

ROCKHOUND NEWS

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, November 15, 2012

PROGRAM: *Danville's Fossil Forest DVD*

REFRESHMENTS: Members with Initials A-L, Please Bring Goodies

Location and Time: The CMLMS September Meeting will be held on November 15, 2012, at 7:30 p.m., at the **North School**, our usual meeting place.

Calendar for Fall 2012 and later

November 10, 2012 - 10 am - 4 pm, Crandall Gravel Quarry field trip

November 10, 2012 - 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, craft show at Mason High School

November 12, 2012 - 6:45 pm, Show wrap-up meeting at Roger Laylin's home

November 15, 2012 *Danville's Fossil Forest*, presented by Scott Elrick, courtesy of the Illinois State Geological Survey (DVD)

December 6, 2012 - Board meeting, 7 pm, Okemos Library

December 20, 2012 - Holiday party; Rock Exchange; good treats to eat!

January 3, 2012 - Board meeting, 7 pm, Okemos Library

January 17, 2013 - Membership Meeting

**A message from Roster Secretary Ernie Aughenbaugh
Dues are now being collected for 2013!!!**

SOCIETY HAPPENINGS

NOMINATIONS AND OTHER ELECTED POSITIONS

Nominations Committee: Milt Gere, 517-669-8116 or miltgere@aol.com, Sue Casler, 517-694-1233 or Elaine Angstman, 517-676-4172 or eangstman@hotmail.com.

Elections will be held in November. Volunteers are needed to help out with this important part of the leadership. Please call to volunteer for an officer or committee position on the board. It takes all of us to make the society healthy and functioning. Without officers there is no Society!!

Committee positions that need to be filled

Publications Committee: This position is responsible for the monthly newsletter and publishing the directory. A new editor, preferably someone who is not on the current board, is needed for the 2013 year.

If no one volunteers the last newsletter will be published in December 2012.

Display committee: A new committee chair is needed. We also need a person or persons to take the beautiful new cub display cases to shows put on by other mineral, lapidary and gem clubs in Michigan. If you are going to a Michigan show, please consider taking the club's display with you. Call or email Jan Sjoquist to join the committee or President Elaine Beane if you would like to be chairperson.

Show committee: Show Chair *Pro Tempore*, Roger Laylin, needs an apprentice to help with the 2013 show committee and who will be willing to take over the show chair position. Call or email Roger

Laylin to join the committee or President Elaine Beane if you would like to be chairperson.

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.

CLUB NEWS

Field Trips! See Dan Sine to sign up and for more information.

- November 10, 10-4, Crandall Brothers Sand and Gravel Quarry.
- Possible field trip to a small gravel site in Onstead, Michigan in November

Minimum age for above trip, again a quarry, is 12. No children under 12 will be allowed at the quarries (their rule). Trips to other collecting sites may have no minimum, or maximum, age requirement. Safety rules in the **Field Trip Guide** are posted at the society website. They should be reviewed, printed out and **taken to every field trip**. Also, insurance coverage for the field trips by the Federation is very limited. It provides only for damage that members might do on-site. There is no personal injury coverage; no coverage underground. Coverage is only for members, so our policy is that field trips are only for members. Members should review this insurance information on our website. Let Dan know of any other locations and contact information that you may know about and would like to visit. Dan does a fabulous job getting these field trips lined up for club members so please take a moment to thank him personally for all his work.

BEGINNERS SILVERSMITHING CLASS

I had a sign-up interest sheet at the show about this. I have been talking to a gallery in 'Old Town,' Lansing, about giving a short, very basic, beginning Silversmithing Class at their facility. I intend that it be low cost and use copper instead of silver for the first project to control cost and not ruin sterling silver while learning to cut and solder. Tentatively there will be only a few classes, one to three in a series, with a small number of enrollees in each class.

We are talking about starting later this month - November. Date(s) and costs are still undecided, but we will contact those that are interested when this is settled. Any interested persons that did not sign the interest sheets at the Show should contact me for information. Phone - 517-669-8116.

Thank you. Milt Gere.

OTHER INTERESTS

Tumbler For Sale: Lila S. has a large two barrel tumbler, not been used for some time and may need some work, but at first glance looks like it should be ok. No price set but at least \$100.

Craft show at Mason High School on Sat. Nov 10th from 9:00 to 3:00: Elaine Angstman has a booth in it will be selling Peruvian items, earrings, artwork, other jewelry, painted stones and other crafty items. She hopes some of you can make it.

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

FoundMichigan, an online magazine on culture in Michigan—www.foundmichigan.org

Check out our website for items for sale. There are links to eBay and Craig's List.

FALL SHOW NEWS
A Message from CML&MS Show Chairman, Roger Laylin
THANKS FOR ALL YOUR HARD WORK

Children's Day Coordinator, Theresa Hubbard, was successful in arranging for about 980 children, not including parents and teachers, to attend the Friday morning event. The children's exit gift/free pass led to the return of 20 students with a parent who otherwise may not have attended. Overall show attendance increased slightly over last year to 1511 which includes the free passes but not the few who might have sneaked in.

We were pleased to welcome "The Jewelry Shoppe," the new Dealers for the year, as our dealer with silversmithing capabilities.

The Dealers all seemed happy with the results and all indications are that the 47th Show was again an educational and financial success.

What I can say is the success of the Show is because of the hard work of the folks that put in hours of effort to make their part enjoyable to the public.

Jean Ann Wahl-Piotrowski and Chuck Collins in managing the hospitality room, kept us all well fed and happy. Thanks also to the many members who contributed the good food that we happily consumed during the show. No one went home hungry, and more than one Dealer praised the eats! Chuck also provided morning relief for the night duty security person thus saving me from an early morning call. THANK YOU CHUCK!

Ruth Ann Lehner again deserves thanks for convincing a fine group of artists and lapidary skill demonstrators to attend our show. They perform their skills, explain what they are doing, and both educate and entertain the Show visitors.

Elaine Angstman and assistant Sherry Sparks put in year-round hard work acquiring and preparing the offerings at the spinning wheel and the silent auction – and then setting up and running the silent auction. Without her efforts at these two activities the show attractions would be much reduced. This year the silent auction with a reduced number of auctions again set a new record for proceeds. The auction also gives members another outlet for their inventory of surplus specimens.

Ernie Aughenbaugh arranges for Dealer contracts, keeps in contact with them, and handles any problems or complaints they may have. I want to thank you a great deal for doing it once again this year! – ERNIE, THANK YOU A WHOLE BUNCH!

George and Roger Heaton and the many members who work at the Children's Table, those who set up and arrange the Fluorescent Booth, Richard Miller and the polishers, Lyle Laylin and his saw table, Dave Westjohn and Danita Brandt answered questions at the mineral ID table, Kris Wood, Elaine Beane and their raffle and admission ticket crews, Neil Snapp and his efforts to arrange for the many displays must all be remembered and thanked.

Club member turnout for both set-up and tear-down was very good (we can always use more hands to make the work easier). The Geology Student turnout Thursday noon was very helpful and it was GREAT again on Sunday evening. Their youthful energy and strength were much appreciated! We trust the help from the Geology Club continues.

Friday mornings would be much more difficult if not for the many volunteer friends who assist us during the Children's Tour. They make that day a success. Please, recruit your friends, relatives and any one who enjoys working with children, for a short period of time.

While we have much material left over for another day, the need for new and different items goes on, especially for the pebble pond. With the Great Lake levels down this would be an opportune time to

gather a pond full.

I have called for a Show Wrap Up/Budget Meeting to be held on Monday Nov 12 at 6:30, my home at 1770 Sandhill Road. Any member interested in the Show is invited to attend.

CMLMS MINUTES

CMLMS Membership Meeting, October 18, 2012

Call to Order: The October, 2012 membership meeting was called to order by President Elaine Beane at 7:35pm at the North Elementary School, Lansing, Michigan.

Welcome and Introduction of Guests/Visitors: Welcome back to Carol Idalski, guest of Jan Sjoquist.

Announcements:

- President Elaine Beane - Reminded membership of the need for new officers, especially a newsletter editor.
- Lyle Laylin, webmaster - 1995-1998 newsletter archives complete, as well as 2001 forward. Thanks also to Lila Stevens for contribution of 1957 plus newsletters. BLM has new rules regarding the collection of meteorites in regard to the limit and commercial rights. A new comet is coming next year! Stay tuned, it is expected to be bright enough to be seen in the day.
- Roger Laylin, show - Has raffle tickets to sign out for members to sell. Security has been arranged, geology club contacted (Neal). Show of hands for display numbers (25). Tables ordered, new dealer sign in the works, survey sign done, discussion about demonstrator/dealer status. Set up is at noon on Thursday, October 25. Lots of help is needed on Friday am for the kids' tour. Bring door prizes on Thursday, set up day.
- Dan Sine: field trips - Keep your eye on website, or give contact information to Dan if you wish to attend a field trip to Crandall Quarry in Charlotte in November, possibly on Saturday, November 10. There was a good turnout at the field trip to the same quarry in October. Over 25 club members of Indian Mounds, Tulip City, and Central Michigan were in attendance.

Minutes of Last Meeting: The minutes of the September membership meeting and of the October board meeting were in the October newsletter. There were no additions or corrections.

Treasurer's Report: No report; treasurer absent.

Door Prizes: Dan Sine has generously provided 10 prizes. Ironically, Rick Andrews was asked to do the first drawing-and he selected his own number.

Adjournment: Rick Andrews moved to adjourn the meeting, supported by Grit Turner. The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 pm.

Program: Excellent DVD, *Rubies, Emeralds and Sapphires*. (Thanks, Sue, for arranging this.)

Respectfully Submitted, Janet Sjoquist, Recording Secretary

CMLMS, Board Meeting, November 1, 2012

Board Members Present: Elaine Beane, Sue Casler, Jan Sjoquist, Bob Mosher, Milt Gere, Lyle Laylin, Alan Hukill, Roni Sionakides, Dan Sine, Gordon Lewis, Roger Laylin, Ernie Augenbaugh, Elaine Angstman.

Board Members Absent: Kris Wood, Kara Miller, Jennifer Martin, Theresa Hubbard, Mary Gowans.

Guests: None

President: Elaine Beane called the meeting to order at 7:03pm. There were no announcements.

Vice President: Sue Casler presented the program plans for the November membership meeting. It will be a DVD: *Danville's Fossil Forest*. Danville is in Illinois. Sue received positive comments about the

other DVD presentation, *Three Precious Gems*.

Recording Secretary: Jan Sjoquist: October Board meeting and September Membership meeting minutes are in the October newsletter. June board meeting minutes will be filed as is.

Corresponding Secretary: Theresa Hubbard was absent; no report.

Treasurer: Kris Wood was absent but emailed the October's treasurer's report that was read by President Elaine Beane.

Directors: Bob Mosher (1-yr.): No report. Lyle Laylin (2-yr.): No report. Milt Gere (3-yr.): No report.

Roster Secretary: Ernie Aughenbaugh has received some membership dues for next year.

Liaison Officer: Alan Hukill: No report.

Past President: Roni Sionakides: No report.

Membership: Elaine Angstman, no report.

Education: Kara Miller/Jennifer Martin, absent.

Outreach: Mary Gowans, absent; no report.

Field Trip Chair: Dan Sine has made arrangements for a field trip to the Crandall Quarry of Charlotte on Saturday, November 10, 2012, from 10am to 4pm. Other area clubs are invited.

Contact has been made with a quarry in Onstead.

Publications Chair: Roni Sionakides will soon be editing her last newsletter for CMLMS. So far, there have been no volunteers to take over the editing. During group discussion, one of the identified problem areas was the time and labor intensiveness of printing and mailing the newsletters. Many organizations are now doing mailings by email only for this same reason, and we may have to consider this option. Also considered was dividing the duties involved. No solution was achieved at this time. Roni is accepting member-initiated articles for the next newsletter.

Finance Chair: Gordon Lewis, no report.

Webmaster: Lyle Laylin, no report.

Show Chair: Roger Laylin scheduled the show wrap-up meeting at his home on Monday, November 12, 2012 at 6:45pm. Next year's show will be on October 25, 26, and 27, 2013. Roger shared the information obtained by the survey form as to how new show visitors learned about the show. Purpose was to determine cost-effectiveness of the advertising. Dealer schedule and involvement will be discussed at wrap-up meeting. The 47th Annual show was pronounced a great success with more paid admissions and more silent auction revenue than in many previous years.

No final count was made on school tour numbers, but it was estimated that 980 people participated in the tour, that being students and chaperones. President Elaine Beane received a written complaint about raffle ticket solicitation on floor, but it was determined that this was not to be considered solicitation because it came from CMLMS, not an outside source.

Display Chair: Jan Sjoquist: The two memorial cases were displayed at the show with a positive feedback, except: An observation was made by an attendee that a specimen was "missing" from the memorial display. Because no additional specimens have been dedicated during the last several years, there are deceased members who are not represented in the case. With this brought to our attention, plans were made as to adding a specimen for this person to our display. Discussion ensued about creating a system that will ensure a more accurate memorial recognition. It was suggested that a survey be included with the sympathy cards sent by our corresponding secretary to determine the preference of the family as to how the member is to memorialized (specimen, book, donation, etc) Another problem with the system was the failure of families to notify us if we did not see the members name in the obituary notices, or if the name was not recognizable by current members. Communication and club member involvement is essential to assure accuracy. If there is any member who is willing to help with this project, please contact President Elaine Beane or Jan Sjoquist, display chair. The inventory of the memorial display has continued to show specimens that are not attributed to members. Perhaps these are donated specimens,

but no information has been relayed in writing as to the source of these. Attempt has been made to locate the club memorial book and floppy disc; both items have not been available for many years. If any club member has some information about these items, please contact President Elaine Beane, or Jan Sjoquist.

Old Business: Nominations are still open.

New Business: None

Announcements: Alan Hukill has had these contacts:

- John R. Donker of the Midwest Federation reminded us about the on-line website that has been shared earlier: MIROCKCLUBSPAGES.org.
- Alan received a call about some inherited rock-slabs that are for sale. If interested, call Fred H. (337-0778). He also has a person interested in purchasing some used equipment. See Alan for more information.
- Masonic Lodge in Okemos is available to rent for club meetings for \$75. Because the contract has already been signed with Lansing School District for 2013, **Roger Laylin made a motion to contact the Okemos Masonic Lodge for club meeting space rental for next year (2013-2014).** Roni Sionakides made a second to the motion. The motion was carried by the majority of board members, with one nay vote.

Adjournment: Alan Hukill made a motion, seconded by Bob Mosher, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted, Jan Sjoquist, Recording Secretary

HAPPY

THANKSGIVING!