

Rockhound News

JANUARY PROGRAM

At the January meeting, the Central Michigan Lapidary & Mineral Society will see a slide program on the Fluorites of Illinois. The program includes 87 slides, and will be narrated. A handout on Fluorite (mineral of the month) and a handout on Brachiopods (fossil of the month) will be available. Door prizes will include four samples of Fluorite and four Brachiopods, plus informative booklets. Members may bring in examples of Fluorite and Brachiopods for display and discussion. Tentatively scheduled for the February meeting is a slide show on Flint as a mineral and the working of Flint.

Elaine Beane, Vice President for Programs

R thru Z bring refreshments

JANUARY FIELD TRIP

Again we will take to the field with knife, fork, and spoon in hand and meet at Alaiedon Township Hall , at 1:P.M.to enjoy a potluck dinner, a rousing game of Rocking Musical Chairs and the company of our fellow rock hounds.

Please bring a dish to pass and your own table service. Coffee, tea, milk and punch will be provided.

Alaiedon Township Hall is located at 2021 West Holt Road, about ½ mile east of Okemos Road. Holt Road is 3 miles south of I-96.

We hope that all members old and New can come on this field trip it's a good way to get acquainted.

The whole family is invited not just the CML&MS member.

This year the club is furnishing prizes for our version of Musical Chairs. We don't move, the prizes do. HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE.

REMEMBER DUES ARE DUE.

As of the board meeting 35% of the members had paid. The other 65% need to send that check to Ernie Aughenbaugh, P.O..Box67, St. Johns, MI.

48879-0067 or see Ernie at the January meeting.

CLUB CALENDAR

January 19th Regular club meeting at 7:30 P.M.at North School. Use the east door off Loretta.

January 22nd JANUARY Field Trip-annual potluck at Alaeidon Township Hall at 1:00 P.M.

February 2nd Board meeting at 7:P.M. at the Okemos Library.

February 16th Regular club meeting at 7:00

PALEO BILL: POMBO AMENDMENT DEAD !

The latest news is that the Paleo Bill will not be introduced in the House Resources Committee at all. I got this info directly from the fellow who's "killed " the bill for us.

At the end of September, John Culberson (R-Texas) was visiting our club show ,and was talking with one of our members . When he mentioned that he was a member of Congress, our club member immediately remembered my concern with the Paleo Bill , and introduced me to him. Culberson is an avid mineral and fossil collector, and at that time promised to see what he could do to help kill the bill.

I saw him yesterday at another show. He proudly told me about a fossil jaw he'd found while collecting in Texas. Of course, I had to remind him of the Paleo Bill and of the possibility, if the bill should pass, of his no longer being able to go collecting in certain areas, or owning the fossil he'd found.

He told us that following our conversation in September, he'd spoken with the Chair of the House

Resources Committee, and was promised that the Bill would NOT be introduced in committee. He's evidently quite friendly with the Chair (Pombo-R-California) and believes that the bill is permanently killed for this session.

BUT—he says we still need to urge everyone to continue writing to their own representatives and to Pombo, so that we as individuals are on record as opposing this type of legislation and this bill. Carolyn Weinberger

From The Pegmatite, Dec. 2005. (Credited to "an email dated 10/20/05 from Carolyn Weinberger")

Via Arrowhead News 1/06

NOTICE; The program for the March meeting will be the Club's SILENT AUCTION. If you plan to offer more expensive items, specimens or equipment notify the Editor and the items will be described in the February Newsletter. If possible the list of items should be send by e-mail to the editor by the board meeting.

If e-mail is not possible, please have the list typed so the editor can read it. Thanks

PLACES TO GO THINGS TO DO

January Tucson, Arizona, Shows all over.

March 3rd-5th Eastern Indiana Gem & Geological Soc., GEM AND MINERAL SHOW,
At Wayne County Fairgrounds , N. Salisbury Rd,. Richmond Ind.

March 4th-5th The Roamin Club of Livonia, Special Auction , Minerals , Fossils, & other Lapidary Materials. Free Admission. Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty Rd. Livonia , Mi.

Mar. 11th-12th Geodeland Earth Science Soc., 26th Annual Show, at W.I.U. Student Union ,
Murray St., Macomb Ill.

Mar. 17th-19th Michigan Gem & Mineral Soc. "Ice Ages: They Were Cool" , Michigan Center
Masonic Lodge, 355 Napoleon Rd., Michigan Center, Mi.

March 25th Midwest Mineral & Lapidary Soc. Metro Rock Swap , At Democratic Club of Taylor,
23400 Wick Rd., Taylor, Mi.

Central Michigan Lapidary and Mineral Society

Membership Meeting

December 15, 2005

a. Call to Order. The December membership meeting was called to order by President Richard Miller at 7:40 pm at the North Elementary School.

b. Welcome and Introduction of Guests/Visitors. No guests/visitors present tonight.

c. Minutes of Last Meeting. Sue Casler - The November membership meeting minutes were printed in the December newsletter, there were no comments/or corrections noted.

d. Treasurer's Report. Alan Hukill - Reviewed receipts/disbursements to date for the month of December.

e. Announcements.

*Kara Miller/Elaine Angstman - Held a Petoskey Stone demonstration (earlier today at North School) for teachers in the Lansing School District.

*Roger Laylin - items on back table from A&B Jewels & Tools.

*Lee Laylin - Is club planning to hold their January Field Trip @ Alaiedon Twp. Hall, Potluck and Musical Rock game? **Dan Sine moved that club hold the January Field Trip (Sunday following the January membership meeting-Jan. 22) at the Alaiedon Township Hall, with Potluck and Musical Rock game; Sue Casler supported. Motion carried.**

*Door prizes were won this evening by: Connie Snepp, Sue Casler, Elaine Angstman, Charles Hughes, Shar Gere, Lee Laylin, Neil Snepp, Roger Laylin and Gail Hopkins.

*Neil Snepp officiated the Installation of Club Officers for 2006; Officers for 2006 installed were:
President - Dan Sine,

Vice President - Elaine Beane,

Treasurer - Alan Hukill

Recording Secretary - Sue Casler,

Corresponding Secretary - Kristin Wood

3-Yr. Director - Arie Koelewyn

*Thank you to outgoing President Richard Miller for his leadership this past year. Welcome, incoming President Dan Sine. Tonight's program - treats to eat, songs to sing and "gifts" to exchange.

f. Adjournment. Alan Hukill moved to adjourn the meeting, supported by Kara Miller. Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Sue Casler, Recording Secretary

Central Michigan Lapidary and Mineral Society Board Meeting

January 5, 2006

President Dan Sine called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm at the Okemos Public Library.

Board Members Present: Dan Sine, Kara Miller, Richard Miller, Ernie Aughenbaugh, Arie Koelewyn, Elaine Beane, Roger Laylin, Sue Casler, Elaine Angstman, Jennifer Martin, George Heaton, Milt Gere and Gordon Lewis. Bob Mosher also in attendance. [Board members absent: Kris Wood and Alan Hukill]

Vice President: Elaine Beane - Discussed program possibilities for the year; January program will be slide show on Flourite of Illinois. Flourite will be mineral of the month and Brachiopod will be fossil of the month.

Recording Secretary: Sue Casler - The December 1, 2005 Board Meeting Minutes were printed in the December 2005 newsletter. Corresponding Secretary: Kris Wood - Not present.

Treasurer's Report: Alan Hukill (not present), Gordon Lewis reviewed receipts/disbursements and balance for the month of December, 2005. Directors: George Heaton; Milt Gere; and Arie Koelewyn - No Report.

Roster Secretary: Ernie Aughenbaugh - No report. Reminder to pay dues for 2006.

Liaison Officer: Alan Hukill (not present), Gordon Lewis had a couple items; show flyer for Macomb, IL rock show and information on lapidary equipment for sale by a former club member. Past President: Richard Miller - No report.

Membership: Elaine Angstman - Renewal for Jim Moses.

Field Trip: President Dan Sine reviewed some possible field trips for club to consider: 1)visit Cranbrook; 2)Chicago Field Museum; 3)collecting trip in Michigan; 4)collecting trip in Canada; 5)collecting trip in Ohio; 6)collecting trip in Indiana and 7)Pittsburgh Field Museum.

Publications: Roger Laylin - discussion of continued magazine subscriptions (usage versus the cost of subscriptions).

Education: Kara Miller - No petoskey stone polishing demonstrations are planned for the near future.

Community Outreach: Elaine Angstman - No report. Library: Roger Laylin - No report.

Display: No one currently handling; next show would be March (?) at Michigan Center.

Finance: Gordon Lewis - The proposed budget for 2006 will be available and discussed at the February Board meeting. Also, an Audit of the books for 2005 needs to be completed; President Dan Sine appointed Gordon Lewis (and Marie Lewis if willing) to be the Audit Committee and complete an audit for 2005. [When completed, audit report, findings and suggestions will be reviewed by the Board].

Webmaster: Arie Koelewyn - deleted the show information from website and will put the new officer names on when he gets them. Show: Roger Laylin - We need to continue to sort rocks in Laylin's Barn come spring! Also, short on fossils for children's table.

January Field Trip - Jan. 22 (Sunday) at 1 pm. For the Musical Rock Game, we will use material from Laylin's Barn. Anyone interested in finding specimens and wrapping them - we will be meeting at Laylin's Barn - January 16 (Monday) at 10 am. Old Business -none

New Business: Elaine Angstman - Leaving for New Mexico/and volunteer work in Peru; will be back in May. Since Elaine will have the opportunity to acquire specimens in Tucson and Peru for the Silent Auction; Elaine would like permission to have her budget line item amount of \$600 as a cash advance rather than reimbursement. **Milt Gere moved to approve the cash advance of \$600, Silent Auction budget amount, to Elaine Angstman for the purpose of purchasing specimens for the club's show silent auction; Richard Miller seconded. Motion carried.**

Kara Miller moved to adjourn the meeting, supported by Roger Laylin.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Sue Casler, Recording Secretary

EDITOR -ONE WHO EDITS (Dictionary meaning of the word editor.)

If you don't want a blank page or a bunch of bad jokes you need to send the editors articles for the newsletter.

Please send no later than the Monday after the board meeting, we prefer e-mail but if that is not possible they should at least be typed.

Real answers from earth science exams.

Wegener found matching bedbugs on opposite sides of the Atlantic.

The main problem associated with limestone aquifers is Lyme disease.

Erie, Pennsylvania has no volcanoes because it is too cold there.

We know the sun is much farther from us than the moon is, because we can see stars between us and the sun, but not between us and the moon.

The rear end of a trilobite is called a trilobitt.

YOU MIGHT BE A ROCKHOUND IF.....

You can pronounce the word "molybdenite" correctly on the first try.

You think the primary function of road cuts is tourist attractions.

You own more pieces of quartz than underwear.

You associate the word "hard" with a value on the Mohs scale instead of "work".

Your rock collection weighs more than you do.

Your spouse has had to ask you to move your samples out of the kitchen.

The baggage handlers at the airport know you by name and refuse to help with your luggage.

Your employer has asked you not to bring any more rocks to the office.

You've ever spent more than ten dollars for a book about rocks

You think there's nothing wrong with looking at the stone facades of buildings with your hand lens.

You find yourself compelled to examine individual rocks in driveway gravel.

You follow when you see the local university's geology class going on a field trip.

You associate the name “Franklin” with New Jersey instead of “Ben”.

You’re planning on using a pick and shovel while you’re on vacation.

Your internet home page has pictures of your rocks.

From “ROCK PICKINGS” Jan 2006.

