

# Rockhound News

**NEXT MEETING: Thursday, April 15, 2010**

**PROGRAM: "Show and Tell"**

**REFRESHMENTS: Members with last names M-Z bring goodies!**

**Program: Members exhibit favorite mineral/rock/fossil specimens and talk about how they found them, and what they have done with them.**

**Location & Time:** The CMLMS April 15 meeting will be held at 7:30 pm at the North School, 333 E. Miller Rd, Lansing, MI. Please get there a little early to help set up.

## CMLMS Calendar for May 2010

Thursday, May 6, 2010

Board Meeting-7:00 pm at the Okemos Library

Thursday, May 20, 2010

CMLMS Annual Banquet at Masonic Hall, Okemos

Tickets on sale at the April meeting! Come for a great meal plus a talk on Michigan's great geologist, Douglas Houghton. Tickets are \$10.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children. More volunteers are needed for the Banquet: Contact Roni Sionakides at the April membership meeting.

**CMLMS Directory – LAST CHANCE!!! If you have any changes in your name, address, phone # or email address, please mail or email your information to Elaine Beane, Editor, who is working on the CMLMS Directory ([gebeane@comcast.net](mailto:gebeane@comcast.net)). DO IT NOW, PLEASE.....**

**The May Newsletter will include the Annual CMLMS Director. All members will receive a mailed copy. SAVE THE MAY NEWSLETTER!!!!**

## Club News

- **This also is the time of year that we collect small polished stones for Ele's Place, which gives them to grieving children as "remembrance" stones. Ele's Place does a lot of good work, and we like to help them. Please bring your polished stones to the April meeting.**
- **Show fliers are available at the April meeting. Get some and post them everywhere you go!!!**
- **We are just one month away from the CMLMS Annual Banquet, which will be held at the Okemos Masonic Hall (Hamilton St.) on Thursday, May 20. Social Hour starts at 5:30 pm and dinner is at 6:30. Adult tickets are \$10; Children's tickets are \$4; get them at the April meeting.**
- **Volunteers are needed for various banquet tasks:** Sue Casler is doing door prizes, I'm producing the Banquet Program, Lee Laylin & Marie Lewis are doing decorations, Roni Sionakides and Rich Lassin have found our Banquet Speaker, but we still need help with taking tickets, invitations to other clubs, help with setting up exhibits, and bringing snacks for the hospitality table. **Please call. A few brave volunteers cannot do it all. Step up, folks, and help with this annual event. This is the CMLMS' 53rd anniversary!**
- **Gordon Lewis and Roni Sionakides** interviewed geology students at MSU to select a recipient for the annual scholarship that CMLMS grants to an undergraduate student in geology.

**Check the MWF News at [www.amfed.org/mwf](http://www.amfed.org/mwf) for more shows and events.**

**Central Michigan Lapidary and Mineral Society Board Meeting: March 4, 2010, Okemos Public Library**

**Board Members Present:** Ernie Aughenbaugh, Elaine Beane, Sue Casler, Milt Gere, Mary Gowans, Mary Anne Smith, Alan Hukill, Rich Lassin, Lyle Laylin, Roger Laylin, Gordon Lewis, Bob Mosher, Roni Sionakides, David Westjohn and

Kris Wood. Also in attendance club member Wayne Zittel.

[Board members absent: Elaine Angstman, Jennifer Martin, Kara Miller and Dan Sine]

**President:** Roni Sionakides called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. A letter was received from the Science is Fun Day chairperson, Sheryl Blanchard, thanking the club for their participation.

**Vice President:** Rich Lassin – Reviewed Program Schedule:

March - Silent Auction; April – Show and Tell; May – Annual Banquet.

**Recording Secretary:** Sue Casler summarized the February Board Meeting Minutes – reviewed motions made at that meeting. Minutes will be printed in the March newsletter.

**Corresponding Secretary:** Mary Anne Smith – A sympathy card was sent to Leonard Espinosa on the loss of his wife.

**Treasurer's Report:** Kris Wood - reviewed receipts/disbursements for February 2010. [Also, Elaine Beane and Roni Sionakides, serving as the Audit Committee, completed the audit of the club's accounts and procedures. Elaine Beane reviewed the audit report, explained the committee's process of review and discussed their comments]

**Directors:** 1-YR, Bob Mosher – 1) had some words regarding the conduct at the Feb. Board mtg. and the noise level; also felt that Board mtg. should not substitute for discussion of issues that should be handled in committee; 2) with respect to Feb. mtg discussion on safety issue for potential “toxic” minerals, Bob provided additional information, including MSDS (Material Safety Data Sheets). 3) Bob continues to research various topics and share w/board. 2-YR, Mary Gowans – No report.

3-YR, Dave Westjohn – Dave will work on renovating the club display cases and renewing the specimen labels.

**Roster Secretary:** Ernie Aughenbaugh – No report.

**Membership:** Elaine Angstman (Absent). In Elaine's absence, President Roni Sionakides presented a new member application for board action. **Mary Gowans moved to accept new member application for Bonnie Eckhardt; seconded by Alan Hukill. Motion approved. Welcome to new member Bonnie Eckhardt.**

**Field Trips:** Dan Sine (Absent)/Dave Westjohn. Lyle Laylin still interested in a “good” weather Saturday trip to South Haven, to pick up Septarian nodules.

**Publications:** Elaine Beane – newsletter editor reminded folks, items for the March newsletter should be submitted by Tues., March 9<sup>th</sup>. It was mentioned to include in newsletter a request for Polished Stones in April for Ele's Place.

**Finance:** Gordon Lewis – Provided handouts of the 2010 Budget, approved by the Board at last month's meeting. An item regarding “funds” for Petoskey Stone Polishing Supplies; these items can be purchased with Club funds utilized from either the Education line item or the Show line item.

**Show:** Roger Laylin – it was reported that our October Show will have some “bill board” advertising, through Adams Outdoor Advertising (they offer a special rate for non-profit organizations). An addition to the show flyers will be to offer “Mineral Identification” at the show (limit 3 specimens) [B. Mosher suggested a potential “Mineral Identification” expert -- David Lowrie of Wayne State University]

**Old Business:** The banquet date is May 20 (tickets/printing/ticket record); volunteers are needed for these jobs.

Gordon Lewis asked about the MSU Scholarship interviews - should we go ahead with them, considering the situation (potential elimination) with MSU Geology Dept.? [Mary Gowans made a suggestion to include “Education” degree with Earth Science for consideration of the scholarship award.]

**Milt Gere moved to continue with MSU Scholarship interviews and award as usual; seconded by Roger Laylin.**

**Vote taken and motion approved. New Business:** None

Mary Gowans moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Alan Hukill. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Sue Casler, Recording Secretary

### **Central Michigan Lapidary and Mineral Society Membership Meeting: March 18, 2010**

**Call to Order.** The March membership meeting was called to order by President Roni Sionakides at 7:40 pm at the North Elementary School in Lansing, MI.

**Welcome and Introduction of Guests/Visitors.** Chuck Taricska introduced himself as a visitor this evening. New member, Bonnie Eckhardt also was present.

**Minutes of Last Meeting.** Sue Casler – the February membership meeting minutes were published in the March newsletter, if there are any errors or corrections, please advise Sue.

**Treasurer's Report.** Kris Wood (Absent)

### **Announcements.**

\*Vice President – Richard Lassin outlined the program schedule for the next few months: April – Show and Tell evening; and May 20<sup>th</sup> will be the club's annual banquet. Possible speaker for the banquet – Steve Letho, author of the new Douglass Houghton book. Rich also asked for suggestions and brainstorming on how the club can attract new members. **Program tonight: The Annual Silent Auction!**

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\*Banquet – still need some volunteers for help at the banquet with decorations, hospitality, etc.; also tickets have been printed and are now available for purchase.

\*Roger Laylin mentioned that Nate Krupp had the club's Michigan cases for an educational program in Potterville.

\*Door prizes were provided by and distributed by Dan Sine – great job Dan!

**Adjournment.** Kara Miller moved to adjourn, supported by Marshall Gordon. Meeting adjourned at 8:04 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Sue Casler, Recording Secretary

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