

JUNE NEWS AND IMPORTANT DATES OF
CENTRAL MICHIGAN LAPIDARY AND MINERAL SOCIETY

IMPORTANT DATES I

June 13th to June 16th

National Gem and Mineral Show of 1957 -- at Denver Colorado. In National Guard Armory Building. This is the BIG SHOW of 1957 where you will see the best in displays of Rocks, Gems and minerals. Also, see the different types of equipment that is available for working this interesting hobby of Gems and Minerals. You will be invited to go on field trips in the area with a group of Rock Hounds who have the knowledge we are seeking. For General Show Information: Write Ernest and Parshall, publicity, 2620 South Pearl St. Denver, CO, Colorado.

June 16th

Field Trip The club members and invited visitors will meet together at the Charlotte Court House (on the south side) at 10:00AM. We will ask that every one will sign a liability release before going to the limestone quarry at Bellevue, Michigan, where fine specimen of fossils, Marcasite and Calcite has been found.

Bring your lunch basket. You will get hungry.

Bring your rock hammer, sledge hammer and rock sack.

REMEMBER Practice all safety rules to eliminate any accidents and protect the owners property.

We must leave the property as we found it or better.

Anyone needing transportation call OR 7-0631. O.G. Langham (Doc)

June 20th

Regular meeting 7:30PM at East Lansing High School (new building). Enter through the east door across from the flag pole. Room # A132. Everyone is asked to bring some specimen of Michigan rocks and minerals so that we might all become acquainted with what to look for and where to find specimens in the Michigan area. Come early. The program time will be short since most of the meeting will be devoted to reading and approving the Constitution and By-laws which have been drawn up by the clubs Board of Directors.

LAST CHANCE: To become a charter member of "Central Michigan Lapidary and Mineral Society".

There are now 23 charter members of the Central Michigan Mineral and Lapidary Society! This is a fine beginning. Let's see if our next bulletin can report double that number, or better yet, an even 50, as the charter members of the organization.

NOTE Anyone having ideas and suggestions that will make our club more interesting for all are asked to write out the suggestions and hand them to the Secretary. (Mrs. Lois Williams.)

DON'T FORGET YOUR SPECIMENS.....

June 27th to June 30th

The 1957 Midwest Federation Convention will be held at Plattville, Wisconsin. The headquarters will be the Wisconsin Institute of Technology, better known as the Wisconsin School of Mines. There will be field trips to the lead and zinc areas of Wisconsin and geode areas of Iowa, also on Saturday afternoon June 29th an excursion boat trip down the Mississippi River. Anyone wishing further information Call ED 2-6809 Mr or Mrs Kirkby

July 25th and July 26th

Enrollment day at M.S.U. in the Auditorium, Course #

How to identify rocks and minerals. Classes will be held in room 204 of the Natural Science Building, 8:00 till 9:00AM on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. It will be a 6 week course.

Laboratory class will be in Room 213, 1:00 till 4:00PM on Mondays and Wednesdays.

Details of this course will be explained by Dr. H.B. Stanhouse of the Geology Department at MSU at our next regular meeting.

FIELD TRIPS

The general public has in the past been but little concerned with or taken only small interest in what has laid buried beneath the earths surface. There are a few who have. Many a profitable business has grown up and in operation in many parts of the country from the mere collecting and selling of rocks, fossils, and minerals. Some are highly specialized in the cutting and polishing of valuable gem material found in the rocks on field trips. The art of cutting and polishing is called Lapidary.

Interest has spread to where the general public has taken up collecting rocks, fossils and minerals on week-ends or vacations. Not only do individuals make long journeys to sites of interest or in out of way places looking for things to collect but whole families have taken up the hobby. The name "Rock-Hound" has been associated with such individuals or groups that take off on rock hunting sprees.

Collecting has become the nations number I hobby. There has grown up in all parts of the country gem and mineral societies or clubs whose objectives are to take field trips for the purpose of visiting profitable sites and collecting specimens. While the cities may be crowded, highways jammed, taking joy out of the Sunday afternoon drive for many, but for the Rock-hounds there is still a little bit of heaven left yet. A day on a field trip spent in a quarry among rocks containing plenty of fossils or minerals is something special.

Field trips are places to explore, things to discover, specimens to pick up, treasures to bring home, events to talk about, and memories to recall later. Field trips are all of these. Lets have more of them.

Our Bulletin needs a name. We hope to have a monthly news sheet which will give you information about our hobby, news of meetings, field trips, and the folks who are the members of the group. If you have ideas for a good name, bring them along to the next meeting. We won't guarantee to choose right then, but before our next issue comes out, we hope to have just the right name. At the moment we can't promise a prize for the winner, but who knows, one might appear!!

Just in case you didn't get the names fixed firmly in mind here are your charter member officers for the coming year.

President: Clarence Kirkby	1415 Greenview Ave E. La
Vice-Pres: Howard Cottom	410 W. Jolly Rd Lansing
Secretary: Mrs Lois Williams	1305 Glenn St. Lansing
Treasurer: Mrs. Laura Kreps	2605 Delta River Rd. Lan
Director : Fred Gaschke	1811 Osbond Ave. Lansing