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## **Rockhound News—April 2024**

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# **Agates!**



# Rockhound News

This bulletin is the official publication of the Central Michigan Lapidary and Mineral Society of greater Lansing, Michigan. It is published each month except July and August.

The Central Michigan Lapidary and Mineral Society is a non-profit organization, meeting to promote interest and increased knowledge in the fields of mineralogy, geology, paleontology and the lapidary arts. It was organized in May 1957 and celebrated its 50th Anniversary in 2007.

**Meeting place: Masonic Center, 2175 Hamilton Street, Okemos, MI**

**Regular meeting date: Third Thursday, except July and August**

**Meeting time: 7:00 p.m., doors are open at 6:30 p.m.**

**Annual Dues: Adults \$10.00; Families \$15.00; Students under 18 \$2.00**

**Board meetings: First Thursday, except July and August; 6:00 p.m., Okemos Library**

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Midwest Federation of  
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# ROCKHOUND NEWS

**NEXT MEETING:** Thursday, April 18, 2024 @ 7:00 pm  
**PROGRAM:** Speaker: Karen Brzys "The Agate Lady"  
**REFRESHMENTS:** Members please bring snacks! BYOB

**Location and Time:** The CMLMS membership meeting will be held on April 18, 2024 at 7:00 p.m., at the **Masonic Center, 2175 Hamilton Street, beautiful downtown Okemos.**

## **Calendar for Spring 2024**

April 4- Board meeting, 6:00 p.m., Okemos Library

April 18 - Membership meeting, 7:00 p.m.

May 2 - Board meeting, 6:00 p.m., Okemos Library

May 16 – Annual Spring banquet

[Editor's note: the deadline for the newsletter is **Wed, 8 p.m.** after the board meeting.]

## **UPCOMING PROGRAMS**

April 18 - Karen Brzys- The Agate Lady

May 16 – Annual Banquet, including homemade Chicken Dinner and Speaker

## **April Program:**

### **Karen Brzys, aka The Agate Lady**

Karen is a lifelong rock collector who grew up in Grand Marais, MI, where she began to learn about agates from the founder of the Gitche Gumee Museum, Axel Niemi. After earning two degrees from the U of M she worked in several fields, mostly involving the marketing of medical equipment and traveled across the US, visiting many rock shops. In 1994, after moving back to Grand Marais, she purchased and re-opened the Gitche Gumee Museum. Besides operating the Museum, she creates and sells mineral art and has written several books, mostly on agates.

Come and learn the latest theories on agate creation, the different types of agates and her new method of finding Lake Superior agates. She will have her books available for sale and she may even sign it for you.

## **CLUB NEWS:**

### **ANNUAL BANQUET:**

Please mark your calendars for our annual banquet on May 16, 2024, tickets will be available at the April club meeting and May Board Meeting. Members are encouraged to bring guests. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 children. The Banquet will take the place of our May meeting.

Dinner includes: Roasted Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Veggies, dinner roll and drinks, along with fruit pie for dessert.

Speaker to be announced shortly.

**Please plan on joining us for this delightful chicken dinner and help keep the banquet tradition going.**

Tickets can be purchased at the upcoming meetings or Email Dan Sine at [dantheman225500@gmail.com](mailto:dantheman225500@gmail.com) to reserve tickets.

### **MSU Science Festival:**

A free festival for lifelong learners of all ages!

April 1-30, 2024

The MSU Science Festival is a free annual celebration of science, fueled by some of the basic elements essential to scientific inquiry: curiosity, wonder, and discovery.

With events for the whole family to enjoy, the MSU Science Festival explores topics ranging from the ordinary to the extraordinary. From astronomy to music, and chemistry to microbiology; scientists and educators across the state are eager to share the wonder of science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics.

### **Behind the scenes tours of MSU labs/facilities:**

<https://sciencefestival.msu.edu/Event/Tagged/4>

### **Night at the Museums:**

<https://sciencefestival.msu.edu/Event/Tagged/3>

### **Fire, Water, and Ice: Michigan's Geological Story**

**Presented by:** Danita Brandt, Prof emerita, Earth & Environmental Science, MSU

Saturday, April 13, 11:30 AM - 12:45 PM at **STEM Teaching and Learning Facility Room 1130** (that's the renovated powerplant next to the Stadium)

**Here's a link**

<https://sciencefestival.msu.edu/Event/View/59>

**Dues:** Membership dues are now past due! If you have not paid your dues, please get them in now to Mattie Newman. Thank You!

**Field Trips:**

April 20th, Sturgeon Point, South of Alpena; Beach Rockhounding

April 27th, Pilgrim Haven, South Haven; Septarian Collecting

Let's go Picking!

Bancroft, Ontario is the first week of August, we may have a group going. Waiting for cheaper rates. <https://www.bancroftrockhoundgemboree.ca/>

Please contact Carl for more info or if interested in getting emails as field trips are set up.  
Cell phone **517-599-1882** or **cmenn@yahoo.com**.

## **UPCOMING SHOWS**

**May 3-5: KALAMAZOO, MI** Kalamazoo Geological & Mineral Society Annual Show. Kalamazoo Expo Center, 2900 Lake St., Kalamazoo. Contact: Writton Graham, (269) 615-7073; <https://www.kalamazoorockclub.org/event-information>

**May 4-5: SHARONSVILLE, OH** Cincinnati Mineral Society Annual Show. Sharonville Convention Center, 11355 Chester Rd., Sharonville. Contact: Terry Huizing, (513) 574-714 <http://geofair.com/>

**May 18-19: NORTH OLMSTED, OH** Parma Lapidary Club Annual Show. 11-5 each day. Soccer Sports Plex, 3515 Lorain Rd, North Olmsted. [parmalapidaryclub@gmail.com](mailto:parmalapidaryclub@gmail.com); <http://www.parmalapidary.com/big1.asp>

## **CMLMS MINUTES**

### **CMLMS, Membership Meeting, 3/21/2024**

**Call to Order:** Nate Krupp called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. at the Masonic Center in Okemos.

#### **Welcome and Introduction of Guests/Visitors:**

New MSU undergrad geology students\_Aiden, Joey, Kendall

Michelle and Michael McGroarty

#### **President's announcements:**

April 7th is Geologist day.

Indians Mounds Club April 4-6th, Roger's Town Plaza

Kalamazoo Show May 3-5th

Get your membership dues to Mattie today.

The banquet is our May 16th meeting. Dan has tickets today for sale.

**Treasurer:**

We have money in the account.

**Field Trips:**

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**Education & Outreach:**

Grand Ledge Garden Club talk on April 23rd.

**Officer and Chair Announcements:**

Membership dues are past due to Mattie Newman. Please get them in now.

**Show:** We are in recess right now.

**Door Prizes:**

16 prizes were given out by randomly selecting names. 39 people attended.

**Adjournment:mm**

The meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m. Fawn moved and Jessica seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted, Jessica Clark, Recording Secretary.