

Rockhound News

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, November 17, 2011

PROGRAM: *Origin & Evolution of the Great Lakes:* Graham Larson

REFRESHMENTS: Last names N through Z - Please Bring Goodies

Location & Time: The CMLMS November 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 the tables.

Program: Graham Larson of MSU will speak on the Origin and Evolution of the Great Lakes.

CMLMS Calendar for December 2011

December 1, 2011 Board Meeting-7:00 pm at the Okemos Library

December 15, 2011 Holiday Party – **Location To Be Announced!!!**

NOTE: We cannot meet at the North School on December 15, due to a school event. We can change the date, change the location, or cancel the meeting. Please check your December newsletter & email for information about the December 15 Holiday Party!!!

Show Thank You! – A Message from CMLMS Show Chair, Roger Laylin

The 30 or so CMLMS members and the 10 friends who took an active part in making this 46th Show a success deserve the thanks of the other members!

- Theresa Hubbard in her first year as Children's Day Coordinator did a fantastic job. There were 1166 kids in attendance during the morning, not including the accompanying parents and teachers.
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- Total paid attendance was 1385, a few less than last year but considering the conditions, an acceptable number.
- We welcomed two new Dealers this year: S & S Gold and Diamond, and J. C. Pearls.
- Not enough good words can be said for Jean Ann Wahl-Piotrowski and Chuck Collins in managing the hospitality room, to keep us all well fed and happy. Chuck again provided morning relief for the night duty security person thus saving me from an early morning call. THANK YOU CHUCK!
- Thanks also to the many members who contributed the good food that we happily consumed during the show. No one went home hungry, and more than one Dealer praised the eats!
- The blue table covers on the demonstrators' and display tables were provided by Grit and Alice Turner; the covers add a professional look to the Show and are greatly appreciated!
- Ruth Ann Lehner deserves special thanks for convincing a fine group of artists and lapidary skill demonstrators to attend our show. They perform their skills, explain what they are doing, and both educate and entertain Show visitors.
- Elaine Angstman puts in year-round hard work acquiring and preparing the offerings at the spinning wheel and the silent auction – and then setting up and running the silent auction. Without her efforts at these two features the show attractions would be much reduced.
- Dave Westjohn made great use of his knowledge of geology and minerals by almost single handedly manning the Mineral Identity (What Am I)Table.

- Ernie Aughenbaugh arranges for Dealer contracts, keeps in contact with them, and handles any problems or complaints they may have. I certainly appreciate your running interference again this year! – ERNIE, THANK YOU A WHOLE BUNCH!
- Club member turnout for both set-up and tear-down was very good (we can always use more hands to make the work easier). The Geology Student turnout Thursday noon was light but helpful and it was GREAT on Sunday evening. Their energy and strength were much appreciated! We trust the help from the Geology Club continues.
- The efforts put forth by members in charge of all the various show functions was again exceptional -- publicity, children's table, silent auction, spinning wheel, demonstrators, displays, admissions, raffle, fluorescent booth, security, dealer liaison, treasury and last but not least FOOD. A special THANK YOU to all of you in charge as well as all of the members who assisted so ably during the show.
- Next Show we need to make a better effort to control the three unmanned doors in the corners to better control the unknown number of people who entered by doors other than the main entrance.
- The Dealers on the whole seemed satisfied with the results of the weekend and all indications are that the 46th Show was again an educational and financial success – and was enjoyed by all
- We need a lot of new and different materials, especially fossils for the Children's Table. The pebble pond always needs refilling. The "Kids" nearly drained the supply of the more desirable fossils and mineral specimens so get out there and collect over the coming year!
- All the volunteers that assist us during the Children's Tour (Friday morning) help make that day a success; please continue to recruit your friends and relatives, the more the merrier.
- There will be a wrap-up Show Board and 2012 Show Budget meeting at the Laylins' house, 1770 Sandhill Rd., on a date to be determined. I will notify the Board of the day and time; any member interested in the Show may attend. Contact Roger Laylin in early December if you wish to attend.

Club News

Nominating Committee -- The 2012 slate of nominations will be announced at the November 17 membership meeting. Please come and vote!

Roger Laylin will bring the CMLMS Fluorescent Box to the December meeting. Please bring any material that you want to test for fluorescence to the meeting.

Webmaster Lyle Laylin has added a feature to the Club Info section, which now includes an address update form. If your home address or email address has changed, please fill out the form and send it in.

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

New Members -- Nine new members have joined CMLMS!

Welcome to: Melissa Carswell and family of Lansing, Diane Galbavi of St. Johns, LeeAnne Hull of DeWitt, Bradley Moore of Lansing, Angela Ransom of Lansing, Neil Speerbrecker of Lansing, Brendan Smith of Mason, Alexis Voutsaras of East Lansing, and Bill Wendling of New Lothrop.

For Interesting Places To Go and Shows To See, Check the Midwest Federation News at www.amfed.org/mwf!

Central Michigan Lapidary and Mineral Society - Board Meeting: October 6, 2011

- **President:** Roni Sionakides called the meeting to order at 7:12 pm at the Okemos Public Library. Read letter from Midwest Fed. Re: "competitive display cases" lacking; Discussed ***Darwin Days***, Feb. 12, 2012, [MSU-Danita Brandt] and club involvement in the event.
- **Board Members Present:** Ernie Aughenbaugh, Elaine Beane, Sue Casler, Milt Gere, Alan Hukill, Lyle Laylin, Roger Laylin, Bob Mosher, Sharon Patton, Dan Sine, Roni Sionakides, Jan Sjoquist, and Kris Wood. Member Theresa Hubbard (Childrens' Tour Coordinator) was also in attendance. [Board members absent: Elaine Angstman, Mary Gowans, Gordon Lewis, Jennifer Martin, Kara Miller and Dave Westjohn.]
- **Vice President:** Dave Westjohn (Absent) – November program – Graham Larson (MSU) lecture on the Origin and Evolution of the Great Lakes; December – Holiday party, treats, rock exchange, Installation of 2012 officers.
- **Recording Secretary:** Sue Casler – Minutes of September 1 will be in next newsletter.
- **Corresponding Secretary:** Sharon Patton – It was noted that Margaret Schineman, a former member, passed away. Publicity for the upcoming Club Show was discussed; Alan H. puts ads in State Journal plus five Community newspapers.
- **Treasurer's Report:** Kris Wood – Provided revised Summer Report, June–August 2011; also reviewed receipts and disbursements for the month of September.
- **Directors:** [1-YR] Mary Gowans: Absent. [2-YR] Bob Mosher: Field trip safety training, Bob put together a notebook of information and suggested that field trip director and other expert members could provide training to club members; MSHA certification of the persons who have taken the training would not be difficult. [3-YR] Jan Sjoquist: No report.
- **Roster Secretary:** Ernie Aughenbaugh – No report.
- **Liaison Officer:** Alan Hukill – No report.
- **Past President:** Roni Sionakides/Milt Gere – No report.
- **Membership:** Elaine Angstman (Absent)/Alan Hukill presented four membership applications for club action. **Motion was made by Dan Sine, and seconded by Alan Hukill to accept membership applications for 1) Diane Galbavi; 2) Angela Ransom & Neil Speerbrecker [family]; 3) Lee Ann Hull and 4) Bradley K. Moore. Vote taken and motion approved. A big WELCOME to our new members!**
- **Field Trips:** Dan Sine – Field Trip Updates: Oct. 8, 9 AM-2 PM, Alpena LaFarge Quarry (Kalamazoo Club); Oct. 15, 12-4 PM, Schoolcraft Township Gravel Pit; and Oct. 29, Gypsum Mine in Grand Rapids.
- **Publications:** Elaine Beane – October newsletter – The October membership meeting (3rd Thurs. of the month) will fall on the Thurs. immediately prior to the show; therefore, all members are asked to come to the Ingham Co. fairgrounds, Main Arena, Mason, MI. after noon to help set up for the children's tour & show. There will be a short meeting in evening – but mainly folks are needed to help with set up.
- **Library:** Club renewed subscription to Rocks & Minerals magazine.

- **Display:** Jan Sjoquist – presented design of memorial plaques for cases.
- **Web Master/Site:** Lyle Laylin – New and improved club website is up-check it out!
- **Show:** Roger Laylin – Yard signs (15) are available for folks to put in strategic locations. Kris Wood – Raffle, bring raffle prizes to the Oct. 20 meeting (at the Fairgrounds). Theresa Hubbard – Childrens' tour coordinator, there are approximately 1,000 kids scheduled to attend Friday at 9am. Club is providing some financial assistance for buses (Ovid-Elsie 6th grade and Mason for 2 buses).
- **Old Business:** Nominations for 2012 officers are due by the Nov. meeting, so members can vote (installation of officers would be at the Dec. meeting).
- **New Business:**
 - With regard to the Darwin Days program (at MSU) previously discussed by President Sionakides; question was asked if club would provide financial support. **A motion was made by Alan Hukill to provide financial support in the amount of \$250 to the Darwin Days Program; seconded by Roger Laylin. Vote taken and Motion approved.**
 - Contact was made to club by Linda Curtis re: hosting a show at the 2012 Ionia Free Fair. Club needs to obtain further information re: this request.
 - Alan Hukill moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Elaine Beane.
 - Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Sue Casler, Recording Secretary

Central Michigan Lapidary and Mineral Society Membership Meeting October 20, 2011

- Call to Order.** The October membership meeting was called to order by President Roni Sionakides at 6.05 PM at the Ingham County Fairgrounds, Main Arena, Mason, MI.
- Welcome and Introduction of Guests/Visitors.** Not a formal meeting, set-up for show.
- Minutes of Last Meeting.** The September 15th, membership meeting minutes were taken by Elaine Angstman (in Sue Casler's absence) and will be printed in club newsletter. Thank you Elaine A!
- Treasurer's Report.** None.
- Announcements.**
Nominating committee needs volunteers to serve as officers for 2012.
Lyle Laylin – Webmaster, club website all new, check it out.
Friday (tomorrow!) Children's Tour, starting at 9am, folks helping should be at the Arena by 8:30am. We are expecting 1,166 kids!
In Kris Wood's absence, Alan Hukill will be taking care of treasurer duties for the Children's tour.
Bring snacks for hospitality table for show (Fri. evening/Sat./Sun).
Kris Wood – Raffle, need volunteers to sign up to sell tickets.
- Adjournment.** Milt Gere moved to adjourn the meeting, supported by Lyle Laylin. Meeting was adjourned at 6:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Sue Casler, Recording Secretary

