

FOLKS WITH LAST NAMES BEGINNING WITH A-I: IT'S YOU TURN TO BRING REFRESHMENTS. The kitchen people would appreciate it if you would put your name on your dish.

APRIL PROGRAM & MINI AUCTION-- Connie Snapp

Joe Manina will bring his much anticipated program on faceting. This is a well prepared, instructive presentation which will reveal helpful hints to present faceters, encourage newcomers to enter the craft, and give everyone an enhanced appreciation for the faceted stones in his or her jewelry collection.

There will be a mini silent auction during refreshment time at the April meeting. If you missed out last month, here is your chance to bring items for sale.

OUR ANNUAL SPRING TRIP TO ARKONA -- Melissa Tuchowski

The field trip for April will be to Hungry Hollow near Arkona, Ontario on Saturday April 18. The fossils here are plentiful. You can leave the sledge hammer at home, and instead bring your garden tools-- scratchers and trowels work great for loosening up the gravel and exposing fresh material. You may want to bring several small boxes, pill bottles or film canisters if you wish to sort your fossils as you pick. Milk jugs with the top cut off work fine if you're just out to accumulate some goodies for the kids' table! Bring your light hammer and a couple sharp chisels just in case. Fossils found include crinoid, brachiopod, horn coral and bryozoa. With a sharp eye and good luck you may bring home trilobite and blastoid.

We will meet at the North end of the steel bridge over the Ausable River at Hungry Hollow at 10:00 a.m. It is a three hour drive from Lansing. To get there take I-69 east to I-94 at Port Huron. Go north on 94 about 5 miles to the Blue Water Bridge, which crosses the St. Claire River to Sarnia, Ontario. There is a \$1.50 toll for passenger cars, small trucks and vans. After crossing the bridge and going through customs, the expressway Rt. 402 is right in front of you. Take 402 east from Sarnia to exit #44 for Route 9. Go north on Rt. 9 about 1/2 mile to Route 7/22. Turn right, east, on Rt. 7 and go about 2 miles to where Rt. 7 turns north, left. Go north on Rt. 7/Arkona Rd. about 4 1/2 miles to Arkona. In Arkona, turn right at the traffic light on Rt. 12 and go about 2 miles to Sylvan Rd, which takes you to "Hungry Hollow." It will be on your left, going north. There is a small, green, arrow shaped Hungry Hollow sign on your right just before the road but it is easily missed. Turn left onto Hungry Hollow Rd. and go a little more than 1/2 mile to a steel bridge over the Ausable River. Cross the bridge and turn left onto a small gravel road at the north end of the bridge. There is room here for several cars to park and this is where we will meet. The clay pit where we will collect is beyond a gate at the end of the road.

NOTES FROM THE "ROSTER ROOSTER"-- Wayne Zittel

Members will be pleased to know that the 1998 Directory is ready for copying and will be available for pick-up at the April regular meeting and the May banquet. Directories not picked up by that time will be mailed. If you have not paid your 1998 dues you will find that your name is not listed in the directory. This will also be the last newsletter for those who are unpaid.

We extend a formal welcome to Jules Grosjean, Jr. whose membership became apparent in the process of sorting records.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE CLUB BANQUET-- Ed Drown

The Banquet will be held on May 21, 1998 at the Masonic Lodge in Okemos, the Social Hour starts at 5:30 p.m., dinner promptly at 6:30 p.m. Ticket prices are \$7.50 for adults, \$3.50 for children 12 and under. Marie Lewis (349-2263) will be handling ticket sales starting at the April general meeting, the deadline for purchasing tickets is May 16. The vote on the menu will be held at the April general meeting, the choices are: entree: fried chicken or Swiss steak; salad: tossed or coleslaw; vegetable: green beans or corn.

We are planning to have displays as usual, if you are interested please contact Grit Turner at 694-9596. If you have specimens or other hobby-related items that would like to donate as door prizes, you can drop them off with me at the April meeting or bring it wrapped to the banquet.

A few more volunteers are needed to setup decorations prior to the banquet and to serve as refreshment-table hosts during the social hour. Please see me to sign-up.

Larry Borland will give details about the speaker at the April meeting.

MISC. TIDBITS FROM THE BOARD MEETING-- the editor

- Grit Turner says to **please make sure you sign in as you enter** the meeting. This allows us to keep good club records and fairly distribute door prizes.
- Grit also made a visit to Red and Bessie Rogers recently and reports that he found them both in good spirits. Red and Bessie say "Hi" to everyone!
- Florence Hill is in need of some nice quality specimens to use as welcome guests for our new members. Folks will be able to choose a piece to their liking in lieu of the "grab bags" formerly presented.
- The board approved a donation of \$100 to the Midwest Federation Endowment fund.
- Jean Ann Wahl-Piotrowski received a letter from a member of the Gold Coast Lapidary Society, Queensland, Australia who will be visiting this summer and would like to meet with fellow lapidaries. She will be sending a map of Michigan and a list of Detroit area clubs to the gentleman. (He will be staying in Warren.) If anyone else is interested in contacting the gentleman, please get in contact with Jean Ann (616-948-9589 or jawp2@im4u.net.)

M.S.U. SCHOLARSHIP INTERVIEW RESULTS -- Roger Laylin & Alan Hukill

Three excellent candidates were presented for interview. Upon conclusion, Mr. Jeffrey Anderson was chosen as the 1998 recipient of the CML&MS Scholarship to the M.S.U. Department of Geological Science.

Mr. Anderson is a transfer student from Gallaudet University, and is a native of Roscommon MI. His interests include rock and mineral collecting, and his long-term goal is to obtain a position in the earth science field, with emphasis on the search for, and collection of, minerals and/or ores. Jeffrey is scheduled to participate in the required "field camp" this summer which will take place in Utah.

IN MEMORY -- Connie Snepp

We recently lost two of our life members: Charlotte Munro who enjoyed field tripping and Helen Wood (age 100) whose daughter, Margaret Kimball, has also been a member of our club. We extend our sympathy to their families.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT-- Margaret Green

Mineral of the Month: analcite

COMING EVENTS:

Science Nights - April 21st at Murphy and May 7th at Fairview.

Mineral Identification Workshop- Saturday, April 25th, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. at the home of Bettie Patterson 14933 Brown Rd. Lansing. An informal session designed to help folks recognize common minerals in the field. David Piotrowski and Robert Hansor will be on hand to guide participants through the process after a 30-min. video produced by Eye-Witness.

Impression 5 Science Museum "The Magic School Bus Goes Inside the Earth." The exhibit opens June 1st. Our club is committed to six 30 min. demonstrations; one each on the following dates: June 6 & 27, July 11 & 25, Aug. 8 & 22.

I need volunteers to staff the science night presentations and the Impression 5 demo's. Call me if you are interested in helping.

Florence Hill is the honorary advisor for the Education Committee, Bettie Patterson acts as the "right-hand" support, Lila Stevens is a well of inspirational ideas. Connie Snepp, Marie Lewis, Leigh Laylin, Mary Gowans and Alice Turner have all been willing laborers. These fine women have been a joy to work with. Is there any one in the club who would care to be an official member of the education committee and work with these terrific ladies?

I can be reached by phone or fax, (882-3637), e-mail (marge@webtv.com), or snail-mail (4103 Marland, Lansing, 48910) if you can't drop by for tea.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT-- Mary Kay Bean

Helen Wood, probably the senior member of the club at 100 years of age, passed on and a letter of sympathy was sent to her family. Rex Rutherford's sister, Virginia Ivy, passed away the week of 30 March and a note of comfort was sent to the family.

Life members to be announced at the April meeting are: Mary Gowans, Iral Nutt, Connie Snepp, John Takis and Alice Turner. Congratulations!

ATTENTION METALSMITHS-- I have three kinds of casting metals: **Silverite, Goldite 3A and Goldite 5A, which are made by the Lion Company.** I probably have between 50 - 100 lbs. of each. I am willing to give them to an individual for personal or teaching use, or to an

organization for the same. The 3A simulates 14k gold, and the 5A simulates 18k gold, so I'm told.

Inasmuch as they are worth quite a bit, **NO DEALERS PLEASE!** If there is interest by more than one person/organization, some split can be made. Alan Hukill (517) 641-6125.

CLUB CALENDAR

April 16 Regular meeting, North School, 7:30 p.m. Program: Faceting with Joe Manina.

April 18 Field trip to Hungry Hollow, Arkona Ontario for fossils, 10:00 a.m.

April 25 Mineral identification workshop at the home of Bettie Patterson, 1:00-4:00 p.m.

May 7 Board meeting. Meridian Twp. Service Center, 7:30 p.m.

May 21 Club Banquet. Get your tickets NOW!

Oct. 23-25 OUR SHOW: "Gem*Stone Journey"

Written Rules of Old Miners

While a miner's tools, equipment, &/or personal property is in or near a digging, that digging is his until he relinquishes it-- either by removing said property or announcing that he is finished digging in that area.

Furthermore, any material, specimens or rocks cached on or near said property, are also the property of the miner and shall not be touched or removed without his express permission.

Respecting this rule is an obligation of the Rockhound in-as-much as we are prospecting when we go collecting.

via Rock Trails & Petoskey Stone 4/98

SHOW CALENDAR

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| April 24-26 | Mount Clemens Show. Mt. Clemens Community Center, 300 N. Groesbeck. Fri. & Sat. 10-7, Sun 11-6. |
| May 2-3 | Cincinnati Show. Cincinnati Gardens, 2250 Seymour Ave, Cincinnati. Sat. 10-7, Sun. 10-5. |
| May 1-3 | Kalamazoo Show. Fairgrounds County Center Bldg., 2900 Lake St. Fri. 4-8, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5.
Admission \$2.00, under 12 free with Adult. |
| May 8-10 | Flint Show. IMA Sports Arena, 3501 Lapeer Rd (Center Rd. exit off I-69). Fri. 9-7, Sat. 10-7, Sun. 12-5.
Adults \$4.00, 12-17 \$1.00. |
| May 15-17 | Dearborn Show. Dearborn Civic Center, Michigan & Greenfield. Fri. 5-9, Sat. 10-8, Sun. 11-5:30 |
| May 22-23 | Falls of the Ohio St. Park, Clarksville IN. Symposium & fieldtrip \$45 including bus & lunches "The Recent History of the Illinois-Kentucky Fluorspar District." Jean Ann has more info or
http://www.cismall.com/fallsoftheohio/symposium.html |
| June 26-28 | Lawrence County IN show/swap. Monroe Co. 4-H Fairgrounds, Bloomington IN
Fri. 10-7, Sat. 8-7, Sun. 8-4. Camping \$6.00 per night. Free admission. |
| June 27-28 | MGAGS Rockhound Seminar. Washtenaw Community College, 4800 E. Huron River Dr., Ann Arbor
\$10.00 per day, advance \$8.00 per day. See Grit & Alice Turner for more information. |
| July 17-19 | 16th Annual Show. Carmichael Arena, Bancroft Drive, Sudbury, Ontario. CA Fri. 5-9, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5 |

- Aug. 8 Ishpeming Swap, Field trips Aug. 7 & 9 Negaunee MI
Aug. 11-15 MWF/AFMS Show, Convention & Red Metal Retreat. Houghton MI
www.portup.com/~swhelan/ccrmc/ or see Jean Ann or Dave Piotrowski for info.
Oct. 9-11 Detroit Show. Light Guard Armory, 4400 E. 8 Mile, Detroit.
Oct. 23-25 Lansing Show. Marshall St. Armory, Marshall St. between Michigan and Saginaw, Lansing.
Fri. 6-9, Sat. 10-7, Sun. 11-5. Adults \$2.00 Teens .50

