

Rockhound News

NEXT MEETING: November 15th

PROGRAM: Michael D. Gottfried, Ph.D.

Asso. Professor of Geological Science at MSU

“New Fossil Discoveries from the Rift Valley of Tanzania”

REFRESHMENTS. A through K, Please bring goodies!

CLUB CALENDAR

- Nov. 15th Regular club meeting at North School 7:30
- Nov. 19th Show Board wrap-up meeting 7:00 p.m. at the Laylin’s
- Dec. 3rd CML&MS Facetors meeting 6:30 p.m. at Guerrazzi’s Restaurant
- Dec. 6th Board meeting at Okemos Library 7:00 p.m.
- Dec. 20th Regular club meeting at North School 7:30 p.m.

The program for November will be presented by Michael D. Gottfried, Ph.D., Curator of Vertebrate Paleontology at MSU. Professor Gottfried will be speaking to us about “New Fossil Discoveries from the Rift Valley of Tanzania”. We will also have election of officers.

To	date,	the	Slate	of	Officer	Nominees	includes:
President							Wood
Vice		Pres.		Kris		Be	Determined
Rec.			Secr.	To		Sue	Casler
Corr.		Secr.		Mary		Anne	Smith
Treasurer				Alan			Hukill
3-Year Dir.	Robert	Mosher					

Attendance is up for the 2007 CMLMS Annual Gem and Mineral Show!

Thanks to all of the CMLMS members, volunteers, and friends who gave their time and energy during the three days of the 2007 Gem and Mineral Show at the Ingham County Fairgrounds Main Arena. After Thursday (October 25) set up, the show opened on Friday (October 26) at 9 am with the Children’s Tour. That was an exciting four hours, with attendance by 1175 children and about 250 teachers and chaperones [a total of 1425, about 350 more than 2006]. Due to both

early and late arrivals, we had about a third of our total attendance on the floor for most of a very busy hour! Our many members and volunteers were essential; they helped to keep all those children, teachers, and parents busy, happy, safe, and reasonably organized. At 1 pm, with the last child safely on the correct bus, the set-up was changed and the dealers moved in so that the public show could open from 6-9 pm, plus Saturday and Sunday.

We had paid attendance of 1136 over the three days, an improvement of over 100 compared to 2006. The Silent Auction and Spinning Wheel had their best years ever, and there were always crowds around the dealers' tables, the demonstrators, the displays, Children's Tables and the Petoskey Stone Polishing table. The Raffle had extra donations from the dealers (kudos to Ernie) and ticket sales were good. A special thank you to the tireless crew who kept the members, volunteers, and dealers well fed during the show. There were at least three member photographers documenting the show, so there should be lots of photos for sharing at the membership meeting on November 15. --- Come and see how gorgeous and handsome we all looked at the show, and plan to join us for next year's fun and games!!! President Elaine Beane.

SHOW REPORTS AND NEWS

THANK YOU !!!

All of the members who took an active part in making this 42nd Show a success deserve our thanks. *Mary Gowans*, Children's Tour Chairwoman, rates an EXCELLENT for her diligent efforts in contacting teachers and arranging the schedule for the 1200 + - students and the accompanying 216 parents and teachers. Surely their attendance and enjoyment of Friday morning made the efforts by members and volunteers worthwhile. The teaching material we received from Mineral Information Institute, which was given to the Teachers and Schools, both surprised and pleased the Teachers. Show attendance was up slightly over prior years level. The free pass as a part of the children's gift again returned more parents and children than prior years. We were pleased to welcome the new Dealers Tim and Joyann Sabo "Fantasy Gem Design " and David and Janett Corn "Janga Gems". Unfortunately we were again visited by persons seeking a five finger discount. In the future if such activity is suspected a general announcement will be made to alert all dealers .

A special thanks, again goes to Chuck Collins who stepped in and assisted Jean Ann Wahl-Piotrowski in managing the hospitality room. He also provided morning relief for the night duty security person. Thanks also to the many members who contributed all the good food that we happily consumed during the show. No one went home hungry. What a great membership. That's why we have the wonderful show that we have.

I was pleased with the club member turn out for both set up and tear down and especially for the *Geology Student* turn out Thursday noon and again Sunday evening. Their young eager bodies were surely appreciated when the members there were all tired.

The need for new material never ends, especially for fossils. The pebble pond is nearly empty and the fossils that are left are looking very shop worn and skimpy. Individual and group efforts are necessary to replenish these required items.

The efforts put forth by members in charge of the various show functions was again exceptional; publicity, children's table, silent auction, spinning wheel, demonstrator's, displays,

admission's, raffle, florescent booth, security, dealer liaison, treasury and last but not least **FOOD**. A special THANK YOU to all of you in charge as well as all of the members who assisted so ably during the show..

Overall attendance was up over last year with an increase of \$465.00 entrance revenue. A final accounting cannot be made until all bills are in and accounted for, but all indications are that the 42nd Show was a financial success as well as enjoyed by all. ROGER LAYLIN, General Chairman

There will be a wrap-up Show Board meeting at the Laylins ,1770 Sandhill,

Nov._19 at 7 pm all interested members are welcome.

CHILDRENS' TOUR REPORT October 26, 2007 Mary Gowens, Children's Tour Chair

Thanks to all who helped with the Friday morning Children's' Tour. I hope some of the teachers told you how much they appreciate the "Tour." Many have told me, and I am very pleased that the club can offer such a valuable program to the Lansing area educational world. Members who brought friends, please extend my special thanks to their efforts which were very much needed and very much appreciated .

I would like to thank all members and their friends who helped this year. The volunteers were terrific.

This year attendance was better than last year in spite of the fact that two schools canceled. Okemos had to cancel because that day was a Teacher/Parent Conference Day. One school had several parents bring students along with the bus. We did not get a student/teacher/parent count for the car participants.

For over one-half hour, we had over 450 children on the floor, plus teachers and chaperones. The problem was that one school was 55 minutes late and another arrived one-half hour early. The floor was crowded, but we had enough volunteers to keep everything moving smoothly because I have received no complaints about the crowd. One school came without any money. Having nothing to do caused a few behavior problems. Any suggestions about that problem will be appreciated.

Teachers contacted: 106 teachers. Twenty schools attended.

Date	Children	Teachers/Chaperons	Total	Participants
2000				1300
2001	1444	319		1763
2002	1076	233		1309
2003	1457	296		1753
2004	1255	227		1453
2005	1481	327		1808
2006		1066		
2007 1155	216	1371		

Welcome to NEW and Repeat MEMBERS

NEW MEMBERS: Marvin Martin, P.O. Box 143 , Webberville , Mi. 48892-0143

Sharon & Steven Pavlik , 13518 Blackwood , Dewitt, Mi. 48820

RENEWING MEMBERS: Jim Moses, 84822 Sunset Dr. Lyons, Mi. 48851

Lawrence Borland, 1708 Hartel Rd., Charlotte, Mi. 48813

Wendi Bierling , 1168 33rd St. , Allegan, Mi. 49010

We apologize to the members in the club who operate those machines that can make such beautiful gems, the FACETORS. They have for several years met for supper on the first Monday of the month to discuss their art and problems encountered. Their meeting is at 6:30 P.M. at Guerrazzi's Restaurant on north U.S. 27 north of State Road.

We are sorry for the oversight in not previously acknowledging this meeting. EDITORS

FOR NEWER MEMBERS

Our Club Meetings usually deal with Club business items, general information, the evening Program and refreshments. Lapidary skills, fossil or mineral specimen collections are only occasionally a program item but are discussed on a person to person level. To assist the newer members in their efforts to understand which member to

question when desiring information about a lapidary skill or fossils or minerals the following list of INTERESTS and SOURCE PERSONS may be useful.

Archaeology: E. Beane/ R. Mosher

Carving: We have no one active, see library / R. Laylin

Faceting: E. Aughenbaugh/A. Hukill/M. Lehner/G. Lewis/J. Manina/
H. Randolph/G. Turner

Fluorescents: No expert Many interested/R. Hansor/ R.Laylin/D. Sine

Fossils: E. Beane/S. Casler/M. Gere/J. Juroszek/R. Miller/D.
Sine/ N. Snapp/L. Stephens

Geology: E. Beane/S. Casler/M. Gere/N. Krupp./D.&J. Piotrowski

Lapidary: E.Aughenbaugh /M. Gere/G. Heaton/M.Jacobson/R. Laylin/
G. Lewis/ R. Miller/G. Turner

Metalcraft: E. Aughenbaugh/M. Gere/L. Laylin/G. Turner

Micromounts Many interested no expert/R. Hansor/R. Laylin/R. Mosher

Minerals: Almost everyone

Tumbling: G. Heaton/A. Hukill/K. Kanine/L. & R. Laylin/G. Lewis/K. Wood

Wirecraft M.Bean/ A. & G. Turner

THE EDITORS APPOLOGIZE TO ANY MEMBER INADVERTENTLY OMITTED.

Dues are due: If you have not paid your dues, Ernie will be glad to accept them at the Nov. meeting or by mail. Ernie's address is

**Ernie Aughenbaugh, P.O. Box 67, St. Johns, MI
48879-0067**

Central Michigan Lapidary and Mineral Society

Board Meeting

September 6, 2007

President: Elaine Beane called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm at the Okemos Public Library.

Reminder: Change of night to WEDNESDAY for the Oct. Board Meeting (same time/place).

Vice President: Kris Wood - Program for September is up in the air as Neil Snapp was scheduled, but due to surgery, will have to defer to a later date.

Board Members Present: Elaine Beane, Sue Casler, Elaine Angstman, Alan Hukill, Roger Laylin, Gordon Lewis, Arie Koewelyn, Fred Stahmer, Mary Anne Hanlon-Smith, Kris Wood, Jenny Martin, Kara Miller, and Ernie Aughenbaugh. Also present was Bob Mosher.

[Board members absent: Milt Gere, Dan Sine and George Heaton]

Recording Secretary: Sue Casler - No report (was absent from June 7th Board Meeting)

Corresponding Secretary: Mary Anne Hanlon-Smith - reported that Lila Stevens had cataract surgery and Neil Snapp scheduled for surgery Mon. 9/10.

Treasurer's Report: Alan Hukill - Reviewed receipts/disbursements for the months of June, and July-August 2007.

It was also mentioned that the rent for North School increased from \$30 for the evening to \$30/HR, resulting in a

cost of \$90 per evening for club meetings. Alan renewed the contract at a cost of \$720 for our 9 months of use.

Directors: George Heaton (Absent); Milt Gere (Absent); Arie Koelewyn (NR)

Roster Secretary: Ernie Aughenbaugh - No Report

Liaison Officer: Alan Hukill - Show flyers; Midwest Fed. Ballot was discussed, Alan will complete and send in on behalf of the club.

Membership: Elaine Angstman - Several new memberships requiring board action. **Motion made by Alan Hukill,**

Seconded by Roger Laylin to accept new member applications for Robert Kriegel, Janet and Doug Sjoquist and

Renee Robbins, vote taken, motion approved.

Education: Kara Miller - No Petoskey stone demonstrations scheduled at this time.

Web Master/Site: Arie Koelewyn - Noted that information had been placed on the website, UP Field report and Alpena by Lyle and Roger Laylin; and Kris Wood mentioned that she had some links for the website.

Show: Roger Laylin - 1) Mineral kits (one teacher requested); periodic table will be teachers' door prize; Lila has about one-half of the egg cartons done.

2) Work party at Laylins, Saturday, Sept. 22 - Unload trailer, consolidate, etc. and Roger has flats.

3) Sue reported that she is unable to chair the ticket sales - Elaine Beane will cover.

4) Elaine A. discussed the issue of name tags for dealers and demonstrators - will design/print up and will use plastic sleeves.

5) Bob Mosher - Michigan's Mineral Resources, display/exhibit will be up for both the childrens tour and for the show.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Alan Hukill moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Sue Casler. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Casler, Recording Secretary

Central Michigan Lapidary and Mineral Society

Membership Meeting

September 20, 2007

a. **Call to Order.** The September membership meeting was called to order by President Elaine Beane at 7:50 pm at the North Elementary School. [Late start due to school doors not being open at 7pm.]

b. **Welcome and Introduction of Guests/Visitors.** Darren Naramor; Ron Kelly and Mom; and new

members Doug and Jan Sjoquist.

c. **Minutes of Last Meeting.** The May membership meeting minutes were printed in the June newsletter; no minutes for June meeting as that was club's annual banquet.

d. **Treasurer's Report.** Alan Hukill - Reported that school rent of \$720 was paid for '07/'08; and a few other miscellaneous items.

e. **Announcements.**

*President Beane reported that the rent for club meetings at North Elementary School increased from \$37 per night per use to \$30/hr for an evening 7-10p would be \$90 per night.

Asked membership to keep an eye out for a comparable meeting place.

*Roger Laylin - SHOW (Oct. 26-28); Trailer is in the yard, ready for re-sort, label, consolidation of flats, work party scheduled for this Sat. 9/22; Tables for show have been

ordered; Mary Anne Smith will be placing advertisements in various publications; Alice Turner in charge of demonstrators; Mary Gowens gave an update of the Friday, Children's

Tour - 1200 children and 200 parents signed up so far; Neil Snapp is in charge of displays; and John Jurozsek reported that raffle tickets are available for purchase.

The Program following the meeting: Our own Elaine Angstman will talk and show pictures of the BIG rock show in Tucson, Arizona and of her collecting locales in Deming, New Mexico.

f. **Adjournment.** Alan Hukill moved to adjourn the meeting, supported by Richard Miller. Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Sue Casler, Recording Secretary

Central Michigan Lapidary and Mineral Society

Board Meeting

October 3, 2007

President: Elaine Beane called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm at the Okemos Public Library.

Notices of other shows were given to Neil Snapp to combine with ones he had. Letter was read from a member of an Ohio Rock Club re: Cautionary notice of situation with a dealer,

apparently this also was in the Fed. Newsletter.

Vice President: Kris Wood - Program for October is changed to mini-silent auction/show & tell. November program not yet determined.

Board Members Present: Elaine Beane, Sue Casler, George Heaton, Alan Hukill, Roger Laylin, Lee Laylin, Gordon Lewis, Arie Koewelyn, Fred Stahmer, Kris Wood, and Ernie Aughenbaugh.

Also present were Bob Mosher and Neil Snepp. [Board members absent: Elaine Angstman, Mary Anne Hanlon-Smith, Jenny Martin, Kara Miller, Milt Gere, and Dan Sine]

Recording Secretary: Sue Casler - Summarized highlights of Sept. 6, 2007 Board meeting (minutes not typed or printed in newsletter yet).

Corresponding Secretary: Mary Anne Hanlon-Smith - Absent.

Treasurer's Report: Alan Hukill - Reviewed receipts/disbursements for the month of September, 2007.

Directors: George Heaton (NR); Milt Gere (Absent); Arie Koelewyn - re: Business cards, needs the Logo to be re-drawn and reduced in size to electronic file. **Motion made by Alan Hukill to have Arie K. obtain**

The services to redraw Logo and create an electronic version for club business cards; seconded by Sue Casler. Vote taken and motion passed. Further discussion - alternate approach, Ernie Aughenbaugh Will take to printer in St. Johns and see if they can email the logo to Arie.

Roster Secretary: Ernie Aughenbaugh - No Report Liaison Officer: Alan Hukill - No Report

Membership: Elaine Angstman - Absent.

Publications: Roger & Lee Laylin - did not receive much response from members for sending newsletter via email.

It was decided that newsletters will be sent to members with email address unless they request it not to be sent.

Library: Lee Laylin - Weeding out books from library; should we include in club silent auction coming up or save for Show silent auction? Decision was made put books in upcoming club meeting silent auction and any books left over can go on club show silent auction. Also discussion on whether to continue club magazine subscriptions: Rocks and Minerals, Rocks and Gems, Lapidary Journal and Wire Artist? Cost to club for subscriptions approx. \$100/yr. Are Magazines being checked out by club members - not many. Ask at membership meeting and see what consensus is.

Show: Roger Laylin (Show Chairman) - 1)Certificates of appreciation in lieu of ribbons will be used this year; 2)all bases are covered for show; 3)Neil Snepp has taken care of geology club students and security; 4)Mineral Institute packets rec'd and will be handed out to all teachers at children's tour and drawing for one school to receive the extra education packet;

5)floor layout reviewed/OK; 6)Alice Turner has most of the demonstrators lined up for show; 7)Announcer (?);

8)Elaine Beane will be in charge of admissions this year; 9)Roger mailed 633 post cards for show, some of which incl.

\$1.00 off show admission, keep the postcard if presented. Old Business: None

New Business: 1)Discussed giving rock bags or mineral kits to new members (youth), apparently club did this at some time in the past.

2)We are somewhat overdue on nominating a slate of officers for 2008. President Beane selected a nominating committee as follows: Elaine Beane, George Heaton, Arie Koelewyn, Neil Snepp and Bob

Mosher.

2008 Slate to be presented at the October meeting and voted on at the November meeting.

Alan Hukill moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Lee Laylin. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Sue Casler, Recording Secretary

Central Michigan Lapidary and Mineral Society

Membership Meeting

October 18, 2007

- a. **Call to Order.** Following the tornado siren blasting very loud (located adjacent to the school parking lot), the October membership meeting was called to order by President Elaine Beane at 7:38 pm at the North Elementary School.
 - b. **Welcome and Introduction of Guests/Visitors.** None.
 - c. **Minutes of Last Meeting.** Sue Casler - No report, the September membership meeting minutes have not been typed/or printed in the newsletter.
 - d. **Treasurer's Report.** Alan Hukill - Only item to report was an expense for show publicity.
 - e. **Announcements.**
 - *Big Topic for this meeting - THE SHOW
 - *Mary Gowans reported on the Friday Children's Tour;
 - *Roger Laylin announced that the packets for the teachers had arrived;
 - *Arie Koewelyn read an email from a long ago member;
 - *Neil Snapp announced that Connie's email site has been taken down, please do not send emails to that address, Neil will get an email address in the future.
 - *Notice from the Flint Rock & Gem Club, invite of club member(s) to their banquet, Nov. 1 at the Clio Senior Center
 - *Nominating Committee - proposed Slate of Officers for 2008; will be presented/voted on at November membership meeting.
- President - Kris Wood
- Vice President - ???
- Record Sec. - Sue Casler

Corresp. Sec. - Mary Anne Hanlon Smith

Treasurer - Alan Hukill

Need one Director - Bob Mosher

*Door prizes were brought to us by none other than our own Dan Sine!!

The Program following the meeting: Silent Auction with a lot of books!

f. **Adjournment.** Richard Miller moved to adjourn the meeting, supported by Lee Laylin. Meeting was adjourned at 8:04 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Casler, Recording Secretary

Library. In going through the club library there were several publications from the state geology department that were quite dated after talking with Milt Gere the librarian found that most of these plus new items were now only available on line. The following is the procedure to follow to find items on line.

Go to www.michigan.gov/deg

go to left side open LAND

on left side open Geology in Michigan

in center ... find Geology in Michigan... open Digital Geology Library

Then you can tour through many types of publications and topics, open

the ones you want and download and print, etc.

Note several other areas of interest under Geology in Michigan too.

Thanks Milt for getting this information.

PLACES TO GO AND THINGS TO DO

November 12 Michigan Mineralogical Society Annual Auction

Cranbrook Institutr of Science

39221 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills, MI

preview Mon.7-8 p.m., Auction 8 p.m.

Mildred Hunt, garnetgeom@peoplepc.com

November 17-18 Madison Rock, Gem & Mineral Annual Show

Alliant Energy Center (Coliseum) Madison, WI

Sat.9:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 10 a.m.- 5 p.m.

Nevin Franke, 608-251-2601

December 8-9 Anoka County Gem and Mineral Club Sale and Show

Faribo West Mall

200 Western, Faribault, MN

December 8-9 Glacial Drifters Geological Societies 3rd Annual Show

Sheboygan Falls Municipal Building

375 Buffalo St. Sheboygan Falls WI.

Sat. 10 a.m. -5 p.m., Sun. 10 a.m. -4 p.m.

**Lets have a good turn out for our November Meeting. We hope to
See the new members that just joined and hope there will be lots of
Older members there to give them a warm welcome.**