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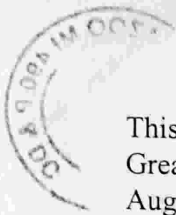
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Notice:

Meeting Location Change for March
Okemos Community Church
4734 Okemos Rd., just north of Hamilton



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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.

Meeting place: North School, 333 E. Miller Rd, Lansing MI

Meeting date: Third Thursday, except in July and August

Meeting time: 7:30 pm; doors are open at 7:00 pm

Annual dues: Adults \$5.00, Students \$1.00

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American Federation of Mineralogical Societies

<http://www.AmFed.Org>

If your last name begins with J-Q, please bring refreshments.

Board Meeting Briefs 3/2/00

- **Mineral of the Month:** Cassiterite
- **Membership Chair needed.** Lila Stevens would like to retire given her 50 mile one way trip to board meetings.
- Gail Hopkins needs commitments for some **show raffle prizes**. We need to have a few attention getters to print on the tickets ASAP.
- Note **change of meeting place** for March to Okemos Community Church, 4734 Okemos Road, Okemos. The church is on Okemos Road just north of Hamilton Road. The doors will open at 7:00 pm.
- March program: Silent Auction!

FIELD TRIP TO IRVING MATERIALS QUARRY MARCH 25--George Heaton

The field trip for March will be to the Irving Materials, Inc. Quarry near Anderson Indiana on Saturday, March 25th. We will plan to meet at the quarry at 10:00 am. Prior to entering the quarry we must stop at the office and receive a short hazard training session, so **DO NOT BE LATE**. At our club meeting prior to the field trip I will have copies of Irving Materials "Safety Rules for Visitors" and their "Hazard Training and Recognition Checklist" to hand out to those members who plan to attend this field trip. I was asked by their safety director to share these with all who plan to be on this field trip. I also have their release form that you may sign at the meeting before the field trip.

This quarry is noted for its iridescent calcites and its honey colored twin calcites. Also fossils have been found here.

The quarry can be reached by taking I-69 South from Lansing to Anderson, Indiana. Take the Greenfield exit (#22) to Rt. 9 South. The quarry gate is on the left on Rt. 9, just south of the I-69 expressway. Driving time from Lansing to Anderson Indiana is about 5 hours.

The usual assortment of tools and safety equipment for collecting in quarries is needed here. These include a 2-3 lb. crack hammer, chisels of various sizes from small to large, and a sledge hammer for breaking large rocks is often useful. A light hammer such as a geologist's pick is useful for trimming some excess rock from specimens, but be careful not to go too far. Do your final trimming at home. **For safety remember in all quarries you must have a hard hat, steel toed safety boots, and safety glasses or goggles or you cannot enter the quarry.**

SCHOOL VISIT

On January 12 Margaret Kimball spoke to her granddaughter's class at Shavey Rd. School in Dewitt. The forty-six first and second graders appreciated the help of this veteran teacher.

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MARCH PROGRAM: ANNUAL SILENT AUCTION (jawn)

This is your annual chance to clean the workshop and part with some of your excess rocks, minerals, findings, tools, etc. Anything hobby related is acceptable. The auction involves heated bidding wars and light footed leaps around the table, hoping to add something new to your own collection. It's sort of the annual migration of materials from one rock house to another.

IF YOU HAVE THINGS TO SELL: Bid slips including a brief description of the item, your name, and the minimum bid need to be attached to each item you wish to put up for auction. **BE SURE TO FILL OUT THE TOP & BOTTOM PORTION OF YOUR TAG!** Failure to do so makes it nearly impossible to get the money in the proper hands. Plenty of tags will be available at the meeting. All money goes to the person who sells the item, not to the club.

HOW TO BUY: Bring lots of small denomination bills and change, a few bigger bills might come in handy as well. Hard core bidders may want their own pencil. No bids may be placed before the auction begins. You must begin with the stated minimum, and increases must be at least 10 cents. At the sound of the horn, all bidding must stop. **THE ITEM GOES TO THE LAST COMPLETED BID.**

FROM THE LIBRARIAN -- Lee Laylin

Books from the CML&M Society are to go out for one month, many of you have books that have been out for almost a year. Please return all items at the March meeting or get them to me, if you will not be at the March meeting. **If I have not heard from those of you who have books out I will assume that the books are lost and I will be sending out bills to cover the cost of replacing and processing them.**

PLEASE RETURN ALL BOOKS AND OTHER LIBRARY MATERIALS. This is only fair for the other members who may wish to take them out.

FEBRUARY FIELD TRIP TO GRAND RAPIDS-- George Heaton

Our field trip to the Michigan Natural Storage Co. in Grand Rapids on Saturday, February 19 was well attended in spite of the dire weather reports of the day before. I failed to get a count of those present, but I think we had about eight from our Lansing club, six from the Cincinnati club, and eight from Mt. Clemens. Considering how far some of these people had to come and all the bad weather reports on Friday I was very pleased with the attendance; however, everyone knows by now that the weather is always good on George Heaton's field trips.

I don't think anyone collected any crystals. These are getting harder to find and a lot of work to collect. It is much easier to gather the abundant alabaster and pencil ore gypsum. I am sure everyone came out with a good quantity of this material. Even George Heaton spent his whole time hauling out a few large buckets of alabaster and pencil ore. George Heaton was surprised by the size of the pieces that Larry Bourland brought out. Some to be used as yard rock and some for the silent auction at our October show.

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NEW MEMBERS

Michael, Dimitri & Theodore Alexander

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Michael's interests include archaeology, fluorescents, fossils, geology, lapidary crafts, mineralogy, tumbling and wirecraft. Son Dimitri enjoys archaeology, carving, faceting fluorescents, fossils, geology, lapidary crafts, mineralogy, tumbling and wirecraft. Son Theodore wants to learn about everything except wirecraft!

Tina Azzinaro-Kress

1730 Dell Rd.

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Tina is interested in fossils, geology, lapidary crafts and metalcraft. She enjoys collecting stones and jewelry, and doing crafts.

Jim Warren

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Jim enjoys metal detecting, archaeology, fossils, geology, lapidary crafts, mineralogy, tumbling.

George Eisele

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George's interests include carving, fluoroescents, fossils, lapidary crafts, mineralogy, tumbling, wirecraft, photography, poultry, and gardening.

Lindsey Monroe

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Lindsey is a student member, and is interested in fossils, geology, and mineralogy.

YOU MIGHT BE A ROCKHOUND IF...

<http://members.aol.com/eukaryote/SciHumor/geologist.html>

The polished slab in your bola tie is more than six inches in diameter. You find yourself compelled to examine individual rocks in driveway gravel. You can point out where Tsumeb is on a world globe. You're planning on using a pick and shovel while you're on vacation. You still think pet rocks are a pretty neat idea. Your idea of a "quiet, romantic evening at home" involves blue mineral tack and thumbnail boxes.

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TRAVELOGUE--Lila Stevens

Hi Rockhounds. Rich and I left Morrison Lake on Feb. 7 on our way to Rockamania in Lordsburg New Mexico. WE stopped near Oklahoma City out in the country to see if we could find barite roses on our own. With the help of several locals we found some on a road cut where one local had an accident with her car the year before. Barite roses, as we call them, are rose rocks to anyone in Oklahoma and are the state stones.

Friday, February 11 and we are in Lordsburg. Got here last evening and had no trouble finding Grit and Alice in the trailer park next to the fairgrounds where Rockamania takes place. The trip we are taking today (and there is a choice, just sign up) is to the Fierro hematite area. We got geothite and a mineral called andeite. Some man was picking up large banded pieces to make spheres.

Saturday, February 12. No scheduled trips so we went with Grit and Alice to Rount Mt. (my most favorite place.) There is chalcedony all over the place. Alice tried so hard to limit us to five minutes per stop. WE did pretty good. At Round Mt. we found two house trailers that belonged to Michigan people. It was Kitty and Marve Starbuck, and Joyce and Norm Hanshu. Kitty had had found a nice fire agate.

Sunday, February 13. Another unscheduled trip to Skeleton Mt. on a history trip to see the spot where Geranimo surrendered. Our guide was the local sheriff. The site is on private land back on a terrible trail through the cow pasture. Learned about kangaroo rats, poisoned prairie dogs, Mormon tea, alligator juniper and rabbit bush.

Monday, February 14. Back to scheduled trips. We chose to go to Constellation Mt. for psilomelane and blue agate. What a trip, thanks to Grit and the Yukon we made it up and down gullies, leaning to and fro, straight up and then straight down. We did miss the onyx collecting on the way down the mountain.

Tuesday, February 15. Rich and I went out to the Tyrone Mine for chrysocolla. We could not get into the mine, but they brought a truck load to the top for us to pick from. It had good color and we got quite a bit. After we left there we were on our own as Grit and Alice had gone on another trip for amethyst. So we headed for the Burro Mts. and the raspberry fluorite site, never did find it. At night Rockamania had a pizza party for us. Rich won one door prize and I won two.

Wednesday, February 16. Grit and Alice took us again on the field trip to Cooks Peak for psilomelane. Also stopped along the road for fluorite (not much color.) After we got back to our car we headed for Benson Arizona, a short hop to St. David for selenite roses.

Thursday, February 17. We did get some roses but mostly just pieces of selenite. Good for egg cartons and grab bags.

Friday, February 18. No collecting today. We walked around Boot Hill at Tombstone. Then on to Bisby and we went down into the Queen Mine. Bisby is so neat, go there sometime. Saturday morning we headed for Michigan.

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CORRESPONDING SECRETARY REPORT - Connie Snepp

Our own president Mary Kay Bean has spent 8 days in the hospital this past month. Neil and I took flowers from the club just as she was checking out. A thank you note reads:

The bright cyclamin brought much happiness to my heart. I promise not to allow my health to preclude my active participation with my CMLMS "office". You are my family and have no idea how much that means to me. Thoughtfulness is always appreciated and you're always so very thoughtful. Blessings to all. Mary Kay

Cards were also sent to Marie Lewis (who is undergoing tests and a new course of treatment), and to Editor Jean Ann Wahl-Piotrowski and Liaison Officer Bettie Patterson who probably represent only a few of our members sick with those ubiquitous flu bugs.

Bessie Rogers was scheduled for surgery on her throat March 2 in an effort to restore her voice. I should be able to give an update at the meeting.

A note from Kitty Starbuck includes an invitation to our club members to display at the Kalamazoo show May 5, 6, and 7. Creating a display from your collection is a rewarding experience. With computers readily available, labeling is easy and captions are fun.

CLUB CALENDAR

March 16 Regular Meeting, Okemos Community Church, 7:30 p.m.
March 25 Anderson Indiana, Field Trip, 10:00 a.m.
April 6 Board Meeting, Meridian Twp. Service Center, 7:30 p.m.

SPRING SHOWS

March 17-19 Jackson Show. Fri. 11-7, Sat. 10-7, Sun. 10-5. Michigan Center Masonic Lodge, 355 Napoleon Rd., Michigan Center
March 25 Dearborn Club Swap. 10-5. Democratic Club of Taylor, 23400 Wick Rd., Taylor (just east of Telegraph Rd.)
April 1-2 "Blossom Land Show" Bridgman MI. 10-5 both days. Exit 16 off I-94, 3 1/2 miles North on Red Arrow Highway. Free admission.
April 5-8 Indian Mounds, Grand Rapids Show. Eastbrook Mall, 3655 28th St. SE; 10am-9pm
April 7-9 Mt. Clemens Show. Fri. & Sat. 10-7, Sun. 11-6. Mt. Clemens Recreation Center, 300 N. Grosebeck, Mt. Clemens
May 5-7 Kalamazoo Show. Fri. 4-8, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5. Fairgrounds Country Center Bldg., take Sprinkle Rd. to Lake St.
May 13-14 Cincinnati Show. New Location: Sabin Cincinnati Convention Center, 525 Elm St.
June 2-4 "Dearborn" Show. Allen Park Civic Arena, 15800 White, Allen Park
June 23-25 Bloomington (Bedford) Indiana Swap. Lawrence County Fairgrounds.
June 17-18 MGAGS Seminar, Roscommon Middle School. See Grit & Alice Turner for more info.
Aug. 18-20 Midwest Faceters Guild Seminar. For info call or write Harold Rice (810)463-5972, 122 Lois Lane, Mt. Clemens MI 48043

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CENTRAL MICHIGAN LAPIDARY & MINERAL SOCIETY
TREASURER'S REPORT
FEBRUARY 1, 2000 - FEBRUARY 29, 2000

BALANCE ON HAND(2-01-00)	
CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT(7-16-00)	\$11664.95
COMERICA BANK SAVINGS	12856.62
COMERICA BANK CHECKING	413.62
TOTAL	\$24935.19

RECEIPTS:	
TRANSFER SAVINGS TO CHECKING	1000.00
DUES	42.00
TOTAL	1042.00

DISBURSEMENTS:	
TRANSFER SAVINGS TO CHECKING	1000.00
2000 SHOW	603.80
PROGRAM	5.09
PUBLICATIONS	100.21
TOTAL	1709.10

BALANCE ON HAND(2-29-00)	
CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT(7-16-00)	\$11664.95
COMERICA BANK SAVINGS	11856.62
COMERICA BANK CHECKING	746.52
TOTAL	\$24268.09

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

ALAN HUKILL, TREASURER

*Crude Map to
Irving Materials Quarry
Anderson, Indiana
Approximately 210 Miles
from Lansing*

