

Rockhound News

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, September 18, 2008

PROGRAM: Show & Tell, plus Mini-Silent-Auction

REFRESHMENTS: Last names N through Z - Please Bring Goodies

Program Information:

Welcome back! Hope you had a great summer and collected lots of good rocks and fossils. Our program on September 18 is designed to let everyone show off their wonderful (or favorite) finds from the summer, and tell a story about how you found it. If the new rocks are pushing the old ones out of the house, please bring some oldies-but-goodies for the mini-silent-auction. The October Annual Show is fast approaching. At the June meeting and July work-party, we made lots of things for the Show -- especially for Children's Day. We made Exit Gifts, Petoskey Stone Polishing Kits, Rock Critters, and Mineralogy Sample Kits. At the September meeting, please bring your stones for the Pebble Pond and sign up for duties at the Show.

Location & Time: The CMLMS September Meeting will be held at 7:30 pm at the North School, 333 E. Miller Rd, Lansing, MI. After a lot of searching and comparing costs and capacities, the Board decided this is still the best place. Please get there a little early to help set up for the Silent Auction!

CMLMS Calendar for October 2008

October 2, 2008 Board Meeting-7:00 pm at the Okemos Library

October 16, 2008 Membership Meeting at North School

Show News – A Message from CMLMS Show Chair, Roger Laylin

The CMLMS Annual Show is on October 24, 25, and 26. Here's the Show Calendar:

Week of Sept 15 Work bee all week long at the Laylin's barn.

Sept.20th Work bee, 9:30 at Laylin's barn, Picnic at noon.

The Club Trailer will at the Laylin's during the week of Sept.15th. As last year, we need to sort and repack the contents left from last year. If this can be accomplished during the week, we can have Sat. the 20th to decide what other stored material will be required for the show.

On Sat. 9/20, we will start about 9:30 am. There is much material sorted and boxed that needs to be priced and moved to the trailer. Please bring any materials you may wish to add to the children's table.

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. Please remember we need stones for the PEBBLE POND!

If we want 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. 20th to give Showchair Roger and the club your support, if you cannot make it Sat, 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 15th. There are still lots of materials to go through at the Laylin's barn.

Way to GO Lila!! Lila Stevens, yet once again, has filled 500 egg carton Specimen Kits with minerals. Work Bee members helped by putting on the outside labels. Work Bee Members at the summer Picnic completed 200+ Petoskey Stone Polish Kits and many hundreds of Exit gifts for Children's Day.

John Juroszek asked to be replaced as chairman of the Raffle this year. He has agreed to obtain the license, arrange for the tickets, and provide instructions for conducting the balance of the raffle, but wishes to be relieved of further responsibility.

I therefore ask for an enthusiastic Member to PLEASE step forward and Volunteer to take over this duty. I wish to thank John & Chris and Milt & Shar for their past efforts in making the raffle a success.

There will be sign-up sheets at the September and the October meetings for the different types of show work. Please come prepared to sign up!

If you can't make it to the meeting, but can help at the show, please call the chairperson of the work area that you want to sign up for. The chairpersons are as follows:

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

Displays = Neil Snepp-339-2853 (Neil's goal is to have 60 displays, so let's 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 272-9661 & Sue Casler 694-1233

Raffle Coordinator = Position Open -- **Volunteer needed PLEASE**

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 let's plan on giving them lots of help. Involve your friends, especially on Friday, Children's 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.

Raffle Tickets are expected to be available at the September meeting. Please bring items that you wish to donate to be included in the raffle, or notify the NEW Chairperson(s) about your items -- or yours truly.

Roger Laylin, Show Chairman

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); or _____ others.

Please draw a rough sketch on the back of this form if you are bringing an "other":

_____ I need to borrow a case. _____ I can't display this year, but will let someone else use my case.

If you are willing to loan a case or cases, please describe them on the back of this form.

Please sign your name _____

A Message from CMLMS President Kris Wood

Hope to see you – and the rocks you collected this summer -- at the September meeting. It is time to make final preparations for the Show. Think about how you can get involved this year, and who you can bring or recruit to help; we always can use more help at the Show! Don't forget to pick up some Show flyers to share and spread the word to everyone, as our Show covers so many interests.

See you soon, Kris

Programs – A Message from CMLMS Vice President Milt Gere

Future Meetings ... Please give me your suggestions for future meeting program topics for the fall, or offer to present a program yourself. Thanks. Milt

Club News

- Please send any newsletter items to Elaine Beane at (gebeane@comcast.net). The deadline for each issue is five days after the monthly Board meeting.
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Things To Do and Places To Go

- Sept 12-14: Holland, MI. Tulip City Gem and Mineral Club 39th Annual Show. Holland Civic Center, 150 W. 8th St, Holland. Fri and Sat, 9 am to 7 pm; Sun, 11 am to 5 pm. Adults \$2, Students \$.50, Free Parking. Contact Rebecca Cisparo (616) 393-9307, r4squares@sbcglobal.net
- Sept 13-14: Chelsea, MI. Annual Geology Arts Fair. Gerald E. Eddy Discovery Center (located inside Waterloo State Recreation Area), 10730 Bush Road, Chelsea. Sat, 10 am to 5 pm; Sun, 10 am to 4 pm. Admission Free. Contact Eddy Discovery Center 734-475-3170.
- Oct 10-12: Warren, MI. Michigan Mineralogical Society 64th Annual Greater Detroit Gem, Mineral, Fossil, and Jewelry Show. Macomb Community College (South Campus) Expo Center, Building P, 14500 E. 12 Mile Rd, Warren. Fri 9 am to 7 pm; Sat 10 am to 7 pm; Sun 11 am to 5 pm. Donation: Adults \$7, Seniors \$4, Children <18 \$3, Scouts in Uniform \$2. Free parking. Contact Carol Werner, 248-887-3906 briarhillwerner@comcast.net.
- Oct 17-19: Ft. Wayne, IN. Three Rivers Gem and Mineral Society 47th Annual Rock, Mineral, Fossil, Jewelry, and Lapidary Show and Sale. Allen County Fairgrounds, 2726 Carroll Rd, Ft. Wayne. Fri 10 am to 7 pm; Sat 10 am to 7 pm; Sun 10 am to 5 pm. Adults \$3, Seniors \$2, Students \$1, Children <12 free; parking is free. Contact Michele Yamanaka :yamanakam@cs.com.
- Oct 18-19: Clio, MI. Flint Rock and Gem Club 41st Annual Gem, Jewelry, and Mineral Show and Sale. Carter Middle School, 300 Upland Dr., Clio. Sat and Sun 10 am to 5 pm. Adults \$3, Children <18 \$1.50. Contact Ed Hearn 810-687-2339 edleo324@comcast.net.
- Oct 24-26: Mason, MI. Central Michigan Lapidary and Mineral Society 43rd Annual Gem, Mineral,

Fossil, Lapidary, and Jewelry Show. Ingham County Fair Grounds, Main Arena, 700 Ash St. Mason (Lansing Area). Fri 6 to 9 pm; Sat 10 am to 7 pm; Sun 11 am to 5 pm. Friday is Children's Day. Adults \$3, Teens \$1, Children <12 free with paying adult. Free parking. Contact Alan Hukill 517-641-6125 facetman60@yahoo.com.

- Nov 1: Taylor, MI. Midwest Mineralogical and Lapidary Society Annual Auction. Democratic Club of Taylor, 23400 Wick Rd. Taylor. Sat 6 to 10 pm. Admission free. Parking is free. Contact Cindy & Lou Talley 734-525-1684 cindylou0202@yahoo.com.

Check the MWF News for many more great shows this fall. www.amfed.org/mwf.

There are no meeting minutes this month. We'll catch up in October.

Field Trip Notes, Thanks to Jan Sjoquist

On Saturday, May 17, 2008, approximately 50 members from the Tulip City, Three Rivers, Central Michigan, Ft. Wayne, and Kalamazoo rock clubs participated in a field trip to the Lafarge Quarry in Paulding, Ohio. It was exciting to see so many families with children searching for and learning about fossils. For us, this was our first fossil trip and we learned from everyone - young and old.

The Lafarge Quarry is a large Devonian limestone quarry currently being used to make cement. The limestone appeared at a depth of about thirty-six feet. We were able to explore three new blast sites. The soft, oily shale at each of the sites yielded a variety of fossils. The fossils were plentiful and we were able to extract them with little effort. Brachiopods, favosites, and crinoids were abundant. Most people found parts of trilobites and some explorers found intact ones just sitting out in the piles of shale.

Doug and I brought back a rather large (and heavy) stone with a perfect 12" fan coral displayed on its side. We also brought back lots of fossils - none of which would be considered great finds to anyone except a "newby." The field trip was a blast (no pun intended)!!

Jan Sjoquist