

# Rockhound News

**NEXT MEETING: Thursday, December 16, 2010**  
**PROGRAM: Holiday Party, Gift Exchange, New Officers**

## **REFRESHMENTS: Everyone Please Bring Holiday Goodies!**

**Location & Time:** The CMLMS December 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. **All those who can carry a tune (and some who cannot) are invited to join in singing seasonal & “rocky” carols!!!**

**New & Old Members:** Please note that you should always check at the top of the page to see who should bring goodies. This month, everyone should bring something good, but we usually alternate between: members whose last name begins with A-L, and those whose last name begins with M-Z. Our refreshments have been sparse lately, so please help!

### **Special Instructions for the Rocky Gift Exchange [Please Read This!]**

If you want to **get a gift**, you must **bring a gift!** Gifts should be of small value (\$1 at most) and should be rock-related. Gifts may be a) small rock specimens that need a new home, b) books, magazines, or articles about minerals and gems, c) small tools/materials related to rock collecting or faceting, d) toys, clothing, or anything else related to our mineral interests. Please wrap the gift you bring with you.

***This is NOT a “white elephant” exchange, unless the elephant is: a) made out of minerals, or b) small and well-behaved enough to sit through one of our meetings.***

### **CMLMS Calendar for January 2011**

January 6, 2011 Board Meeting-7:00 pm at the Okemos Library, Okemos Rd & Science Parkway.

January 20, 2011 Membership Meeting at North School. Program: Richard Lassin will discuss gold mineralization in Menominee County in Michigan's Upper Peninsula.

### **A Message from CMLMS Show Chair, Roger Laylin**

A Show Board meeting was held at the Laylins' on December 9, 2010. The 2010 show was an economic and attendance success, despite the poor economy in Michigan. CMLMS will be able to award the annual scholarship to a geology student at MSU. The decision to hold a Show in 2011 was made at the November Membership meeting. Thank You to Members who took an active part in making the 45th Show a success!

### **Club News – Members Voted at the November Meeting for the 2010 Officers, Who Will Be Installed at the December Meeting. Officers Are:**

President – Roni Sionakides; Vice-President – Dave Westjohn; Recording Secretary – Sue Casler; Corresponding Secretary – Sharon Patton; Treasurer – Kris Wood; 3 Year Director – Jan Sjoquist; 2 Year Director, Bob Mosher; and 1 Year Director, Mary Gowans.

### **Roster Secretary Ernie Aughenbaugh: Dues are now being collected for 2011!!!**

### **A Message from Milt Gere and Roni Sionakides:**

- We are seeking volunteers and displays for *Science is Fun* Day at Okemos High School (Jolly Rd., east of Hagadorn Rd.) February 12, 2011, from 11 AM to 3 PM. Please contact Milt or Roni by email or phone if you are interested in helping and turning young people on to ROCKS. We have eight (8) tables, and hope to fill all of them as we did last year! This is a fun event, with lots of families attending.

**New Members – Three more new members have joined CMLMS!**

Amy Hiltunen of Lansing, Tina Saunto of Lansing, and Patricia Scott of Mason have been accepted as new members of CMLMS. Welcome to you all and hope to see you at the CMLMS Holiday Party on December 16!

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**Volunteers Needed to Manage the CMLMS Annual Banquet in May:**

The CMLMS Annual Banquet is held in May, and Pres. Roni Sionakides knows we need to start planning very soon. Tickets must be printed, and all members should both buy and sell them (Ticket Manager needed). A menu must be chosen and arrangements made for decorations and the hospitality table (Decorations Manager and Hospitality Manager needed). The CMLMS President will make arrangements with a Speaker for the Banquet, but needs suggestions from all members about good speakers appropriate for our group! Please contact Roni and tell her you can HELP!

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**Check [www.amfed.org/mwf](http://www.amfed.org/mwf) for mineral and lapidary shows.**

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**Central Michigan Lapidary and Mineral Society  
October Board Meeting: September 30, 2010**

**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, Lee Laylin, Roger Laylin, Lyle Laylin, Gordon Lewis, Jennifer Martin, Bob Mosher, Roni Sionakides, Mary Anne Smith and David Westjohn. [Board members absent: Richard Lassin, Kara Miller, Dan Sine and Kris Wood]

**Vice President:** Roni Sionakides for Rich Lassin – Program Review: The October meeting is the night before our show, so the meeting will be at the Ingham County Fairgrounds Main Arena, and include members there for show set-up. The November membership meeting will include a talk by Ms. Summer Ostrowski (scholarship winner), on “Fossil Fish from Madagascar”.

**Recording Secretary:** Sue Casler – Summarized Sept. 2, 2010 board meeting minutes (will be published in newsletter).

**Corresponding Secretary:** Mary Anne Smith – No report.

**Treasurer's Report:** Kris Wood – Absent. [Sent copy of Treasurer's report to President Sionakides which was reviewed; if there are any expenses/disbursements – let Kris know. Also, Kris is in need of raffle prize donations]

**Directors:** [1-YR] Bob Mosher – passed around some radiolaria drawings by the 19<sup>th</sup> century German naturalist Haeckel and some photographs Bob took of microfossils from a piece of shale collected at the Alpena LaFarge quarry; ≤5-millimeter size bryozoans, crinoids, blastoids, and brachiopods at 10X to 20X magnification.

[2-YR] Mary Gowans – No report.

[3-YR] Dave Westjohn – No report.

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

**Liaison Officer:** Alan Hukill – passed around various flyers for rock shows.

**Past President:** Milt Gere – sending a thank you note to Crandell Brothers (for gravel pit field trips).

**Membership:** Elaine Angstman – Two applications were received for new members. **Mary Gowans moved to accept new member applications for David Schalk and Beth Schwartz.** **Lyle Laylin seconded the motion.**

**Vote taken and motion approved. Welcome to two new members!**

**Field Trips:** Dan Sine (Absent) – Folks were reminded of Oct. 2 field trip to LaFarge Quarry in Alpena; and also Oct. 2 & Nov. 13 field trips to the Alabastine Gypsum mine in Grand Rapids (Michigan Natural Storage Co.). Pre-notification and substantial equipment list are required for gypsum mine trips.

**Publications:** Elaine Beane – October newsletter – items for newsletter should be provided no later than October 12th.

**Display:** Dan Sine/Dave Westjohn – Dave reported that club display has been repaired, cleaned up, and is ready to go.

**Web Master/Website:** Lyle Laylin – reported he purchased a saw through the Equipment for Sale on the club's website, and suggested that others interested in purchasing equipment should check out this feature of the website. Also, Lyle was contacted by a person who would like someone to appraise a rock collection – Roger and Gordon will contact.

**Show:** Roger Laylin

- 1) the bill boards (Adams Outdoor Adv.) are up, check website for locations;
- 2) work party was held on Sept. 25 --trailer filled up and back at the farm;
- 3) had to make a substitution on one of show vendors (Stones & Bones bowed out due to conflict); new vendor is The Dinosaur Den, a local business;
- 4) 650 postcards were sent out based on raffle ticket names and addresses.
- 5) Oct. 21, our usual meeting night is the night before the show starts and we will be working at the Ingham Co. Fairgrounds for Show set-up. The tables arrive at noon, trailer arrives, need to set up for kid's table, pebble pond, displays, etc. Volunteers are welcome to arrive anytime Thurs. afternoon/evening to help. The club meeting will be short and bring us up to date on any announcements.

Mary Gowans – Friday am Children's Tour Coordinator reported that we have up to eight schools coming, with about 545-600 children and adults. Jenny Martin will be Mary's assistant for the Children's Tour.

**Old Business:**

\*Discussion of Impression 5 Science Center scholarships and the By-Laws Amendment for memorials will be tabled until next meeting.

**New Business:**

\*Nominating Committee needs to be formed ASAP for 2011 club office nominations. Schedule: October- Slate of Officers compiled by Nominating Committee; Nov.-Membership Votes for Slate; Dec.-Installation of Officers. Nominating Committee will be Milt Gere, Elaine Beane, and Roger Laylin.

Mary Gowans moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by David Westjohn. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm. Respectfully submitted, Sue Casler, Recording Secretary

## **Announcements**

CMLMS members may have noticed the MSU Geology Club shirts worn by the students helping us at the show; they feature an image of Sparty as a geologist, and a geological map of Michigan. Christine Juroszek has made contact with the MSU Geology Club, and offers the following information: The shirts are black with white letters and images; the cost is \$10.00 each; they are available in sizes from Small to X-Large, with larger sizes available on request. The Geology Club would like a list of names and sizes for those CMLMS members interested in purchasing shirts. That means that a CMLMS member needs to keep the list and contact the Geology Club. Your editor nominates Chris Juroszek for this honor!

Milt Gere forwarded a very cool geology and minerals website from the Smithsonian Institution. Your editor tried it before she started putting this newsletter together, and got caught up in it for an hour before she was willing to exit. There are great pictures and video animations illustrating the solar system, earth's geological history, geological cross-sections, plate tectonics, volcanoes, minerals, famous gems, and much, much more. So take a look at this one, especially if you need ideas for teaching, or for school projects: [http://www.mnh.si.edu/earth/main\\_frames.html](http://www.mnh.si.edu/earth/main_frames.html). This link is worth putting on the CMLMS website, Webmaster Lyle Laylin!

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**Hope to see you all at the CMLMS Holiday Party, December 16, 2010, 7:30 PM at the North School, off Miller Rd. in south Lansing. Bring a wrapped "rocky" gift to exchange, and your favorite holiday cookies (or other treats).**

**Happy Holidays!**

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