

# Rockhound News

**NEXT MEETING: Thursday, September 17, 2009**

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

**REFRESHMENTS: Last names N through Z - Please Bring Goodies**

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## **Program Information:**

Welcome back! Hope you had a great summer and collected lots of good rocks and fossils. Our program on September 17 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 -- 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. Please get there a little early to help set up for the Silent Auction!

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## **CMLMS Calendar for October 2009**

October 1, 2009 Board Meeting-7:00 pm at the Okemos Library

October 15, 2009 Membership Meeting at North School

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**Short, Local Field Trip on Saturday morning, Sept. 19, 9:30 to noon.** Crandell Brothers Trucking Company sand and gravel pit on the Northwest corner of highway M-50 and Stuart Road. The pit is in Eaton County, about 2 to 3 miles East of Charlotte or 6 miles Northwest of Eaton Rapids. In a gravel pit, courtesy of the glaciers, you can find almost anything from Canadian Shield pegmatite to Petoskey stones. It should be a good place to find material for the Pebble Pond. Details will be discussed at the 9/17 meeting. Call Milt or Dan Sine for information. – **Milt Gere, President**

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

**The CMLMS Annual Show is on October 23, 24, and 25. Set-Up on 10-22. Work Calendar below.**

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## **Week of Sept 21: Work Bee Monday to Friday at the Laylin's barn!**

### **Saturday, Sept.26: Work Bee, 9:30 at Laylin's barn; Picnic at noon.**

The Club Trailer will be at the Laylin's during the week of Sept.21st. We need to sort and repack the contents left from last year. If this can be accomplished during the week, we can have Saturday (9-26) to decide what other stored material will be required for the show.

On Sat. 9/26, 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. Do NOT bring Children's Table material on show day.** 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!

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 150+ Petoskey Stone Polish Kits and many hundreds of Exit gifts for Children's Day.

Kris Wood has replaced John Juroszek 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. Let's make Kris's first raffle a good one by donating interesting gifts and specimens.

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! Remember that 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. The club hospitality & break area at the show is intended for use by the actively working club members and the dealers.

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. 26th to give Show Chair Roger and the club your support, if you cannot make it on Saturday, please talk to Roger and find another time to help, especially during the week of the 20th. There are still lots of materials to go through at the Laylin's barn!

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 Tour = Mary Gowans (351-6136)

Displays = Neil Snepp (339-2853): Let's help Neil reach the goal of 60 displays.

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 = Kris Wood (517-769-6578)

Show Announcer = to be announced

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

-- Or local phone Lee Laylin (349-3249)

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**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 \_\_\_\_\_

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All these folks 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 Tour morning; we can offer volunteers a free lunch and a free admission to the show. Last year Show Chair had 14 non-members helping; can you beat that number?

Raffle Tickets are expected to be available at the October meeting. Please bring items that you wish to donate to the raffle, or notify the NEW Raffle Chair, Kris Wood, about your items.

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## **A Message from CMLMS President Milt Gere**

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. Get involved this year, and recruit your friends to help; we always can use more help at the Show! Don't forget to pick up some Show flyers to post and hand out. -- Milt

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## **Club News**

- From Milt Gere: Long-time club member, Joe Manina passed away on September 6, 2009. Joe and his wife Alberta were very active with club activities, meetings and shows until health problems slowed them down. Joe demonstrated faceting at our show for many years, and helped with show set-up and take-down work as well. Joe was very helpful, knowledgeable in many areas and willing to share what he knew. Joe will be missed by many of us. Please send your thoughts and best wishes to Alberta at this time.
  - From Ernie Aughenbaugh: Joe Manina joined CMLMS on March 19, 1964 and had been a member for 45 years. Joe was a dedicated club member and demonstrated faceting for 39 years at the show. He wanted to demonstrate for one more year, and I bet that he will be there. Thanks for all your help, Joe.
  - From the Lansing State Journal, September 10, 2009: Joseph Manina, Jr, age 88...Born May 6, 1921 in North Star Twp., MI...He enjoyed faceting, rock hunting, fishing, boating, and snowmobiling....Contributions in memory of Joe Manina may be made to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society or a charity of one's choice. Friends may visit the guest book at [www.tiffanyfuneralhome.com](http://www.tiffanyfuneralhome.com).
  - Kathleen Martin and family visited John and Annie Passaneau this past summer and found that Annie has moved to a Rest Home. John is continuing to teach and doing well.
  - Please send any newsletter items to Elaine Beane at ([gebeane@comcast.net](mailto: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 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.
- Sept 18-20: Holland, MI. Tulip City Gem and Mineral Club 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Show. Holland Civic Center, 150 W. 8<sup>th</sup> St, Holland. Fri 9 am to 8 pm; Sat 9-7 pm; Sun, noon to 5 pm. Adults \$2, Students \$.50, Free Parking. Contact [chfalstad@ameritech.net](mailto:chfalstad@ameritech.net).

[Note: **Use this information.** June information was incorrect.]

- Sept 26-27: Rock and Mineral Sale at Marve and Kitty Starbucks, 7636 East V Ave., Vicksburg, MI. Sat 9-6; Sun 9-4. Contact 269-649-1991 or 231-740-5512 (cell). Equipment, slabs, jewelry, cabs, mineral specimens, cutting material, geodes, petrified wood, and much more. No early sales.
- Oct 10-12: Warren, MI. Michigan Mineralogical Society 64<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:briarhillwerner@comcast.net).

## Meeting Minutes

### CMLMS Board Meeting -- April 2, 2009, Okemos Public Library, Okemos, Michigan

**President:** Milt Gere called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm. **Board Members Present:** Ernie Aughenbaugh, Elaine Beane, Sue Casler, Milt Gere, Mary Gowans, Mary Anne Hanlon-Smith, George Heaton, Lyle Laylin, Roger Laylin, Gordon Lewis, and Bob Mosher. [Absent: E. Angstman, A. Hukill, J. Martin, K. Miller, D. Sine, R. Sionakides, and K. Wood]

**Vice President:** Roni Sionakides (Absent) - **Reminders:** April Meeting Program will be Louise Synder-Downing's Mastodon book - Grandpa's Tooth; the May banquet speaker will be a talk on Fort St. Joseph by the WMU Archeology folks.

**Recording Secretary:** Sue Casler - Summarized minutes of March 5, 2009 board meeting.

**Corresponding Secretary:** Mary Anne Hanlon-Smith - Notice sent out re: April Meeting/program; also was put on Facebook.

**Treasurer's Report:** Kris Wood (Absent) - Treasurer's report for the month of March 2009 was distributed.

**Directors:** 1-YR, George Heaton - No Report; 2-YR, Bob Mosher - No Report; 3-YR, Mary Gowans - No Report.

**Roster Secretary:** E. Aughenbaugh - On behalf of Membership Chair E. Angstman, Ernie presented new member applications for board action. **E. Aughenbaugh moved to accept new member applications for Mike & Mary Dettmann; and Richele Anne Kniff; seconded by S. Casler. Motion approved. Welcome Mike & Mary, and Richele.**

**Publications:** Elaine Beane - Discussion of including "items" for sale in newsletter or on the website.

**Finance:** Gordon Lewis - No report. [Side note raised by Elaine B. - suggest using written transmittal forms to accompany funds coming in; use them (for example) at the show for tracking funds from sales areas such as admission tickets, children's table, wheel of fortune, etc. We should also use written request forms for reimbursements, so we have a tracking system for funds coming in and going out.]

**Web Master/Site:** Lyle Laylin - Two-year renewal fee for website is due, approx. \$240; **Board OK'd renewal payment.**

**Show:** Roger Laylin - Sue C. asked on behalf of Elaine A. if club could include an additional vendor at the Oct. show - Mr. Jeff Anderson with Geodes, he also will crack geodes (Elaine A. saw him at the Deming, NM show-very nice display and large variety of geodes); possible option as demonstrator of geode cracking.

**New Business:** 1) Looking for suggestions for location of the June Meeting (school is closed, need to find alternate location.

2) Son of Doc Langham (deceased/past club president in the 1960's) is selling collection. Roger L. and Ernie A. went to look at it and offered names of several dealers. 3) Roger and Lee Laylin will prepare/print the program for the May Banquet.

4) Per Milt G. the DNR Director approved gold panning on state land, except in trout streams.

**Adjournment:** R. Laylin moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by M. Hanlon-Smith. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Sue Casler, Recording Secretary

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#### **CMLMS Membership Meeting -- April 16, 2009, North Elementary School, Lansing, MI**

**Call to Order.** The April membership meeting was called to order by President Milt Gere at 7:41 pm.

**Welcome and Introduction of Guests/Visitors.** Guests in attendance - Germaine, Erin Gowell, Sarah and Rachel; new members, Deb & John Sidange. Several other new members were also present.

**Minutes of Last Meeting.** Sue Casler - The March minutes will appear in a future newsletter when completed.

#### **Announcements:**

\*June Meeting - Neil Snapp offered to arrange that the June meeting be at the Masonic Hall in Okemos. R. Laylin moved and S. Casler seconded the motion to have the June meeting at the Masonic Hall in Okemos; motion approved.

\*Club received invitation to the Indian Mounds Club spring banquet.

\*Roni Sionakides (V. Pres.) announced that tonight's program will be author Lois Ann Snyder-Downing, discussing her book *Grandpa's Tooth* (finding a Mastodon tooth) and the process of designating the Mastodon as the State Fossil. The May Banquet speaker will be Andrew Beaupre, WMU, discussing the Fort St. Joseph archaeological site in Niles, MI.

\*Banquet chair - Sharon needs some more volunteers and reminds folks to bring appetizers.

\*Neil Snapp - on behalf of the Midwest Federation - asked if CMLMS is willing to host the 2010 Midwest Federation convention; work includes registration packets, badges, & administrative details. [Discuss at May Board Meeting.] Neil needs to have a decision within the next 30 days.

\*Gordon Lewis announced that the CMLMS-MSU scholarship was awarded to Laurissa Gulich, an Earth Science major from Oakland County.

\*Elaine Beane - Last call for Updates to the Club Directory Update, it will be finalized by the end of this week.

\*Note: The club library will be moving tonight to the Layins for the summer.

**Adjournment.** Richard Miller moved to adjourn the meeting, supported by L. Laylin. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Sue Casler, Recording Secretary

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**The CMLMS May Newsletter included the 2009 Membership Directory!**