I-275 at Cincinnati. Go east and south on I-275 to the exit for Rt. 125 east (Exit 65.) Go east on Rt. 125 to Rt. 68. Go south on Rt. 68 to Rt. 52 at Ripley. Go east on Rt. 52 along the Ohio River to Aberdeen. Here you will cross the river to Maysville KY where you will make a left turn and pick up Rt. 11. Take Rt. 11 South to Flemingsburg. There is a Rt. 11 bypass around Flemingsburg if you do not wish to go through town. The quarry is on Rt. 11 about 2 miles south of Flemingsburg, on the left. Watch for the Hanson Aggregates sign and a small gravel road on the left leading to the quarry.

We will meet at the quarry office BEFORE 7:30 am on Saturday, June 1 to sign release forms and ENTER the quarry at 7:30 am. There should be motels in Aberdeen, and Maysville.

June 21-23 Field Trip, Bloomington IN-- George Heaton

The June field trip will include the Bedford Rock Swap, now held at the Monroe Co. 4-H Fairgrounds in Bloomington, Indiana and geode collecting at the road cut at Harrodsburg, Indiana exit on Rt. 37, June 21-23.

To get to Bloomington go south on I-69 to Indianapolis, then on I-465 south to Rt. 37. Go south on Rt. 37 to Bloomington. To get to the rock swap at the 4-H Fairgrounds you go south on Rt. 37 to the intersection of Rt. 37 and Rt. 45. You turn right on Rt. 45 and go southwest on Rt. 45 about 1 2/10 miles then turn right and go 7/10 mile on Airport Rd. to the Fairgrounds.

This is a very large and interesting rock swap which attracts swappers from surrounding states and Ontario, Canada. Camping is allowed on the Fairgrounds at \$10.00 per night and motels are located in Bloomington. The geodes from Harrodsburg are beautiful and may contain several minerals including quartz, calcite, dolomite, millerite, barite, pyrite, and sphalerite.

To collect the geodes at the Harrodsburg road cut you should have a least a 2-3 lb. crack hammer and several sharp chisels. Heavier hammers, pry bars, and more chisels of all sizes are very useful. The geodes are in limestone so it can be hard work to chisel them out and you can dull your supply of chisels very quickly.

Bluffton Field Trip Report – George Heaton

We had cool, dry weather for our field trip to the Bluffton Quarry on Saturday April 27. Our visit to Bluffton this time was crowded with more people than any previous visit I had there. I did not get an accurate count of people but we had five Lansing club members and five Friends of Mineralogy members. At least twenty or more other people were from Dearborn, Fort Wayne, and the Livingston Club.

I found the collecting to be very poor this time. I didn't even find anything worth picking up for the kids. I did hear that some other people found a few decent fluorite crystals, but I did not see any of them.

Central Michigan Lapidary and Mineral Society Membership Meetin April 18, 2002

The April general membership meeting was called to order by President Jean Ann Wahl-Piotrowski at 7:43 p.m. at the North Elementary School.

Announcements: Welcome back to Rich and Lila Stevens; Mary Kay Bean thanked everyone for the cards and prayers during her illness; and Jean Ann mentioned that an invitation has been offered to club members from the Grand Rapids Club to attend their Banquet on April 27, attendees from our club will be Grit and Alice Turner and Rich and Lila Stevens.

Guests/visitors at meeting: Fred Stahmer guest of Arnie Cooline (sp); and Elaine Angstman's husband Jeff.

Recording Secretary: Minutes from the March 21 membership meeting were published in the April newsletter.

Treasurer: Alan Hukill reported on the receipts and disbursements for the month.

Field Trip: George Heaton reminded folks that the field trip this month is Saturday, April 27 to the Bluffton Quarry (Ohio). Meet at the Quarry office at 7:30 am. Map to Quarry is in the newsletter.

Education: Margaret Green announced that the Mineral of the Month was Tourmaline and Bettie Patterson had a variety of Tourmaline specimens for folks to look at.

Library: Lee Laylin announced that this was the last time the library would be in this building (until the fall) and if anyone wanted to check out books now for over the summer this was your chance, otherwise the library will be at Lee's house. It was also mentioned that there were several children's books on rocks available to check out.

Display: Grit Turner provided show updates. Door prizes were won by 1) Jeff Angstman; 2) Milo Crosby; 3) Connie Snepp and 4) Mark Uhen (our guest speaker)

Finance: Gordon Lewis announced that the MSU student selected for the club scholarship is Laura Swafford.

Committee Report: Banquet Chairperson, Connie Snepp reminded folks to get their tickets for the May 16 Banquet. Speaker will be Dan Behnke, noted micro mount photographer.

Neil Snepp announced that he has raffle tickets for MGAGS if anyone would like to buy one or two or more from him.

PROGRAM: Our speaker for the evening is Dr. Mark Uhen, Curator of Paleontology and Zoology at the Cranbrook Institute of Science, and will be speaking on the Evolution of Whales.

Neil Snepp moved to adjourn the meeting, supported by Alan Hukill, meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Casler, Recording Secretary

Spring/Summer Show Dates

May 31-June 2 "Dearborn Show." Fri 5-9; Sat. 10-8; Sun. 11-5:30. Allen Park Civic Arena,

15800 White, Allen Park MI

May 31-June2 "State Line" Club Show, Fulton County Fairgrounds, Wauseon Ohio

June 20 Friends of Mineralogy Midwest Chapter Mineral Symposium. Indiana University,

Bloomington IN. For info: Nelson Shaffer 812-855-2687 or shaffern@indiana.edu

June 21-23 Bedford/Bloomington Show & Swap. Fri. 10-7; Sat. 8-7; Sun 8-4. Monroe Cty.

4-H Fairgrounds, Bloomington IN

June 29-30 MGAGS Rockhound Seminar. Roscommon Middle School. For info contact

Katy Brown 734-421-8159

Aug. 2-4 Ishpeming field trips & swap. NEW LOCATION for swap on Saturday 9:30-4:30: Ishpeming Elks Club Hall, 597 Lake Shore Drive, Ishpeming MI. For info contact: Ernest Johnson 906-228-9422 or ejohnson@nmu.edu. Fri. field trip meet 9am K-Mart parking lot, Marquette. Sunday trip to Lindberg Quarry must sign up at the show on Saturday \$2.00 per person.

Aug. 4-11 "Keweenaw Week" Copper Country Club. Field trips, speakers, swap, show. For

info: Steve Whelan (906)337-2599, swhelan@up.net or www.ccrmc.info

August 16-18 Midwest Faceters Guild Seminar. Mott Community College, Flint MI. Class size

limited, register early. Contact Harold "Arizona" Rice (810) 463-5972 azrice@wwdb.org

Sept. 6-8 Toledo Show. Stranahan Theater Complex, 4645 Heatherdowns Ave, Toledo OH.

Fri. 4-9, Sat. 10-8, Sun. 10-5. For more info: <http://toledogem.homestead.com>.