

Rockhound News

NEXT MEETING: September 21ST

PROGRAM : Elaine Angstman will take us to

The Tuscon Show and rockhounding around Deming by way of a DVD.

Refreshments: Members S thru Z please bring goodies

CLUB CALENDAR

Week of Sept. 17th Work bee all week long at the Laylin's barn.

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

Sept.22nd Work bee Laylin's barn starting about 9:30 until ? Picnic Lunch at
12:00

Oct.3rd Board meeting at the Okemos Library 7:00 P.M.

Oct.18th Regular club meeting at North School at 7:30 p.m.

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September Meeting

Elaine Angstman will present a DVD Slide Show of their activities last winter at Deming New Mexico, Rockhounding in the Deming area, the Deming Rock Show and the Tuscon Rock Show.

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SHOW WORK DAY

At Laylin's back yard

To get ready for the Show, the Club Trailer will at my home during the week of the Sept.17th. We again need to sort and repack the contents left from last year. Hopefully this can be accomplished that week and then we can have a work day **Sat the 22nd** to decide what other stored material will be required for the show. We will start about 9:30 a.m. There is much material sorted and boxed to be priced and moved to the trailer. **Please bring materials you may wish to add to the children's table at this time. We will work until the job is completed with a break for a picnic lunch.** Bring a dish to pass, drinks and table service will be provided.

Lila Stevens, yet once again with the assistance of Howard and Margaret Randolph has completed 300 Specimen Kits (egg cartons) . Way to GO Lila!!

There are still lots of materials to go through in the Laylin's yard & barn. If we are going to continue to have a show, more people are going to have to step up to do their share. Please plan to show up on Sept. 22nd to give Showchair Roger and the club your support, if you can not make it on the 22nd please talk to the Showchair and find another time to put in some support time. Help is also needed all during the week of the 17th.

Show News

Its only a little over a month until our 42nd annual show, so as usual much of this newsletter will deal with the show. There will be sign up sheets at the meeting for several different areas, please come prepared to sign up, if you can't make it to the meeting, but can help at the show call the chairperson of the area that you would like to help for a time when needed. The chairpersons are as follows:

Friday Morning Children's Tours = Mary Gowans-351-6136

Displays = Neil Snapp-339-2853 (Neil's goal is to have 60 displays, so lets help him out).

Children's Table = George Heaton 339-8914

Fluorescent Booth = Dan Sine 381-0805

Silent Auction = Elaine Angstman 676-4172

Demonstrations Coordinator = Alice Turner 694-9596

Admissions Coordinator = Elaine Beane/ Sue Casler 694-1233,

Raffle Coordinator = John Juroszek 339-8628

Show Announcer = to be announced

Hospitality Break Room/Food Coordinator = Jean Anne Piotrowski 269-948-9589

Or local phone Lee Laylin 349-3249

All these people put in many hours to make the show a success, so lets plan on giving them lots of help. Involve your friends especially on Friday, Childrens Morning, we can offer them a free lunch and a free admission to the show. Last year Show Chair had 14 non-members helping, can you beat that number? A reminder: The Show Committee will be enforcing the rule, that in order to have free admission to the show a member must put in at least 2 hours at some show duty, enter a display or demonstrate a lapidary skill. Remember that the club hospitality-break area is intended for use by the dealers and actively working club members.

John Juroszek advises that Raffle Tickets are expected to be available at the September meeting. Please

tell John or bring items that you wish to donate to be included in the raffle, as soon as possible

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:

** A summer work bee-picnic was held on July 11th. We tried something new and held the work bee during the week so as not to spoil a weekend. This worked out well and we were able to complete the desired work. We completed 1500 exit gifts and have 100 petoskey stone polish kits partially prepared. Many thanks to the members that took time to help.

Places to go - things to do

This notice is too late for first two but remember for next year

Sept.14-16

Tulip City G&M Club Show, Holland Civic Center 150 W.8th Street, Holland Michigan

Sept. 15-16

Eddy Discovery Center Arts Fair. 10730 Bush Road, Chelsea,MI. Sat.10-5, Sun.10-4

Sept.22-23

Livingston Gem & Mineral Society Show. Hartland Education Support Service Center, on M59(Highland Rd.) west of U.S.23. Sat.10-6, Sun. 10-4.

Sept.27th-28th

The Hope Diamond is the Smithsonian Institution's most viewed artifact (out of 136 million holdings) and this month the MSU Museum, a Smithsonian affiliate, will present two programs exploring the history surrounding the world-famous gem. On Sept. 27, author Richard Kurin will present "Hope Diamond: The Legendary History of a Cursed Gem" and sign books at the Kellogg Center auditorium (free of charge). On Sept. 28, the "History and Hope" Gala dinner and reception will take place at MSU's Cowles House and MSU Museum (\$100). A replica of the gem will be on view at the MSU Museum and copies of Kurin's book, Hope Diamond: The Legendary History of a Cursed Gem, will be available for sale. For more information, visit artsandculture.msu.edu.

Oct.12-14 Greater Detroit Gem, Mineral, Fossil & Jewelry Show. Michigan Mineralogical Society. South Macomb Community College Expo Center, Building P, 12 Mile & Hayes, Warren, MI.

Oct.20-21 Flint Rock and Gem Club 40th annual show. Carter Middle School, Rogers Lodge Drive, Clio, MI, Sat.10-7, Sun.10-5

Oct.26-28 Central Michigan Lapidary & Mineral Society 42ND Annual Show !!!

Ingham County Fairgrounds , Mason Mi. **BE THERE !!!**

Nov.3-4 Mid-Michigan Gemcraft & Mineral Society. 14th Annual Show, Chippewa Nature Center, 400 S.

Badour Rd. Midland, MI.

Welcome to New Members

Robert Kriegel

Doug & Janet Sjoquist

Renee A. Robbins

6031 Sleight Rd.

712 E. Henry

132 E. Northrup St

Bath, MI. 48808

Charlotte, MI 48813

Lansing, MI. 48911

FIELD TRIP, TO ANDERSON IND.

PENDLETON QUARRY IRVING MATERIALS

Six members traveled to Anderson Ind. On July 14th for a visit to the quarry where we hoped find the usual honey calcite that had been plentiful in the past. We joined with members of the Tulip City club and four other clubs, a total of 25 rockhounds went into the Quarry at 9AM , the Weather was perfect, just like one of George's trips. It has been several years since we had been to the site and nothing is as constant as change, they have removed a great deal of material including the massive honey calcite vugs that we found before. New members Doug & Janet Sjoquist found the largest calcite vug. It took both of them to lift the block, that has two crystal vugs, Neil Snapp and I and Marie and Gordon Lewis all found material for the children's table. Our finds did not however include large blocks of the honey calcite.

Minutes.

The June meeting was our annual banquet so there are no minutes from that meeting . If you missed our 50th anniversary party, you missed a great party. Some of the very early life members were there. Life member Lila Stevens #130 (she must have joined as a child) had the earliest number. Other Life members attending by number were #224 Eleanor Owens, Numbers 258 & 259 Howard and Margret Randolph, numbers 386 & 372 Joseph & Alberta Manina, #424 Lorna Tripp, #451 Hazel Morgan, #464 Lola Pearson sent us a very nice letter, wishing us well on our next 50 years, and #510 Bessie Rogers. It was wonderful to have these early member with and great to have many of them still active in the club.

We will again be sending the newsletter by e-mail and by snail mail. If you have e-mail and don't receive the newletter by e-mail, please let the editors know as next month we will be sending the letter to those people who have e-mail only by e-mail. If you have e-mail but prefer to get the newsletter by snail mail, let the editors know and we will continue to send your news letter by snail mail. **YOU** need to take action in order to receive your newsletter in the form that you wish. Call 349-3249 or e-mail laylin.leora@acd.net to let your wishes be known. With postage up to 41 cents every newsletter we can send by e-mail saves us money.

Looking forward to seeing lots of you at the meeting and/or at the Laylin barn next week.