

ROCKHOUND NEWS

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, June 21, 2012

PROGRAM: Show Work Bee

REFRESHMENTS: provided by the board

Location and Time: The CMLMS June Meeting will be held on June 21, 2012, at 7:30 p.m., at the **Masonic Center on Hamilton Street in Okemos.**

Calendar for Summer 2012 and later

July 14 and 28 Show work bees, see list at end of newsletter
 August 18 and 25 Show work bees, see list at end of newsletter
 September 6, 2012 Board Meeting at Okemos Library, 7 pm
 September 20, 2012 Membership meeting - sharing of summer collecting adventures and mini silent auction. **Bring rocks!!**

We had a wonderful time at the Annual Banquet, with a great meal and a great presentation. Thanks to everyone who pitched in with ticket sales, hospitality table, door prizes, exhibits, decorations, and getting the meeting room set up. Start thinking about how YOU can help in 2013!

SOCIETY HAPPENINGS

NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome new members Bob Brooks of Lansing and Andrea Bozoki of Okemos to the Society.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Now is a good time to be of service to your society. There is always need for help with various projects and committees. Please think of lending a hand for any of our committees, becoming an officer, and getting to know us better. We are a fun group!!!

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 2012 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.

ALWAYS WANTED

Needed for the show and outreach are clean styrofoam egg cartons, about 1,000 (still need 200 to 300) and quantities of specimens for the show's children's tables; polished rocks, about 2" diameter, for Ele's Place; Petoskey stones (not Alpena type) for the show and outreach.

CLUB NEWS

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

- Duff Quarry: 30 June 2012, 11 am at main office (will collect until 5 pm plus), Huntsville Quarry 9042 SR 117, Box 305, Huntsville, Ohio 43324

Dan's find while collecting in the Indiana quarry was the jaw bone with two teeth of a Peccary (So sweet! he exclaimed). Great find!!! Should motivate us all to get out and do a little looking at the ground!

Minimum age for above trip, again a quarry, is 12. No children under 12 will be allowed at the quarries (their rule). Trips to Charlotte, Grand Ledge, and Schoolcraft will be coming. There is no minimum, or maximum, age requirement for these trips. 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.

Request #1: Lyle Laylin is trying to update our club website with older editions of the newsletter. He says our website has over ten years of our newsletter online and he would like to have more! If you have copies of our newsletter from 2002 and before and any old news clippings, please bring them to our meeting so they can be scanned and added to our online offerings.

Request #2: Jan Sjoquist, club display chair, wants to let everyone know that the club memorial display cases have been organized for easy set up if anyone would like to take them to a rock and mineral show. She said it takes about 45 minutes to set up. Let Elaine or Jan know if you would be willing to take the display chair position, or help by bringing the cases to other shows. It is a good informal way to get to know members of other clubs.

**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

Minnesota Mineral Club/Midwest Federation event, "A Celebration of Agates" July 26-29, 2012 in Minnetonka, Minnesota. If you would like the opportunity to represent the club as a delegate, with expenses paid, contact Elaine.

Desperately Seeking a New Place to Live!!! The CMLMS display case, located currently at Fenner, needs to find a new home. Fenner wants it out ASAP!! So, it is available, free of charge to the first interested person who can pick it up from Fenner. Glassed-in front, lighted case is 6' x 20" x 40 1/2". Call Roger Laylin if interested.

From Milt Gere (6/8/2012)

1 The Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and Department of Environmental Quality have encouraged and required the saving of geological records and drill hole cuttings and core for many years. The materials are used by individuals, universities and industry for geological and environmental studies, research and exploration for water, oil and gas and mineral resources. Currently there are two geological repositories (rock libraries), one with Lower Peninsula materials located at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, the other with Upper Peninsula, U.P.) materials located at a DNR facility, but operated by DEQ personnel, near Marquette. The U.P. facility is overflowing with thousands of feet of drill core awaiting a home. However, the DNR and DEQ do not have funds to add storage space.

In an effort to prevent the loss of geological materials and data, the Northern Michigan Geological Repository Association (NMGRA) was formed. This is a registered, non-profit organization that is raising funds to obtain additional storage facilities for the U.P. materials. Individuals, organizations and industry are being requested for tax deductible donations to help purchase and partially endow a much larger U.P. repository facility. A building at the former K. I. Sawyer Air Force Base at Gwinn, Michigan has been selected for purchase.

As a member of the NMGRA board, I will be asking individuals and CML&MS and other rock clubs to please consider a tax deductible contribution to the NMGRA building fund to help preserve valuable Michigan geological data and materials for future generations to study. I have additional information available and am willing to discuss the facility, types of material available and how to donate to this cause. Please contact me for details. Thank you.

2. Some Michigan rock and mineral specimens are being requested. The Michigan Department of Natural Resources, DNR, has a conference and training facility located at Higgins Lake in Roscommon County. The Ralph A. McMillan Center, RAM Center, is used by the DNR, conservation and environmental and other non-profit groups throughout the year. Additionally, teacher conservation and natural resource classes are held there every summer.

An additional classroom building has just been constructed to accommodate larger groups. In an area connecting the old and new classrooms, a 'Water wall feature' is being constructed. This will have stained glass scenes of outdoor activities and a flowing water trough area. Several organizations are covering the cost of this display. However, some samples of various Michigan rocks and minerals are wanted for lining and surrounding the flowing water part of the display. It is hoped that the display will be completed and ready for dedication in early September, 2012.

I understand that it is planned to have a permanent listing of the various clubs and organizations that donate to the project. It would be nice if CML&MS could be on that list. If you have a specimen or two to donate for possible use in the display, please see Roger Laylin or me for details. Thank you.

WORK BEES FOR THE FALL SHOW

There will be a work session for the June meeting. IN ADDITION, there will be four days at the Laylin's Barn for work on egg-carton mineral kits. We need empty, clean egg cartons in large numbers -- another 200 to 300 (Roger says, Eat more eggs!!!).

To get the egg cartons ready, and then fill them with mineral specimens will take about 10 people per work session (two tables, 3 or 4 people per table, plus others getting minerals counted and lined up). The work sessions are kept to two hours to prevent heat stroke and limit errors. The following days, **all Saturdays**, were selected:

Date	Morning session	Afternoon session
July 14	10-noon	1-3 pm
July 28	10-noon	1-3 pm
Aug 18	10-noon	1-3 pm
Aug 25	10-noon	1-3 pm

Please put these dates on your calendar and plan to come to more than one session! The mineral kits are very popular at the October Show, and always sell out. **COME AND HELP!!!**

HAVE

A

GREAT

SUMMER!!!