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Meeting Place: North School, 333 E. Miller Road, Lansing, MI
Meeting Date: Third Thursday except in July and August
Meeting Time: 7:30 p.m. Doors are open at 7:00 p.m.
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A Note from Jim

The Show is almost upon us. This is our big event of the year and many people are working hard to make it a success. Our theme this year is "World of Gems and Minerals". This rather broad topic is appropriate for many, as will be seen in the displays that will be shown during the three days of our show. One reason for this title is so that people will be encouraged to display their collections from around our country and from abroad. Please make it a point to come, and if you can help by assisting one of the committeepersons, or by selling tickets, the show will be better for it.

I have been watching the Olympics quite a bit recently, and I am very much impressed by the dedication and determination of the athletes who are participating in Seoul. I am reminded by their efforts of the work and efforts of some of our members. You all know who they are--the ones who are always ready to help. They are always there, leading in a quiet way, showing the rest of us by their example. Take a minute and think about them, and maybe let them know that you are aware of their dedication to our hobby.

There will be sign-up sheets at the October meeting on the 13th. These sheets are for the remaining timeslots for various things at the Show. If you are coming to the Show, you might as well spend an hour or two helping out.

***** Jim Moses, President

Program Chairman - Joe Manina

First of all I'd like to thank all of our speakers at the September Show and Tell meeting. There were many interesting and informative speeches that were enjoyed by all. Thanks again.

Our speaker for the October meeting will be Mr. Al Ferry of Jackson, Michigan. His program will be on the "Paria Canyon" of the San Juan Mountains of Colorado. This should be a fun program.

The CMLMS Board met at Bettie Patterson's on Thursday evening, September 29th. The secretary was absent so no minutes of the August meeting were read.

The Superfest at Mason Fairgrounds, the weekend before our Show, was mentioned and the offer by Bill Gardiner to let us have a space at his booth to publicize our Show. Workers are needed to take advantage of this great opportunity for publicity.

The treasurer, Richard Saxman reported a balance of \$7,031.83.

Vice-president, Joe Manina, announced the program for the October meeting will be a slide presentation on the Paria Canyon of Colorado given by Mr. Al Ferry of Jackson, Michigan.

A new member, Steve Sawdey of Holt was voted into the Club.

Florence Hill, Education Chairman, said that instead of a short talk at the October meeting there will be a discussion of niccolite in the newsletter. Also major donations to the Children's Table will be listed there.

George Heaton, Field Trip Chairman, said that the September trip was cancelled and that Our Show is the October Field Trip.

John Takis was present to report on name tags. The present supplier is no longer available but John did get the template from him. He was quoted a price of \$6.25 per badge in lots of 50 plus \$1.50 for the hangers. There was some question as to whether the name hangers would be included in the badge price. A charge of \$5.00 for set up would be charged for an order of less than 50. This price was quoted by "On the Spot Engravers". Further price quotations are to be sought. The template is to go to the Avens.

The Show was discussed. The ramp will be set up on Wednesday afternoon. Tables will come on Thursday morning. Cases are to be set up after 3:00 P.M. A great deal of help will be needed at these times.

Richard Miller reported on an offer from Dwight Rich School to use their lapidary equipment. Jim Moses will get additional information.

Banquet invitations were extended from the Jackson Club on October 13th and Livingston Club on November 15th.

Next Board Mtg.. November 3rd.

Respectfully submitted

Betty Tack, Secretary pro temp

Treasurers Report - Richard Saxman

Balance on Hand August 31, 1988

Manufacturers Bank - Savings	\$7,730.42
Manufacturers Bank - Checking	244.66

\$7,975.08

Rec int's

Midwest Endowment Fund	62.90
Dues - 1988	11.00
Badges	9.00
Show - Raffle	38.00
	118.90

Disbursements

Library	44.00
Publications	129.89
Roster Secretary	31.40
Other	164.25

Treasurers Report continued

Disbursements

Show	\$600.71
4H Fair	29.00
Midwest Endowment Fund	<u>62.90</u>
	1,062.15

Balance on Hand September 28, 1988

Manufacturers Bank - Savings *	4730.42
Manufacturers Bank - Checking*	<u>2301.41</u>

7,031.83

*Includes a transfer of \$3,000.00

Education - Florence Hill

Niccolite, next in Dr. Pough's list of minerals, is a rather rare nickel arsenide. It is found in ore veins with sulphur, copper, nickel and sulphides, and is therefore a valuable ore of nickel. It is usually massive or in crusts; crystals are rare, poor and small, found only in Germany. Sometimes antimony replaces the arsenic, grading toward nickel antimonide, which is breithauptite. Niccolite is copper colored with a metallic lustre. It has a hardness of 5-5.5 and is about as heavy as lead. It has an uneven fracture and no cleavage.

The old German miners called the mineral Kupfernickel. To them Nickel is capitalized and meant IMP like our GREMLIN.

If you have a specimen of either niccolite or breithauptite, please bring it for us to see.

Community Activities - Florence Hill

Apologies to Jean Ann Piotrowski! Here is a real account of her activities this past season.

She gave an hour's talk on Keokuk geodes to an elementary class in Godwin Heights, put on three displays of Michigan rocks and minerals in separate buildings during Michigan Week, she displayed and talked about specimens from the gypsum mine to a fifth grade group preparing to go to the mine.

Children's Table - George Heaton and Florence Hill

We have had some very generous contributions to our minerals from Read Myers, Ethel Gasche, Al and Pat McCord, Marge Potter, Chuck and Marge Collins, Nora DeLashmutt, Rocky and Lorraine Rockwood, Marge Sheldon, Helen Glenn, Cleo and Doris Riddle, Martin Sotola and others. Thank you, all of you.

Thanks go also to those who helped sort, label and pack specimens and make up starter kits and grab bags: Grit Turner, Bettie Patterson, Marie Lewis, Oscar Puryear, Rocky and Lorraine Rockwood, Red and Bessie Rogers, Dave Gibbs, Milo and Mary Crosby, Mary Gowans, Royal Olson, Larry and Lorna Tripp, Peter and Betty Tack, Don Lohrer, Sally Barber and Joyce Kahres.

What a long list of great people!! Our show would not be what it is without your help.

Now we need lots and lots of people at the show Friday morning when the school tours are on - people with special exhibits, people to demonstrate, people to host, and people to man the five sections of the Children's Table. Children who are busy looking at exhibits, watching demonstrations and selecting specimens to add to their collections are happy and are getting something worthwhile from coming to the show. Your presence can help to bring that about.

Display Chairman - Bettie Patterson

Ours is a hobby that brings us pleasure only if we share it with others. Whether it is something you have collected, either in the field or with the "silver pick", or something you have made yourself, it is nothing until others see it.

It must not be that you are very happy these days, because you haven't been sharing your treasures with others. Very, very few displays have been taken to other shows. Joe and Alberta Manina had 3 displays at the Muskegon Show, Don Lohrer had 1 display at the Wonderland Show and I took my display and the club's display to the Wonderland and Livingston shows. George Heaton had a display at the Skarborough, Ontario Show.

So far, I have only 18 displays for our own show by our members. I know there are more of you who can display, so I'm hoping you'll get your applications in to me as soon as possible. Bring out your treasures and know the joy of sharing them with others!

Door Prizes for the Show are needed.

Please bring them to the next meeting or call Milo Hillis - 482-8855 - and he will pick them up. - Milo Hillis

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DUES ARE DUE I will take them at meetings or you can send them to me

Bessie Rogers

2222 W. Marshall Rd.

St. Johns, MI 48879

Please make checks to CML&MS.

The September Field trip to Bay Port was cancelled. The Quarry was not working on that day. I tried calling all those club members who were present at earlier field trips and anyone I thought might decide to go. I hope I did not miss anyone. George Heaton

Gem & Mineral Show

World of Gems and Minerals

Friday

Oct. 21

6 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Saturday

Oct. 22

10 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Sunday

Oct. 23

10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Silent Auction

Free Parking

Supervised Swap

Children's Table

Exhibits

Demonstrations

Door Prizes

Programs

Refreshment Booth

Raffle

DEALERS

BJ's

A & B Rock Shop

The Outcrop

Archy's Rock Shop

R.E. Gems

R & M Gems

Red Metal Mineral Co.

~~Pearl Pond~~

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