

Rockhound News

NEXT MEETING: March 18th

PROGRAM: Silent Auction

REFRESHMENTS: R thru Z bring refreshments.

The program this month will be the one we have all been waiting for **THE SILENT AUCTION**.
Hope to see all of you there.

Club Calendar

MARCH 18TH Regular club meeting 7:30 at North School

APRIL 1ST CML&MS board meeting at the Okemos Library 7:00 p.m.

APRIL 15TH Regular club meeting 7:30 at North School..

Membership please note. Our new corresponding secretary, Marie Brooks asks to be notified of any member who needs to receive a card (get-well, sympathy etc). Marie's phone number is 394-7211. Lets all help new secretary Marie.

What, Where, When

Michigan Gem & Mineral Society **42nd Annual Show**. 19-21 March
Michigan Center Masonic Lodge 355 Napoleon Road, Livonia, Mich.

Democratic Club of Taylor **SWAP** (great for kids) 27th March
23400 Wick Road, Taylor, MI

Indian Mounds **Show**. Roger's Plaza 28th Street

8-10 April 04 Wyoming, MI

Macomb County Gem & Mineral Society **27th Annual Show** Roseville
Recreation Department. 18185 Sycamore, Roseville, MI
23 - 25 Apr
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Kalamazoo Geological & Mineral Society. **47th Annual Show**. County Center
Bldg., Fairgrounds 2900 Lake Street Kalamazoo. 30 Apr , 1 & 2 May 04

Plan ahead. Milt Gere has suggested a trip being run by the MSU Department of Geology. The trip is to Marquette runs August 27-29. For more information go to Field Trip 2004.pdf or there will be more information at the March meeting,

Notes from the Library Chair. Please check and see if you have any CML&MS books and return them this month. April is the last month the library will be available until the September meeting. After the April meeting, you will have to contact the librarian to get books. In next month's newsletter there will be a list of books that have not been returned and who has them out and how long they have had them. We need those books back.

On a more pleasant note I wish to give a belated thanks to Jean Ann and Dave Pietrowski for the donation of the book '*tyrannosaurus Sue*' and to Ed Drown for the donation of the book '*The Mineralogy of Michigan*'. These will be available for check out at the March meeting.

There will be some books on the swap table, these are duplicates or older books, there will also be older magazines.

Note from Show Chair We wish to express a great big **thank you** to Bettie Patterson. She has donated the specimens which were left over from her recent sale to the CML&MS for the Silent Auction and the Children's table. These many exceptional and interesting specimens will provide for spirited bidding for some time. Thanks also to Gordon Lewis for his help in moving the two car loads of material. Roger Laylin, show chair.

A big thank you to Field Trip chairman Ed Drown, for bringing "Michigan Relics" at the Michigan Historical Center to our attention. 7 CML&MS members and one guest attended the field trip on Feb. 21. There was a very interesting lecture on the Kensington Runestone and the "Michigan Relics" exhibit was great. If you have not been to the Michigan Historical Center, I would strongly suggest you pay it a visit.

I had hoped to put this recipe in last month's newsletter but didn't have room, so here is the recipe for

Pumpkin Angel Food Spice Cake
box of angel food cake mix (Betty Crocker works best)
one 15 oz can pumpkin
1 & 1/4 cups water
2 Tbs pumpkin pie spice
Pam 9x13 pan bake 35 to 40 minutes at 350 degrees
very good and good for you too

Thanks to Becky Aughenbaugh for the recipe and for bringing it to the January field trip.

Becky says the same thing can be done with pineapple also. Box of angel food cake and can of crushed pineapple. Bake at 350 for 35 to 40 minutes. Use 9x13 pan.

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Want an article in the news letter? Deadline is the 1st Thursday of the month. Item should be typed.
Sent by e-mail if possible. Item will be included in newsletter if there is room.

Work has started on the 2004 Membership Directory If there are any changes to you information please let me know as soon as possible. We like our information to be as accurate as possible but we need you help, if you move or change your telephone number or you e-mail address changes we need to be informed. Send changes to laylin.leora@acd.net or to Ernie at esaslapidary@hotmail.com.or send to either of our regular addresses.

? Have you written to your representative to express your concern about "The Paleontological Resources Preservation Act" H.R.2416 and companion senate bill S546 ? Write to Representative Mike Rogers, US House of Representatives, Washington DC 20515 also to Rep. Nick Smith, House Agriculture Committee and Dale Kildee, House Committee on Resources.

If treasurer Alan can tell jokes, the newsletter editor can tell jokes.

FREEZE An elderly woman had just returned to her home from an evening of Church services when she was startled by an intruder. She caught the man in the act of robbing her home of its valuables and yelled,

Stop! Acts 2:38!" (Repent and be baptized, in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven.)

The burglar stopped in his tracks. The woman calmly called the police and explained what she had done. As the officer cuffed the man to take him in, he asked the burglar, "Why did you just stand there? All the old lady did was yell a scripture to you."

Scripture?" replied the burglar. "She said she had an Ax and Two 38's!"

SEE YOU AT THE MEETING,DON'T FORGET AUCTION ITEMS AND MONEY