

Rockhound News

**December Meeting date changed to:
TUESDAY, December 13, 2011**

**This Newsletter is early because
THE CMLMS MEETING IS EARLY!!!**

PROGRAM: Holiday Party, Gift Exchange, and Voting for Officers

REFRESHMENTS: Everyone Please Bring Holiday Goodies!

Location & Time: As was voted at the November 17, 2011 meeting, the CMLMS December Meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 13, at 7:30 pm at the North School, 333 E. Miller Rd, Lansing, MI. The change to Tuesday is necessary because the meeting room is not available on Thursday. Please get there a little early to help set up the tables.

Program: Holiday Party, Rocky Gift Exchange, & Voting for Officers
All those who can or cannot carry a tune are invited to sing seasonal & “rocky” carols!!!

CMLMS Calendar for January 2012

January 5, 2012	Board Meeting-7:00 pm at the Okemos Library
January 19, 2012	Membership meeting – 7:30 pm at North School, Lansing

NOTE: We will be nominating a slate of officer candidates, voting on those candidates, and installing officers at the December meeting. Please be sure to attend, make nominations, and cast your vote!!!

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 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!***

Club News

Show Chair 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.

Fieldtrip Chair Dan Sine announces that there will be fieldtrips from 10 AM to 4 PM on January 28 and on February 25, 2012, to the Alabastine Gypsum Mine in Grand Rapids (\$2.00 fee). Since there are a number of requirements for entering this mine, it is a good idea to read all of the guidance materials **EARLY!!!** If you are interested in these field trips, please contact: Kreigh@Tomaszewski.net.

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.

Central Michigan Lapidary and Mineral Society Board Meeting, November 3, 2011

President: Roni Sionakides called the meeting to order at 7:12 pm at the Okemos Public Library.

Board Members Present: Elaine Angstman, Ernie Aughenbaugh, Elaine Beane, Sue Casler, Alan Hukill, Lyle Laylin, Roger Laylin, Gordon Lewis, Bob Mosher, Sharon Patton, Dan Sine, and Roni Sionakides. Members George Heaton and Theresa Hubbard (Childrens' Tour Coordinator) were also in attendance. [Board members absent: Milt Gere, Mary Gowans, Jennifer Martin, Kara Miller, Jan Sjoquist, Dave Westjohn and Kris Wood.]

Vice President: Dave Westjohn (Absent) – November program – Graham Larson (MSU) lecture, “Origin & Evolution of the Great Lakes”; December – Holiday party, treats, rock exchange and installation of officers; January – Scholarship Student to speak; February – Danita Brandt (MSU), Darwin Days.

Recording Secretary: Sue Casler – Minutes of October 6 meeting summarized and will be in the next newsletter.

Corresponding Secretary: Sharon Patton – sent a thank you to Evelyn Koning for the donation of her extensive rock & mineral collection to the club.

Treasurer's Report: Kris Wood (Absent) – the treasurer's report for the month of October was received via email and was reviewed by the board.

Directors: [1-YR] Mary Gowans – Absent. [2-YR] Bob Mosher – Educational materials on fossils/minerals are available on loan from Bob, but must be returned; also, further information on safety certification for field trips.

Roster Secretary: Ernie Aughenbaugh – No report.

Liaison Officer: Alan Hukill – No report.

Past President: Roni Sionakides/Milt Gere – No report.

Membership: Elaine Angstman – Presented several membership applications for board action: **Motion was made by Elaine Angstman, and seconded by Sharon Patton to accept membership applications for 1) Bill Wendling; 2) Brendan Smith (student); 3) Alexis Voutsaras; and 4) Family membership – Melissa Carswell & Sean Pierce & family.**

Vote taken and motion approved. A big WELCOME to the new members!

Field Trips: Dan Sine – Will establish a committee to work on fieldtrip safety certifications

Publications: Elaine Beane – Newsletter for November forthcoming.

Education & Community Outreach: Jennie Martin/Kara Miller (both absent) – It was reported that Jennie and Kara are doing a Petoskey stone polishing event for the 8th grade class at Pattengill School on November 9th.

Library: Several new books purchased at the Rock Show for club library.

Display: Jan Sjoquist (Absent) – sent in report: LED lights on the club display at the show were excellent. Jan also delivered the Charlotte area raffle prizes – thank you Jan!

Web Master/Site: Lyle Laylin – New club website is up - check it out!

Show: Roger Laylin – Discussion of Show: Security issue on Friday evening – per contract, dealers are responsible for items stolen; Raffle prize drawing issue – order last to first; first to last is preferred; Attendance was 1,385 this year; Arena rent went up \$250 to \$4,250; Fill your own egg carton was a success; Silent auction – still a conflict for some dealers; Show advertising – discussion; Theresa Hubbard (Childrens' Tour coordinator) – good turnout, time and scheduling; potential issues to review for next year.

Old Business: Roni Sionakides spoke with Danita Brandt re: Darwin Days. Prof. Brandt would still like club to provide the “big” rocks (the “petting” rocks at our show).

With respect to the Nominations Committee – ran out of time to discuss.

New Business: A request for rocks – Steve Potter, coaching science Olympiad, would like any type of rocks that club could donate with secure identification.

Alan Hukill moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Elaine Beane. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Sue Casler, Recording Secretary