

Rockhound News

**NEXT MEETING IS A WORK PARTY
 Thursday, October 20, 2011, 11:30 AM to finish
 Mason Fair Grounds, Main Arena
 Help Set Up the Show!**

REFRESHMENTS: Everyone bring a goody for the workers!

It's Show Time!

At the September & October work-parties, we made things for the Show and packed them up. We made Exit Gifts, Petoskey Stone Polishing Kits, Rock Critters, and unloaded, checked, and re-loaded the fossils and minerals in the trailer. Folks brought stones for the Pebble Pond and Children's Table. At the September meeting, some people signed up for Show duties, but there are still lots of good slots open! **If you like having the CMLMS Show, do more than just attend it. Many volunteer hours are required to make the Show a success. You can arrive at the Mason Fair Grounds, Main Arena, as early as 11:30 am on 10/20, and join the Club Members setting up the show.**

Location & Time: CMLMS Work Party will be held at the Main Arena, Ingham County Fair Grounds, Ash St., Mason, MI. Gather for Show set-up at 11:30 am until everything is done! There will be lots of work to do. Bring snacks, wear work-in-the-yard clothes and work gloves, and bring a flashlight (just in case we have a power outage). We will be setting up for the Friday morning Children's Tour.

CMLMS Calendar for November 2011

November 3, 2011	Board Meeting-7:00 pm at the Okemos Library
November 17, 2011	Membership Meeting at North School, 7:30 pm. Program: Prof. Graham Larson will discuss climate change, global warming, glacial melting and associated topics.

Show Calendar – A Message from CMLMS Show Chair, Roger Laylin

The CMLMS Annual Show is on October 21, 22, and 23. Here's the Show Calendar:

OCTOBER 20th Show setup commences Thursday, 12:00 noon, Mason Fair Grounds, Main Arena

OCTOBER 21st Children's Tour starts at 9:00 am Friday. **Show up at 8:30 am for your assignment.**
 Dealer setup begins at 1 pm; Public Show is open from 6:00 – 9:00 pm on Friday.

OCTOBER 22nd Show continues 10 am – 7 pm on Saturday

OCTOBER 23rd Show continues 11 am – 5 pm on Sunday, followed by: **Tear down and put away.**

Show Work Schedule

Thursday, October 20

11:30 am	Club trailer with show material delivered to Main Arena; start unloading & setup.
12:00 noon	Tables and chairs are delivered; setup and cover tables, continue unloading the trailer (as last year, 2 mineral tables, 1 fossil table)
3:30 pm	Set up displays AFTER TABLES ARE ALL SET UP and COVERED!
4:00 pm	Before this time, check with Show Chair Roger Laylin if you want to join him in ordering pizza for supper.
5:30 pm	Supper and short membership meeting, scheduled from 5:30 – 6:00 pm.
7:30 pm	Do anything else that needs to be done for Friday Morning. The building will be open until 9 pm if necessary.

Friday, October 21

8:00 am	Final preparations and work assignments. Children arrive at 9:00 am.
1:00 pm	Move leftovers to main Children's Table and arrange tables for Dealer set up. Set up the NEW Choose Your Own Mineral Kit tables. Late-comers and folks coming from their jobs, set up displays.

6:00 pm Welcome the Public to the Show! Meet friends and have a good time!

Saturday (9:30 am) & Sunday (10:30 am), October 22 & 23

Continue with volunteer work assignments, eat, drink and spend \$ \$ \$ \$.

Sunday, October 23

4:00 pm Raffle Call, winners selected.

5:30 pm BREAKDOWN SHOW, Fold and stack tables, chairs, and covers. Load club trailer.

THANKS TO ALL FOR YOUR EFFORTS!!! – Show Chair Roger Laylin

Demonstrators Needed -- Demonstrations Coordinator Ruth Ann Lehner is putting out a call for CMLMS members or friends who have a lapidary or mineralogy skill and are willing to demonstrate that skill at the Show. Please contact Ruth Ann at 517-643-4406; e-mail ruthie48@netzero.com. Thank you!

Member Displays -- One of the important features of any show are the display cases that the club members and nonmembers bring to the Show to show off their collections or skills. Viewing these displays gives visitors and club members the opportunity to see mineral specimens and fossils they have never before seen. This is where learning begins and inspiration for new collections starts. If you have not yet told Neil Snepp that you will have a display for the show, please call him at 517-339-2863!

PLEASE DO NOT SET UP DISPLAYS UNTIL ALL THE TABLES ARE SET UP!

Specimens for the Big Rock Rack (Touch and Feel Display of BIG Rocks). This display has created much interest since we started it several years ago. We need some new specimens as well as the old, if you have any to share, please bring them on Thursday. The rocks need to be big, but not huge. This year, Tulip City had 41 specimens. Can we compete? Thank You.

Hospitality Requests -- Jean Ann Wahl-Piotrowski

Remember to bring your goodies for the lunch room. If you have not already signed up and are in doubt as to what is needed, please phone Jean Ann Wahl Piotrowski at 1-269-948-9589 or email Jean Ann at jadaw@gmail.com. If you can contribute a snack to sustain the show crew, please bring it to Thursday set up, or any day of the show. **Thanks and see you at the show!!!**

2010 CMLMS Show Raffle -- Drawing at 4 PM, Sunday, October 23

Prize Items Are Needed for the Raffle! --- A number of members have donated some very nice Raffle Prize items for this year's Raffle. However, more items are needed to raise the chance to win. Prizes may be donated until noon on Oct. 22. Please contact **Kris Wood**. Thank you for your support!

Raffle Tickets are available. They are **\$1 each or 6 for \$5.** . The chance of winning is much greater at our raffle than with most games of chance and sales help support the CMLMS Geology scholarship at MSU. Remember your friends, relatives & neighbors may wish to purchase tickets too. Why not sell some tickets to them and help a good cause at the same time?

Your help is needed to sell raffle tickets at the show. Please see Kris Wood at the October 20 Work Party or give her a call to reserve your time. **Tickets don't sell themselves!!**

OTHER Show Stuff: What you can do to help out!

- Spread the word. Tell your friends and enemies. Post a flier.
- Pitch in and work! Those who work two hours earn free admission to the Show.
- Invite friends to help on Friday morning. We have never had too much help for the Children's Tour. We will give a free pass to any non-member that helps on Friday Morning.
- Sign up to help at a work station during the Show – Kids Table, Admission tickets, Raffle tickets, Mineral Kits, Spinning wheel, Silent Auction, Swap Table (if you bring material).

There will be sign-up sheets at the October 20 Work Party for the different types of show work. Please come prepared to sign up! Remember that 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. The club hospitality & break area at the show is intended for use by the actively working club members and the dealers.

Please plan to show up early on October 20 to give Show Chair Roger and the club your support, if you cannot make it on Thursday, please call Roger or a table coordinator (below) find another time to help!

The chairpersons are as follows:

Friday Morning Children's Tour = Theresa Hubbard
Displays = Neil Snepp (339-2853): Let's help Neil reach the goal of 60 displays.
Children's Table = George Heaton (339-8914)
Fluorescent Booth = Dan Sine (381-0805)
Silent Auction = Elaine Angstman (282-9775)
Demonstrations Coordinator = Ruth Ann Lehner (643-4406)
Admissions Coordinator = Elaine Beane (272-9661) & Sue Casler (694-1233)
Raffle Coordinator = Kris Wood (517-769-6578)
Show Announcer = Roger Laylin
Hospitality Break Room/Food Coordinator = Jean Anne Piotrowski (269-948-9589)
or Lee Laylin (349-3249)

Club News

Nominating Committee

The nominating committee is seeking volunteers for 2012 officers. Please contact Milt Gere (miltgere@aol.com), Elaine Beane (gebeane@comcast.net), or Lyle Laylin (laylinl@gmail.com). There is NO CMLMS if we do NOT have officers!!!!

Roster Secretary

Message from Roster Secretary Ernie Aughenbaugh: Dues are now being collected for 2012.

President Roni Sionakides received a note from a grandson of CMLMS founding (1957) members, Clarence and Gladys Kirkby. Clarence was the first President of CMLMS, and son Larry was the first editor of the newsletter. A relative, Ed Kirkby also served as President, and as a geologist with the Michigan Geological Survey. Clarence, Gladys, Ed and brother Roger stayed with CMLMS for 25 years. A great example of family involvement in the club, and of volunteer effort, which we still need!!!

- **Elaine Angstman** had a call from a daughter of Roland Rogers: Mr. Rogers died in March, 2011.
- Please send any newsletter items to Elaine Beane at (gebeane@comcast.net). The deadline for each issue is five days after the monthly Board meeting.

Meeting Minutes

Central Michigan Lapidary and Mineral Society Board Meeting -- September 1, 2011

President: Roni Sionakides called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm at the Okemos Public Library.

Board Members Present: Elaine Angstman, Ernie Aughenbaugh, Elaine Beane, Sue Casler, Milt Gere, Mary Gowans, Alan Hukill, Lyle Laylin, Roger Laylin, Gordon Lewis, Jennifer Martin, Kara Miller, Bob Mosher, Dan Sine, Roni Sionakides, Jan Sjoquist, and Dave Westjohn. Member Theresa Hubbard also attended.
[Board members absent: Sharon Patton and Kris Wood.]

Vice President: Dave Westjohn – September membership meeting program will focus on various field trip locations and what one can find. Dave is also working on finding speakers for upcoming programs on topics such as sea level rise, glacial geology, earthquakes/tsunamis, and Michigan geology. The October membership meeting will be a work party held at the Ingham Co. Fairgrounds to get set up for the show on Friday.

Recording Secretary: Sue Casler – Summarized the June 2nd Board meeting Minutes (will be published in a future newsletter).

Corresponding Secretary: Sharon Patton (Absent) – Report: former CMLMS member Marshall Davis passed away.

Treasurer's Report: Kris Wood (Absent) – Treasurer sent an email with the savings/checking balances and disbursements for the summer (July/August). The major disbursement was for the rent for use of North Elementary School for membership meetings for 2011/2012.

Directors: [1-YR] Mary Gowans – No report. [2-YR] Bob Mosher – No report. [3-YR] Jan Sjoquist – No report.

Roster Secretary: Ernie Aughenbaugh – Reinstatement of Bob Hansor on membership list.

Liaison Officer: Alan Hukill – MWF Ballot, reviewed nominations. Alan will complete on behalf of club and mail in. It was also mentioned that number of members and those report on the roster for federation insurance do not have to be same (i.e. inactive or out-of-state members do not have to be included).

Past President: Roni Sionakides/Milt Gere – Milt announced that he retired from the DNR on August 1.

Membership: Elaine Angstman – No report.

Field Trips: Dan Sine – brought in some fossil specimens that were collected at Pike Creek Junior Quarry, Marion, IN (trip was 1st week of August). Some possible field trips for the Fall season are Charlotte, Grand Ledge, and Alpena.

Publications: Elaine Beane – first newsletter of the fall coming up.

Education & Community Outreach: Jennie Martin/Kara Miller – reported their attendance at the Petoskey Festival, held up north (Charlevoix). To date, no schools have scheduled Petoskey stone polishing demonstrations.

Display: Jan Sjoquist - brought in a beautiful completed display case. Still need to decide on lighting and memorial plaques.

Web Master/Site: Lyle Laylin – Update to website in the workings. Look for it next month.

Show: Roger Laylin introduced member Theresa Hubbard, who has volunteered to become the Chair of the Children's Tour event committee, was present at the board meeting and informed the board that she has sent letters (emailed) out to schools, including St. Johns, E. Lansing, Williamston, Haslett. She also informed the board that all 6th graders in the Lansing schools are studying rocks and minerals during the first semester, so we can expect some 6th grade classes to attend the Children's Tour.

A replacement dealer has been found for the Oct. show.

Work party dates for October show: Sept. 24 (work on exit gifts and Petoskey polishing kits) and Oct. 1 (organize kids' table rock boxes/load up the trailer for the show), at the Laylins' barn.

Old Business: Nominations committee – Lyle Laylin, Milt Gere, Elaine Beane and Mary Gowans.

New Business: Dan Sine relayed a message: Grit Turner received a phone call from Dave Slayton who was interested in making a donation of rocks to the club. Sue Casler will follow up.

Mary Gowans will be absent from the October/November board meetings.

Alan Hukill moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Gordon Lewis. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Casler, Recording Secretary

**See You at the October 20 Work Party at
the Mason Fair Grounds -- Main Arena
Starting at 11:30 am!**