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This bulletin is the official publication of the Central Michigan Lapidary and Mineral Society of greater Lansing, Michigan. It is published each month except July and August.

The Central Michigan Lapidary and Mineral Society is a non-profit organization, meeting to promote interest and increased knowledge in the fields of mineralogy, geology, paleontology and the lapidary arts. It was organized in May 1957 and celebrated its 50th Anniversary in 2007.

**Meeting place: Masonic Center, Hamilton Street, Okemos, MI**  
**Regular meeting date: Third Thursday, except July and August**

**Meeting time: 7:30 p.m., doors are open at 7:00 p.m.**

**Annual Dues: Adults \$10.00; Families \$15.00; Students under 18 \$2.00**

**Board meetings: First Thursday, except July and August; 7:00 p.m., Okemos Library**

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# ROCKHOUND NEWS

**NEXT MEETING: Thursday, November 20, 2014**  
**PROGRAM: Speaker Marvel Mitchell on making stone handles for knives**  
**REFRESHMENTS: Members with Initials A - L Please Bring Goodies**

**Location and Time:** The CMLMS membership meeting will be held on November 20, 2014, at 7:30 p.m., at the **Masonic Center, Hamilton Street, beautiful downtown Okemos, 2175 Hamilton Street.**

## **Calendar for Fall 2014 and later**

November 17, 2014 - Show wrap-up meeting, 7 pm, home of Roger and Lee Laylin  
(alternate snow date - November 19, same time and place)

November 20, 2014 - 7:30 p.m., membership meeting

December 4, 2014 - **7:15 p.m.**, board meeting, Okemos Public Library

December 18, 2014 - 7:30 p.m., membership meeting

**January 6, 2015, Tuesday - 7:15 p.m.**, board meeting, Okemos Public Library

January 7, 2015 - newsletter deadline

January 15, 2015 - 7:30 p.m., membership meeting

**February 3, 2015, Tuesday - 7:15 p.m.**, board meeting, Okemos Public Library

Bold indicates changed dates and times

## **UPCOMING PROGRAMS**

**Let Sue Casler or a board member know if you have any ideas for speakers, or other programs.**

November 20, 2014 - Marvel Mitchell will talk about making her beautiful stone handle knives. She set up a display at the banquet.

December 18, 2014 - Installation of officers for 2105, Christmas party with the Rocky Gift Exchange. DVD "Cave of Crystals: Exquisite Caves," 30 minutes. Professor Michael Wyession, Associate Professor of Earth and Planetary Sciences at Washington University in St. Louis. From his lecture series on The World's Greatest Geological wonders: 36 Spectacular Sites.

## **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

**David Wallace - Jackson, Michigan**

**Kaleel Van Voorhees - East Lansing, Michigan**

## **MEMBERSHIP CONCERNS**

Kara Miller has passed the word that her dad, Richard Miller, has been in the Hospital. By the time you get this newsletter he will be back home. Cards can be sent to his home. He would welcome phone calls, too.

## **Message from Roster Secretary Ernie Aughenbaugh: Dues are now being collected for 2015.**

### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2015**

November membership meeting is election of all officers. December membership meeting is installation of elected officers. Please plan to attend both these meetings. The board has offered a slate but nominations will be added from the membership at the November meeting. Here's your opportunity to serve the society. Please consider running for office and joining the board. We're a fun group! Haven't been ousted from the Okemos Library yet! Remember, without a board, our society will cease to exist.

Slate: President - Sue Casler

**Vice President - open** (two-year position)

Treasurer - Kris Wood

Recording Secretary - Jan Sjoquist

Corresponding Secretary - Theresa Hubbard

Director 1 - Lyle Laylin

Director 2 - Nate Krupp

**Director 3 - open** (three-year position)

### **REPORT OF 49th GEM MINERAL & FOSSIL SHOW**

This year about 45 of our members, 14 volunteer friends and MSU Geology Club members took an active part in creating the Show. They all deserve thanks from the non-participating members. The helping support of as many members as can attend is greatly appreciated and needed.

Theresa Hubbard, Children's Day Coordinator, put in much individual effort and combined with others did a great job in redesigning the morning entrance. The display of the Mastodon tooth found by Phillip Stoll was a big hit as was his attendance on Friday morning. We again had about 1000 lower grade school children from the Lansing and other School systems. We also are again providing financial support to Schools for the transportation of the children. The Exit Gifts free pass and those to volunteers provided for the return of 30 friends and children.

The total counted attendance was 1270 a slight decrease over recent years. Their interest and purchases appeared to be normal.

The new dealer, Earth Art Rock & Gem Shop offered a new selection of items. After a year off Moorehead Enterprises returned to join the usual group.

Jean Ann Wahl-Piotrowski and Chuck Collins managing the hospitality room did another superb job keeping us all well fed and happy. Thanks also to the many members who contributed the good food that we happily consumed during the show and to Rob Roland who because of his work schedule made a substantial cash contribution to the food budget. No one went home hungry.

If they did it was their own fault.

Chuck Collins again provided morning relief for the night duty security person thus saving some other member from an early morning call. MANY MANY THANKS CHUCK!

Ernie Aughenbaugh along with arranging for the Dealers this year contacted the Demonstrators also to assure their attendance. He again did an excellent job. His efforts in these duties must be appreciated by all.

George Heaton and brother Roger managed both the Children's table and the Swap table. They donated numerous nice specimens to the Door Prize table.

The Silent Auction and Spinning Wheel managed by Elaine Angstman and Sherry Sparks attracted a crowd at each offering, however, while all items sold, the return was a bit below average.

Our Raffle, managed by Kris Wood, gave 70 prizes, all of which were very nice. Final results will not be available until all mailings are completed.

The new Fluorescent Booth, as designed and constructed by Lyle Laylin, was a big success. As a part of the new booth he also repaired the ailing lamp which resulted in exceptional illumination of the specimens. Now must decide what to do with the old one. He also designed and constructed the interior of the storage trailer which organizes the contents efficiently and will save much lifting of boxes. Next year he and Ernie plan to make new electric cords for the Demonstrator tables.

The Dealers on a whole seemed satisfied with the results of the weekend and all indications are that the 49<sup>th</sup> Show was again an educational and financial success – and was enjoyed by all.

Club member turnout for both set-up and tear-down was good (we can always use more hands to make the work easier). The Geology Club student turnout Thursday noon was absent as classes took precedent. On Sunday evening their energy and strength were much appreciated! We trust the help from the Geology Club continues.

The efforts put forth by members in charge of all the various show functions was again exceptional — publicity, children's table, silent auction, spinning wheel, demonstrators, displays, admissions, 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.

The pebble pond always needs refilling. The “Kids” nearly drained the supply of the more desirable fossils and mineral specimens so get out there and collect over the coming year!

All the volunteers that assist us during the Children's Tour (Friday morning) help make that day a success. Lee and I accounted for the 14 volunteers previously mentioned. I must ask does anyone else have friends? **PLEASE** recruit your friends and relatives or enemies. The more the merrier.

There will be a Show wrap up meeting Monday, November 17th, 7:00 PM at my home 1770 Sandhill Road. All that are interested in the next Show are welcome to attend.

**A HEART FELT THANK YOU TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED. LRL**

**PLEASE, MEMBERSHIP: THIS CHAIR NEEDS A NEW BODY. AFTER OVER 15 YEARS, I WILL BE HAPPY TO PASS MY EXPERIENCE AND INFORMATION FILES TO A NEW CHAIRPERSON.**

**L. ROGER LAYLIN, GENERAL CHAIRMAN**

## CLUB NEWS

**Outreach Committee:** Always in need of volunteers to help with school science fairs, talks and presentations at schools and other organizations, and educational opportunities. Contact committee chair Mary Gowans to lend a hand. [gowans@msu.edu](mailto:gowans@msu.edu) or 517-351-6135.

### EARLY REQUEST

Bennett Woods is having its annual Family Science Night on Wednesday, February 25, 2015 from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm. Please let Mary Gowans know if you are able to attend. I know this is early, but it really is not that far away. You know the way time flies.

Email me at [gowans@msu.edu](mailto:gowans@msu.edu) or phone 351-6136 and leave a message with you phone number and please speak slowly. Mary Gowans, Outreach Chair

**Field Trips!** None scheduled at this time. See Dan Sine to sign up and for more information. Cell phone 517-316-5713 or [daniel.sine@opm.gov](mailto:daniel.sine@opm.gov). Dan would like to set up an email list of all who plan to go on the field trips. Please contact him if interested in getting emails as field trips are set up.

Minimum age for a quarry is 12. No children under 12 will be allowed at the quarries (their rule). Trips to other collecting sites may have no minimum, or maximum, age requirement. Safety rules in the **Field Trip Guide** are posted at the society website. They should be reviewed, printed out and **taken to every field trip**. Also, insurance coverage for the field trips by the Federation is very limited. It provides only for damage that members might do on-site. There is no personal injury coverage; no coverage underground. Coverage is only for members, so our policy is that field trips are only for members. Members should review this insurance information on our website. Let Dan know of any other locations and contact information that you may know about and would like to visit. Dan does a fabulous job getting these field trips lined up for club members so please take a moment to thank him personally for all his work.

**PLACES TO GO AND THINGS TO DO—Check [www.amfed.org/mwf](http://www.amfed.org/mwf)  
or our website [www.michrocks.org](http://www.michrocks.org)**

**FoundMichigan, an online magazine on culture in Michigan—[www.foundmichigan.org](http://www.foundmichigan.org)**

**Check out our website for items for sale. There are links to eBay and Craig's List.**

### UPCOMING SHOWS

None scheduled in our area through December. It's just that holiday time of year!!!

## CMLMS MINUTES

### **CMLMS, Membership Meeting, October 16, 2014**

**Call to Order:** President Elaine Angstman called the meeting to order at 7:38 pm at the Okemos Masonic Center.

**Welcome and Introduction of Guests/Visitors:** Jill Shaver attended her first CMLMS membership meeting with her son, Jude. The Shavers are new members.

**Minutes of the Last Meetings** were published in the October Newsletter. There were no corrections.

**Treasurer's Report:** Is available for review.

### **Announcements:**

*Elaine Angstman:* has returned from New Mexico with new specimens and an encounter and

photograph of a rather large rattlesnake. January Board meeting will be on January 8, 2015 if the date is available. Volunteers are needed for the position of Vice-president and 3-year Directors. Otherwise, the state of officers is filled.

*Roger Laylin: Show:* Help is needed to work the show. He and Lee have enlisted help from friends and suggest other members bring friends and family to help. Sign up sheets are available for ticket sales. Displays are needed. Assistance is needed for many stations, including Petoskey Stone polishing and kids' tables.

**Door prizes:** Drawing for door prizes arranged by Dan Sine.

**Adjournment:** Kara Miller **moved to adjourn the meeting**, supported by Roni Sionakides. The meeting was adjourned.

**Program:** Devils Tower DVD.

Respectfully submitted, Janet Sjoquist, Recording Secretary

### **CMLMS, Board Meeting, November 6, 2014**

**Board Members Present:** Elaine Angstman, Ernie Aughenbaugh, Elaine Beane, Sue Casler, Milt Gere, Mary Gowans, Theresa Hubbard, Alan Hukill, Nate Krupp, Roger Laylin, Lyle Laylin, Gordon Lewis, Jan Sjoquist, Roni Sionakides.

**Board Members Absent:** Jennifer Martin, Kara Miller, Dan Sine, Kristin Wood.

**Members Present:** Bob Mosher, George Heaton.

**President:** Elaine Angstman called the meeting to order at 7:03pm at the Okemos Library. Elaine passed around a Certificate of Recognition from the Midwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies for the \$2000 donation made by CMLMS. This certificate was presented to Elaine at the show. George Heaton was able to schedule upcoming board meetings for: December 4 at 7:15pm, Tuesday January 6 at 7:15pm, and Tuesday February 3 at 7:15pm at the Okemos Library. The short turnaround time between board meeting and membership meeting in January will necessitate a submission deadline for the newsletter on January 7.

**Vice-President:** Sue Casler announced the programs for Membership meetings: November 20, Marvel Mitchell will do a demonstration on making knife handles. There may be a short DVD following the demonstration. December 18, rock exchange and DVD, *Cave of Crystals: Exquisite Caves*. Sue shared some ideas for future meetings and would like members to contribute ideas and contacts for future programs. The position of vice-president has no candidates as yet, and it is the duty of the vice-president to schedule programs.

**Recording Secretary:** Jan Sjoquist has submitted the minutes of the October membership meeting for publication and will have the November board meeting minutes available also.

**Corresponding Secretary:** Theresa Hubbard, no report.

**Treasurer:** Kris Wood absent, sent report by email. President Angstman presented the report.

**Directors:** Milt Gere (1yr), no report. Lyle Laylin (2yr) presented an itemized list of expenses for materials for the fluorescent booth and the trailer adaptations. He was complemented and thanked by board members on both projects. Nate Krupp (3yr) has received the needed specimens for the Cub Scout kits and the kits will be completed soon.

**Roster Secretary:** Ernie Aughenbaugh, no report.

**Liaison Officer:** Alan Hukill, no report.

**Past President:** Elaine Beane, no report.

**Membership:** Elaine Angstman received two applications at the show:

David Wallace of Jackson and Kaleel VanVoorhees of East Lansing. Alan Hukill **made a motion to accept David and Kaleel into membership in the CMLMS**. The motion received a support by Theresa Hubbard. A vote was taken and these applicants were accepted into CMLMS. Welcome!

**Field Trip:** Dan Sine, absent, no report.

**Publications:** Roni Sionakides needs newsletter submission by Monday.

**Education:** Kara Lewis and Jennifer Martin, absent, no report.

**Community Outreach:** Mary Gowans, no report.

**Library:** Roger Laylin for Lee: new books purchased for \$90.

**Display:** Jan Sjoquist: 1. Bernice Claflin has a specimen in the Memorial display, but she was not a member. Specimen # 13 was removed from the display and now will be a *non-assigned* specimen. 2. William Lay specimen #40 has been retired because of deterioration. It has been replaced with specimen #52 which was previously *non-assigned*. Kammerrite (#52) is now displayed as a memorial for William Lay.

**Finance:** Gordon Lewis, no report.

**Web Master:** Lyle Laylin, no report.

**Show:** Elaine Angstman: Passed out statistics from the spinning wheel and the silent auction. Revenue was down. Elaine will purchase specimens for the next year, but states that the costs are going up. Elaine Beane made a **motion to allocate \$1000 for purchasing materials for the spinning wheel and silent auction**. Alan Hukill supported the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Elaine Beane: Reported on admission numbers. There were 1130 adults, 109 teens, and 30 free admissions for a total of 1269. \$3, 507 was collected for admissions. There was a minor correction factor due to contributions.

Roger Laylin: Reviewed table/chair numbers and other expenditures. He read the wrap up suggestions made last year that were not followed nor reviewed prior to the show. Hopefully, we can review the reports before the show to take action on areas of concern. A 2014 show wrap-up meeting will be at the Laylin home on **Monday, November 17 at 7pm**. Members are welcome at this meeting. The revised entry system for the children's tour was pronounced successful, but the flow of traffic needs to be revised. A discussion occurred about increasing the 45-minute time limit to 60 minutes. Lyle suggested we check about transportation issues first to see how the driver time is paid.

**Old Business:** Roger Laylin is generating a member list from member number 1-1588.

**New Business:** Deferred due to time restraint.

**Adjournment:** Mary Gowans made a **motion to adjourn the meeting**. Roni Sionakides seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 8:42pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Janet Sjoquist, Recording Secretary

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