

Rockhound News

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, October 21, 2010

PROGRAM: Here's The Show!

REFRESHMENTS: Cider and Donuts will be provided.

It's Show Time!

At the July work-party, and September work-party, we made things for the Show and packed them up. We made Exit Gifts, Petoskey Stone Polishing Kits, Rock Critters, Mineralogy Sample Kits; and unloaded, checked, and re-loaded the fossils and minerals in the trailer. Lots of folks brought stones for the Pebble Pond and Children's Table. At the September meeting, some people signed up for Show duties, but there are still lots of good slots open! **If you like having the CMLMS Show, do more than just attend it. You can arrive at the Mason Fair Grounds, Main Arena, as early as 11:30 am on 10/21, and join the Club Members setting up the show.**

Location & Time: The CMLMS October Meeting will be held at 7:30 pm at the Main Arena, Ingham County Fair Grounds, Ash St., Mason, MI. Gather for Show set-up at 11:30 am; there will be lots of work to do. Bring snacks, wear work-in-the-yard clothes and work gloves, and bring a flashlight (just in case we have a repeat of last year's power outage). We will have a brief business meeting at 7:30 pm and finish setting up for the Friday morning Children's Tour.

CMLMS Calendar for November 2010

November 4, 2010 Board Meeting-7:00 pm at the Okemos Library

November 18, 2010 Membership Meeting at North School, 7:30 pm.

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

The CMLMS Annual Show is on October 22, 23, and 24. Here's the Show Calendar:

- OCTOBER 21nd** Show setup commences Thursday, 12:00 noon, Mason Fair Grounds, Main Arena
- OCTOBER 22rd** Children's Tour starts at 9:00 am Friday. **Show up at 8:30 am for your assignment.**
Dealer setup begins at 1 pm; Public Show is open from 6:00 – 9:00 pm on Friday.
- OCTOBER 23th** Show continues 10 am – 7 pm on Saturday
- OCTOBER 24th** Show continues 11 am – 5 pm on Sunday, followed by: **Tear down and put away.**
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Show Work Schedule

Thursday, October 21

- 11:30 am** Club trailer with show material delivered to Main Arena; start unloading & setup.
- 12:00 noon** Tables and chairs are delivered; setup and cover tables, continue unloading the trailer (as last year, 2 mineral tables, 1 fossil table)
- 3:00 pm** Before this time, check with Show Chair Roger Laylin if you want to join him in ordering pizza for supper, scheduled from 5:30 – 6:00 pm.
- 3:30 pm** Set up displays **AFTER TABLES ARE ALL SET UP and COVERED!**
- 7:30 pm** Hold a short CMLMS Membership Meeting.
Do anything else that needs to be done for Friday Morning.
The building will be open until 9 pm if necessary.

Friday, October 22

- 8:30 am** Final preparations and work assignments. **Children arrive at 9:00 am.**
- 1:00 pm** Move leftovers to main Children's Table and arrange tables for **Dealer set up.**
Late-comers set up displays.
- 6:00 pm** **Welcome the Public to the Show!** Meet friends and have a good time!

Saturday (9:30 am) & Sunday (10:30 am), October 23 & 24

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

Sunday, October 23

4:00 pm Raffle Call, winners selected.

5:30 pm BREAKDOWN SHOW, Fold and stack tables, chairs, and covers. Load club trailer.

THANKS TO ALL!!! – Show Chair Roger Laylin

Demonstrators Needed -- Demonstrations Coordinator Ruth Ann Lehner is putting out a call for CMLMS members or friends who have a lapidary or mineralogy skill and are willing to demonstrate that skill at the Show. Please contact Ruth Ann at 517-643-4406; e-mail ruthie48@netzero.com. Thank you!

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 gives visitors and club members the opportunity to see mineral specimens and fossils they have never before seen. This is where learning begins and inspiration for new collections starts. If you have not yet told Neil Snapp that you will have a display for the show, please call him at 517-339-2863!
PLEASE DO NOT SET UP DISPLAYS UNTIL ALL THE TABLES ARE SET UP!

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

Hospitality Requests -- Jean Ann Wahl-Piotrowski

Remember to bring your goodies for the lunch room. If you have not already signed up and are in doubt as to what is needed, please phone Jean Ann Wahl Piotrowski at 1-269-948-9589 or email Jean Ann at jadaw@gmail.com. If you can contribute a snack to sustain the show crew, please bring it to Thursday set up, or any day of the show. **Thanks and see you at the show!!!**

2010 CMLMS Show Raffle -- Drawing at 4 PM, Sunday, October 24

Prize Items Are Needed for the Raffle! --- A number of members have donated some very nice Raffle Prize items for this year's Raffle. However, more items are needed to raise the chance to win. Prizes may be donated until noon on Oct. 23rd. Please contact **Kris Wood**. 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 sales help support the CMLMS 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. Please see Kris Wood at the October 21 CMLMS meeting, or give her a call to reserve your time. **Tickets don't sell themselves!!**

OTHER Show Stuff: What you can do to help out!

- Spread the word. Tell your friends and enemies. Post a flier.
 - Pitch in and work! Those who work two hours earn free admission to the Show.
 - Invite friends to help on Friday morning. We have never had too much help for the Children's Tour. We will give a free pass to any non-member that helps on Friday Morning.
 - Sign up to help at a work station during the Show – Kids Table, Admission tickets, Raffle tickets, Spinning wheel, Silent Auction, Swap Table (if you bring material).
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There will be sign-up sheets at the October 21 meeting 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.

Please plan to show up early on October 21 to give Show Chair Roger and the club your support, if you cannot make it on Thursday, please call Roger or a table coordinator (below) find another time to help!

If you can't make it on October 21 set-up day, 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 = Ruth Ann Lehner (643-4406)
 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 Lee Laylin (349-3249)

Club News

Nominating Committee

The nominating committee is seeking volunteers for 2011 officers. Please contact Milt Gere (miltgere@aol.com), Roni Sionakides (rsionakides@sbcglobal.net), Elaine Beane (gebeane@comcast.net), or Roger Laylin (RandLLaylin@broadstripe.net). WE NEED YOU!!!

Roster Secretary

Message from Roster Secretary Ernie Aughenbaugh: Dues are now being collected for 2011.

- 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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Meeting Minutes

CMLMS Board Meeting -- September 2, 2010, Okemos Library, Okemos, MI

President: Roni Sionakides called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm at the Okemos Public Library.

Board Members Present: Elaine Angstman, Ernie Aughenbaugh, Elaine Beane, Sue Casler, Milt Gere, Mary Gowans, Alan Hukill, Rich Lassin, Lee Laylin, Lyle Laylin, Roger Laylin, Gordon Lewis, Jennifer Martin, Kara Miller, Bob Mosher, Dan Sine, Roni Sionakides, Mary Anne Hanlon-Smith and David Westjohn.

[Board member absent: Kris Wood]

Vice President: Rich Lassin - Program Review: September meeting - we will have a mini-silent auction and video Calif. Gold rush era; Oct. membership meeting is the night before our show - meeting will be at the Ingham Co. Fairgrounds Arena for set-up; Nov. meeting - yet to be determined.

Recording Secretary: Sue Casler - June Board Mtg. minutes to be published in the newsletter.

Corresponding Secretary: Mary Anne Hanlon-Smith - No report. [Note: Long time club member Margaret Randolph passed away Sunday, Aug. 29th]

Treasurer's Report: Kris Wood - Absent. [Note: The rent check for usage of the North School (club meetings) was sent out August 31st.]

Directors: [1-YR] Bob Mosher - No report. [2-YR] Mary Gowans - Re: Children's Tour (Oct. show) Mary sent out letters to 60 schools in the Lansing area; other school districts were discussed. [3-YR] Dave Westjohn - No report.

Roster Secretary: Ernie Aughenbaugh - No report.

Liaison Officer: Alan Hukill - Show flyers are available for distribution.

Past President: Milt Gere - No report.

Membership: Elaine Angstman - Two applications were received for new members. Alan Hukill moved to accept new member applications for Anna Aughenbaugh; and Norma Kremke (Snepp); Dan Sine seconded the motion.

Vote taken and motion approved. Welcome to new members Anna (Ernie's granddaughter) and Norma (Neil Snepp's wife).

Field Trips: Dan Sine reported that there were over 10 field trips this year! Oct. 2, 2010 scheduled trip to Grand Rapids - Alabastine Gypsum Mine (Michigan Natural Storage Co.) - further details to come.

Publications: Elaine Beane - Sept. newsletter - Tuesday following the Board meeting is the deadline for news if

you want it included in the newsletter.

Education: Kara Miller/Jennifer Martin – reported that the Petoskey Stone Polishing Demonstration at the MGAGS seminar in Webberville, on June 12-13, was a great success and they have been invited back to the next MGAGS seminar.

Community Outreach: Dave Westjohn gave a talk in August to the Historical Society of Bellevue, discussing the fieldstone features of the Methodist church.

Display: Dan Sine/Dave Westjohn – Dave renovated the club display based on comments at the Kalamazoo Show.

Web Master/Site: Lyle Laylin – reported that the club website won third place in the National level competition (American Federation) – WOW! GREAT JOB LYLE AND THANK YOU!

Show: Roger Laylin – 1) signed contract for bill boards (Adams Outdoor Adv.); there will be four bill boards around town advertising the October Show; 2) raffle license was obtained; 3) the summer work bee was held August 7th; 4) there will be another work bee on Sept. 18th to organize kids table rocks and minerals and load the trailer; 5) many years ago the club paid to have three films (old DNR movies) duplicated – question is does anyone know the location of these films?

Old Business: *Discussion of Impression 5 Science Center scholarships and the By-Laws Amendment for memorials will be tabled until next meeting.

New Business:

*Lyle Laylin – contacted by a person to have lapidary materials appraised – any volunteers?

*Lee Laylin – The Capital Area Audubon makes up backpacks with nature materials to provide to schools; Lee asked if club would be willing to donate funds for the purchase of beginning rock books to include in the backpacks? (Lee brought several examples of books)

Elaine Beane moved that \$150 be allocated for the purchase of 24 beginning rock books (field guides) for the Capital Area Audubon backpacks; Alan Hukill seconded the motion. **Vote taken and motion approved.**

*The Okemos Library meeting room is not available for the next Board Meeting, Oct. 7; therefore, it was decided that the Board would meet a week earlier, Sept. 30th as the room is available that evening.

Mary Gowans moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Elaine Angstman. **Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.**
Respectfully submitted, Sue Casler, Recording Secretary

CMLMS Membership Meeting -- September 16, 2010, North School, Lansing, MI

a. Call to Order. The September membership meeting was called to order by President Roni Sionakides at 7:40 pm at the North Elementary School. Welcome Back to Everyone!

b. Welcome and Introduction of Guests/Visitors. Guest/visitors this evening were: Dave Schalk; and Beth Schwartz. And Neil Snapp introduced his wife Norma, a “rockhound-in-training”. Welcome to all!

c. Minutes of Last Meeting. The June membership meeting minutes were taken by Elaine Beane (in S. Casler’s absence) and will be included in a future newsletter (and thank you to Elaine for taking minutes).

d. Treasurer’s Report. Kris Wood – Absent.

e. Announcements.

*Vice President – Richard Lassin announced that tonight’s program will be a mini-silent auction and a video on the Gold Rush Days. Next month’s meeting – Oct. is the night before the club show and the meeting will be held at the Mason Fairgrounds – Main Arena, to help with set-up for the show. The Nov. meeting program will possibly be one of the Scholarship recipients speaking to us about their work.

*President Roni Sionakides presented Lyle Laylin (Club Web Master) with the award for the Club Website (www.michrocks.org) placing 1st in the Midwest Federation (regional) competition and 3rd place in the American Federation (national) competition. Congratulations to Lyle and Thank you on behalf of the club! If you haven’t done so already – check out the website!

*Roger Laylin – Show. Work bee to be held at Laylin’s on Saturday, Sept. 25th, starting at 9:30 am. Please bring a dish to pass for potluck lunch. Sign up sheets on front table for various jobs at the show; take show flyers to pass around; and Neil wants more displays for the show! It was also mentioned that there will be four bill boards around town advertising the show (Adams Outdoor Advertising).

*Dan Sine – Upcoming Field Trips: Oct. 2 – LaFarge Quarry – Alpena; Also Oct. 2 Grand Rapids Gypsum Mine (pre-notification required); Nov. 13 will be another trip to the Grand Rapids Gypsum Mine (w/pre-notification required). Dan also mentioned the summer field trips that occurred – Crandell Brothers’ gravel pit visits, Charlotte; the LaFarge Quarry in Paulding, OH, and the Duff Quarry in Huntsville, OH.

*Door prizes – provided and distributed by Dan Sine!

f. Adjournment. Rich Lassin moved to adjourn the meeting, supported by Kara Miller. Meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Sue Casler, Recording Secretary

Come to the October 21 Meeting at the Mason Fair Grounds, Main Arena, 7:30 pm!