

December

PROGRAM FOR DECEMBER 17

Ho, ho, ho! Time for tinsel and holly-- and all that's jolly. (I can hear my girls groan when they read this!) And time too, to bring your Christmas spirit and the Christmas gift projects you have been making to the December meeting so that we can see what others are doing -- and get a little color on the scene. These displays could include jewelry, article such as pen stands, book ends, "carvings," and arrangements utilizing specimens or carvings. Please share some with us for the evening. I can hear the "oohs" and "aahs" now!

We'll have a gift exchange, of course. To participate please bring a gift ("rocky," naturally) with an approximate value of one dollar. Mark it "guy's," "gal's," or child's, if necessary. Exchange it at the door for a ticket -- and we'll see that Santa passes one out to you in return!

Entertainment for the evening will be furnished by the C M L & M S Crystalaires, who, in their crystal-clear, petrified, leaden tones will render an original, compact, mineralized version of "Jolly Old St. Nicholas." And perhaps there'll be time for a short carol or two before the gift exchange and cookie sampling. So come and share the Christmas spirit at the meeting December 17.

Margaret Randolph
Program Chairman

EDUCATION- Mr.. and Mrs. W. Rogers talked to two Boy Scout troops from Clinton County about fossils, rocks, and minerals..

Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops, and church groups were given talks and shown displays by William and Bessie Rogers, Ernest Fulton, and Ray Walker.

EDUCATION- Mr.. George Mitchell gave fifty-nine hours individual instruction in lapidary work, about six hours per student.

Mr.. James Patterson held classes in metal working for jewelry mountings at his home to those interested.

The Geology Class held its first meeting for organization December 4. The next meeting was set for January 15, 1971, and it is planned to meet every second Friday thereafter. Meetings will be held in the new Board Room at the Delhi Township Hall, Cedar Street, Holt. Miss Helen Martin will again meet with the group. For further information call Wayne Henderson.

Season's Greetings to All !

Now that the Big Show is over with for this year it is time to think of other doings such as our annual Banquet coming up next month. Our show turned out much better than we had expected even with the strike on and also deer season. We came up with an attendance of slightly more than last year. All of this wouldn't have been possible without a great show chairman in Rich Stevens and lots of wonderful help from the Club as a whole.

It's been a wonderful year for Sal and me, and we hope the new officers have the wonderful cooperation that we have had.

Your president,
C. T. Barber

At the November meeting much interest was shown in Professor Margaret Yuill's talk on "Designing and Making Hand-Wrought Jewelry." With her slides, her display pieces, and her obvious enthusiasm for the art, she provided a real stimulus for our creative craftsmen. The unusual materials and the techniques she touched on seem worth exploring. Here is a listing of the books which she brought with her as source material for her classes. Perhaps you would like Santa to put one in your stocking.

- 1 1. Choate, Starr. Creative Casting. Crown Publishers, Inc., New York. 1966. \$6.95.
2. Franke, Lois E. Hand-Wrought Jewelry. McKnight and McKnight, Bloomington, Ill.
3. Gentille, Thomas. Step by Step Jewelry. Golden Press, New York. 1968. \$1.95. Available at ISU bookstore.
4. Hughes, Graham. Modern Jewelry. Crown Publishers, New York. 1963. Using pewter, silver, gold, copper, beads. Techniques of solder, no-solder, casting.
5. Meyerowitz, Patricia. Jewelry and Sculpture Through Unit Construction. Reinhold Publishing Corp. New York. Studio Vista, London. 1967.
6. Horton, Philip. Contemporary Jewelry. Holt, Rinehart & Winston, New York. \$7.50.
7. Pack, Greta. Jewelry and Enameling. D. Van Nostrand Co., Inc. Princeton, N.J. 1941.
8. Untracht, Oppi. Metal Techniques for Craftsmen. Doubleday & Company, Inc. Garden City, New York. 1968. \$20.00.
9. van Neumann. The Design and Creation of Jewelry. Chilton Book Cto. New York. 1961.

Professor Yuill mentioned the third book and the eighth book listed above, the one for its simplicity, the other for its completeness.

Here is your copy of the CMLMS Crystallaires hit version of JOLLY OLD ST. NICHOLAS.

1. Jolly old St. Nicholas
Lean your ears this way,
Don't you tell a single soul
What I'm going to say.
Christmas Eve is coming soon,
Now, you dear old man,
Whisper what you'll bring to these
members of the CMLMS
Loudly as you can!
 2. Sally wants a piece of wood
To make a curtain rod,
Slim, he wants a bola tie
Of puddingstone that's odd.
Gladys wants some graphite sticks
So she can write the minutes;
Frank and Eleanor could use conglomerates
To figure out what's in it!
 3. Lola Pearson wants gold and silver
To fill our treasurer's chest;
Al Purtill needs some selenite
To present us at our best!
Bettie wants some crazy lace;
What for? Can't you guess?
Why, she wants that crazy lace
To trim her wedding dress!
 4. Jim will want some fool's gold bright
With which to make a ring;
After all the time he'll spend
'Twill surely make Bettie sing.
Irene Jane wants tiger eye
With which to keep a watch --
Bill Arend wants an opal that's
Big enuf to choke an ox!
 5. Dan Wilcox needs sedimentary rocks
So he can get his rest;
Dave Thoman wants some apatite
To pass out to our guests.
Grace Chappell wants an Appaloosa
Horse with lots of spots --
The best we can do is snowflake obsidian
To give her lots of polka dots!
 6. Rich and Lila like soapstone carvings;
This is the best we have.
There's Petoskey stone for Oscar Puryear
So toadstools he can carve.
Ray Walker wants a piece of gabbro
'Cause he has to talk a lot;
John and Wilma need diopside
(John and Wilma speak this line)
To tell diopside of the paper from
didownside, of course!
 7. Red Rogers wants a diamond bola;
A Herkimer will have to do.
Florence wants lots of phyllites
To fill the bulletin for you.
Mike and Holly want muscovite,
Or biotite will do;
They want lots of books of it
To look and look all through!
 8. Irene Brett needs lots of history
To record asbestos she can.....
That, our dear old Santa Claus,
Gifts our officers man for man.
Mrs. Rathke wants a slab
To add to her collection;
And, please dear old Nicholas
Do give her our affection.
 9. Now, our dear old Santa Claus
We're coming to the end;
Our dump of minerals is gone
So wishes we will send
For a very Merry Christmas
To each and everyone.
Thanks to all, Saint Nicholas,
For their job well done!
- Holler "HAPPY ROCK HUNTING!!!"

Editor's Note -- We understand that Margaret is considering several offers from Broadway and Hollywood since that production.