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Christmas Party!

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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: 7:00 p.m., doors are open at 6:30 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, December 19, 2019
PROGRAM: Christmas Party and Rocky Gift Exchange, installation of new officers, mini silent auction
REFRESHMENTS: Everyone bring Christmas treats!

Location and Time: The CMLMS membership meeting will be held on December 19, 2019, at 7:00 p.m., at the **Masonic Center, 2175 Hamilton Street, beautiful downtown Okemos.**

Calendar for winter 2019/2020
December 19, 2019 - Membership meeting, 7:00 p.m., Masonic Center
January 2, 2020 - Board meeting, 7:00 p.m.,Okemos Library
January 16, 2020 - Membership meeting, 7:00 p.m., Masonic Center
February 6, 2020 - Board meeting, 7:00 p.m.,Okemos Library
February 20, 2020 - Membership meeting, 7:00 p.m., Masonic Center
[Editor's note: the deadline for the newsletter is **Monday, 8 a.m.** after the board meeting.]

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

December 19 - Christmas party and Rocky Gift Exchange, installation of officers, mini silent auction.
January 16 - To be announced.

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.

VACANCIES ON THE BOARD

The following positions need staffing. Please consider volunteering for your society and helping out. It's a nice way to get to know members.
Display Chair - sets up the memorial displays at the club show and takes to other rock shows.
Liaison Officer. Maintains contacts and shares club info from similar groups around the state.
Recording Secretary: Takes minutes during club and board meetings, provides electronic copy of minutes for publication in newsletter

To all recently new members: We are delighted that you are interested enough in the Club's activities and stated mission to wish to join the group. We wish you to truly JOIN by becoming involved in our activities and welcome your thoughts about Club activities. All are welcome to attend Board meetings and share your thoughts. We value your participation since 'many hands make light work.' - Roger Laylin.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!
Michael Velbel, Ph.D and Danita Brandt- East Lansing

Message from the Membership Chair Robin Smith
Dues are now being collected for 2020

It's that time again when you are asked to renew your membership in the Central Michigan Lapidary and Mineral Society. (Membership runs from January through December each year.) Membership dues for 2020 are being collected through the end of December, at which time, if unpaid, you will be removed from the list for the newsletter. 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. **Renewal forms are available on the web site https://www.michrocks.org/club-info/join-us and at meetings. DO IT TODAY BEFORE YOU FORGET!!!!!**.

CLUB NEWS

Note from Roger Laylin: The Club Microscope has only infrequently made it to a Club meeting since its purchase. It was located in its resting place I will be bringing it to this month's meeting. If you have a specimen that you would like to see enlarged bring it to the meeting.

Get Well Wishes: Mary Gowans is still currently in rehabilitation at Burcham Hills Center for Health and Rehabilitation but they plan to move her back to Independent Village soon. Cards can be sent to her at BHCHR, 2700 Burcham Dr., Room 116, East Lansing, MI 48823.
Get well soon Mary!!

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 Theresa Hubbard to lend a hand. 517-203-9620; thrshubbard@yahoo.com.

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

Field Trips!
None scheduled at this time. If you have any ideas for field trips or want to get on the list for field trip notices, please contact Carl Mennare. Cell phone **517-599-1882** or **cmenn@yahoo.com**.

CHECK OUT THE WEBSITE MICHROCKS.ORG

UPCOMING SHOWS
Holiday break!

CMLMS MINUTES
**The correct minutes were not received in time to publish in this month's newsletter, sorry for the mixup. Chuck Taricska

Happy Holidays!