

Rockhound News

NEXT MEETING: JUNE 21ST

PROGRAM: Professor Ralph Taggart, Chair of the Geology Dept. at MSU

Will speak on “The K/T Boundary; How Bad Was It.”

CLUB CALENDAR

June 21st 50th Annual Banquet at Okemos Masonic Temple

Social hour 5:30—Dinner 6:30

July 11th Picnic and show work bee at the
Laylin’s 2:00p.m.

Sept.6th Board meeting at the Okemos Library at 7:00

Sept.20th Regular club meeting at North School at 7:30 p.m.

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TICKETS!! Get your Tickets to the one and only 50th anniversary of the CML&MS.

Newer members this is a good time to get better acquainted and older members this is a good time to catch up with old friends.

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 Ernie Augenbaugh 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. Mail Ernie Augenbaugh at P.O. Box 67, St.Johns, MI 48879-0067 for tickets (\$10 for adults, \$4 for children), ,

This 50th anniversary is a very special event.
Don't miss this celebration -- it will be 50 more years until the next one.

We need to know by June 15th if you are coming to the Banquet. You can call Ernie 989-224-7619
Or Roger Laylin 349-3249. We are looking forward to seeing all of you there.

Note Neil's



I want to thank all the Club Members for their letters, cards, calls, condolences and expressions of sympathy at Connie's passing. Your contributions to her Memorial Scholarship Fund at Great Lakes Christian College are greatly appreciated. On behalf of my family and myself, THANKS
AGAIN.

Neil

Notes from the field and about the field

LaFarge Quarry, Alpena

A bright sunny morning greeted 15 Club members in the Cement plant parking area Sat. Morning. Part of the group had arrived that morning having left Lansing about 4:30 A.M. The others came up Fri. and were not faced with such a long day.

Unfortunately the Plant Guide did not arrive at the Quarry until 10A.M. We then had a orientation and explanation of the process of converting limestone rocks into concrete also a short tour of the Building with a chance to see the robot Jenny take samples to insure a proper mix of ingredients.

We drove into the Quarry about 11 A.M. And after gazing at the size of the hole began to collect. It is no problem to find fossils as the formations being mined are virtually made up of fossil material. The trick is to find ones that are not broken or that are small enough to pick up and carry without help. I of course chose a Petoskey Head that required assistance and moves much easier on a hand cart. I saw that Chris had John struggle with several that could not be left behind. Chuck had to drive to the pile that he picked out. I didn't see any cars that dragged bottom but they all left heavily loaded, some of which I suspect will end up on the children's table. Besides Petoskey heads we came away with favocities, brachiopods, crinoid stems and a few calyx's some horned coral, fish fossil pieces and various other goodies I didn't see it all.

We left the Quarry about 4 P.M. after being threatened with a rain shower. George we didn't need you because the shower went around. Several of the group met at the Big Boy for a late lunch - early supper and review of the days work before heading home.

Respectfully Submitted Roger Laylin. Thanks Dan !!

Coming Field Trips

We are invited to join Tulip City Gem and Mineral Club on their next two trips.

1. To Paulding O., Lafarge Quarry; Fossils, trilobites, brachiopods, horn coral, crinoid stems & Petoskey. The date of this trip will be determined when Bob Sherwood learns of the next

BLAST! Possibly 6/23 or one of the following Saturdays. I will know by our meeting.

2, To Anderson Ind, Irving Materials , Pendleton Quarry on July 14th ; Honey or Yellow and Iridescent Calcite and Marcasite crystals.

Full safety equipment is required for both Quarry's. Further details will be provided to you who express interest in going . If you are not going to be at the dinner, call Roger 349-3249

If you are interested in either trip.

A CLUB THANK YOU to Roland Robbins L.M. for a large bucket of tumbled stones for the children's table. Roland was successful in selling his saw and other equipment.

E-MAIL UPDATE

While attempting to send bulk mailings the system informs us that the addresses listed in the directory for the following people are incorrect.

Bill Gardner, Roger Heaton, Gail Hopkins, Donna LaCourt

Kara Miller, Richard Miller, Hazel Morgan, Janis Rygwelski

Joe Senkeresty, Fred Stahmer

Please provide Editors your correct address to receive Email postings! THANKS

Also for the rest please let us know of our success or lack thereof on this mailing .

Picnic and Show Work Bee. July 11th 2:00 til when ever. Picnic will be at 6:00. Bring table service and a dish to pass. Lemonade, ice tea, milk and water will be furnished, if you want something else you will need to bring it. We will work on exit gift, Petoskey Stone kits, critters, and sorting gift material that has not been looked at yet. If you are one of the unlucky ones who is still working , come after work it stays light until close to 9:00. Many hands make light work. Hope to see you on the 11th. For more information call Laylin's at 349-3249

Places to go and things to do

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**
Houghton ,MI

Central Michigan Lapidary and Mineral Society

Membership Meeting

April 19, 2007

- a. **Call to Order.** The April membership meeting was called to order by President Elaine Beane at 7:40 pm at the North Elementary School.
- b. **Welcome and Introduction of Guests/Visitors.** Roni Sionakides; Bob Kriegle; Dan and Janette Beck; and Dave Wilkins.
- c. **Minutes of Last Meeting.** The March membership meeting minutes were published in the April newsletter.
- d. **Treasurer's Report.** Alan Hukill reviewed receipts/disbursements for the month of April to date.
- e. **Announcements.**
 - *Upcoming rock & mineral shows - Mt. Clemens
 - *Roger Laylin - Need pebbles for the pebble pond (Oct. show - children's tour)
 - *2007 Club Directory's were distributed
 - *Banquet (June 21st) tickets are available for purchase from Ernie Aughenbaugh
 - *Petoskey stone polishing demonstrations - Kara Miller scheduled for April 20 & May 3
 - *Finance report - Gordon Lewis reported that the club's MSU scholarship was awarded to Joshua Townsend (Geological Sciences)
 - *Alan Hukill - Midwest Directory is available if anyone interested.
 - *Door prize drawings

The Program following the meeting: Speaker Sarah Rocksted from Ele's Place.

f. Adjournment. Alan Hukill moved to adjourn the meeting, supported by Kara Miller. Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Sue Casler, Recording Secretary

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Membership Meeting

May 17, 2007

a. Call to Order. The May membership meeting was called to order by Vice President Kris Wood at 7:50 pm at the North Elementary School.

b. Welcome and Introduction of Guests/Visitors. Doug and Jan Sjoquist

c. Minutes of Last Meeting. April membership meeting minutes were not yet typed/published; Sue Casler mentioned that Pebbles are needed for pebble pond (Oct show).

d. Treasurer's Report. Alan Hukill - No Report. Flyers for the club's Oct. show are available.

e. Announcements.

*Dan Sine - Field trip scheduled June 2 to LaFarge Quarry in Alpena. Need a hard hat, steel toed boots, safety glasses; collecting buckets, minor tools - fossils everywhere - just need to pick them up.

*Door prize drawings

*Lee Laylin - Library is going "home" to Laylin's until September.

*John Juroszek - Oct. show raffle; need prize donations and need folks to sell tickets

*Mary Gowans - also for Oct. if over the summer you meet school teachers interested in the children's tour - get contact information for Mary.

*Roger Laylin - Oct. show - found a dealer for show - silversmith/jewelry

*Petoskey stone polishing demonstration at Gunnisonville Elementary School - Kara Miller, Jenny Martin and Elaine Angstman

*Reminder to purchase Banquet tickets - June 21st, 50th Anniversary of Club; speaker will be MSU Professor Ralph Taggart - Dinosaur Extinction

*Alan Hukill - Presented certificate to Past President - Dan Sine

The Program following the meeting: Our own Alan Hukill - Faceting Gems

f. Adjournment. Milt Gere moved to adjourn the meeting, supported by Lee Laylin. Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

