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## **Silent Auction Issue**



# 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, Hamilton Street, Okemos, MI**

**Regular meeting date: Third Thursday, except July and August**

**Meeting time: 7:30 p.m., doors are open at 7:00 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**

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# ROCKHOUND NEWS

**NEXT MEETING: Thursday, March 19, 2015**

**PROGRAM: Annual Silent Auction**

**REFRESHMENTS: Members with Initials M - Z Please Bring Goodies**

**Location and Time:** The CMLMS membership meeting will be held on March 19, 2015, at 7:30 p.m., at the **Masonic Center, Hamilton Street, beautiful downtown Okemos, 2175 Hamilton Street.**

**Calendar for Winter 2015 and later**

March 19, 2015 - 7:30 p.m., membership meeting, annual silent auction

April board meeting - March 31, 2015, Tuesday, 7 p.m., Okemos Library

April 16, 2015 - 7:30 p.m., membership meeting, Glacial Geology of the Great Lakes

May board meeting - May 4, 2015, Monday, 7 p.m., Okemos Library

May 21, 2015 - Annual Banquet, see Ernie Aughenbaugh for tickets

June board meeting - TBA

June 18, 2015 - 7:30 p.m., membership meeting

## **SILENT AUCTION IS COMING - BRING LOTS TO SELL!!**

Silent Auction information: Now is the time to start thinking about rockcleaning (a more weighty form of housecleaning!) and get together those items you want to contribute to the silent auction. Mineral specimens, jewelry, rock-related equipment, books/magazines may be sold at the silent auction. Auction sheets are available at the CMLMS website - [www.michrocks.org](http://www.michrocks.org). Click on the Club Info menu and select Programs. There is a hyperlink to the auction sheets. They can be printed out with either 2 or 3 sheets per page. Please have your auction sheets filled out when you arrive. But if you forget there should be a few available at the meeting. **Also bring change for cashing out.**

## **MAY BANQUET**

Banquet date is May 21, 2015, 5:30 social hour, 6:30 dinner. Please bring a snack for the social hour. The speaker will be Patty C. Rice, Ph.D. Author: *Amber: the Golden Gem of the Ages*. Members are encouraged to bring guests and a display of amber or fossils. Tickets are now available - \$10 adults, \$5 children. Contact Ernie at [esaslapidary@hotmail.com](mailto:esaslapidary@hotmail.com) or 989-224-7619, or at the membership meetings.

## **UPCOMING PROGRAMS**

**The Vice-President's position is vacant. Let President, Sue Casler, or a board member know if you have any ideas for speakers, or other programs.**

March 19, 2015 - Annual silent auction. Members can bring their own items for sale.

April 16, 2015 - Presentation of Glacial Geology of the Great Lakes by society member Diane Baclawski.

May 21, 2015 - Annual Banquet. Speaker Dr. Patty C. Rice on amber.

June 18, 2015 - Roger Laylin on "How to Put on a Show," show work bee.

## **Message from Roster Secretary Ernie Aughenbaugh: Dues are now being collected for 2015.**

PLEASE NOTIFY THE BOARD IF YOU HAVE A CHANGE IN YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS

### **TRANSITIONS**

#### **John Elbridge Passaneau**

Member John Elbridge Passaneau passed away on October 16, 2014 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

### **POLISHED STONES FOR ELE'S PLACE**

If you are tumbling stones, or finding them at sales, please consider donating some to Ele's Place for their healing programs. Although they have enough for about 6 months currently, they are always in need of more. The stones should be a little larger than a quarter or about 1", something that could be held easily in a child's hand. Contact Nate Krupp at 517-626-1136 or [nathan.krupp1@gmail.com](mailto:nathan.krupp1@gmail.com) for information or to donate.

### **CLUB NEWS**

**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. [gowans@msu.edu](mailto:gowans@msu.edu) or 517-351-6135.

#### **A Thank You from Bennett Woods**

Mary G.

Mary – Please extend our thanks to your club members who came last night and shared their knowledge and passion for science with our children. As always, the kids were crowded around the displays and I heard lots of questions from them about what they saw. Thank you again for organizing this on your end – this evening wouldn't be a success without the contribution of time and commitment from our community.

Best,

Kyan

#### **And from Mary Gowans**

Outreach's thanks to those attending the Bennett Woods Elementary School Family Science Night. Outreach team members were Lyle and Roger Laylin, Roni Sionakides and Theresa Hubbard. Your dedication to our mission is very much appreciated.

**Field Trips!** See Dan Sine to sign up and for more information. Cell phone 517-316-5713 or [daniel.sine@opm.gov](mailto:daniel.sine@opm.gov). Dan would like to set up an email list of all who plan to go on the field trips.

Please contact him if interested in getting emails as field trips are set up.

April 25, 2015 - Grand Rapids, Gypsum Mine, 10 am to 4 pm. Any member interested can email Dan or [Kreigh@Tomazaewski.net](mailto:Kreigh@Tomazaewski.net) directly. Please inform Kreigh that you are a member of the CMLMS. Questions call or email Dan.

Minimum age for 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.

**PLACES TO GO AND THINGS TO DO—Check [www.amfed.org/mwf](http://www.amfed.org/mwf)  
or our website [www.michrocks.org](http://www.michrocks.org)**

**FoundMichigan, an online magazine on culture in Michigan—[www.foundmichigan.org](http://www.foundmichigan.org)  
Check out our website for items for sale. There are links to eBay and Craig's List.**

#### **UPCOMING SHOWS**

March 20-22 - Jackson, Michigan. Website [mgmsrockclub.com](http://mgmsrockclub.com).

March 27-29 - Indianapolis, Indiana. At Indiana State Fairgrounds. Website [www.toteshows.com](http://www.toteshows.com)

March 28 - Taylor Swap, “43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Metro Detroit Rock Club Swap,” Midwest Mineralogical and Lapidary Society, St. John’s Lutheran Church, 13115 Telegraph Road, Taylor, Michigan, 10-5, information 734-259-8532.

April 9-11 - Wyoming, Michigan. Rogers Plaza Town Center, website [www.indianmoundsrockclub.com](http://www.indianmoundsrockclub.com).

April 11-12 - Canton, Ohio. Stark county fairgrounds, email [donelisedougan@gmail.com](mailto:donelisedougan@gmail.com).

April 11-12 - Columbus, Ohio. Northland Performing Arts center, website [columbusrockandmineralsociety.org](http://columbusrockandmineralsociety.org).

#### **CMLMS MINUTES**

##### **CMLMS, Membership Meeting, February 19, 2015**

**Call to Order:** President Sue Casler called the meeting to order at 7:48pm at the Okemos Masonic Center.

**Guests/Visitors:** Jennifer and Anna Fulgar visited a second time.

**Minutes of the Last Meeting:** The January Membership Minutes were printed in the January newsletter. The February board meeting was canceled because of bad weather.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Elaine Beane still needs to get access to the society account. Alan Hukill will help her with that issue.

**Announcements:** President Sue Casler presented flyers for various upcoming shows and silent auctions. She reminded us that ours is in March and where to find bid forms. She

had some with her. The MWF annual show is in Chicago this year.

*Roger Laylin* - discussed closing time for the Saturday night show. Most dealers concurred with 6 p.m. Elaine Beane moved **that the show close at 6 p.m. on Saturday**. Alan Hukill seconded. It passed with one no vote.

The banquet was discussed. Date is May 21, tickets will be \$10; 5 special door prizes will be done by Sue Casler, social hour will be 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., introduction of guests at 6:30, speaker at 8-9, programs - Roni Sionakides, other club invitations - Alan Hukill, decorations - Marie Lewis, Hospitality - Elaine Angstman.

Bennet Woods Science Fair - Roger Laylin, Lyle Laylin, Theresa Hubbard and Roni Sionakides will represent the society.

*Wendy Rosier* - Jan Sjoquist is investigating a bus trip to Cranbrook Museum in the fall with Dean Transportation. The cost would be about \$20 for 38 persons. Alan Hukill commented that the club can help with costs. Wendy passed around an interest sheet.

**Door prizes:** By Dan Sine.

**Adjournment:** Lyle Laylin **made a motion to adjourn the meeting**. The motion was supported by Alan Hukill, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

**Program:** The Rosiers shared their collection of stone tools. Other members also had items for display and described their collections.

Respectfully Submitted, Roni Sionakides, Acting Recording Secretary

### **CMLMS, Board Meeting, March 9, 2015**

**Board Members Present:** Elaine Beane, Sue Casler, Theresa Hubbard, Alan Hukill, Roger Laylin, Lyle Laylin, Jan Sjoquist, Roni Sionakides.

**Board Members Absent:** Elaine Angstman, Ernie Augenbaugh, Mary Gowans, Gaylord Brooks, Nate Krupp, Jennifer Martin, Kara Miller, Gordon Lewis, Dan Sine.

**Members Present:** Bob Mosher

**President:** Sue Casler called the meeting to order at the Okemos Library. There were not enough board members present to form a quorum to conduct society business.

Sue shared information about upcoming shows and swap meets.

The program for March 19 will be a silent auction. In April, Diane Baclawski will do the program on Glacial Geology of the Great Lakes. May is the banquet with speaker, Patty Rice. June will be a presentation about the process of putting on a show by Roger Laylin. This may also be a work bee.

**Treasurer:** Elaine Beane and Alan Hukill have transitioned treasurer authority to Elaine Beane through the bank. Elaine will prepare a combined report for January and February, 2015.

**Recording Secretary:** Jan Sjoquist thanked Roni for doing the membership meeting minutes for February, 2015. They will be in the March Newsletter. The March board meeting minutes may not be ready for the deadline tomorrow.

**Corresponding Secretary:** Theresa Hubbard presented an obituary for John Passaneau that will be included in the memorial book after she checks with Ernie for membership record.

**Directors:** Lyle Laylin (1 yr.), no report. Nate Krupp (2yr.), absent, no report. Gaylord Brooks (3 yr.) absent, no report.

**Roster Secretary:** Ernie Augenbaugh, absent. New members to add, but lack of a quorum makes it necessary to delay vote.

**Liaison Officer:** Alan Hukill. No report.

**Past President:** Elaine Beane, no report.

**Membership:** Elaine Angstman, absent, no report.

**Field Trip:** Dan Sine has a trip planned for the Grand Rapids Gypsum Mine in April. See newsletter.

**Publications:** Roni Sionakides. Newsletter deadline is Tuesday.

**Education:** Kara Miller and Jennifer Martin: absent, no report.

**Community Outreach:** Mary Gowans, absent, but sent her thanks and those from Bennett Woods for the participation by Roni, Roger, Lyle and Theresa at their science night. They saw more than 100 students.

**Library:** Lee Laylin is working hard on an inventory.

**Display:** Jan Sjoquist, no report.

**Finance:** Gordon Lewis, absent, no report.

**Web Master:** Lyle Laylin is updating the software and the site.

**Show:** Roger Laylin has notified the dealers about the 6 pm show closing time. Flyers and tri-folds are being ordered.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** Difficulty in booking Okemos Library for the board meetings because of the demands for the room. We will look for other options for next year.

**Adjournment:** Elaine Beane made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion received a second by Alan Hukill. The meeting was adjourned at 8:42pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Jan Sjoquist, Recording Secretary

## The Necklace

By Marvin Oesterle

I'm a firm believer that our spouses were put on this earth for the express purpose of preventing one from getting an over inflated opinion of one's self. The spouse of a rockhound has an even greater burden. You see, this hobby has several segments and most of us try many of them before we "specialize." For example, many of us have a trilobite specimen but were not bitten by the trilobite collecting "bug." (A little rock humor there. At least, I didn't say anything about bitten and the collectors of shark teeth.) You need an observant spouse to tell you that the garage and basement are full and it is time to move on.

When we organize specimens in a pony case, or shine a Short Wave or Long Wave beam on fluorescence rocks, or cut and polish, or facet, we are taking something beautiful and improving it. (Or, at least, we think we do.) If we keep doing this, it is not long before we have a pile of shiny rocks. You can only give away so many necklaces, belt buckles, compacts, bolo ties, money clips or other projects to family and friends. Eventually, I think my kids were the only ones on the block to not look forward to Christmas.

Now, many years ago, I got the idea to reward my spouse for her many sacrifices. I was at a rock show and one booth had a huge supply of bead strands. One that caught my eye was a gorgeous blue strand. The tag on it said Lapis Lazuli AAA and sported a large price. I decided to think about it and walked around the arena. When I came back to the booth, the strand was still there and the price was still the same. So I walked around the building again. After the third lap, I decided that fate had determined that I should buy it. So I did. Next, I bought some gold filled beads to highlight the blue beads.

I didn't know how to bead so I decided to take a class at a local bead shop. I got a glimpse of a world of dedicated and talented people who were every bit as obsessed as the rest of us

rockhounds. The instructor informed me that she had been teaching for many years and that I was her first male student, which did wonders for my masculine ego. But, that aside, I learned and completed my project. When I gave my wife the necklace, she oohed and aahed and thanked me. Then she said "You would think that after 18 years of marriage, you would know that purple is my color and I don't wear blue." It has never left her jewelry box.

Recently, I finally relaxed enough to make her a second necklace. This time it was a sterling silver necklace and finding with a PURPLE amethyst stone. Again, she oohed and aahed and thanked me. Then she said, "You would think that after 33 years of marriage, you would know that I don't wear silver."

I need to either be more observant or to get a new hobby. Also, I should walk around the arena at least one more time.

## TRAVELERS!!

The Angstmans in Tuscon! No snow!

