

Rockhound News

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, September 16, 2010
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. Our program on September 16 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. If you are selling, please bring some change and small bills; at the mini-auction, sellers are their own bankers. We may have a video during the silent auction. The October Annual Show is fast approaching – October 21 (set-up), 22, 23, & 24. At the July work-party, we made lots of things for the Show -- especially for Children's Day -- Exit Gifts, Petoskey Stone Polishing Kits, and Rock Critters. At the September meeting, please bring your stones for the Pebble Pond and Children's Table and **sign up for duties at the Show.**

Location & Time: The CMLMS September 16 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 Mini-Silent Auction!

CMLMS Calendar for October 2010

September 30, 2010 Board Meeting-7:00 pm at the Okemos Library
 October 21, 2010 Membership Meeting 7:00 pm at Mason Fair Ground Main Arena
 October 21, 22, 23, & 24 CMLMS Annual Gem, Mineral, & Fossil Show, Mason Fair Arena

Show News – A Message from CMLMS Show Chair, Roger Laylin
The CMLMS Annual Show is on October 21 (set-up), 22, 23, and 24.

Week of Sept 19: Work Bee Monday to Friday at the Laylin's barn!
Saturday, Sept.25: 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.19th. We need to sort and repack the contents left from last year. If this can be accomplished during the week, we can have Saturday (9-25) to decide what other stored material will be required for the show.

On Sat. 9/25, 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. Bringing Children's Table material on show day creates problems and is NOT a good idea.**

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 has completed 100+ egg-carton Specimen Kits, which gives us a total of 500 mineral specimen kits for Children's Day. Work Bee members at the summer Picnic completed 150+ Petoskey Stone Polishing Kits and many hundreds of Exit gifts for Children's Day.

Kris Wood is Chair of the Raffle this year; she advises that tickets will be available at the September 16 membership meeting, so get some to sell! John Juroszek again obtained the raffle license and arranged for the tickets. Please bring items that you wish to donate to be included in the raffle to the September 16 meeting – or tell Kris about your donations.

There will be sign-up sheets at the September and the October (at the Mason Fair Arena) meetings for the different types of show jobs. **Please come prepared to sign up!**

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

Roger Laylin, CMLMS Show Chair

At the end of 2009, CMLMS members voted to have a 2010 Show. **Now voters must become workers!** 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. 25th 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 19th. There are still lots of materials to go through at the Laylin's barn!

If you can't make it to the September 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)

Bus Parking = Roger Laylin

Student Orientation = Dave Piotrowski

Announcer = Sam Febba

Sales (Egg Cartons, Critters, Jewelry, etc.) = Lee Laylin (349-3249)

Pebble pond = VOLUNTEER NEEDED

Exit Gifts = Bob Hansor

Petoskey Stone Polishing = Richard Miller

Children's Table = George Heaton (339-8914)

Fluorescent Booth = Dan Sine (381-0805)

Silent Auction and Spinning Wheel = Elaine Angstman (676-4172)

Demonstrations Coordinator = Ruth Ann Lehner

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

Admissions Coordinator = Elaine Beane (272-9661) & Sue Casler (694-1233)

Raffle Coordinator = Kris Wood (517-769-6578)

Show Announcer = Roger Laylin (349-3249)

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

= Or local phone Lee Laylin (349-3249)

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 _____

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 Roger had 14 non-members helping; -- beat that number?

A Message from Fieldtrip Chair Dan Sine

CMLMS members participated in several great fieldtrips this summer. Coming up in the fall:

- October 2, 2010 or November 13, 2010 -- Alabastine Gypsum Mine, 1200 Judd SW, Grand Rapids, MI (10 am – 4:00 pm), \$2 fee, and lots of preparations and equipment. Contact Dan for instructions.
 - October 2, 2010 LaFarge Quarry, Alpena, MI. (10 am – 2 pm). No fee. Contact Dan for information.
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Thank You to Bessie Rogers and to Ron and Agnes Thill for donations of mineral specimens, fossils and numerous other items suitable for the Annual Show Children's Table, Silent Auction, and Raffle.