

ROCKHOUND NEWS

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, September 20, 2012

PROGRAM: Show & Tell Summer Rock Trip Adventures and mini-silent auction

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

Location and Time: The CMLMS September Meeting will be held on September 20, 2012, at 7:30 p.m., at the **North School**, our usual meeting place.

Calendar for Fall 2012 and later

September 20, 2012 Membership meeting - sharing of summer collecting adventures and mini silent auction. **Bring rocks!!**

October 4, 2012 Board meeting, 7 pm, Okemos Library

October 18, 2012 *Three Precious Gems: Rubies, Emeralds, Sapphires* (a DVD from Jewelrytelevision). Discover the rich history of rubies, emeralds and sapphires, gain insight into today's mining, cutting and grading techniques.

October 25, 2012 **SHOW Setup!** We need all the help we can get! Setup starts at Noon and runs 'till we're done. (about 7 or 8 pm) Come for the whole thing, or an hour, any help helps! Bring your friends!

October 26, 27 and 28 SHOW TIME! Volunteers get free admission. We need everyone to pitch in. Contact Roger Laylin to find out where you are needed.

November 1, 2012 Board meeting, 7 pm, Okemos Library

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!

SOCIETY HAPPENINGS

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Now is a good time to be of service to your society. There is always need for help with various projects and committees. Please think of lending a hand for any of our committees, becoming an officer, and getting to know us better. We are a fun group!!!

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 2012 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.

NOMINATIONS AND OTHER ELECTED POSITIONS

The Society needs to form a Nominations Committee for elections to be held in November. Volunteers are needed to help out with this important part of the leadership. Please call President Elaine Beane if you are willing to put in a few hours to help the board or if you are interested in any position.

CLUB NEWS

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

- Grand Rapids Gypsum mine, October 20, 2012, 10:00am-4:00 pm. Cost, \$ 2 per person; must be a member to participate. If interested, email Kreigh Tomaszewski (Kreigh@Tomaszewski.net).
- In planning - the Sylvania Quarry in Ohio yet this fall.

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.

**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

September 29 (9 am-6 pm) and 30 (9 am-4 pm), 2012
Huge Rock and Mineral Sale, Marve and Kitty Starbuck
7636 East V Avenue, Vicksburg, MI
269-649-1991 or 1-231-740-5512

October 12 (9 am-7 pm), 13 (10 am-7 pm), 14 (11am-5 pm), 2012
Greater Detroit Gem, Mineral, Fossil, and Jewelry Show
Macomb Community College, South Campus Expo Center, Bldg P
14500 E. 12 Mile Rd, Warren, MI
Info: www.MICHMIN.ORG

FALL SHOW NEWS**A Message from CMLMS Show Chair, Roger Laylin
Preparation Work**

As in past years, to get ready for our Show, the Club Trailer will at the Laylin's during the week of September 17th. As previously, we need to sort and repack the contents left from last year's Show. If this can be accomplished during the week, we can have Saturday, September 22nd, to decide what other stored material will be required for the Show.

On Saturday, September 22, weather permitting, alternate date September 29, we will start about 9:30 am. There is much material to be sorted and boxed and that needs to be priced and moved to the trailer. Please bring any materials you may wish to add to the children's table this day as it creates unnecessary problems if brought to the Show. Please remember we need stones for the **PEBBLE POND!** We may also be asked to help Rich Miller finish making **Petoskey Stone Polish Kits**. As many of you know the Club took over the job of constructing the Mineral Kits following Lila Stevens' retirement. Jointly we have made over 600. Hopefully we will not run out this year. Spearheaded by Dan Sine about 1400 Exit Gifts are all ready to be passed out.

We will work until the job is completed, with a break for a **picnic lunch**. Bring a dish to pass. Drinks and table service will be provided.

Kris Wood is again chair of the Raffle this year. John Juroszek is to obtain the license and arrange for the tickets. Lets make the Raffle a good one again by donating interesting gifts and specimens.

There will be sign-up sheets at the September and the October meetings for the different types of show work. Please come prepared to sign up!

A reminder: the Show Committee will be enforcing the rule that in order to have free admission to the show a member must put in at least 2 hours at some show duty, enter a display, or demonstrate a lapidary skill. Remember that the club hospitality/break area is intended for use by the dealers and actively working club members.

Roger Laylin, Show Chairman

If we want to continue to have a show, more people are going to have to step up to do their share. Please plan to show up on September 22nd to give Show Chair Roger and the club your support. If you cannot make it Saturday, please talk to the Show Chair and find another time to put in some support time. Help is also needed all during the week of the 17th. There are still lots of materials to go through at the Laylin's barn.

If you can't make it to the meeting, but can help at the show, please call the chairperson of the work area that you want to sign up for. The chairpersons are as follows:

Friday Morning Children's Tours - Theresa Hubbard - 203-9620

Displays - Neil Snepp-339-2853 (Neil's goal is to have 60 displays, so let's help him out).

Children's Table - George Heaton - 339-8914

Fluorescent Booth - Dan Sine - 381-0805

Silent Auction - Elaine Angstman - 676-4172 (She expects to be visiting her daughter till after Sept 20.)

Demonstrations Coordinator - Ruth Ann Lehner - 669-3787

Admissions Coordinator -Elaine Beane - 272-9661 & Sue Casler - 694-1233

Raffle Coordinator - Kris Wood 517-769-6578

Show Announcer - to be announced

Hospitality Break Room/Food Coordinator - Jean Anne Piotrowski - 269-948-9589 or local phone Lee Laylin - 349-3249

All these folks put in many hours to make the show a success, so let's plan on giving them lots of help. Involve your friends, especially on Friday, Children's Morning; we can offer volunteers a free lunch and a free admission to the show. Last year Show Chair had 14 non-members helping; can you beat that number?

Raffle Tickets are expected to be available at the September meeting. Please bring items that you wish to donate to be included in the raffle, or notify the Chairperson about your items.



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); or _____ others.

Please draw a rough sketch on the back of this form if you are bringing an "other" case.

_____ I need to borrow a case. _____ I can't display this year, but will let someone else use my case.

If you are willing to loan a case or cases, please describe them on the back of this form.

Please sign your name _____

TIPS Submitted by Elaine Angstman and appearing in the Deming (New Mexico) Gem & Mineral Society's August 2012 issue of *Rock Chips*

From Leslie Brooks, Boeing Employees Mineral Society via *Leaverite News*, 4/2012

EXTRA HIGH POLISH: To put an extra high polish on a cabochon or a flat, first polish in the normal manner, then buff with a used sheet of "Bounce," (trademark) or a similar fabric softener sheet. A used sheet seems to work better than a new one (it has been transformed by heat in the drying process). I have not tried other brands, but I believe the result should be the same. This trick has worked for me on several different materials. The result is a noticeable increased shine. I do not know if it is the chemical agent or the texture of the sheet...whatever the reason, it works.

Also from the *Leaverite News*, 4/2012

Ivory Soap Flakes ("Ivory Snow") was discontinued in 1993. Fortunately the Ivory pure soap bars are still being made. Just grate the soap, the slotted grate is easier than the other side with the holes. The grated soap can be used for that cleaning tumble cycle just before the polish. Note: I found the soap was very tough to wash out of my food processor. Even after the dishwasher some additional cleanup was necessary.

In my email from Brad Smith

See more BenchTips by Brad Smith at Facebook.com/BenchTips/ or Yahoogroups.com/group/BenchTips/

Modify Tools for Prong Setting: When setting stones in a prong mount avoid slipping by grinding a groove in the face of your prong pusher or one jaw of your flat-nose pliers. Easiest way to cut the slot on the pusher is with a file, and the easiest way to cut the slot on your pliers is with a cutoff wheel in the Foredom.

Use a Spray Bottle: Those little spray bottles you can find at the drug store are great for firescale preventors and debubbling solutions. A quick firescale preventor is liquid flux, and a homemade debubbling solution is a little Dawn liquid in rubbing alcohol.

CMLMS MINUTES

CMLMS, Membership Meeting, May 12, 2012, Banquet

Speaker: Dr. John R. Halsey, retired State Archaeologist

Topic: Prehistoric copper mines in the Upper Peninsula

CMLMS, Membership Meeting, June 21, 2012, workshop, no formal meeting

Workshop to ready egg cartons for show

Central Michigan Lapidary and Mineral Society, Board Meeting, September 6, 2012

Board Members Present: Sue Casler, Jan Sjoquist, Theresa Hubbard, Milt Gere, Lyle Laylin, Ernie Aughenbaugh, Alan Hukill, Elaine Angstman, Roni Sionakides, Dan Sine, Mary Gowans, Gordon Lewis, Roger Laylin.

Board Members Absent: Elaine Beane, Kris Wood, Kara Miller, Jennifer Martin, Bob Mosher.

Guests: None

President: Elaine Beane was absent. Vice-President Sue Casler called the meeting to order at 7:09pm. There were no announcements.

Vice President: Sue Casler has made these program plans for membership meetings:

- September 20, 2012: Mini silent auction and summer trip sharing.
- October: *Ruby, Emeralds and Sapphires*, DVD presentation.
- November: DVD
- December: Holiday program.

Recording Secretary: Jan Sjoquist: Waiting to receive the notes from Elaine Beane for the June board meeting which will then be submitted. In the absence of the recording secretary, President Beane kept the meeting minutes.

Corresponding Secretary: Theresa Hubbard, no correspondences.

Treasurer: Kris Wood was absent, but provided the June 1 to August 31, 2012 report. Roni Sionakides read the report.

Directors: Bob Mosher (1-yr.) absent, no report; Milt Gere (2-yr) reported that there is an increase of mineral exploration in the Upper Peninsula; Lyle Laylin (3-yr.), no report

Roster Secretary: Ernie Aughenbaugh: Does not have the information sheets on the two new members from June. He will relay the information at the next meeting.

Liaison Officer: Alan Hukill:

- Midwest Federation ballot was presented and the board asked Alan to vote based upon his familiarity with the candidates.
- Midwest Federation show and convention, 2013-*Our Emerald Jubilee*, will be held April 4-7, 2013 in Lincoln, Nebraska. Alan has the registration forms for attendance and for the competitive exhibit.

Past President: Roni Sionakides: No report

Membership: Elaine Angstman, no information.

Field Trips: Dan Sine:

- Grand Rapids Gypsum mine, October 20, 2012, 10:00am-4:00 pm. Cost, \$ 2 per person; must be a member to participate. If interested, email Kreigh Tomaszewski (Kreigh@Tomaszewski.net).
- Dan went to Lawrence County, Indiana for geodes this summer and brought back buckets of geodes for the show. It is possible that CMLMS club will be able to go on a field trip there next year.
- We are hoping to have a trip to the Sylvania Quarry in Ohio yet this fall.
- In addition, Dan has prepared fossil packets (shark teeth, crinoids, fish “poop”) for the show.

Outreach: Mary Gowans: Teacher request for a presentation to 4th grade class to go over the rock cycle and fossil formation. Theresa Hubbard has experience teaching this and can tailor a presentation to that grade level.

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

Publications: Roni Sionakides. The directory is out. Roni will discontinue producing the newsletter by January, and a new editor will be needed. This is a good opportunity for members to become involved to help out the club once a month. No previous experience needed.

Club Display: Jan Sjoquist: No report.

Library: Lee Laylin. Roger Laylin reports of the limited use of the expensive magazine (\$60+), *Rock and Mineral*. That magazine will be discontinued and we will receive *Rock and Gem* (\$27).

Finance: Gordon Lewis, no report.

Webmaster: Lyle Laylin: No report.

Congratulations and thank you to Lyle for taking fifth in the American Federation website competition and for representing CMLMS.

[Editor's note: From Sue Castler: Regarding the website item in the AFMS newsletter, it is stated that the chart is the rankings of the finalists, as submitted to AFMS for further evaluation, therefore, it would appear that they have not yet decided on final winners. The club's site is ranked #5.]

Show:

Theresa Hubbard: Emails are out to teachers/schools for scheduling. A new school has been added- Springport- and only one school has withdrawn so far. Theresa anticipates full use of the \$ 1200 allocated for transportation supplement.

Lyle: Website has generated a list of people requesting show reminders.

Roger Laylin:

- Ernie has a new dealer, *The Jewelry Shoppe*, silversmith, from Harrison Township, MI.
- Six hundred (600!!!) egg carton kits have been completed.
- Dan Sine has done 1400 exit gifts!!!
- Roger is sending out 503 plus show reminder postcards.
- Two \$ 159 printings of placemats will be distributed to locations in Charlotte and Ingham County.
- Roger spoke about the commitment that member Lila Stevens has made to the CMLMS through many years of preparing the egg cartons, donating specimens, etc. Roger Laylin made a motion to **present Lila Stevens an honorarium of \$100 in appreciation for all she has done for the CMLMS**. Mary Gowans seconded the motion and the motion was passed. A certificate of appreciation will be presented to her also. Sue Casler will deliver both while picking up additional specimens from Lila.
- A work meeting will be held at the Laylins (1770 Sandhill Rd. Mason) on Saturday, September 22, from 10am. This will be a picnic potluck work party. Rain date-Saturday September 29

Old Business: None

New Business: Roni Sionakides: We will need to set up an ad hoc committee in October to nominate candidates for CMLMS officer positions for 2013.

Adjournment: Mary Gowans_made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Dan Sine seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:37pm.

Respectfully submitted, Jan Sjoquist, Recording Secretary