

NEXT MEETING: Sept. 19, North School

PROGRAM: Annual Show & Tell Brag Night; mini silent auction

REFRESHMENTS: R-Z please bring goodies.

President's Note – Jean Ann Wahl-Piotrowski

Well, it's that time of the year again when we need **everyone's help!** **Our show** is just around the corner, and you will see many bits in the newsletter calling for donations and assistance. We have gained a reputation for having one of the nicest shows in the state, only with your help can this continue. Please don't let our chairpeople and our club down, any little bit helps!

It's also the time of year that the **nominating committee** is hitting the trail in pursuit of new blood for the board of directors. If you would be willing to serve in some capacity please feel free to contact Ed Drown, Mary Gowans or myself. If we call you, please say "Yes!"

I also have a personal announcement and plea. Dave and I are expecting a baby in early March—yes, homemade not adopted. With the bulk of late pregnancy and then the demands of a newborn on an old fart, I need to give up the **editorship of this newsletter** after December. I've had the job since 1988, and tried to give it up once before—this time I mean it. □ There must be someone out there with some typing skills and access to the local Office Max.... Please think it over.

September Program -- Milt Gere

It's the annual "Fall Brag, Gloat & Explain -- Show & Tell Night." Tell us all about your latest rock hobby related find, trip or adventure. Was it a collecting trip, purchase, item making project, or learning a new skill? Bring your stories and related materials to the September meeting and let us all in on the fun.

Also, after the main program, there will be the monthly mini-silent auction for those wanting to buy or sell a hobby relate item. Bring your excess or buy something 'new.'

Children's Work Party and Pot Luck –George Heaton

On **Saturday, September 21** we will have a children's table work party and pot-luck at Grit and Alice Turner's garage where our club's children's table stuff is stored at **2667 Pine Tree Rd.** Please come and help and bring food and eating tools for the pot-luck lunch. Work will **begin between 9:00 and 10:00 a.m.** I plan to be there about 9:00 a.m. Lots of work needs to be done to prepare material for our October show. A significant part of our show income is derived from our children's table. **We need help and donations of material.** Please mark this on your calendar and come to help.

Demonstrators Needed for the Show

Do you have a rock related hobby or interest that you might be willing to share at our show the weekend of Oct 25-26-27? We always need demonstrators. Some of us work for a few hours while others spend the whole time starting with the school tours on Friday morning and then the general public later.

If you have ever even had the slightest interest give me a call and we will see what we can arrange. We will be gone when you get this newsletter but will be back by Oct 1. **Please** call Alice Turner 517-694-9596

Show Needs:

Mary Gowans is looking for **bodies to help out with our Friday kids' school visits**. Let her know if you can be there anytime from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm, Friday Oct. 25

We need pretty **beach stones** for Friday morning's pebble pond.

Elaine Angstman needs some **good quality material for the silent auction**. Have you got some extras on your storage shelf???? Some eye catching bigger pieces would be great.

As always, we can use **material for the kids table**. Come on, take an hour or so & pull some of that stuff out of the basement or garage! Bring it to the work bee on Sept. 21.

It's Dues Time Again! Pay your dues to Ernie Aughenbach, our new Roster Secretary, when you see him at the meeting or the show. Adults \$5.00; Students under 18 \$1.00

Rock and Gem Special Offer

Rock and Gem magazine is running a promotion - subscribe for a year (\$19.99) and they will donate \$6 to the club. All subscriptions must be sent in as a group. If you are interested pick up the form at the meeting, or call/email Jean Ann for a copy 616-948-9589, jawp2@voyager.net

Corresponding Secretary Report – Mary Gowans

This summer get well cards were sent to Peter Tack, Betty Tack and Mary Kay Bean. We are sad to report that Betty passed away the week of August 30. Betty was editor of the Rockhound News for a time in the 80's and faithfully brought display cases to the show as long as she was able.

Summer Field Trip Report -- George Heaton

Our June field trip was to the rock swap at the Monroe Co. 4-H Fairgrounds in Bloomington Indiana and geode collecting at the road cuts near the Harrodsburg exit on Rt. 37, June 21-23. We had good weather, a little warmer than last year, but not as hot as some past years. I counted only 6 of our members at this event, but I could have missed some since my brother and I spent most of our time at the road cuts trying to dig geodes. The digging seemed extra hard this time. It looks like the Children's table will not have many geodes at the show this year.

There were no field trips during July.

Eleven people showed up for my August 24th field trip to the Irving Materials Pendleton Quarry near Anderson Indiana. They were all Friends of Mineralogy members. I was the only person from our Lansing Club. I tried to contact by phone all those who regularly participate in field trips, but with little success. I usually could only talk to machines or received no answer.

As usual for my field trips we had good weather. It was mostly cloudy until almost noon, which kept the temperature at a comfortable level. I saw some good calcite specimens collected even though there had not been a blast in the calcite zone for a long time. It shows that you can always find some good calcite at this quarry if you are willing to expend a little effort.

Central Michigan Lapidary and Mineral Society Membership Meeting Minutes, June 20, 2002

The June general membership meeting was called to order by President Jean Ann Wahl-Piotrowski at 7:50 p.m. at the Meridian Service Center.

Guests/visitors at meeting: Russ Garcia, a guest of Mary Gowans was introduced.

Recording Secretary: Sue Casler, there were no general membership meeting minutes for May. The annual club banquet was held on May 16.

Corresponding Secretary: Mary Gowans reported that lapidary items were for sale by former club member, Dave Toman (CMLMS president in 1972). It was also noted that Mary Kay Bean was going to be having major surgery on June 24/25.

Treasurer: Alan Hukill was not present; therefore, no treasurer's report was given.

Directors: Gail Hopkins – has raffle tickets if anyone would like to get a jump on sales, just see Gail. There were no other director reports.

Roster Secretary: Ernie Aughenbaugh had no report.

Education: Margaret Green announced that the Mineral of the Month for June was Diopside; and Bettie Patterson had brought some specimens to look at. Also, Margaret announced that she was leaving for Australia next week and would be back in October.

Display: Grit Turner – various show notices were placed on the table if anyone was interested. Door prizes were won by 1) Shar Gere; 2) Margaret Green; 3) Lindsey Monroe and 4) Elaine Angstman

New Business: Milt Gere, upon the recommendation of Florence Hill, proposed the nomination of Bettie Patterson for Honorary Membership. Prior to this evening's membership meeting the Board met and approved the proposal and agreed to present it to the general membership for a vote. Therefore, Milt proposed to the membership that a motion be made that "Bettie Patterson for her many years of outstanding service to the club be given Honorary Membership;" motion was made by Neil Snapp and seconded by Milt Gere. Motion was approved by the general membership.

Neil Snapp:

- 1) Mentioned that he has scheduled the 2003 Banquet for the third week in May at the Masonic Lodge in Okemos.
- 2) Some possible show displays for our October show are the T-Rex or copper boulder. With respect to getting the copper boulder, we would need to have access to a heavy duty truck in order to haul the boulder (which is on a flatbed trailer) up from Indiana (?).
- 3) He still has some raffle tickets for sale for the "big" carat stone being raffled by the American Federation.

Milt Gere announced that tonight's program would be various club members sharing a "Memorable" Field Trip Experience.

Alice Turner moved to adjourn the meeting, supported by Gordon Lewis. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Casler, Recording Secretary

FALL SHOWS

Sept. 21-22 Hartland Show. Hartland High School- Highland Rd. (M-59), Hartland MI
Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4

Sept. 21-22 Gerald E. Eddy Geology Arts Fair. Eddy Discovery Center, 10730 Bush Rd., Chelsea
Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4

Oct. 11-13 Detroit Show. South Macomb Community College Expo Center, Building P,
12 Mile & Hayes, Warren MI. Fri. 9-7, Sat. 10-7, Sun. 10-5.

Oct. 19-20 Flint Show. Carter Middle School, Rogers Lodge Drive, Clio MI.
Sat. 10-7, Sun. 10-5

Oct. 25-27 OUR SHOW! Ingham Co. Fairgrounds, Mason MI. Kipp Rd. exit off of US127

Fri. 6-9, Sat. 10-7, Sun. 11-5

Oct. 31 Dearborn Club Auction. Allen Park Civic Hall, 15871 Philomene, Allen Park MI
Sales 6-7; auction 7 pm.

Library Questionnaire

Please fill this out and bring to the meeting or mail to Lee Laylin at 1770 Sandhill, Mason MI 48854

Magazines:

Have you even taken out a magazine from our library?

Do you find the magazines useful?

Which of the following have you looked at or taken out, please mark with a check:

Bead & Button ___ Lapidary Journal ___ Rock & Gem ___ Rocks & Minerals ___ Wirewrap ___

Are there any other magazines that you would like us to consider taking? Please name them.

Books:

Have you taken books out of our library?

Were you able to find what you needed?

What subjects do you find the most useful?

Other:

Are there any subjects you think we should have more of? Please specify.

Do you have any ideas how to get books back from people no longer members?

OFFICIAL "YES, NEIL, I CAN HELP YOU WITH A DISPLAY" FORM

You can count on _____ to bring a display to the show.

I will bring _____ standard club case(s)

_____ pony case(s)

_____ faceting case(s)

_____ something else. Please draw a rough sketch:

_____ Hey, I want to borrow a case.

No, _____ can't display this year, but would be glad to let someone else use my case. Describe case or cases below: