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**BANQUET MAY 16. SEE
ERNIE AUGHENBAUGH
FOR TICKETS IF PLANNING TO ATTEND.**



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The Central Michigan Lapidary and Mineral Society is a non-profit organization, meeting to promote interest and increased knowledge in the fields of mineralogy, geology, paleontology and the lapidary arts. It was organized in May 1957 and celebrated its 50th Anniversary in 2007.

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, May 16, 2013

ANNUAL BANQUET

PROGRAM: "Agates" by Stan Woollams

Location and Time: The CMLMS Meeting will be held on May 16, 2013 at the Masonic Center on Hamilton Street in Okemos

5:30 p.m. - Gathering and Social Hour; 6:30 p.m. - Dinner; 8:00 p.m. - Program

TICKETS ARE STILL AVAILABLE, \$10.00 ADULTS/\$5.00 CHILDREN - CONTACT ERNIE AUGHENBAUGH AT 989-224-7619 OR BY EMAIL AT ESASLAPIDARY@GMAIL.COM

PLEASE LET ERNIE KNOW NO LATER THAN MONDAY, MAY 13.

ALSO

PLEASE BRING AN APPETIZER DISH FOR THE HOSPITALITY TABLE.

Calendar for Spring 2013 and later

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

June 4, 2013 - Board Meeting, 7 pm, Okemos Library - NOTE CHANGE OF DAY

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

July August - no meetings

September, 2013 - board meeting date and location to be announced.

Welcome New Members
Diane Pederson, Lansing
James I. Louis, Bellevue
Melissa Kohler, Charlotte
Robert F. Baecker, Lansing

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY 2013

The directories will be available at the May Banquet.

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.

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, Indiana, fossils

More to be scheduled later.

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. 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

CMLMS MINUTES

CMLMS, Membership Meeting, April 18, 2013

Call to order: The April membership meeting was called to order by vice-president Sue Casler at 7:45 pm at the North Elementary School in Lansing, Michigan.

Welcome and introduction of guests/visitors: Welcome to visiting prospective members Bob Baecker, Diana Pederson and James Lewis.

Minutes of the last meeting: The minutes of the March Membership meeting and of the April Board Meeting were printed in the April newsletter. There were no corrections. The treasurer's report that was not printed in the newsletter is now available for review with the other notices on this main table.

Treasurer's report: Treasurer absent, reports are displayed.

Announcements:

1. *Dan Sine:* Dan received an email from a person from Traverse City who has rock equipment for sale. The list is very detailed and extensive, but no prices were listed. If you are interested in purchasing any of this equipment, contact Dan and he will forward this email list to you with contact information.

2. *Dan Sine:* Field trips: Saturday, April 20, Flint Ridge; Three River's Club.

May 18: Sylvania, Ohio filled. Please pay Dan now.

May 25: Grand Rapids trip filled

Trips to Irish Hills and Charlotte are coming up. See newsletter for more trips.

Sign up sheet available at the table if you are interested in being contacted.

Dan has received information from and about the Williamston pawn shop that has acquired another collection and they are interested in an expert in the field to use as a source of information. Contact the shop if you are interested: 517 655-3200. 906 W. Grand River.

Hardcore Pawn is involved with this site.

3. *Roni Sionakides:* Excellent experiences at the Fairview Science Fair with other CMLMS members. This will be the last CMLMS meeting at North School.

The banquet, June meeting, and next year's meetings will be at the Masonic Hall in Okemos, Michigan.

4. *Sue Casler:* Invitation to Tulip City Banquet. See Sue if interested. CMLMS Banquet is next! Tickets are available from Ernie Augenbaugh. The banquet speaker will present a program about agates. Stan Woollams is the president of the Michigan Mineralogical Society (MMS).

Library: Going into storage for the summer.

Door Prizes, Dan Sine: Dan provided the door prizes tonight and offered a change for next year. One option would be to continue as is with multiple mini-prizes. Option two would be to increase

the size of prizes and decrease the number so there would be three medium sized prizes; one mineral, one fossil and one informational booklet. A vote was taken and option two was approved. There will now be three prizes as described.

Adjournment: Richard Miller moved to adjourn the meeting, supported by Kara Miller. The meeting was adjourned at 8:17pm.

Program: *Keokuk Geodes*, MWF video.

Respectfully Submitted, Janet Sjoquist, Recording Secretary

CMLMS, Board Meeting, May 2, 2013

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

Board members absent: Janet Sjoquist, Kris Wood, Ernie Aughenbaugh, Kara Miller, Jennifer Martin.

Member present: Bob Mosher.

President: Elaine Angstman called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm.

Announcements: June board meeting will be on June 4, Tuesday, at the Okemos Library. September and October the library will be closed for renovations. Another place will need to be determined.

A thank you note from Bennett Woods Science Fair coordinator was read.

Banquet - Stanley Woollams will be speaker.

Vice President: Sue Casler went over the May banquet. Building opens at 4 to 4:30 pm; reviewed program; ticket sales are low at about 30; door prizes. The June meeting is a show work bee at the Masonic Temple. September and October meetings will be set up and announced in the newsletter.

Recording Secretary: Jan Sjoquist absent, no report, but the minutes of the April membership meeting and the May board meeting will be published in the May 2013 newsletter.

Corresponding Secretary: Theresa Hubbard had no report.

Treasurer: Kris Wood was absent and sent a report by email.

Directors: Milt Gere (1-yr) No report. Lyle Laylin (2-yr) reported on email he sent on the Jackson Club's presentation on mastodons May 10. Nate Krupp (3-yr) presented a draft notice for Cub Scout packs on CMLMS assisting with the Webelos geological pin. Discussion on wording ensued.

Roster Secretary: Ernie Aughenbaugh absent, no report. Ernie also has banquet tickets available.

Liaison Officer: Alan Hukill had show flyers ready and some were distributed at the meeting.

Past President: Elaine Beane had no report.

Membership: Elaine Angstman presented 4 new applicants for membership. They are: Diana Pederson of Lansing, James Louis of Bellevue, Melissa Kohler of Charlotte, and Robert Baecker of Lansing. Dan Sine moved for approval of membership and Mary Gowans seconded. Motion passed.

Field Trip: Dan Sine has arranged these trips:

April 20: Flint Ridge, Ohio was canceled; 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. There was no interest for a field trip to Alpena, MI but Lyle Laylin is going over Memorial Day weekend and if anyone is interested to contact him. More trips are in planning with dates to be determined. Contact Dan for more information

Publications: Roni Sionakides set deadline for the May newsletter for Monday, May 6 and will

include more on the banquet.

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

Community Outreach: Mary Gowans reviewed the Fairview elementary School Science Night. She also commented about the Wexford Montessori Magnet School's outing to Abrams Planetarium and will contact them to see if they have a science fair.

Library: The library has been moved to the Laylin's residence.

Display: Jan Sjoquist absent but has taken the display to the Kalamazoo show.

Finance: Gordon Lewis talked about the email sent by Danita Brandt asking us to review an application form they are creating for grants and scholarships. Discussion followed with the board determining need to look into it more and talk with Danita. The earliest an interview could be held would be in the fall. Elaine Beane suggested that we consider awarding the scholarship to a graduate student.

Web Master: Lyle Laylin received a 2-year billing for web-hosting and the bill has been paid.

Show: Roger Laylin, no report but the flyers are available.

Old Business: Presentation of the Lifetime Achievement Award to Neil Snapp. Elaine Beane moved that **Central Michigan Lapidary and Mineral Society award to Neil Snapp a Lifetime Achievement Award.** Alan Hukill seconded and after discussion the motion was approved.

New Business: None presented.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm. Mary Gowans moved and Elaine Beane seconded.

Respectfully Submitted, Roni Sionakides, Acting Recording Secretary

SHARING

Thanks for the Support
By Marvin Oesterle

"You stop this car right now at that gas station!" Thus ended my attempt at convincing my spouse that the rock shop just a few miles ahead had a rest room and I was sure she would like it better. Although she didn't vow to love, honor and go to rock shops, my wife and later the kids too, have been real sports about letting me indulge in my passion. They have accompanied me to rock shops, rock shows, and museums all across the country.

Where have all the old time rock shops gone? I mean rocks shops like my all-time favorite, Aleta's Rock Shop in Grand Rapids. It was in an older section of Grand Rapids in a good sized building. They had large wooden bins filled with rocks from all over. And, if you didn't see what you wanted, they would go down into their basement where they stored bags and bags of rocks. I don't think they ever changed the special show pieces that they displayed in the front windows. I say that because the rocks were always covered in a thick layer of dust. This is the way rocks were supposed to be sold and I loved the place.

Now I go into rock shops that are neat and clean with the rocks behind glass. They look and feel suspiciously like tourist traps. But maybe they are still in business because they sell more T-shirts than rocks. There is one like that in Herkimer, New York right next to the pit. However, I found a more comfortable rock shop about a mile down the road where I left my money. I think it was the abandoned and rusty mining equipment that was strewn around the place that made me feel at home.

Another rock shop of note that I have paid several visits to is in New York City and is at the extreme high end. Astro Gallery is well worth the visit. It is like going to a museum with their gorgeous high quality stones. The only thing more staggering than the beauty of their rocks

and gems is the little price tag beside each one. The sales staff, who come across as well-mannered butlers, let even Midwestern farm boys gawk as long as they want.

Prior to 1985, the old "Lapidary Journal" would print a Buyers Guide in their April issue. This guide had most of the rock shops listed both alphabetically and geographically. Also, it had rock shows and companies that serviced the hobby. In other words, it was the rockhound's Bible. This Bible was consulted as we planned family vacations and it was always surprising where it led. Some shops had closed, some had moved and once we ended up miles off the beaten path in Massachusetts knocking on the door of a private residence. A very gracious couple invited us in and apologized that they were headed for a show and a lot of their stuff was packed in their trailer. However, their basement was still lined with racks and drawers full of rocks. We spent an enjoyable hour or so and I left with several new additions which included a piece of flexible sandstone that still amazes kids (and me) to this very day.

Every rockhound needs their support crew. It could be the new wife who spent part of her honeymoon walking the Lake Superior beaches looking for agates for me. Or even the complaining kids who need to be bought off with a promise of a motel with a pool that evening. Great memories are fine but I still wish I could find an old time rock shop to haunt.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY