

October is "cider & donuts" month. The club will provide refreshments.

OBLIGATORY NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT-- Jean Ann Wahl-Piotrowski

Here it is **show** month once again. Basically, we need you to **show up anytime** Thursday through Sunday so we can **put you to work**. But don't come empty handed. Be sure to **bring along the following**: a display, some goodies for the hospitality room, a really nice gift for the raffle, a nice gift for the door prizes, your excess grocery sacks for the kids' table, and, your sold raffle ticket stubs. Well, even a couple of the above items would be helpful. I guess.... And yes, we really do expect you to have some energy left to work even after all your preparation and hauling. :)

The flier for the Midwest Facetors Fair arrived last week, and I realized that we would have to **change the date for our Annual Harvest Lunch & Pumpkin Pie**

Extravaganza back to the traditional week after the show: **Saturday November 2.** (No, Dave & I haven't taken up faceting, but we will be working the show with Richard Whiteman.) This is a purely social function, bring nothing but your conversation & appetite. Lunch will be served around noon, followed by from scratch pumpkin & fruit pies & apple cake. To get to our house, take M-43 West to Woodland. At the blinking light in Woodland, turn south (left) onto Woodland Rd. About 3-4 miles south of Woodland you have a choice of going straight to a stop sign, or taking a 90 degree curve to the west (right.) Follow the curve. You are now heading west on Coats Grove Road. Don't forget to slow down for the village of Coats Grove. We are about 4 miles west from "town." ;) This time, don't take the curve that goes south, but rather continue straight ahead through an arch of trees to the stop sign. This is the corner of Coats Grove & Barber Roads. We are just past the intersection on the North West corner. **DO BE CAREFUL CROSSING THE INTERSECTION AS CARS FLY BY ON BARBER RD.** To help us prepare just the right amount of food, we will have a sign-up sheet at the show. Hope **YOU** can make it.

OCTOBER PROGRAM: AWARD WINNING SLIDE PRESENTATION

"Collecting Minerals at Bayport Quarry" by Robert J. Frost from the Mt. Clemens Gem & Mineral Society was an award winner this past year in both Midwest Federation and American Federation Program Competitions. Here's a chance to see what you missed if you didn't make it to the September field trip. (See George's report.) I think it is safe to assume that at least a few of the field trippers should be willing to show off some of their finds at the meeting.

OCTOBER FIELD TRIP-- George Heaton

The field trip for October will be our Gem and Mineral Show at the Marshall Street Armory October 25-26th. I hope all of our members will be willing to participate in this event by working at one or more of the many jobs that must be done to put on a good show. The Children's Table will need lots of help, especially during the school tours on Friday morning. And, George would like enough help on Saturday and Sunday so he can goof-off now and then and look at stuff, have a snack, check the silent auction, etc.

IN MEMORIAM: ANNA WILLIAMS-- Alberta Manina

Anna Williams passed away Sept. 14, 1996. Anna's interest in rocks began 41 years ago. She was a world traveler and brought back jewelry, carvings and minerals from every continent. A life member of CML&MS she enjoyed selling tickets, greeting people and working at the children's table. After the death of her husband she moved to Higgins Lake. Her last trips were to the Holy Land and Nova Scotia after which her health failed dramatically. Our condolences to her daughters Carol and Betty and their families.

SEPTEMBER FIELD TRIP TO BAYPORT-- George Heaton

We had thirteen of our members show up at the Wallace Quarry near Bayport Michigan on Saturday, Sept. 21st. Bob Frost, who was to be our guide to help us find the small geodes with millerite, met us at the quarry gate. He had obtained a key from Ralph Bronson, the quarry manager, and would let us in and lock up after we left. Bob showed us a couple of nice specimens he had found earlier and explained that the most productive zone in the millerite area was a thin bed of shale between two layers of limestone about 2-2 1/2 feet below the top of the quarry wall. Also the fossil filled limestone just above and below this layer could produce good millerite specimens in small vugs within the fossil corals. He later pointed out these zones to us after we entered the quarry and gave us some tips on how to best look for millerite specimens.

Some of us spent our whole time in the millerite area while some split their time between looking for millerite and looking for calcite and fossils in other parts of the quarry. George Heaton and Jeff and Alan Hukill spent their entire time looking for millerite. George Heaton found four millerite specimens plus a large bucket full of nodules and nodule filled shale to work on at home later. Jeff and Alan also found some millerite specimens and a lot of the nodules to check later at home. Neil Snepp and Royal Olson also found some millerite.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT-- jawp

This year's nominating committee: Rich Stevens, Larry Bourland and Royal Olson wasted no time compiling a slate of nominations so that we may have our election in November as scheduled in the club constitution. Other nominations are welcome the night of the election, however, you must have the permission of the person you are nominating. **The proposed slate is as follows:** President, Royal Olson; Vice-President, Lila Stevens; Recording Secretary, Mary Gowans; Corresponding Secretary, Mary Kay Bean; Treasurer, Alan Hukill; Three Year Director, Larry Bourland. Thank you to these willing souls!!!

SHOW ALERT: We are desperately short of *raffle prizes*, in particular a bolo tie or two. ***PLEASE*** let Gail Hopkins know if you plan on donating something for the raffle.

FOUND/LEFT BEHIND at the club picnic at the Stevens' cottage: 3 tablespoons, 2 forks, and 1 knife.

LOST: Rich Stevens is missing a red, tan & blue jacket that he wore to the September meeting. Did anyone pick it up by accident, or carry it home for safe keeping? If so, please call Rich at 321-4379.

CHILDREN'S TABLE WORK PARTY-- George Heaton

The children's table work party was well attended with at least 20 or more people showing up on Saturday, September 28th at Grit and Alice Turner's garage to help with the work and enjoy the pot-luck lunch. There was a lot of material to go through and sort and price but it was made somewhat easier this year because many of the donors did a good job sorting their material before bringing it to the garage this summer. Much of the material only needed a card labeled with material name, locality if known, and price. We were able to finish the work in record time this year and it is all in good shape for our October show. A lot of good pot-luck food was available to eat and again George Heaton did not over-eat, but ate just the right amount.

WELCOME BACK to members Cheryl Powers, her daughter Lisa and son Scott! Please add them to your directory. Their address: 1024 London Dr., Lansing MI 48917; phone 321-8987.

INTERESTED IN DINOSAURS? John Funkhauser of Michigan State University will talk on dinosaur extinction at the Capitol Area Astronomy Club on Wednesday, Nov. 6, at Abrams Planetarium. Mary Gowans invites interested members to come visit her "other club." The evening begins with a current sky talk at 7:00; the meeting starts at 7:30.

RETIREMENT CELEBRATION IN THE PLANNING-- jawp

Our show will be the last for R&M Minerals. If you would be interested in going out to dinner with & Saturday (October 26) after show closing please give Grit Turner a call at 694-9596. Where we go to eat will depend on how many folks are interested & available facilities.

BELATED WELCOME TO "NEW" MEMBERS-- jawp

Whoops, while sorting through my stuff the other day, I realized that our new members accepted at the June regular meeting were never officially welcomed in the newsletter. We add two new families to our group: Robert Eppelheimer, his sons Rex and Reed; and, Melissa Tuchowski, her daughter Rebekah and son Darren.

The Eppelheimers are interested in archaeology and fossils. Rex and Reed both attend Williamston Middle School. Robert is a marketing manager for Michigan Farm Bureau and enjoys construction renovation as a hobby. Their address: 107 W. Riverside, Williamston MI 48895; phone 655-3234.

Between them, the Tuchowski's are interested in almost every aspect of our hobby! Rebekah is 8 years old and attends Ralea Elementary; Darren is 13 and attends Haslett Middle School. Previous to recent injuries from a car accident (on the way to the May field trip), Melissa worked construction with the Michigan Department of Transportation.

She is currently "in transition," but still with MDOT. Melissa, Darren and Rebekeh come to us from Iron Mountain MI. Their address down below is: 5754 Ridgeway Dr. #24, Haslett MI 48840; phone 339-0459.

Welcome to you all!

CLUB CALENDAR

Oct. 17 Regular meeting, 7:30, North School, cider & donuts provided by club
Program: "Collecting Minerals at Bayport Quarry"

Oct. 24 Show set-up

Oct. 25-27 SHOW!!!!

Nov. 2** Annual Harvest Lunch & Pumpkin Pie Extravaganza at Dave & Jean Ann's

note change of date due to Midwest Facetors Fair in Dearborn

SHOW CALENDAR

Oct. 11-13 Detroit Show, Light Guard Armory, 4400 E. Eight Mile Rd, Detroit MI.

Oct. 18-20 Ft. Wayne Show. Allen Co. Fairgrounds, 2726 Carroll Rd, Ft. Wayne IN

Oct. 25-27 CML&MS SHOW. Marshall St. Armory, Lansing MI. Fri. 6-9, Sat. 10-7, Sun. 11-5.

Nov. 2 Dearborn club Auction. Allen Park Civic Hall, 15871 Philomene, Allen Park.

Nov. 2-3 Mid-Michigan Show. Chippewa Nature Center, 400 S. Badour Rd, Midland 10 am - 4 pm both days

Nov. 8-10 Midwest Facetors Fair. Dearborn Civic Center, Michigan Ave at Greenfield, Dearborn. Fri. 6-9, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5. Gems, minerals & jewelry.

-----tear here & give to Jean Ann Wahl-Piotrowski-----

You can count on _____ to bring a display to the show.

I will bring _____ standard club case(s)
_____ pony case(s)
_____ faceting case(s)
_____ something else. Please draw a rough sketch:

_____ Hey, I want to borrow a case.

No, _____ can't display this year, but I would be glad to let someone else use my case.