

# Rockhound News—November 2025

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**Dues are due!!**

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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/>

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**NEXT MEETING: Thursday, Nov. 20, 2025 @ 7:00 pm**

**PROGRAM: Demonstration on making cabochons**

**REFRESHMENTS: Members with Initials A-L Please bring  
a snack to share**

**Location and Time:** The CMLMS membership meeting will be held on Nov. 20, 2025 at 7:00 p.m., at the **Masonic Center, 2175 Hamilton Street, beautiful downtown Okemos.**

## **Calendar for Winter 2025**

Nov. 20 - Club Meeting 7:00pm, Masonic Lodge.

December 4 – Board meeting 6:00pm Okemos Library

December 18 – Club Meeting 7:00pm, Masonic Lodge

January 6 - Board meeting 6:00pm Okemos Library (date change due to Holiday)

January 15 - Club Meeting 7:00pm, Masonic Lodge

## **UPCOMING PROGRAMS**

Nov. 20 Meeting we will be showing how to make Cabochons with a live demonstration. Bring your questions and see how to make beautiful pieces with your rock slabs! We will also be voting in Officers for 2026.

Dec. 20 Meeting will be installing 2026 Officer's, Holiday Social, Rocky Gift Exchange, Pot luck?

## **CLUB NEWS:**

Central Michigan Mineral, Fossil, Lapidary & Jewelry Show 2025

What a weekend! We had a great show at the Fairgrounds with a full house of vendors and busy days as the public joined us. I always enjoy the enthusiasm of the kids and adult that join us during the weekend. Each year our show has more attendees and vendor space is sold out.

This show could never happen if it wasn't for the wonderful dedicated volunteers that donate their time to help with all the different areas that need attention. I can't THANK everyone enough for what you do!

Carla Antico

Kelsay Krupp

Nathan Ward

Sam Bennett

Sue Cassler

Daniel Sine

Marshall Green

Susan Myers

Emily Francis

Michael Nathan

Dave Berquist

Scott Voight

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Chuck Taricska

Kathy Reid

Chris Griffin

Carl Mennare

Fay Mennare

Cindy Krupp

Mike Wolf

Oliver Body

Jessica Clark

Ruth Ann Lehner

Elaine Angstman

Theresa Hubbard

Cindy Devereaux

**Thank you** to Jean Ann and David Piotrowski for keeping everyone fed with delicious food for the weekend!

**Thank you** to our Demonstrators that spent their weekend sharing and teaching the different arts.

Sand Casting: Christopher and Cheri Persall

Wire Wrapping: Amy Miller

Stone Slab Art: Brian Miller

Petoskey Stone Polishing: Richard Miller and Nate Krupp

Faceting: Melvin Lehner

Soap Stone Carving: John Hoskin

Sand Casting: Gary Schults and Christopher Persall

**Another Big Thank You:**

The club would like to say a big thank you to Robin Smith and Ruth Lehner for all the hard work they put in throughout the year setting up and getting everything in place for the annual show! Please give them a big thank you next time you see them.

## **Message from the Roster Secretary Dues are now being collected for 2026**

It's that time again when you are asked to renew your membership in the Central Michigan Lapidary and Mineral Society. (Membership runs from January through December each year.) Membership dues for 2026 are being collected through the end of December, at which time, if unpaid, you will be removed from the list for the newsletter. If you have not paid, please remember you will no longer have privileges for field trips. **YOU MUST BE A SOCIETY MEMBER TO GO WITH THE SOCIETY.** Please keep in mind that December 31 of each year is the actual date your dues should be paid to the society so the board can plan accordingly for publishing an annual directory and insurance for each member for field trips. **DO IT TODAY BEFORE YOU FORGET!!!!**

You can pay dues at November meeting- Cash or check please!

Dues are \$10 single person, \$15 Family membership

Link to membership forms:

<https://michrocks.org/club-info/join-us>

**Show Expenses:**

If you made any purchases for the Annual show and need reimbursement, please submit your expense report and receipts to Fawn so we can finalize the show numbers.

## UPCOMING SHOWS

**Nov 22-23: Northwest Ohio Rockhound Club Annual Show**, November 22-23, 10am- 5pm  
St James Lutheran Church, 4727 W Sylvania Ave, Toledo, OH 43623

No other shows due to holidays

### **CMLMS Minutes:**

CML&MS Member Meeting Minutes

Date: Oct 9, 2025

Meeting called to order ~7: 03 p.m. at the Okemos Masonic Temple

**Guests and Visitors:** Wendy

### **President's Announcements:**

Two locals want classes on making cabochons, anyone interested? [No takers present.] Another crafter asked how to get the oil off an oil-cut slab and had a slab photo for ID. Recommendations for oil removal were clay-based kitty litter, Dawn dish soap & boiling. Nate passed this along with the ID guesses. Be sure to sign up on the Show volunteer sheets, here tonight.

### **Treasurer:**

Fawn reported that deposits from Show vendors are going in and Show expenses are going out. The Show raffle tickets and license have been ordered.

### **Field Trips:**

William was absent and no report.

### **Education & Outreach:**

No report.

### **Other Officer & Chair Announcements:**

Ruth Ann has the new name badges if you ordered and paid for them. She'll get a new order form in the newsletter and they'll still be approximately \$12.50.

### **Show:**

Our Show has been posted on Facebook, MI Rocks & Lapidary, Marketplace, Michigan Rock Hunters, and Great Lakes Rocks & Minerals. Show set-up will begin approximately noon on October 16th.

Volunteer sign-up sheets are by the Library, so please sign up tonight. More Show volunteer badges have been made.

We need members to set up displays at the Show and club display cases are available. Let Nate know if you need one and what size.

**Door Prizes:** 19 prizes were handed out randomly.

Adjourned at 745pm.

**Program:** Nate presented tips on assembling an effective display. Kid's fossil grab bags were assembled for the Show.

### **CMLMS, Nov 6, 2025 Board Meeting**

**Board Members:** Fawn Dunbar, Sue Casler, Jessica Clark, Milt Gere, Theresa Hubbard, Nate Krupp, Lyle Laylin, Brian Miller, Carl Mennare, Fay Mennare, Robin Smith, Chuck Taricska, Mattie Newman Helms, Ruth Lehner, William Openshaw.

**Board Members absent:** Jessica, Chuck, Mattie, Fay & Sue were excused. William absent.

**Members Present:** Suzette

**President:** Nate Krupp called the meeting to order at 6:02\_\_ \_\_ p.m. at the Okemos Public Library, Okemos.

-Reminder that the Jan 2026 board meeting is on Jan 6 due to the first Thur falling on New Year's Day. All other 2026 Board Meeting dates are on the first Thursday. Home Depot mailed an advert. for us to establish a commercial account but this was voted down. Along with other vacancies we need a 1st Year Director and will probably need a Field Trip Chair (no word from William). The Nov meeting program will not be MSU professor Dr. Schaetzl as he has a conflict. After discussion a cabbng demonstration was decided upon. Nate stated that two locals contacted the club on cabochon-making classes. December X-mas program discussed.

**Vice-President:** Vacant

**Treasurer:** Fawn D. Some Show checks haven't yet been cashed but we have sufficient funds to purchase a shipping container to store surplus rock material. Nate needs to sign & submit the post-Show Raffle report to the State. Fawn would like to create a distinct raffle college scholarship account for the raffle profits. Giving to our MSU Endowed and the Midwest Federation of Mineralogical & Geological Societies' college scholarship funds was discussed. More time is needed to balance the Show accounts.

**Recording Secretary:** Approval of the Oct, 2025 Board Meeting draft minutes. Motion made by \_Nate, seconded by Fawn. Passed with no corrections.

Approval of Oct, 2025 Membership Mtng Minutes. [Not yet typed up.]

**Corresponding Secretary:** Theresa Hubbard. We haven't yet been contacted to participate in any school science nights yet. From our website she was contacted on a question about making cabochons.

**Directors:** Director 1 – Mattie Newman Helms. Absent, no report here, see Membership.

**Director 2** – Brian Miller. He'll help count \$ from the Show tables for reconciling accounts.

**Director 3** – Fay Mennare. Absent, no report.

**Show:** Robin Smith and Ruth Lehner.

Complaints were received about the mechanics of the Silent Auction so proposed changes were discussed for next year. Our goal is to reconcile the Show accounts by Dec. We took in 400 \$1 coupons (from our website), 8 Scouts in uniform, 33 Veterans and 5 Science Night coupons from March! At the kid's Craft Table the sand paintings were very popular, we ran out and we didn't have enough volunteers here and everywhere. We can't run the Show without more volunteers. The hotdog food vendor is signed up for next year.

**Roster Secretary/Membership:** Mattie N-H. Sick tonight but she'll bring new membership forms for approval next month.

**Liaison Officer:** Carl Mennare. In March we need to review MSU scholarship applications.

**Past President:** Sue Casler. Absent, no report.

**Field Trips:** William Openshaw. Absent, no report.

**Publications:** Chuck Taricska. Absent but get newsletter items to him by Thursday.

**Education & Community Outreach:** Theresa Hubbard. No events scheduled. Discussion on investing in improving our educational displays and possibly donating some to schools.

**Library:** Jessica Clark. Absent, but due to lack of use discussion on putting more library items into the Club's May silent auction.

**Display:** Vacant position. Some display cases need repair & Lyle would like all to have LED lights.

**Finance:** Milt Gere. He'll incorporate tonight's discussion into the 2026 budget.

**Webmaster:** Lyle Laylin. Deceased member Alan Hukill's son gave us several binders of old Club newsletters & newspaper articles. He will scan them & post to the website.

**Old business:** Storage locations & costs for a possible Club shipping container discussed, incl. the Ingham Co. Fairgrounds.

New Business: None

Adjournment: \_\_Carl\_\_\_\_\_ made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion received a second by \_\_Lyle\_\_\_\_\_ and the meeting was adjourned at \_\_7:55\_\_\_\_ p.m.

*Happy Thanksgiving*