

Rockhound News

NEXT MEETING:OCTOBER 19TH

Program: The Anatomy of the Gem and Mineral Show

REFRESHMENTS :Cider and donuts

Club Calendar

OCTOBER 22nd REGULAR CLUB MEETING at North School 7:30 p.m.

OCTOBER 26th Show setup commences at 11:30 AM At Fair Ground Main Arena

OCTOBER 27th Kids morning starts at 9:00 AM... Show up at 8:30 AM for
work assignment. Show
begins at 6:00 PM -9:00

OCTOBER 28th Show continues 10:AM -7: PM

OCTOBER 29th Show continues 11:AM to 5:PM . Tear down and put away. November 1st
Board meeting at 7:00 at the Okemos Library.

(NOTE THIS IS WEDNESDAY BECAUSE OF SCHEDULE CONFLICT)

November 16th Regular meeting at 7:30 at North School.

October Program

Do you enjoy the Annual Show that the Central Michigan Lapidary & Mineral Society puts on in October? Do you plan to come to the Show this year? How would you feel if there wasn't any Show?

While many Society members do some work for the Show (even if it is only buying some tickets), the main work of planning, organizing, setting-up, managing, and taking down the Show is done (year after year) by just a few members. This situation is a) not fair and b) not smart. We need to educate more members in the really crucial jobs needed to put on the Annual Show. The Grand Masters of the Show need deputies and apprentices, and everyone needs to commit to helping. At this meeting, the Program will be devoted to The Anatomy of the Gem and Mineral Show, with the Grand Masters telling us what they do and what members can do to help them. A short meeting of the Show Committee will be held at the end of the program.

What would happen to the Show if all the Grand Masters retired and moved to a beach in sunny Spain? If we want to have a Show in future years, we need to LEARN HOW TO MAKE A SHOW!

SHOW SCHEDULE

THURS. OCT.26

Setup starts about 11:30. We cannot get in to the building before this. We can then set up and cover tables, unload the trailer and

do anything else that needs to be done for Friday Morning.

PLEASE DO NOT plan on setting up displays until after tables are all set up, covered and ready. Probably near 3:00.

FRI. OCT.27 **8:30 a.m.** Final preparations and work assignments in readiness to greet the children at 9:00 a.m.

1:00 PM Clear up left overs on Kids table and arrange tables for Dealer set up. Late comers set up displays.

6:00 PM SHOW TIME!!!

WELCOME THE PUBLIC TO THE SHOW

MEET NEW FRIENDS AND OLD

HAVE A GOOD TIME

SAT. & SUN. Continue with volunteer work assignments, eat, drink and spend \$ \$ \$ \$

SUN. OCT 24TH **5:30 PM** **BREAKDOWN SHOW** , Fold and stack tables and chairs.

THANK YOU ALL!!!!

SHOW CHAIRMAN ROGER LAYLIN

MEMBER DISPLAYS

One of the important features of any show are the display cases that the club members and nonmembers bring to the Show to show off their collections or skills. Viewing these displays give the visitors and club members the opportunity to see mineral specimens and fossils they have never before seen. This is where learning begins and the inspiration for new collections starts. If you have not yet told Neil Snapp that you will have a display ready for the show, please fill out and give him the following or a call.

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:

If you bring pretty rocks for the Pebble Pond, please run a hose over them and wash them. Otherwise, we start out the day with muddy water, and children like to choose their muddy water puddles and not at the

"Tour."

Specimens for the Big Rock Rack(Touch and Feel Table) (pet rocks) This was very well received the last two years .We need some new specimens as well as the old, if you have any to share, please bring them Thursday . Thank You.

HOSPITALITY

Hospitality Help - Jean Ann Wahl-Piotrowski (269) 948-9589 jawp2@voyager.net
Can't make it to the show to donate your time? Maybe you could donate some nourishment for our club workers and dealers instead! The goal of our hospitality room is to keep folks happy and healthy for the duration of the show, minimizing grumpiness as much as possible.

If you can contribute a sweet snack, salty snack or healthy snack please let me know! Cookies, quick breads, cake, chips, pretzels, crackers, cheese, nuts, veggies or fruit would all be appreciated. Remember that we have no refrigeration or cooking facilities so please plan accordingly. (I get by with coolers, roasters & hot pots.) I'd especially like to have a nice selection of baked goods for our Friday morning crew.

I'd be happy to collect up non-perishables at the Oct. 19 meeting -- otherwise; donations can simply be brought to the show. Thanks for your help!

The 2006 CML&MS Show Raffle -- Drawing at 4 PM, Sunday, October 29, 2006 -----

Prize Items Are Still Needed for the Raffle--- A number of members have donated some very nice Raffle Prize items for this year's raffle. However, we could still use some more items to raise the chance to win. Prizes may be donated between now and the show. Thank you for your support.

Raffle Tickets are available. They are \$1 each, or 6 for \$5. . The chance of winning is much greater at our raffle than with most games of chance and a portion of the sale helps support our club's Geology scholarship at MSU.

Remember your friends, relatives & neighbors may wish to purchase tickets too. Why not sell some tickets to them and help a good cause at the same time?

Your help is needed to sell raffle tickets at the show. Sales-help times are open on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Please give us a call to reserve your time to help. Thank you.

John Juroszek, Chair

Show Stuff: What you can do to help out.

1. Spread the word. Tell your friends and enemies. Post a flier.
2. Pitch in and work! Those who work two hours earn free admission to the show.
3. Invite friends to help on Friday morning. We have never had too much help. We will give a pass to any non-member that helps on Friday Morning.

Nominating Committee

The nominating committee is seeking volunteers for 2007 officers

Roster Secretary

Message from roster secretary Ernie: Dues are now being collected for 2007.

THINGS TO DO

Oct13-15 Michigan Mineralogical Society 62nd Annual Show, S.Macomb Community College Expo Center, 12 Mile & Hayes, Warren ,Michigan. Fri.9-7, Sat. 10-7, Sun.11-5.

----- **Oct. 20-22** Three Rivers 45th Annual Gem, Mineral, Fossil, Lapidary & Jewelry Show. Allan County Fairgrounds 2725 Carroll Rd., Ft.Wayne, IN. Fri.-Sat. 10-7, Sun.10-5

Oct. 21-22 Flint Rock & Gem Club 39th Annual Show. Carter Middle School, Rogers Lodge Drive (exit Interstate 75 at exit 131 Vienna Road./M57) Clio, MI

Oct. 27, 28, 29 CML&MS Annual Show. Don't miss it. Tell your friends about it.

Nov.11-12 Midwest Faceters Guild Gem, Mineral Jewelry show/sale.Fri. 3-8, Sat. 10-7, Sun. 10-5.
Taylor Sportsplex, 13333 Telegraph Rd. Taylor, Michigan.

GLOSSARY OF ROCKHOUND TERMS

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| Geologist: | Person who learned about rocks in school. |
| Rockhound: | Person who learned about rocks the hard way. |
| Pebblepup: | Smartmouth kid who knows more about rocks than you do |
| Field Trip: | Impossible trek to inaccessible place for non-existent specimens. |

Geologist's Pick: Handy gadget that you always have with you when you don't need it

And always leave at home when you do need it.

Field Polish: Spit.

Field Kit: Paper bag to put specimens in.

Rock Show: Bunch of people displaying their best specimens and another
Bunch selling their worst.

Swap: Mutual swindle.

Dop Stick: Tinker toy stick to mount gemstones on for cutting when your
Fingers are reduced to bloody stumps.

Lapidary: Rockhound with bloody stumps instead of fingers.

Tumbler: Piece of equipment costing at least \$50.00 which makes \$250
Worth of stones salable at .2

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