

# Rockhound News—May 2025

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## Spring Banquet!

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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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**Please check out the website and Newsletter of our Affiliated club:**

Midwest Federation of  
Mineralogical and Geological Societies, <http://www.mwfed.org/>

# ROCKHOUND NEWS

**NEXT MEETING: Thursday, May 15, 2025**

## **ANNUAL BANQUET**

**PROGRAM** Speaker: Allan Blaske: The history, geology, industrial uses, and minerals of the Bellevue limestone quarries

**Location and Time:** The CMLMS membership meeting will be held on May 15, 2025 at 5:30 p.m., at the Masonic Center, 2175 Hamilton Street, beautiful downtown Okemos.

**TICKETS ARE STILL AVAILABLE, \$15.00 ADULTS/\$10.00 CHILDREN**

**CONTACT Daniel Sine BY EMAIL AT [dantheman225500@gmail.com](mailto:dantheman225500@gmail.com)**

**Or Call 517- 749-0414**

**PICKUP WILL BE AT THE DOOR.**

**PLEASE LET DANIEL KNOW NO LATER THAN FRIDAY MAY 9.**

**Banquet information:** Doors will open at 5:30pm for Social Hour, followed by Dinner at 6:30pm. Our Speaker will start his presentation around 7:30pm after dinner is completed.

## **OUR BANQUET SPEAKER**

Allan Blaske is a geologist with a BS and MS from MTU and has been working in the Lansing area for the last 35 years in the environmental/engineering geology consulting field. He has been collecting minerals since childhood. His collection is mostly self-collected and consists mainly of "reference" material with some nicer specimens which he has been able to find. He has published several mineral-related articles in Rocks & Minerals and Mineral News. He spends his free time studying "real" geology (because I don't get to at work), photography, gardening, and curling. He currently lives in Grand Ledge with his wife of almost 30 years and has two adult daughters.

### **Presentation:**

The history, geology, industrial uses, and minerals of the Bellevue limestone quarries.

## **Calendar for Spring 2025**

May 1- Board meeting, 6:00 p.m., Okemos Library

May 15 – Annual Spring Banquet!! **Tickets on sale NOW –**

June 5 - Board meeting, 6:00 p.m., Okemos Library

June 19 - Club Meeting 7:00pm, Masonic Lodge

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

## **UPCOMING PROGRAMS**

May 15 – Annual Spring banquet: Dinner and Speaker Allan Blaske

June 19 – Presentation from the A. E. Seaman Mineral Museum of Michigan Tech,

## **CLUB NEWS:**

Donations needed for Annual show:

-300 water cups

-300 coffee cups

-300 dessert plates

-3 big boxes of plastic ware for the kitchen

- items for the Adult Hourly Door Prize and the BOUTIQUE!

## **Members: you can now place a small “classified ad” in the Newsletter:**

Members are now able to post things they want to sell. This would be a classified ad, with contact info and short one/two word description.

## **EXAMPLE:**

Name: Robin Smith

Contact: Text only xxx-xxx-xxxx (or Facebook DM/email/call etc.)

Description: Shiny Rocks

(Disclaimer: This free listing is a benefit for Central Michigan

Lapidary and Mineral Society members. CMLMS is not responsible or liable for this listing or transactions resulting from this listing.

All responsibility is between the Seller and the Buyer.)

Please email The Newsletter @ [chuck\\_taricska@yahoo.com](mailto:chuck_taricska@yahoo.com) If you have something you would like to post in the Newsletter.

## UPCOMING SHOWS

**May 17-18: 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>

**May 31- June 1: Wauseon, OH**, State Line Gem & Mineral Society, Fri noon-6, Sat 10-6, Sun 11-4, Junior Fair Bldg., County Fairgrounds, 8514 State Route 108, Wauseon, OH

**June 14: Grand Rapids, MI**, Indian Mounds Rock Club, **Rock Swap**; Woodland Drive-In Church, 2600 Breton SE, Grand Rapids, 9-noon Kreigh Tomaszewski, [kreigh@gmail.com](mailto:kreigh@gmail.com)

**June 7-8: Mansfield, OH**, Mid-Ohio Mineral and Fossil Club, Fairhaven Hall, County Fairgrounds, 750 N. Home Road, Mansfield, OH, Sat 10-6, Sun 11-5 Tom Kottyan,  
[themineralhouse75@gmail.com](mailto:themineralhouse75@gmail.com)

**July 12-13: FLINT, MI**: Flint Rock & Gem Club Rock Swap, Northern Tier Center-Clio, 4082 W Vienna Rd, Clio, MI 48420, Sat and Sun 8am-3pm  
Contact: Bill Wendling, (810) 638-5796; [flintrockandgem.org](http://flintrockandgem.org)

**Aug. 3-10: Copper Country Rock & Mineral Club Keweenaw Week**, 203 W. Jacker Ave., Houghton, MI. ANNUAL SHOW Fri noon-7, Sat 9-5, Sun 9-2, George Schriver  
[www.ccrmc.info](http://www.ccrmc.info)

**CMLMS Minutes:**

**None available for publication**