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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, 2175 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 Tuesday, except July and August; 7:00 p.m., Okemos Library

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ROCKHOUND NEWS

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, December 15, 2016
PROGRAM: Holiday Party & Rocky Gift Exchange
REFRESHMENTS: Everyone Please Bring Holiday Goodies

Location and Time: The CMLMS membership meeting will be held on December 15, 2016, at 7:30 p.m., at the **Masonic Center, 2175 Hamilton Street, beautiful downtown Okemos.**

Calendar for Winter 2017

December 12, 2016 - Trip to Dice Mineralogical Museum in Grand Rapids, see below

December 15, 2016 - membership meeting, 7:30 p.m.

January 5, 2017 - board meeting, 7 p.m., Okemos Library

January 19, 2017 - membership meeting, 7:30 p.m.

February 2 - board meeting, 7 p.m., Okemos Library

February 16, 2017 - membership meeting, 7:30 p.m.

[Editor's note: the deadline for the newsletter is the **Monday, 8 a.m.** after the board meeting.]

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

December 15, 2016 - installation of officers, holiday party with Rocky Gift Exchange, mineral of the month turquoise.

January 19, 2016 - Doug Sjoquist will present on *Iceland: The Land of Fire and Ice*.

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The Land of Fire and Ice

And Hidden People

Enjoy a journey to Iceland with Doug Sjoquist at the January Membership Meeting on **January 19, 2017**

Doug will share stories, video and stills documenting the fascinating geology of Iceland. Guests are welcome.

Special Instructions for the Rocky Gift Exchange (Please Read This!!)

If you want to **get a gift**, you must **bring a gift!** Gifts should be rock related. Gifts may be a) rock or mineral specimen, fossil, b) books, magazines, or articles about rocks, minerals or gems, c) small tools/materials related to rock collecting or faceting, d) toys, clothing, or anything else related to our mineral interests. Please wrap the gift you bring with you.

Message from Roster Secretary Ernie Aughenbaugh

Dues are now being collected for 2017

Membership dues for 2017 are being collected through the end of April at which time, if unpaid, you will be removed from the list for the newsletter. If you are receiving a paper copy and have a red check on the label this will be your final issue. If you have not paid, please remember you will no longer have privileges for field trips. **YOU MUST BE A SOCIETY MEMBER TO GO WITH THE SOCIETY.** Please keep in mind that December 31 of each year is the actual date your dues should be paid to the society so the board can plan accordingly for publishing an annual directory and insurance for each member for field trips. Also, if you receive your newsletter or any other notifications by electronic means, **PLEASE NOTIFY THE BOARD IF YOU HAVE A CHANGE IN YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS.**

SURVEY

Attention CML&MS Members: we Need Your Input!!

At the recent December club Board Meeting, the topic of demonstrations or classes relating to our several rock-related hobbies came up. We would like your comments about your desire for club learning sessions at meetings and related activities.

1. Would you like and attend: (A) demonstrations at meetings, or (B) short classes at meetings, or (C) longer classes at another time and location. Some cost may be associated with the last option.
2. What topics would you like covered? We have members involved with many facets of our hobby. Members and others could provide information on: Rock & Mineral identification, fossil identification, lapidary work, tumbling rocks, faceting, wire wrapping, beading, metalsmithing, archaeology, setting up displays, field collecting and safety, enameling, etc. Please list your favorite topics.
3. Would you give a talk at a meeting, class, etc., on one of these or a related topic? If not you, who do you suggest for us to have as a speaker?
4. Any other suggestions for club meetings and related activities, educational or otherwise? Please explain.
5. Please list any off-site locations you think could be used free or rented for longer classes.

Thank you for your comments from your club board members.

Please send your answers, comments and suggestions to Milt Gere for compiling.
Send by e-mail to MiltGere@aol.com , please place SURVEY in the subject line.
Send by U.S. mail to my address in the Club Directory.
Hand deliver at the next Club meeting, Thursday, December 15, 2016.

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 or 517-351-6135.

Library: Check out the new books in the library boxes. Always something in there, old or new, for all interests.

Field Trips!

There are no field trips planned at this time. Many of the quarries are no longer allowing rock hounds to have access to their premises for collecting purposes. If you know of any place that will allow enthusiasts to collect, please let Dan Sine or someone on the board know.

**PLACES TO GO AND THINGS TO DO—Check www.amfed.org/mwf
or our website www.michrocks.org**

UPCOMING SHOWS

None at this time.

Tour of the Dice Mineralogical Museum

From Dave Berquist:

Several members of my Scrabble Club are interested in car pooling to Grand Rapids. On Monday, December 12, we will be playing Scrabble at a Senior Center at 10 a.m. and then to the Bruce Dice Mineralogical Museum at Calvin College. The tour at the Museum is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. The Senior Center is downtown, so you can play, hang out or explore Grand Rapids, meet at the museum at 1:30. There is a moon rock on display.

The idea is to carpool to Grand Rapids on Monday, December 12, play Scrabble at 10, have lunch, drive to Dice Museum for the tour, return to Lansing.

Location of the museum is at North Hall, 1st Floor, 3201 Burton SE, Grand Rapids, Michigan if interested in meeting Dave at the museum. Burton Street crosses E. Beltline.

Call Dave for more information at 517 643-2301.

CMLMS MINUTES

CMLMS, Membership Meeting, November 17, 2016

Call to Order: President Sue Casler called the meeting to order at 7:42 p.m. at the Okemos Masonic Hall.

Welcome & Introduction of Guests/Visitors: New members Harley and Sue Smith were in attendance as was guest David Munson.

Minutes of the Last Meeting: The October Membership Minutes and the November Board Meeting Minutes were printed in the November Newsletter.

Treasurer's Report: Elaine Beane was absent, no report.

Announcements: Sue Casler presented the slate of officers for 2017:

President, Sue Casler; Vice-President, Nate Krupp, Recording Secretary, Janet Sjoquist;

Corresponding Secretary, Theresa Hubbard, Director 3 year, Chuck Taricska; Director 2 year, Gaylord Brooks, Director 1 year, Lyle Laylin. Roger Laylin made a **motion to accept the slate as officers for 2017**. Dave Berquist supported the motion, a vote was taken and the motion carried.

Roger Laylin, CMLMS show chair, announced his retirement as show chair; a replacement is needed if we are to continue with a show. Theresa Hubbard made a **motion to have a show in 2017**. Lyle Laylin supported the motion, a vote was taken and the membership has voted to have another show. A chairperson is needed.

Roger has scheduled a Show Wrap-Up Meeting at the Okemos Library on **Monday, November 28 at 7pm**. All members are encouraged to attend. Roger discussed the bookkeeping errors in achieving final figures. Rob Roland made a motion **to grant Roger permission to adjust show figures to reflect the final balance**. Lyle Laylin seconded the motion and the motion was passed by vote of the membership.

Jan Sjoquist, Memorial Display Chair, offered an opportunity for members to help with displaying the Memorial Cases at local shows.

November mineral: Citrine by Theresa. Door prizes: Dan Sine.

Adjournment: A motion was made by John Crockett and seconded by Lyle Laylin to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Program: DVD, *Mineral Explorers, Brazil* (aquamarine/tourmaline)

Respectfully Submitted: Janet Sjoquist, Recording Secretary

CMLMS, Board Meeting, December 1, 2016

No quorum, notes only

President: Sue Casler declared this meeting to be lacking sufficient board members to create a quorum and no official business was conducted. The following shall be recorded as a discussion.

Milt Gere: Milt will conduct the installation of officers. He has the 2017 budget ready for submission.

Sue Casler: Sue will conduct a short board meeting prior to the December Membership Meeting to act upon membership applications.

December meeting will be the Holiday party/exchange.

January 2017 meeting: Doug Sjoquist will present on *Iceland: The Land of Fire and Ice*.

Theresa Hubbard will prepare educational opportunities for the membership to learn rock/mineral related skills.

Roger Laylin: The CMLMS 2017 show is scheduled for October 20, 21, 22.

This presents an unfortunate, unavoidable conflict with shows of Flint and Ft. Wayne and the resulting schedule conflict with dealers. Ernie has engaged in discussions with the dealers. The question still stands about our commitment to have a show. There is no replacement Show Chair.

Respectfully Submitted, Jan Sjoquist, Recording Secretary

MORE SHOW THANK YOUS!

From Elaine Angstman

Our silent auction had a great year. \$4775 was our final tally and that was our best year ever! I want to thank all the people who donated, worked, sorted and helped with the auction. Without these people the auction would not do nearly as well. Especially Sherry Sparks for all her work. Thank you Gaylord for manning the spinning wheel, that is greatly appreciated too. Start thinking about next year. We especially need small items for the spinning wheel. Thanks again.