

Rockhound News

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, Sept. 15, 2011
North School, 333 Miller Rd, Lansing: 7:30 pm
Program: Field Trip discussion with Dan Sine

Please bring your summer discoveries, field trip pictures, etc.

Members with last names beginning with A-L, please bring goodies!

CMLMS Calendar for October 2011

Thursday, October 6, 2011

Board Meeting-7:00 pm at the Okemos Library

Thursday, October 20, 2011

CMLMS set-up Annual Show at Mason Fair Grounds, 1 pm to 8 pm!

October Program: Come and help set up the CMLMS Annual Show at the Mason Fair Grounds main pavilion. The Childrens' Tour of the Show starts early Friday morning, and we'll be setting up Childrens' tables, Pebble Pond, Rocky Wheel of Fortune and more. If you haven't done this before, come and help with the fun part of the Show!

Club News

- **Welcome back to another year of great programs, the CMLMS Annual Show, old friends and new. Fall arrived with Labor Day, and we meet Sept 15 at the North School on Miller Road, with a shift to the Mason Fair Grounds Pavilion for the October meeting. Still time for field trips, work parties, and the Annual Show from Oct. 21 through Oct 23. Come to the field trips and help with the Show!!!**
- **Field Trip:** October 2, 10 am to 2 pm, Lafarge Quarry, 1435 Ford Ave., Alpena, MI. Contact Dan Sine 517-749-0414, daniel.sine@opm.gov. This huge quarry is one of the field trip sites to be discussed at the Sept. meeting. Dan also is planning trips to sites in Charlotte, Grand Ledge, and the Pipe Creek Junior Quarry in Indiana (near Marion) for fossils, after the October CMLMS Annual Show. Contact Dan for information.
- The **CMLMS Nominating Committee** is seeking potential nominees for CMLMS President and Vice President. If you are interested (or even slightly positive about the idea), please send an email to Elaine Beane (gebeane@comcast.net), Mary Gowans (gowans@msu.edu), or Milt Gere (miltgere@aol.com).
- Volunteering is always better than being drafted!

Message from Show Chair, Roger Laylin:

Preparations for the 46th CMLMS Show: The hot summer caused a change in our normal schedule. We will hold the collect, sort, and box work party on **Saturday, September 24**. We will work on gifts and sale items for the Children's Tour at the Show. The big outdoors job is sorting and boxing Children's Table rocks and fossil specimens. There is much material to be sorted and boxed and priced. **On Sept. 24, 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, save it for next year.] Picnic lunch: bring your own table service, a dish to pass, and a folding chair. Lemonade, iced tea, milk, & water will be provided – if you prefer other liquids, please bring them. Come at about 9:30 am and stay until the work is done! - If you have any questions, please call the Laylins at 517-349-3249.

On the 24th we have the work of completing the 600 Exit gifts, putting together as many Petoskey Stone polishing kits as possible, labeling egg cartons, creating artistic stone critters and jewelry ,and anything else that may be deemed necessary for a successful Show. Please remember: We need stones for the PEBBLE POND! This year we also need groups of egg-carton-sized specimens to supply our *NEW-THIS-YEAR FILL YOUR OWN MINERAL KIT* tables. This is a chance to clean out miscellaneous collections; the number of pieces is not importunate so long as they are identified.

This same schedule will hold for **Saturday, October 1**. Starting at 9:30 am, the Club Trailer will be at the Laylins' barn for further festivities. As in past years, we need to sort and repack the contents left from last year, plus all the newly boxed materials we completed on Sept. 24.

Remember -- Last November the CMLMS membership voted to hold a Show this year! That means everyone needs to participate in preparations for the Show and in the Show itself!

Same as last year, the October meeting date and SHOW set up day coincide on October 20. There will be sign-up sheets available at the September meeting to ensure time slot coverage at the various work stations during the Show. If you can't make it to the Sept. 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 = Theresa Hubbard 203-9620

- 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

Friday Afternoon through Sunday Annual Show

- Displays = Neil Snapp-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 / Spinning Wheel = Elaine Angstman 676-4172
 - Demonstrations Coordinator = Ruth Ann Lehner 643-4406
 - Admissions Coordinator = Elaine Beane 272-9661 - Sue Casler 694-1233
 - Raffle Coordinator = Kris Wood 517-769-6578 (Also Needs Gifts)
 - Show Announcer = Roger Laylin
 - Kids Egg Carton Table = New position needs volunteer Chair and workers
 - Hospitality Break Room/Food Coordinator = Jean Anne Piotrowski 269-948-9589
- Or local phone Lee Laylin: 349-3249

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' tour morning; we can offer volunteers a free lunch and a free admission to the show. Last year, we had 10 non-members helping on Friday; can you beat that number?

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.

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 _____

Special Announcement!

I have been Show Chairman for over 10 years and feel that it is time for another member to take over. Don't all step forward, but I hope that one of you will take on the job. I will assist and offer advice as may be desired. The Storage Barn will remain available.

L. Roger Laylin, Show Chairman

Minutes of the Central Michigan Lapidary and Mineral Society Board Meeting: May 5, 2011

Board Members Present: Elaine Angstman, Ernie Aughenbaugh, Elaine Beane, Sue Casler, Milt Gere, Mary Gowans, Alan Hukill, Lyle Laylin, Roger Laylin, Gordon Lewis, Bob Mosher, Sharon Patton, Dan Sine, Roni Sionakides, Jan Sjoquist, and Kris Wood. [Board members absent: Jennifer Martin, Kara Miller, and Dave Westjohn]

- **President:** Roni Sionakides called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm at the Okemos Public Library.
- **Vice President:** Dave Westjohn (Absent) –It was reported that the June 16th Meeting will be “Show & Tell” and a mini silent auction – Location yet to be determined [options discussed Woldumar, Twp. Halls (Alaiedon, Vevay), and Impression Five]
- **Recording Secretary:** Sue Casler – Summarized the April 7th Board Meeting minutes, will be published in the next newsletter.
- **Corresponding Secretary:** Sharon Patton – No report.
- **Treasurer’s Report:** Kris Wood – Reviewed receipts/disbursements for the month of April. The 501c(3) post card was sent in by May 15th.
- **Directors:** [1-YR] Mary Gowans – No report. [2-YR] Bob Mosher – 1) Re: Banquet – vote of members to have a banquet, but yet not enough folks have signed up; 2) Re: Protest to Order of Meeting: unrelated discussions are going on while someone has the floor and is speaking. [3-YR] Jan Sjoquist – No report.
- **Roster Secretary:** Ernie Aughenbaugh - No report.
- **Liaison Officer:** Alan Hukill - No report.
- **Past President:** Roni Sionakides/Milt Gere – Banquet attendance discussion, need a minimum of 65 to break even on the banquet costs. Final count needed the Monday before the banquet.
- **Membership:** Elaine Angstman – Presented new member applications for: the Colby family and Maleia Hale (Jan Sjoquist granddaughter). **Dan Sine moved to accept new member applications for Mike & Krista Colby and Cameron Colby; and Maleia Hale. Mary Gowans seconded the motion. Motion approved.** Welcome new members!
- **Field Trips:** Dan Sine – Handouts of upcoming scheduled field trips. Dan also mentioned that the exit gift for the Oct. show, Friday am Children’s Tour will be Gypsum.
- **Publications:** Elaine Beane – The May newsletter will include the club directory for members with 2011 dues paid.
- **Education & Community Outreach:** Jennie Martin/Kara Miller (both absent). May 11th (Weds.) – Another Science Night, at Resurrection School (volunteers needed). Club member, Theresa Hubbard is looking for a volunteer for the October 2011, Science Olympiad to provide a college level geology lesson [suggestion that maybe MSU undergrad/grad student in earth science or geology could fulfill that need?].
- **Display:** Club display – Dave Westjohn set up the display last weekend at the Kalamazoo show and Jan Sjoquist took the display down. Jan provided the following comments – the case set up is not user friendly (size is cumbersome), need more manageable size cases, for ease of transport, ease of set-up, possibly have two or three smaller cases. Jan researched cases and found a design that may be better for set-up/transport; could the club find a volunteer (wood working ability) to build new cases?
- **Finance:** Gordon Lewis – No report. [Discussion of the scholarship interviewing process tabled for the future]
- **Web Master/Site:** Lyle Laylin – No report.
- **Show:** Roger Laylin – Still looking for a replacement dealer; checking advertising options; and still looking for school tour director to replace Mary Gowans.
- **Old Business:** Ad hoc committee for education/school & university relations – tabled until next meeting.
- It was also noted by Elaine Angstman that Rockhound State Park (NM) will not be closed to rock collecting; possibly some rule modifications may be enacted.
- **New Business:** None covered due to time.
- Jan Sjoquist moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Mary Gowans. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Sue Casler, Recording Secretary

Minutes of the Central Michigan Lapidary and Mineral Society Board Meeting: June 2, 2011

Board Members Present: Elaine Angstman, Elaine Beane, Sue Casler, Milt Gere, Mary Gowans, Lyle Laylin, Roger Laylin, Gordon Lewis, Bob Mosher, Sharon Patton, Dan Sine, and Jan Sjoquist. [Board members absent: Ernie Aughenbaugh, Alan Hukill, Jennifer Martin, Kara Miller, Roni Sionakides, Dave Westjohn, and Kris Wood.]

- **President:** Roni Sionakides (Absent). Sharon Patton (Corresponding Secretary) called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm at the Okemos Public Library.
- **Vice President:** Dave Westjohn (Absent)

- **Recording Secretary:** Sue Casler – Summarized the May 5th Board Meeting minutes, to be published in newsletter.
- **Corresponding Secretary:** Sharon Patton – No report.
- **Treasurer's Report:** Kris Wood (Absent) – The May treasurer's report was emailed by Kris and was discussed.
- **Directors:** [1-YR] Mary Gowans – No report. [2-YR] Bob Mosher – Handout on sealing plastic bags without seal. [3-YR] Jan Sjoquist – No report.
- **Roster Secretary:** Ernie Aughenbaugh (Absent)
- **Liaison Officer:** Alan Hukill (Absent)
- **Past President:** Roni Sionakides (Absent)/Milt Gere – No report.
- **Membership:** Elaine Angstman – No report.
- **Field Trips:** Dan Sine – June 25, 9-2pm, LaFarge Quarry in Alpena. Also, trip to Lincoln Brick Park is limited to only 5 members per club, and only 3 specimens per person – this State Park is located at 13991 Tallman Road, Grand Ledge, DNR host will be present.
- **Publications:** Elaine Beane – To date, four newsletters (includes the directory) have been returned.
- **Education & Community Outreach:** Jennie Martin/Kara Miller (both absent); Elaine Angstman – No report.
- **Display:** Jan Sjoquist reported that she found a retired cabinet maker who would be willing to build club display cases, estimated cost \$150/per case. **Lyle Laylin moved that \$400 be authorized for two display cases to be built by cabinet maker; Elaine Beane seconded the motion. Vote taken and motion passed.** Question was asked regarding who might have the club Memorial Book?
- **Finance:** Gordon Lewis – No report.
- **Web Master/Site:** Lyle Laylin – No report.
- **Show:** Roger Laylin – 1) School Tour Coordinator, Theresa Hubbard has volunteered for the job (a big thank you to Theresa and to outgoing coordinator Mary Gowans); 2) Roger checked on school bus rates (through Dean Charters & Tours), \$45/hr and for a half day, approximately \$140 to \$150 school district rate [related to club discussion on providing financial assistance to schools for transportation cost to come to the Friday school tour]; 3) small yard signs (for show advertisement) approximately \$500 for 50 signs; 4) should we pursue advertisement on placements (in restaurants)? 5) we will have a show board meeting in June or July.
- **Old Business:** On May 11th, Resurrection School held its first Science Night, club members that participated were Jan Sjoquist, Roni Sionakides, Sharon Patton, and Lyle Laylin.
- **New Business:** Location for June 16th membership meeting, Masonic Center (in Okemos, where the club banquet was held) for \$50 for the night (Roger reserved). **Elaine Beane moved that club appropriate \$50.00 for the June 16th, membership meeting to be held at the Masonic Center in Okemos. Dan Sine seconded the motion. Vote taken and motion approved.**
- Nominations Committee needs to be established, requires five members of the society to be appointed by the President at the June meeting. Elaine Beane and Milt Gere volunteered; need three more members to be on committee; ask at membership meeting for volunteers.
- Elaine Beane moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Mary Gowans. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Sue Casler, Recording Secretary

In Memoriam

Longtime CMLMS member Marshall Davis died in July, 2011. His obituary was printed in the Lansing State Journal on July 21, 2011, and Mr. Davis's interest in mineralogy and membership in the CMLMS was mentioned.

For Shows to Attend and Field Trips Nationally, Check Out the Midwest Federation of Mineralogical and Geological Societies at <http://www.amfed.org/mwf> or <http://www.amfed.org>
