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ROCKHOUND NEWS

June 2000

Note:

**June meeting will be held at
Okemos Community Church
4734 Okemos Rd.**

just North of Hamilton Rd, and just South of Grand River

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**If your last name begins with A-I, please bring refreshments.
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MINERAL OF THE MONTH: Tourmaline

JUNE PROGRAM: MINESOTA COPPER/HARRIS SILVER

Our June program will be slides and a talk given by member Dave Piotrowski, "Minesota Copper/Harris Silver: the Life of William Harris." Many of us may remember that deceased member Bruce Brockway had two notable connections to the Copper Country. His great great uncle on his father's side was Dan Brockway, one of the earliest pioneer settlers in the Keweenaw Peninsula. His great grandfather on his mother's side was William Harris, a mining captain at the Minesota Mine. Dave's talk focuses on the life of William Harris and is based on conversations he had with Bruce and his nephew Robert back in the early 1990's. Come and hear a fascinating story of Upper Peninsula copper (and silver!)

MESSAGE FROM SHOW CO-CHAIR ED DROWN: Now is the time to start thinking about a display! Focus your efforts on coming up with a coherent theme, and keep that in mind as you do your summer cleaning and collecting. I hope to have a talk on display for our September meeting, just in time for you to prepare for our October show. If you have a case that you would be willing to lend, please let me know.

MAUREEN BERGQUIST GRAY SCULPTOR AT MACKEREL SKY

(adapted by the editor from Mackerel Sky newsletter)

If you were a member back in November of 1997, you may remember the fascinating sculpture program given by Maureen Bergquist Gray. I recall being impressed with Maureen's determination to work without the aid of power tools. An exhibition of her abstract sculptures and pen and ink drawings titled "Black + White = Gray" will be on display at Mackerel Sky Gallery, 217 Ann St. Plaza in East Lansing through July 25.

Maureen's works are carved from Indiana limestone, California soapstone, Utah alabaster and African steatite and range in size from eight inches to six feet. The newsletter quotes "The essence of the stone is the same even after the artist has produced a new form. The color, the grain, the spirit of the stone lives on: the visual aspect is the only change that occurs... One of stone's most attractive qualities is that people instinctively want to touch it.. When someone must relate to the sculpture by touching it, then I know I have accomplished my goal... What I must do is open a door for you to experience your own reality."

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY, CONNIE SNEPP

A card was sent to Wilma Hopkins who is now with her son in Texas. That address is:

Wilma Hopkins

c/o Phillip K. Hopkins

200 Cuernavaca Dr. North

Austin TX 78733

(512)263-2903

She would like to hear from her friends.

FIELD TRIP TO BLUFFTON OHIO-- GEORGE HEATON

Five of our members visited the Bluffton Stone Co. Quarry at Bluffton Ohio on Saturday, May 20. As usual for George Heaton's field trips, the weather was very nice. IT was dry with some sunshine and pleasant temperatures. WE spent most of our time on the upper level where quite a lot of brown to pale yellow fluorite was found. Almost all of the fluorite I saw collected was only suitable for the children's table and all of what George found was only for that purpose. I did see a few pieces some of the others found that they may wish to keep until they are able to find something better on another trip. What was found did show promise that this quarry could produce some very nice specimens if one is lucky to be there at the right time and is willing to search diligently. I believe we all had a good time and the children's table will be supplied with some much need fluorite for the kids.

JUNE FIELD TRIP, BLOOMINGTON IN, JUNE 23-25 -- George Heaton

The June field trip will include the Bedford Rock Swap, now held at the Monroe Co. 4-H Fairgrounds in Bloomington, Indiana and geode collecting at the road cut at Harrodsburg, Indiana exit on Rt. 37, June 23-25. To get to Bloomington go south on I-69 to Indianapolis, then on I-465 south to Rt. 37. Go south on Rt. 37 to Bloomington. To get to the rock swap at the 4-H Fairgrounds you go south on Rt. 37 to the intersection of Rt. 37 and Rt. 45. You turn right on Rt. 45 and go southwest on Rt. 45 about 1 2/10 miles then turn right and go 7/10 mile on Airport Rd. to the Fairgrounds.

This is a very large and interesting rock swap which attracts swappers from surrounding states and Ontario, Canada. Camping is allowed on the Fairgrounds at \$6.00 per night and motels are located in Bloomington. The geodes from Harrodsburg are beautiful and may contain several minerals including quartz, calcite, dolomite, millerite, barite, pyrite, and sphalerite.

To collect the geodes at the Harrodsburg road cut you should have a least a 2-3 lb. crack hammer and several sharp chisels. Heavier hammers, pry bars, and more chisels of all sizes are very useful. The geodes are in limestone so it can be hard work to chisel them out and you can dull your supply of chisels very quickly.

FIELD TRIP TO FLEMINGSBURG, KY, JULY 8--GEORGE HEATON

For our July field trip we have permission to visit the Kentucky Stone Co. quarry near Flemingsburg Kentucky on Saturday, July 8. This quarry only allows collecting on Saturday mornings from 7:30 am - 11:30 am. This means most of us will need to travel Friday afternoon and spend Friday night somewhere close enough to Flemingsburg, to arrive at the quarry before 7:30 am. You should allow about 7-8 hours driving time.

All visitors must have hard hat, hard toed boots, safety glasses or goggles, etc. The usual tools are needed such as cold chisels and 2-3 lb. crack hammers. Heavier hammers and pry bars are also useful, and don't forget boxes and wrapping paper for specimens. This quarry is for the calcite collectors like myself. The calcite here is usually clear, lustrous, rhombohedrons, sometimes sprinkled with small pyrite or marcasite crystals. Barite may also be found as clear, colorless blades. On Saturday afternoon we can stop at a small road cut about 5 miles south of Maysville Kentucky to collect the large ordovician brachiopod, Platystrophia ponderosa, also bryozoa and cephalopods.

To get to the Kentucky Stone Co. Quarry take I-75 south in Ohio to I-275 at Cincinnati. Go east and south on I-275 to the exit for Rt. 125 east (Exit 65.) Go east on Rt. 125 to Rt. 68. Go south on Rt. 68 to Rt. 52 at Ripley. Go east on Rt. 52 along the Ohio River to Aberdeen. Here you will cross the river

to Maysville KY where you will make a left turn and pick up Rt. 11. Take Rt. 11 South to Flemingsburg. There is a Rt. 11 bypass around Flemingsburg if you do not wish to go through town. The quarry is on Rt. 11 about 2 miles south of Flemingsburg, on the left. Watch for the Kentucky Stone Co. sign and a small gravel road on the left leading to the quarry. It is possible the sign may have been changed to Hanson Aggregates which now owns the quarry.

We will meet at the quarry office BEFORE 7:30 am on Saturday, July 8 to sign release forms and ENTER the quarry at 7:30 am. There should be motels in Aberdeen, Maysville, and Flemingsburg.

AUGUST FIELD TRIP? -- GEORGE HEATON

As of board meeting time I have no field trip for the month of August. If I am able to arrange something it will probably be for the Saturday of August 26. Two possibilities I am considering are Davon's Plum Run Quarry near Peebles Ohio and the Caldwell Quarry at Danville Kentucky.

Plum Run has sphalerite, pyrite nodules, and selenite. The Caldwell Quarry has fluorite, calcite, sphalerite, barite, and fossils. Also a side trip from Danville could be to nearby Halls Gap for millerite. If you are interested in an August field trip call me a few weeks before August 26 at 339-8914.

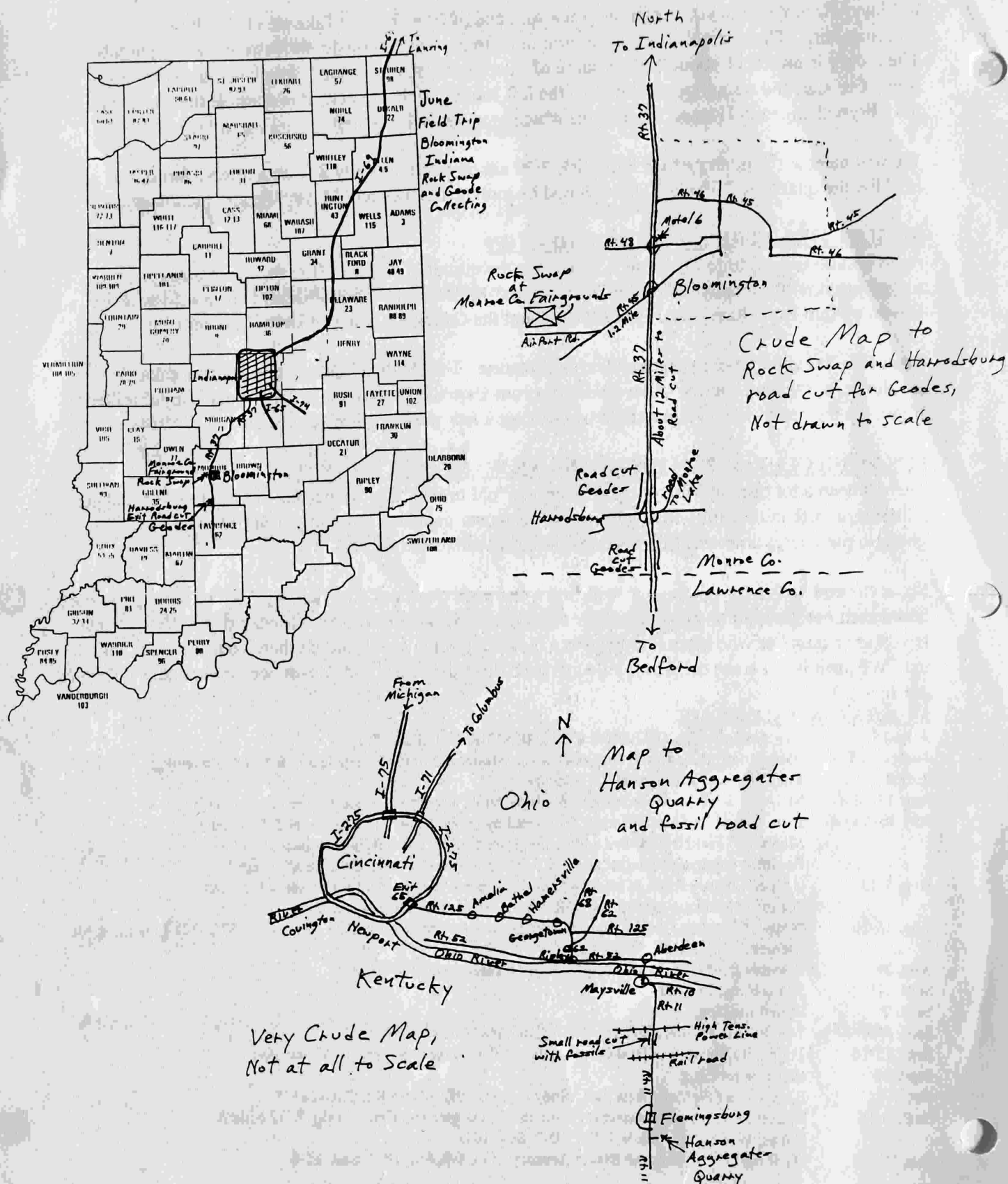
IT'S YOUR CLUB, SPEAK UP!--JEAN ANN WAHL-PIOTROWSKI

There's been a lot of muttering lately amongst us "old timers" that we need to shake things up and get a little more life in the club...find ways to get the newer members more involved. I figure if we are going to put energy into shaking, we ought to know where and why.

So, at the end of this newsletter you will find a one page questionnaire. Kindly fill it out and get it to a board member via mail or in person. You can also e-mail your response to me at jawp2@voyager.net. If you are a member who has never been to a meeting or club event, please share your thoughts with us! We promise to erase the words "always been done that way" and "never been done that way" from our lips. :)

SUMMER FUN, FALL SHOWS

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| June 15 | Regular meeting, OKEMOS COMMUNITY CHURCH, 7:30 |
| June 23-25 | Bloomington (Bedford) Indiana Swap. Monroe County Fairgrounds & Geode collecting |
| July 8 | Field trip to Flemingsburg Kentucky |
| June 17-18 | MGAGS Seminar, Roscommon Middle School. See Grit & Alice Turner for more info. |
| July 30-Aug 4 | 13th Annual Red Metal Retreat sponsored by Quicy Mine Hoist Assoc. and Red Metal Minerals. Field trips above and below ground, talks, snorkeling for agates, & more. For info: copper@red-metal.com OR www.geo.mtu.edu/museum/Events/rmr/html |
| Aug. 7-13 | Copper Country Rock & Mineral Club Keweenaw Week. Field trips. Show Fri. - Sun. For info: swhelan@portup.com OR www.portup.com/~swhelan/ccrmc |
| Aug. 18-20 | Midwest Faceters Guild Seminar. For info call or write Harold Rice (810)463-5972, 122 Lois Lane, Mt. Clemens MI 48043 |
| Aug. 26 | Possible field trip, call George Heaton if interested, 339-8914 |
| Sept. 1-3 | South Bend, Indiana |
| Sept. 7 | Board meeting |
| Sept. 8-10 | Toledo Show. Stranahan Theater & Great Hall, Toledo OH. |
| Sept. 15-16 | Tulip City Show. Holland Civic Center, 150 W. Eighth St. Fri. 10-9, Sat. 10-8 |
| Sept. 21 | Regular meeting |
| Oct. 7-8 | Eddy Center Geology Arts Fair. Eddy Center, 10730 Bush Rd, Chelsea MI |
| Oct. 13-15 | Detroit Show. South Macomb Community College Expo Center, Bdg. P, 12 Mile & Hayes, Warren MI. Fri. 9-7, Sat. 10-7, Sun. 10-5 |
| Oct. 27-29 | OUR SHOW! Marshall Street Armory. Fri. 6-9, Sat. 10-7, Sun. 11-5 |



CML&MS MEMBERSHIP SURVEY

Why did you join the club?

What do you hope to gain from club membership?

What might you do to help the club? Any skills to contribute?

Would you be willing to take office? a chairmanship? be on a committee? If so, which one....

I'd come to club meetings more often if:

Any suggestions for future club programs?

Would you be interested in a study group or class? If so, what topic?

Would you be willing to teach your skills to others? If so, what topic?

Any suggestions for future club field trips?

Want to lead a field trip?

I'd go on a field trip more often if:

Interested in car pooling to club events, area shows, field trips, etc.?

Any other ideas floating around in that brain of yours? Relative to CML&MS, of course.....

Your name (optional, but helpful):

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