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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: Masonic Center, Hamilton Street, Okemos, 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, June 18, 2015

PROGRAM: "How to Put on Show" and show work bee

REFRESHMENTS: Members with Initials M - Z Please Bring Goodies

Location and Time: The CMLMS membership meeting will be held on June 18, 2015, at 7:30 p.m., at the **Masonic Center, Hamilton Street, beautiful downtown Okemos, 2175 Hamilton Street.**

Calendar for Summer 2015 and later

June 18, 2015 - 7:30 p.m., membership meeting, show work Bee & Roger Laylin on running a show

July/August - summer break

September board meeting time and place to be announced

September 17, 2015 - 7:30 p.m., membership meeting, show and tell and mini silent auction

September 26, 2015 - Trip to Cranbrook, see last page for details

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

The Vice-President's position is vacant. Let President, Sue Casler, or a board member know if you have any ideas for speakers, or other programs.

June 18, 2015 - Roger Laylin on "How to Put on a Show," show work bee.

September 17, 2015 - Show and Tell and mini silent auction.

Banquet Wrapup

Thank you to everyone who participated in our May banquet evening. We had approximately 50 folks in attendance, enjoyed a great chicken dinner with homemade pies for dessert prepared by the Okemos Masons, and a most informative and interesting talk on Amber by Dr. Patty Rice, along with her awesome display of amber jewelry. I especially want to thank: Dan "the ticket man", we have the best looking "rock club" tickets of anyone! Ernie for selling tickets and checking folks in at the door. Elaine A. for hospitality set-up, always special with her artistic flair! Roni for our programs, Lee for our floral table displays, Roger for coordinating with the Masons for dinner and Lyle for technical set-up for the speaker presentation. Your contributions of time and effort were very much appreciated. Thank you, Sue Casler, President

Library News

Please return checked out books or verify possession if you desire to retain over the Summer. The Library will again be moved to the Laylin's for the summer. If you desire to check out a book, phone the Librarian to arrange for check out.

Lee or Roger

Message From Show Chairman, Roger Laylin

ROCK SHOW needs help. Kris Wood our most able Raffle Chairperson for the last several years asks that she be replaced because of health issues. She expects to be available for advise and some help at show time. We need one or two members to **VOLUNTEER** to take over the duties of this Fund raiser. Please speak to me for an explanation of the work.

Roger Laylin, Show Chairman

Summer Work Days for the Fall Show

Show Chairman Roger Laylin

IN ADDITION to the work session in connection with the June meeting there will be two work days at the Laylin's Rock Barn.

At the June meeting we will prepare the egg cartons for Specimen Kits and perhaps work on Exit Gifts.

Saturday, **June 27th**, the only free Saturday, help is needed to finish sorting the remaining donations from Neil's estate and straighten the mess in the Barn so we can put the Specimen Kits together at the next meeting. The Barn at 1770 Sandhill Road will open at 10 AM, work can continue until order is restored. If there are many hands the work should not take long. You could also look for your prized specimen in the many buckets.

Saturday, **July 18th** at 9:30 AM the Specimen Kits will be assembled along with the Exit Gifts and Petoskey Polish Kits and what ever else needs completion. We will break for a PICNIC POT LUCK at about noon so bring a dish to pass. Ice tea and lemonade will be provided, if you prefer another beverage, BYOB. Work will continue after lunch until finished, if necessary.

Please put these dates on your calendar and plan to come as **MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK!!** And you can get to know your fellow club members.

Have a Safe Summer

When you are out and about collecting, don't forget items for the club! Pretty pebbles are needed for the Pebble Pond. Specimens are needed for the children's tables, including fossils! Our supply of Petoskey Stones for polishing is very low. This is a fun way to contribute to the success of the show!

CLUB NEWS

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. gowans@msu.edu or 517-351-6135.

Field Trips! IMI (Irving Materials Inc. - Indiana Quarries) has made one day available for collecting at their popular collecting sites which include Pipe Creek Junior, Pendleton, and Cordon.

1. **Paulding, Ohio**, June 13, 8 am - 1 pm, 11435 Road 176. Fossils. Be on time!
2. **Pipe Creek Junior** Saturday, June 20th, from 10 am to 2 pm, 6377 West 600 S, Swayzee, IN 46986. Fossils and Calcite.
3. **Grand Rapids Gypsum Mine**, June 27, 10-4, email kreigh@tomaszewski.net
4. **Pendleton** Saturday, August 8th, from 10 am to 2 pm, 5002 S. State Road 67, Anderson, IN. Calcite crystals, white and amber, some sphalerite.
5. **Corydon** Saturday, September 12th, 10 am to 2 pm, 1100 Quarry Road NW, Corydon, IN 47112 (north of Louisville, KY). Pink dolomite crystals in small vugs with occasional fluorite.

EQUIPMENT REQUIRED: Hardhat, work type shoes, safety glasses

AGE: Must be at least 16 years of age

BRIEFING: Site-specific presentation will be administered prior to collecting

SIGN WAIVER: Each person will be required to sign a liability waiver

Please inform me if you are planning to attend. Thanks!

See Dan Sine to sign up and for more information. Cell phone 517-316-5713 or daniel.sine@opm.gov. Dan would like to set up an email list of all who plan to go on the field trips. Please contact him if interested in getting emails as field trips are set up.

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.

**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.**

UPCOMING SHOWS

June 13 - WYOMING, MICHIGAN, Indian Mounds Club, tailgate sale, contact Gordon Spalenka 616-249-0513.

June 20 - BROWNSTOWN TWP., WAYNE COUNTY, MMLS rock & Mineral Driveway Sale, 10-5, contact 734-675-5237 or dpkuzara@peoplepc.com

August Second Saturday: CLIO, MI Flint Rock & Gem Club Rock Craft & Rummage Sale, 9 am - 4 pm. 11350 N. Saginaw, Clio Contact: Bill Wendling, (810) 638-5796; bwrockbarn@century.net; www.flintrockandgem.org

August 1 - ISHPEMING, MI Ishpeming Rock & Mineral Club Annual Show, 9:30 am - 4:30 pm Elks Club, 597 Lakeshore Dr., Ishpeming. Contact: Ernie Johnson, (906) 228-9422; ejohnson@nmu.edu; www.ishpemingrocks.org

August 7-9 - HOUGHTON, MI Copper Country Rock & Mineral Club, Fri 1-8 pm, Sat 10 am - 6 pm; Sun 11 am - 3 pm. Houghton Elementary School, Bridge & Jacker Streets, Houghton. Contact: Norm Gruber, pres@ccrnc.info; www.ccrnc.info

August 15 - Tulip City GMC, tailgate swap and sell, contact Rance Westover at 616-754-7093 or rance_anne@yahoo.com.

August 21-23 - SOUTH BEND, IN Michiana Gem & Mineral Society Annual Show. Fri noon - 7 pm; Sat 10 am - 6 pm; Sun 10 am - 5 pm. St. Joseph County 4-H Fairgrounds, 5117 S Ironwood Rd., South Bend. Contact: John Davis, (574) 232-8823; sumu95@hotmail.com; www.michianagms.org

September 11-13 - TOLDEO, OH Toledo Gem and Rockhound Club Annual Show, Fri 2 -8 pm, Sat 10 am - 6 pm; Sun 11 am - 5 pm Stranahan Theatre Complex, 4645 Heaterhdwns, Toledo. Contact: John Capuano, (419) 882-1733; jscapuano@yahoo.com; www.rockyreader.com

September 18-20 - HOLLAND, MI Tulip City Gem & Mineral Club Annual Show. Fri 9 am - 8 pm; Sat 9 am - 7 pm; Sun 11 am - 5 pm. Holland Civic Center, 150 West 8th St., Holland. Contact: Rebecca Cistaro, cistaror@mail.gvsu.edu; www.tulipcity.org

September 19-20 - HOWELL, MI Livingston Gem & Mineral Society Annual Show, Sat 10 am - 6 pm; Sun 10 am - 4 pm. Hartland Consolidated School, 9525 Highland Rd., Howell. Contact: Ed Oller, (810) 241-8801

September 26-27 - TRAVERSE CITY, MI Grand Traverse Area Rock and Mineral Club Annual Show. Sat 10 am - 5 pm; Sun 11 am - 4 pm Location to be Announced. Contact: Lauren Vaughn, (231) 276-6150; maple2b@aol.com; www.tcrockhounds.com

CMLMS MINUTES

CMLMS, Membership Meeting, May 21, 2015

Annual banquet, no formal meeting.

CMLMS, June Board Meeting, May 28, 2015

Board Members Present: Elaine Angstman, Ernie Augenbaugh, Elaine Beane, Sue Casler, Alan Hukill, Roger Laylin, Gordon Lewis, Jan Sjoquist, Roni Sionakides.

Board Members Absent: Mary Gowans, Theresa Hubbard, Nate Krupp, Lyle Laylin, Jennifer Martin, Kara Miller, Dan Sine, Gaylord Brooks.

Members Present: Bob Mosher, Dave Masarik.

President: Sue Casler called the meeting to order at 7:15pm at the Okemos Library. She shared information about the Tulip City Swap, GIA, and an email requesting suggestions for selling pudding stones. Roni Sionakides will respond to the inquiry. Roger Laylin shared the notice of a driveway sale by MMLS on June 20 from 10am to 5pm. Sue states that reservations for the Okemos Library meeting room can be made on July 1 to schedule for three months of meetings. Sue will call the Library to schedule our board meetings.

Vice-President: Sue Casler presented these programs for membership meetings: June, work bee and show information; Septmber 17, sharing of summer stories and silent auction; October 15, possible knife handle demonstration; November 19, possible Gemologist (Jan S. will contact), December 17, Holiday party/exchange.

Treasurer: Elaine Beane passed out the report for transactions through April 30, 2015. She is prepared to file our status report with the IRS.

Recording Secretary: Jan Sjoquist will not submit minutes for the May Membership Meeting because it was the banquet. The June Board Meeting Minutes are expected to be ready for submission by the publication deadline on Sunday, June 7.

Corresponding Secretary: Theresa Hubbard absent, no report.

Directors: Gaylord Brooks, Lyle Laylin and Nate Krupp are absent, no reports.

Roster Secretary: Ernie Augenbaugh has submitted Justin Ralph's application that was already approved last month.

Liaison Officer: Alan Hukill, no report

Past-President: Elaine Angstman reported on her purchasing trip to the Tucson Show, with Jan Sjoquist assisting with purchasing decisions.

Field Trips: Dan Sine absent, see trips as previously announced.

Publications: Roni Sionakides: deadline is Sunday, June 7, 2015.

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

Community Outreach: Mary Gowans absent, no report. Roger Laylin has delivered 5.5 pounds of polished rocks to Ele's Place.

Library: Roger relayed Lee's request for the return of library books before the summer. Books are always available to members during the summer from the Laylins.

Display: Jan Sjoquist, no new activity.

Finance: Gordon Lewis, no report.

Web Master: Lyle Laylin absent, no report.

Show: Roger Laylin will speak about the tasks required to put on a show at the next membership meeting. We also will be preparing material for the show. No more empty egg cartons are needed. A discussion was held about the number of show dealers and advertising needs. No decisions were made.

Old Business: Board Meeting locations will continue to be at the Okemos Library; Sue will reserve room for 3 months on the first day of July when reservations are accepted.

New Business: Roni Sionakides requested that CMLMS participate in the fund-raising auction being held by the Historical Society of Greater Lansing on October 10, 2015. This would be a way of marketing our show. We could display our show flyers and also include some show passes in a basket of rock-related materials that would be auctioned. A discussion was held about possible items to include in the package.

Roni told about a part of one of the acanthus leaves that she donated to the Historical Society. Read more about it in the newsletter article by Roni.

Adjournment: Alan Hukill made a **motion to adjourn the meeting**. The motion received a second by Elaine Angstman and the meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Jan Sjoquist, Recording Secretary

Lila's Iron

by Roni Sionakides

A few years back Lila Stevens stopped at one of the show work bees at the Laylins to drop off boxes of rocks. Included in what she chucked out of her car was a piece of iron that fell off the Capitol Building in Lansing, an acanthus leaf from near the dome area. I told her I would take the souvenir of the deteriorating building and find a home for it. I donated it to the Historical Society of Greater Lansing that was happy to add it to their acquisitions. And once done I didn't think about it again. Neither did the Society!

I'm currently a trustee on the board of the Historical Society. At our last board meeting I learned that the dome is under restoration again. If you go downtown, or watch the news, you will see a layer of scaffolding obscuring the dome again. The last go around was in the early 1990s. And again it needs some TLC at taxpayer expense. This time the acanthus leaves are going to be replaced again. It seems in the earlier renovation the leaves were cast in resin. Well, it gets hot on the roof.

The resin melted and the leaves drooped over. A decision was made this time to recast the acanthus leaves but there were none that could be used to make a mold. They were all misshapen. Someone suggested the construction company get in contact with the Historical Society and see if they had any suggestions. Not only did they have suggestions, but they had Lila's scrap of iron! So, the old, original iron leaf has been sent down south for making a mold to cast new acanthus leaves. Many thanks to Lila for rescuing that bit of Michigan history!

BUS TRIP TO CRANBROOK MUSEUM **Bloomfield Hills, MI**

Saturday, September 26, 2015

10am to 5pm

From Frandor

Transportation: Dean Trailways, mini-coach (29passenger limit)

Join fellow members of CMLMS on a fall road trip to see the magnificent mineral collection at Cranbrook Science Center. We will charter a Dean Trailways mini-coach. Bring sack lunch to eat on the bus.

Cost: \$ 20.00 per person

Includes admission

Payment can be made at the June membership meeting, or by mail by August 15.

Attempt will be made to generate a cancellation list.

If you are interested, please sign up at the next meeting or email:

sjoquistj@sbcglobal.net

****Space is limited to 29 members.**

Children over the age of 10 are welcome with an adult.



*Cranbrook founder George Booth started his mineral collection in 1926 with only a few hundred specimens. Since then, it has grown to more than 11,000 specimens, including 300 minerals from Michigan, such as gypsum, copper and halite. There are 1,800 specimens on display in the **Mineral Study Gallery**.*