

CMLMS
P.O. Box 24202
Lansing, Michigan 48909

**TIME VALUE
FIRST CLASS**

Rockhound News— May/June 2020

Official publication of the
Central Michigan Lapidary and Mineral Society
Affiliated with MWF and AFMS



Rockhound News

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: 7:00 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

OFFICERS 2020

President	Nate Krupp	517-626-1136 nathan.krupp1@gmail.com
Vice-President	Steve Smith	517-896-6048 radssmith@radssmith.com
Recording Secretary	Jake Chybowski	jcchybow@gmail.com
Corresponding Secretary	Theresa Hubbard	517-203-9620 thrshubbard@yahoo.com
Treasurer	Elaine Beane	517-272-9661 gebeane@comcast.net
1 Year Director	Jessica Clark	517-242-0554 clark.jess.leigh@gmail.com
2 Year Director	Lyle Laylin	517-488-7908 lyle18@gmail.com
3 Year Director	Sally Hedin	517-281-0575 sallyhedin@yahoo.com
Acting Roster Secretary	Elaine Beane (<i>pro tem</i>)	517-272-9661 gebeane@comcast.net
Liaison Officer	VACANT	
Past President	Sue Casler	517-582-2466 casler5copper@gmail.com

COMMITTEE CHAIRS 2020

Membership	Robin J. Smith	517-290-4891 rsmith@radssmith.com
Field Trip	Carl Mennare	517-599-1882 cmenn@yahoo.com
Publications	Chuck Taricska	517-331-1737 chuck_taricska@yahoo.com
Display	VACANT	
Education and Outreach	Theresa Hubbard	517-203-9620 thrshubbard@yahoo.com
Library	Jessica Clark	517-242-0554 clark.jess.leigh@gmail.com
Finance	Milt Gere	517-669-8116 miltgere@aol.com
Show	Robin J. Smith	517-290-4891 rsmith@radssmith.com
Show Co-Chair	Ernie Aughenbaugh	989-224-7619 esaslapidary@gmail.com
Web Master	Lyle Laylin	http://www.michrocks.org

Permanent Mailing Address

CMLMS
P.O. Box 24202
Lansing, Michigan 48909

Club Website: <http://www.michrocks.org>

Affiliated With

Midwest Federation of Mineralogical and Geological Societies, <http://www.amfed.org/mwf/>

ROCKHOUND NEWS

JUNE BANQUET (CANCELLED)

Although we had planned on rescheduling the Annual Banquet, we are not going to be able to safely hold the gathering this year. The board members determined that it is not worth the risk to the membership, and we do not have a date when the Masonic Temple will be back open. The Board is discussing the possibility of a Holiday potluck in December to make up for the cancelled banquet. More details will be sent out as we learn more. Stay Safe!

June Membership Meeting Cancelled!!

Since large indoor gatherings are still discouraged, and the Masonic temple is closed through June due to ongoing health concerns, we are canceling the June membership meeting. More information will be sent by email if necessary, and check our Facebook page for updated information.

July and August is our normal summer break, so hopefully by September we will be able to resume our normal meeting schedule and it will be safe to have a great gathering again. Looking forward to meeting up again soon! Stay safe and have a great summer.

We hope to see you soon!

Calendar for Summer 2020

June 18, 2020 – Tentative Spring Banquet- **CANCELLED**

July/August- Summer Break, no meetings

September 3, 2020-Board meeting, 7:00p.m., Okemos Library

September 17, 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

No programs for July and August, enjoy your summer break! Plan to share your summer adventures at the next meeting. I hope to be able to take some trips up North camping and exploring the lake shore.

Summer Work Bee and Show Prep

We normally have a summer work bee to begin prepping for the annual show (egg crate prep, getting rocks/minerals organized, organize trailer). Stay tuned for more for date/time announcement if we decide it is safe to meet to begin getting ready for the annual show.

Virtual Tours Take the Sting out of Staying Home

From the April, 2020 Strata Data, Three Rivers Gem & Mineral Society (IN):

Due to the impact of the COVID-19 virus, our collecting trips are pretty much at a standstill. But travel via the Internet is wide open. SO, for your at-home collecting pleasure, here are some virtual field trips you can take to visit some fabulous museums.

Smithsonian Museum of Natural History
<https://naturalhistory.si.edu/visit/virtual-tour>

David Friend Hall, Yale Peabody Museum of Natural History
<https://peabody.yale.edu/exhibits/david-friend-hall>

South Dakota School of Mines & Technology, where you can take a virtual tour of the Museum of Geology and watch a cool video about putting together a Mosasaur skeleton:
<https://www.sdsmt.edu/Campus-Life/The-Campus/Virtual-Tour/O-Harra/>

CLUB NEWS

Newsletter: If you have and club news or information you would like to pass along to the group, please email Chuck Taricska at chuck_taricska@yahoo.com and he will make a note in the Newsletter.

Outreach Committee: Due to school closings, no additional in person events are scheduled at this time. We might want to look into doing a facebook live video/ Zoom meeting showing rock specimens/ fossil collections or other areas of interest to the public.

Field Trips!

[Field trips are on hold until the stay at home orders are lifted](#)

We are looking into a field trip to the 57th annual Rockhound Gemboree- Canada's largest Gem and Mineral Show. The Gemboree is July 30 to Aug. 2 in Bancroft, Ontario. We will have some info sheets at the meeting. Start checking your calendars to see if you can make this trip. We will start discussing plans at upcoming meetings. <http://rockhoundgemboree.ca/>

****Update- Carl has just learned that the Gemboree has been cancelled this year due to COVID-19. Carl will let us know if anything changes. ****

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 OUR WEBSITE MICHROCKS.ORG

UPCOMING SHOWS

JUNE EVENTS KNOWN TO BE CANCELLED: Lawrence County Rock Club show in Bedford, Indiana; Richland Lithic and Lapidary Society show in Mansfield, Ohio.

JULY EVENTS KNOWN TO BE CANCELLED: Rock & Mineral Society show in Frederic, Wisconsin.

AUGUST EVENTS KNOWN TO BE CANCELLED: Flint Rock & Gem Club rock swap in Clio, Michigan; Keweenaw Week, several days of events in and around Calumet Township, Michigan, sponsored by the Copper Country Rock and Mineral Club; and the Copper Country club's show in Houghton, Michigan, that was to have immediately followed Keweenaw Week.

SEPTEMBER EVENTS KNOWN TO BE CANCELLED: The annual convention of the Midwest Federation, sponsored by the Livingston Gem and Mineral Society, and the Livingston club's accompanying annual show, both in Howell, Michigan.

In memoriam: Mary Kay Bean

The club lost a long time member and friend, Mary Kay Bean on May 6. She will be missed!

Mary Kay was born on the 14th of July 1949 in Milbank, South Dakota to Francis & Dorothy (Trapp) Batcheller.

Mary Kay was raised in Milbank and graduated from Milbank High School in 1967; she went on to study Medicine at the University of South Dakota. Upon moving to California she continued her studies at the University of Santa Barbara and began work as an Ophthalmic Assistant.

Travelling was one of Mary Kay's most favorite things to do which is why it was no surprise to anyone that she travelled Europe and ended up in the UK, where she worked as an Ophthalmic Assistant at the prestigious Moorfields Eye Hospital.

In addition to travelling, Mary Kay had a passion for music and experiencing the delights of life. She was always up for a new adventure. She would attend as many music concerts as she could, and music was always playing in her house, much to the neighbour's dismay.

There was no stopping Mary Kay when she had her mind set on something. Whether it be getting to the front row of a Rolling Stones concert without the front row ticket to defying doctor's orders to rest after a back surgery in order to climb a mountain to go geode hunting. Mary Kay lived life to its fullest, making every day count.

Mary Kay's personality was infectious; she was the type of person who lit up a room whenever she entered. She was the life and soul of any party or gathering. She had a knack for making you feel like you knew each other for ages and you were long lost friends even if you had only met 5 minutes before.

Mary Kay was an avid gem and mineral collector. She had a long standing membership with the Central Michigan Lapidary and Mineral Society. She upheld with great honour various roles including, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary and Presidency. She also served on the Committee Chair.

Mary Kay will be forever remembered by partner Wayne, daughter Lindsey (Alex), grandchildren Hayden and Hudson; brother Tom (Susan) and family as well as numerous life long friends across the world.

A celebration of Mary Kay's life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Central Michigan Lapidary and Mineral Society in memory of Mary Kay Bean.

“What we once enjoyed and deeply loved we can never lose, for all that we love deeply becomes part of us” – Helen Keller