

Rockhound News

NEXT MEETING: MAY 17th

PROGRAM: Alan Hukill will be talking to us about faceting

REFRESHMENTS. K THROUGH R, Please bring goodies.

CLUB CALENDAR

- May 17th Regular club meeting at North School 7:30
- June 2nd Field trip to Lafarge Quarry in Alpena (see article for more info)
- June 7th Board meeting at Okemos Library 7:00
- June 21st 50th Annual Banquet at Okemos Masonic Temple

The May 17th program will be by our own Alan Hukill, Alan will be talking about the fascinating hobby of faceting. There will also be a mini auction if enough people bring things to have one.

It is with great sadness that we report the death of long time member Connie Snapp.

Connie died peacefully in her sleep April 29th. I asked her good friend Lila Stevens to send me some thing to put in the newsletter.

“ Dear Connie, You are missed. What adventures we have had together! I remember seeing your head pop over the top a pile of dirt in a quarry in Florida.

You had just found a **big** sea urchin. And a long Turretilla snail you found on a road gravel pile. We also had our trying times of no fossils, in Illinois all we got were ticks,

in Indiana at a road cut it just poured rain. I went to the car, but you, Neil And Rich kept looking. I don't remember if you found any thing. South Dakota was a challenge,

but we looked. I'll never forget your joy when you were able to add another trilobite

to your extensive collection. Thank you for all the good times and your patience in helping me identify a find when I was to lazy to look it up for myself. I'll see you and Rich later at that Happy Hunting Ground in the sky. Gratefully, Lila

Those of you with e-mail will have noted that you did not receive your April newsletter by e-mail. The editors are working on the problem and you may or may not receive the May

newsletter by e-mail.

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We are scheduled for a field trip to the Lafarge Quarry, Alpena, Michigan on the 2nd of June. Our tour guide is Don Oliver of the Lafarge Corporation. We will meet Don at the main gate at 9:00 a.m. (to 1 p.m.) and be given a briefing and required equipment needed to enter the quarry. Don Oliver is a Geologist that has over 44 years in the business. The quarry is almost 200 feet deep, a mile and a half across, and has been in operation since 1907. Some types of fossils collected at this location will be Strophodonta - Atrypa - and Mucrospirifer Brachiopods; Hexagonaria (Petoskey Stone); Rugose Coral (Horn Coral); Favosites, Bryozoa; Trilobites (if you're lucky); Gastropods; Algae; and Blastoids all from the Devonian time. From Lansing, it is about four hours, more directions will follow at the scheduled club meeting. Daniel E. Sine

Note from Librarian: If you have books out please return them at the May meeting, as the library will be moving to the Laylin garage for the summer. Thank You.

Come Join Us for the CMLMS Annual Banquet and 50th Anniversary Celebration!

- The Central Michigan Lapidary and Mineral Society is 50 years old this month, and we will celebrate in June at the CMLMS Annual Banquet. Our celebration will be held at the Masonic Hall on Hamilton St. in Okemos starting at 5:30 pm on Thursday, June 21st.
- We will have a great meal, a custom-made 50th anniversary cake, and a special speaker -- Prof. Ralph Taggart, Chair of the Geology Department at Michigan State University. Prof. Taggart will give his talk on the dinosaur extinction of 65 million years BP. If you have dinosaur fossils (bones, teeth, eggs, coprolites, etc.) please bring them in a case to exhibit; plant fossils also are welcome. Other exhibits will include CMLMS mineral collections, and informative exhibits related to Dr. Taggart's talk (please contact Dan Sine if you have items to exhibit).
- There will be a remembrance of CMLMS times past (if you have photographs of field trips and CMLMS gatherings, please bring them), and the ever-popular door prizes. As always, we ask everyone to bring a good appetizer for the Hospitality Table. Please contact Ernie Augenbaugh for tickets (\$10 for adults, \$4 for children), which also will be available at the CMLMS monthly meeting on May 17, 2007 at the North School in Lansing.

This 50th anniversary is a very special event.

Don't miss this celebration -- it will be 50 more years until the next one!

Places to go and things to do

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| May 18-20 | Southeastern Michigan Gem & Mineral Show “Dino Daze”

Michigan Mineralogical & Lapidary Society

Southgate Arena , 14700 Reaume Pkwy, Southgate, Mi |
| May 26-27 | Hugh Rock & Mineral Sale -Marve & Kitty Starbuck 7636 East V Avenue

Vicksburg, Michigan 1-269-649-1911 until dark |
| June 9 - 10 | 33rd Annual Rockhound Seminar |

Michigan Gemology & Gemcraft Society (Don Brown 734-421-8159)

Frankfort High School, 534 11th St, Frankfort, Mi.

9am - 5pm & 9am - 4pm

In advance (Bill Hapiuk 26099 Dover St, Redford, Mi 48239 313-937-3228),

Adults \$15./ Day \$25./2days. At the door , adults \$18./day \$30./2days . High School Students \$5/day.

Aug 4-12 **Copper Country Mineral Retreat**

Keweenaw of Michigan .. Past & Present

Aug 10-12 **Midwest Federation Convention &
Copper Country Rock & Mineral Show**

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