

**NEXT MEETING: December 19, North School**

**Installation of Officers**

**MINERAL OF THE MONTH: Horneblende**

**PROGRAM: “A Christmas Potpourri”**

**REFRESHMENTS: Party Time!**

**Every family please bring a dozen or so of your favorite holiday treat.**

**Hey, It's Time to Pay Your Dues!!!!!!** Ernie reports that as of the board meeting only 35 folks had paid their 2003 dues. That's way less than half, folks. Ernie actually has the noble intention of getting the directory out in February this year. Paying late means you don't get in the directory; you cause bookkeeping issues for Ernie; and, make a mess of the Editor's mailing list. So, please pay up promptly! Send your bucks to Ernie Aughenbach, PO Box 67, St. Johns MI 48879; or pay him at the meeting.

**President/Editors Message** – Jean Ann Wahl-Piotrowski

Hard to believe that after 14 years this is my last newsletter—yeah!!!! Baby is growing well and taking up more space daily. We're working at making room for her in the house as well: moving furniture, cleaning out closet space, etc. I know these next 11 weeks will fly.

Our club board is a darn good bunch of folks, who are willing to say “yes” even when there appears to be no time left in their schedules. I thank each one for their hard work and devotion. Milt has brought us some refreshingly different programs. George has steadfastly provided good weather and collecting opportunities. Allen, Ed & Bettie are to be thanked for pulling together as a team to chair our show.

Thanks also must go out to our membership: those who attend meetings, events and field trips, letting the board know that their efforts are worthwhile; those who share their skills with others; those who bring goodies to meetings and other club events; those who donate materials for the kids table, raffle, and door prizes; those who lend their muscles ..... Thank you all!

**December Program** –Milt Gere

Our program for December should have something for everyone.

We will have a short (9 minute) video “Recovery of a Copper Boulder” which chronicles the raising of the 18 ton piece of copper from Lake Superior the summer of 2001. The specimen is now a centerpiece at the Quincy Mine Hoist Museum. Bettie Patterson will bring us into the Christmas spirit with a holiday reading and will lead the membership in song. We’ll follow up with a mini-silent auction for those interested; and, of course, enjoy the best refreshments of the year!

**Corresponding Secretary Report** -- Mary Gowens

A sympathy card was sent to the family of Delores Saxman who passed away late in November.

**Library Note:** Check out this December's issue of Wired Artist. Member Alice Turner is the featured artist for the month!

**Welcome to our Newest Members**

Jill Withey is interested in fossils, geology, tumbling and wirecraft. Her address: 469 W. Broadway Hwy, Charlotte MI 48813.

Brenda Baker is interested in fossils, geology, tumbling and wirecraft. Her address: 532 W. Carlton Center Rd, Hastings MI 49058; blbaker@mvcc.com.

Jennifer Payne is interested in geology and mineralogy. Her address: 801 Brookside Dr. #215, Lansing MI 48917; jennisperky@aol.com.

Joyce & Gary Smith are interested in faceting, geology, lapidary and mineralogy. Their address: 6191 Graebear Trail, East Lansing MI 48823.

Daniel Sine is interested in archaeology, fossils, geology and mineralogy. His address: 4500 Manitou Dr. Okemos MI 48864; daniel.sine@mail.dss.mi.

Cheryl DeLaere is interested in lapidary, faceting, metalcraft, mineralogy, tumbling and wirecraft. Her address: 855 W. Jefferson #111, Grand Ledge MI 48837; cherisherry@yahoo.com.

Please also note a change of address for Wilma Hopkins: 2755 Berry Rd., Rives Junction MI.

**Central Michigan Lapidary and Mineral Society Membership Meeting November 21, 2002**

The November general membership meeting was called to order by Vice President Milt Gere (in the absence of President Jean Ann Wahl-Piotrowski) at 7:44 p.m. at the North Elementary School.

Guests/visitors at meeting: Jennifer Payne and Daniel Sine; Cheryl DeLaere also introduced herself (new club member).

Recording Secretary: Sue Casler read the October 17, 2002 membership meeting minutes recorded by Mary Gowans; minutes were approved as read.

Treasurer: Alan Hukill – reviewed receipts/disbursements/balance to date for the month of November.

Corresponding Secretary: Mary Gowans – No report.

Education: Margaret Green – Mineral of the month, Enstatite (the display board set up at meeting provided information on the mineral and also explained why there were no specimens available for viewing – mineral in meteorites!).

Library: Lee Laylin – Announced that the new books recently purchased for the library were out on the back table to look over.

Display: Grit Turner – Show flyers on out on the front table are all for shows in 2003. Door prizes were won by 1) George Olds; 2) Gail Hopkins; 3) Ed Drown; and 4) Joyce Smith.

Show: Mary Gowans – Thanked everyone who helped out at the Friday Children's Show. Also, Mary received a package of thank you letters from the students at Edgewood Elementary School in Okemos. Mary will put them out on the front tables for folks to take a look at.

New Business: - As mentioned in the November newsletter, the Nominating Committee, consisting of Lila & Rich Stevens, Ed Drown, Mary Gowans and Jean Ann Wahl-Piotrowski have presented the 2003 official slate to be voted on at the November membership meeting. Vice President Milt Gere asked Gordon Lewis to read the proposed slate as listed in the newsletter and also asked if there were any other nominations from the floor prior to the election.

Grit Turner moved that the nominations be closed and that there be a unanimous ballot cast for the 2003 slate as read; Richard Miller seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Following are the officers elected for 2003.

President – Milt Gere

Vice President – Mary Gowans

Recording Secretary – Sue Casler

Treasurer – Alan Hukill

Corresponding Secretary – Margaret Green

3 year Director – Christine Juroszek

The speaker/program for this evening is Rich Williams, Scrimshaw Artist.

[OOPS – There was no official action taken to close the meeting.]

Respectfully submitted, Sue Casler, Recording Secretary

### **Upcoming Shows**

Nov. 23 & 24 Lapidary & Rock Demo Weekend. Lake Erie Marshlands Museum & Nature Center, Lake Erie Metropark, 32841 W. Jefferson, Brownstown MI. \$3.00 per car admission to park. Sat. 10-5, Sun. 12-5

March 8-9 Roamin Club Auction. Schoolcraft College, Waterman Campus Center, 18600 Haggerty Rd, Livonia. Fril 11-6, Sat. 12-6.

March 22 "Dearborn" Club Swap. Democratic Club of Taylor, 23400 Wick Rd, Taylor. 10-5. If you go ask a member for directions to the Pink Flamingo for lunch or supper, great food.

March 29-30 Blossomland Show. Berrien Co. Sportsmans Club, 2985 E. Linco Rd., Berrien Springs. Sat. & Sun. 10-5.

April 11-13 Mt. Clemens Show. Mt. Clemens Community Center, 300 North Groesbeck, Mt. Clemens. Fri & Sat. 10-7, Sun. 11-5.

May 30-June 1 "Dearborn" Show. Allen Park Civic Arena, 15800 White, Allen Park. Fri. 5-9, Sat. 10-8, Sun. 11-5:30.