

NEXT MEETING: October 17, North School

MINERAL OF THE MONTH: Augite an Inosilicate in the Pyroxene group. Also known as “pigeonite.”

PROGRAM: BobReszka of the DNR “The Geology of some Michigan Waterfalls”

REFRESHMENTS: A-I please bring goodies.

Flint Club Banquet Invite

The Flint Rock & Gem Club has invited two members of our club to their annual banquet, 6:00 pm on Thursday, November 21. If you are interested in attending, please let Jean Ann know at the meeting, call 616-948-9589, or e-mail jawp2@voyager.net.

October Field Trip Report –George Heaton

The field trip for October will be our Gem and Mineral Show at the Marshall Street Armory October 25-27. I hope all of our members will be willing to participate in this event by working at one or more of the many jobs that must be done to put on a good show. The Children's Table will need lots of help, especially during the school tours on Friday morning. And, George would like enough help on Saturday and Sunday so he can goof-off now and then and look at stuff, have a snack, check the silent auction, etc.

Corresponding Secretary Report – Mary Gowans

A sympathy card was sent to Peter Tack. Mary Gowans attended Betty Tack's memorial service and a thank you was received from the family. Calls of greeting were made to Bessie Rogers and Mary Kay Bean.

Nominating Committee Report

This year's nominating committee consisted of Ed Drown, Mary Gowens, Rich Stevens, Lila Stevens, and Jean Ann Wahl-Piotrowski. The following is our slate thus far:

President—Milt Gere

Recording Secretary – Sue Casler

Treasurer – Alan Hukill

Corresponding Secretary – Mary Gowans

3 year Director – Christine Juroszek

We are still looking for a Vice-President, or possibly Corresponding Secretary (communicates club activities to the public & sends cards to members). If you are willing, please say so to one of our committee members.

Election is to take place at the November meeting. Nominations may be made the night of the election, however, you must have permission of the person you are nominating.

Welcome to two new members!

We welcome Susan and Bill Maul, 1128 Doxson Ave, Lansing MI 48910. Susan's hobbies include hiking, rock collecting and quilting. She is specifically interested in fossils, geology, lapidary and mineralogy. Bill's hobbies are speleology and rock collecting. His specialties are geology, lapidary and mineralogy.

A HUGE THANK YOU to Roger and Lee Laylin who have agreed to take over the newsletter upon my "maternity leave." What a huge relief!!!!

Are you feeling hospitable?

For the last several years, Phyllis White has coordinated our after meeting refreshments. Phyllis is no longer able to drive at night and is requesting a replacement. The job includes stocking the hospitality supplies (paper products, coffee, etc.) and finding someone for each month to make coffee & put out the goodies. If this sounds like a job you could handle, please contact Membership Chair Gail Hopkins.

Library News

At the end of this newsletter is a repeat of last month's library **survey**. Please take the time to let our Club Librarian, Lee Laylin, know your druthers!

Also, Lee is hoping to update our **state folders**. Do you have any recent maps or geological information from another state that you would be willing to donate? Keep an eye out for relevant info as you travel please!

Hey! Have you paid your dues yet? If not get the bucks to Ernie Aughenbach PDQ. Adults \$5.00, Students under 18 \$1.00. See Ernie at the meeting or show, or mail your dues to him at PO Box 67, St. Johns MI 48879-0067.

Show Stuff: What can you do to help out?

1. Spread the word about the show. Tell your friends (and enemies). Post a flier!

2. Bring a display. We have lots of room for displays; and, this gives folks a reason to linger at the show a little longer. Fill out the form in this newsletter and get it to Neil Snepp.

3. Bring some nice material for the kids table. This & the silent auction are our greatest sources of revenue. Nice stuff, more bucks. **But please, please, please make sure anything you bring is labeled & priced!**

4. Bring a door prize or raffle prize. Good raffle prizes, more raffle tickets sold. Nice door prizes, happy visitors. Happy visitors come back.

5. Donate a little something for the hospitality area. Donations of sweet snacks, salty snacks, or healthy snacks will be graciously accepted at any time. **Remember, there is NO REFRIDGERATOR and no kitchen prep area.** Good snacks make for happy dealers and happy club workers.

6. Pitch in and work! Those who work two hours earn free admission to the show!

-- **Thursday** 9:00am meet at Turner's house to begin hauling rock, signs, equipment etc. to the fairgrounds. Set up runs through the evening, usually until about 9:00pm.

-- **Friday** 8:30 ish am to 1:00 p.m. The invasion of over 1000 school children! We need help selling minerals to these young'uns and monitoring their behavior. Dress comfortably & be ready to hustle!

--At 1:00 there is a flurry of activity to rearrange things a bit to accommodate the arrival of our dealers, and reorganize the kids table and silent auction for the evening.

--During Show Hours: Stop by and say "What can I do to help?"

--Ticket Sales --Raffle Tickets --Silent Auction --Kids Table

--Security/Host(ess) --Swap Table --Hospitality

Show Swap Table Rules – Ed Drown

1. Space will be divided equally between those who wish to sell.
2. There are no limits on the amount of material you can offer (while respecting rule #1), however, it must be related to the hobbies this club is geared toward.
3. All items must be CLEARLY labelled with the seller's name and price. Small items should be in flats to allow the easy rearrangement of material as sellers arrive and depart.
4. The swap table will open and close with the show on Friday and Saturday.
5. On Sunday, the swap table will open with the show and close 90 minutes before its end.
6. Accounts must be settled no later than 45 minutes after the close of the swap table on Sunday.
7. There will be a 1-time chance to receive cash, up to 50% of the amount on the books can be taken as cash after you are FINISHED selling.
8. "Finished Selling" is defined as removing your material from the swap table for the remainder of the 2002 show.
9. Any pay-out while you are still selling will be in swap dollars, the amount taken will be subtracted from your running total and WILL NOT count towards a cash payout.
10. Swap dollars issued during the 2002 show are valid ONLY for the 2002 show, use 'em or lose 'em.
11. Participation in the swap table is at your own risk.

Central Michigan Lapidary and Mineral Society Membership Meeting Minutes September 19, 2002

The September general membership meeting was called to order by President Jean Ann Wahl-Piotrowski at 7:48 p.m. at the North Elementary School.

Recording Secretary: Sue Casler – June membership meeting minutes were approved as published in the September newsletter.

Treasurer: Alan Hukill – reported on receipts/disbursements/balance to date for the month of September.

Corresponding Secretary: Mary Gowans – reported that a get well card sent to Mary Kay Bean for surgery; and get well card was sent to Peter Tack along with a sympathy card on the loss of his wife, Betty Tack in August. It was noted that memorial service for Betty Tack was in Lansing State Journal this week.

Guests/visitors at meeting: First time visitors, Sue and Bill Maul introduced themselves.

Directors: Gail Hopkins – show raffle tickets are available from Gail.

Alice Turner – Not Present

John Juroszek – No Report

Roster Secretary: Ernie Aughenbaugh - No Report.

Liaison Officer: Alan Hukill – read a note received from Norm and Joyce Hanshu.

Field Trip: George Heaton – Reminded folks of the Children's Table Work Party, Sat. Sept. 21 at Grit and Alice Turners, 9am until done. Don't forget to bring food.

Education: Ed Drown (in Margaret Green's absence) – Mineral of the month, Chrysocolla (a sheet silicate).

Library: Lee Laylin – Brought attention to the questionnaire in the September newsletter regarding the club's library. It was mentioned that some of the books/magazines no longer needed would be put out at club mini silent auctions from time to time.

Display: Roger Laylin (in Grit Turners absence) – Door prizes were won by 1) Lila Stevens; 2) Neil Snepp; 3) Sue Maul; and 4) Richard Stevens. In addition, flyers for various shows/events are up on the front table for folks to look at.

Show: Mary Gowans – For Children's show on Friday, volunteers needed to help out. Also, pebbles are needed for the pebble pond.

Neil Snepp – Looking for educational displays for the show; if you need a display case see Neil.

Jean Ann asked that folks take flyers for the show and place them around in the area. Jean Ann also mentioned there are sheets on the front table for folks to sign up to bring various food/snack/desserts for Hospitality Room at the show.

New Business: - Nominating Committee, consisting of Lila & Rich Stevens, Ed Drown, Mary Gowans and Jean Ann will be in action following the meeting; they are seeking folks for the following positions, Vice President and One Year Director.

From Earth to Sky – Mary Gowans shared sky calendars with the group.

Tonight's Program will be Club Members Show and Tell from their Summer Adventures!

Kara Miller moved to adjourn the meeting, supported by Bettie Patterson.

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Sue Casler, Recording Secretary

September Field Trip –Flint Ridge, Ohio – George Heaton

My brother Roger, his wife Elsie and I went to Flint Ridge on Saturday, August 31. We decided to go first to the Nethers Farm to collect our flint before going to the Flint Nappers show held at the Flint Ridge Park and Museum. At the farm there were some flint nappers doing the hard work digging flint down in the pits. The need the solid stuff free of the crystal cavities that would interest the mineral or lapidary person.

My brother and I collected about 190 lb. of flint. Some had cavities with quartz crystals and I hope some will have good color and patterns when cut so I will have some nice slabs for swapping material.

At the show there were many dealers selling the materials and tools need to make flint points and knives, people demonstrating their art of chipping flint arrow and spear points, and others demonstrating arrow and bow making. It is amazing how quickly a good napper can produce a beautiful flint point or knife.

I did not see anyone from our Lansing club, but since I did not specify any specific meeting place or time, I could have easily missed them.

FALL SHOWS

Oct. 18-20 Show . Allen Co. Fairgrounds, 2726 Carroll Rd. Ft. Wayne IN. Fri & Sat. 10-8, Sun 10-5.

Oct. 19-20 Flint Show. Carter Middle School, Rogers Lodge Drive, Clio MI.

Sat. 10-7, Sun. 10-5

Oct. 25-27 OUR SHOW! Ingham Co. Fairgrounds, Mason MI. Kipp Rd. exit off of US127

Fri. 6-9, Sat. 10-7, Sun. 11-5

Nov. 2 Dearborn Club Auction. Taylor Community Library, 12303 Pardee, Taylor MI

Sales 6-7; auction 7 pm. NOTICE: Chang of location & date from last newsletter!

Nov. 23 &24 Lapidary & Rock Demo Weekend. Lake Erie Marshlands Museum & Nature Center, Lake Erie Metropark, 32841 W. Jefferson, Brownstown MI. \$3.00 per car admission to park. Sat. 10-5, Sun. 12-5

Library Questionnaire

Please fill this out and bring to the meeting or mail to Lee Laylin at 1770 Sandhill, Mason MI 48854

Magazines:

Have you even taken out a magazine from our library?

Do you find the magazines useful?

Which of the following have you looked at or taken out, please mark with a check:

Bead & Button Lapidary Journal Rock & Gem Rocks & Minerals Wirewrap

Are there any other magazines that you would like us to consider taking? Please name them.

Books:

Have you taken books out of our library?

Were you able to find what you needed?

What subjects do you find the most useful?

Other:

Are there any subjects you think we should have more of? Please specify.

Do you have any ideas how to get books back from people no longer members?

OFFICIAL “YES, NEIL, I CAN HELP YOU WITH A DISPLAY” FORM

You can count on _____ to bring a display to the show.

I will bring _____ standard club case(s)

_____ pony case(s)

_____ faceting case(s)

_____ something else. Please draw a rough sketch:

_____ Hey, I want to borrow a case.

No, _____ can't display this year, but would be glad to let someone else use my case. Describe case or cases below.