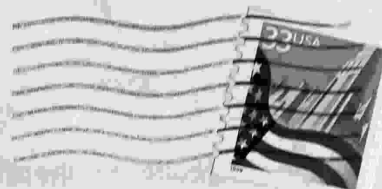


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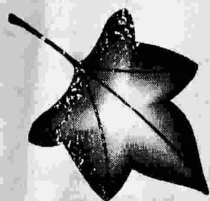
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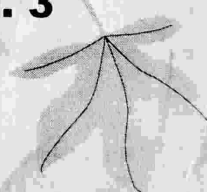


Yes, it's fall!

**See you at the meeting Sept. 21
Want to be an officer? See pg. 2.**

**Time to get ready for our SHOW:
Children's Table Work Bee, Sept. 23
Donations & Displays Needed, see pg. 3**

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Meeting place: North School, 333 E. Miller Rd, Lansing MI

Meeting date: Third Thursday, except in July and August

Meeting time: 7:30 pm; doors are open at 7:00 pm

Annual dues: Adults \$5.00, Students \$1.00

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FOLKS WITH LAST NAMES J-Q PLEASE BRING REFRESHMENTS TO SHARE!**PROGRAM: "PAINLESS EXHIBITING" a talk by Joyce Hanshu, SHOW & TELL
TABLE, MINI-SILENT AUCTION****PRESIDENT'S REPORT** – Mary Kay Bean

As the Autumn breezes in after a very warm and humid summer seems to be fading away, the business meetings are beginning again and those, like myself, love to gather together to share our summer experiences.

My major field trip was not on the slate, but one day in mid-May I received a telephone call that would prove to be nothing less than a god-send. One Samuel Knox, Jr., was wondering what to do with his father's mineral collection. (Some of you may remember Samuel Knox, Sr., of East Lansing, who passed away eight-plus years ago leaving a veritable "pot of gold at the end of the rainbow.") Sam Knox, Jr., decided to donate the entire collection to the CML&MS.

I immediately contacted my good friend, Wayne Zittel, and we went to the location just to "have a look." The next several weeks were dedicated to unearthing many extraordinary rocks, minerals, fossils and petrified wood. The harder we dug in that old house, the more precious the surprises, from the attic to the deepest, darkest corners of the basement. I believe I can say that for the two of us, it was truly a "field trip" never to be forgotten. Unfortunately, I found it impossible to keep up with Wayne—what a hard worker he is—he took the majority of the "find" to be stored in the Laylin's garage and used in our October show.

My second "field trip" took place during the Labor Day weekend on the banks of Lake Huron near Gypsum, Michigan. As hard as I looked on the shore and as deeply as I could wade, I came up with only a few semi-interesting stones; one may be a fossil, but the majority resembled baking potatoes!

However, I learned of a diver who regularly goes to the deepest parts of Lake Huron and brings up the most incredible gypsum "sculptures," two of which I purchased and will bring to our "show and tell" meeting at the North School on the 21st of September. Don't forget we will also have a mini-silent auction on that date. It will be wonderful to gather together and share our summer adventures.

A very, very special thank you goes out to Connie Snapp who represented the CML&MS as delegate to the Federation convention in St. Louis when my health precluded that excursion. I, along with the rest of the club, am extremely grateful to her and a promise has been made that we not call upon her next year!

WELCOME (jawp)

Welcome to our newest student member Andrea Earl. Andrea is a student at Scott School and is interested in art, rock collecting, archaeology, carving, geology and mineralogy.

We also welcome back to membership Archy Ammerman of Archy's Rock Shop in Mason. Archy is especially interested in lapidary crafts and mineralogy. His address 4148 Legion, Mason MI 48854; 676-5884.

SEPTEMBER PROGRAM -- Ed Drown

This month's program will be a talk on "Painless Exhibiting" given by Joyce Hanschu. Joyce is a frequent exhibitor; you've no doubt seen one of her displays if you attend rock & mineral shows in Michigan. Joyce will cover the basics of setting up a display, arranging specimens to maximize esthetics and the importance of proper labeling.

"Show and Tell" - bring your braggin' stuff to share with everybody during the social hour after Joyce's talk - and make sure your story about 'the one that got away' is well-polished!

BOARD MEMBER ELECTION 2000 -- Margaret Green

The current board members have elected this year's board nominating committee at the September board meeting. They are Larry Bourland, Chairperson, Bettie Patterson and Margaret F. Green. They are accepting nominations for board members for the year 2001.

According to the club Constitution, nominations will be accepted for the following positions: President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, Correspondence Secretary and 3 year Director. All questions, recommendations or nominations can be directed to any member of the nominating committee until Wednesday, October 5th. (Our phone numbers are in the current club directory). At the Thursday October 6th board meeting, the board will vote to accept the slate of nominees as presented to them by the nominating committee and then present the accepted slate of nominees at the General Membership meeting Thursday, October 19th. If you are nominating someone other than yourself, please ask his or her permission to do so first.

We invite all members to re-evaluate their commitment to our club and consider seriously "shaking things up" by running for a board position, especially the position of 3-year Director. If you are new to the club, this position is tailor-made for you to get deeper involved in the club and learn more about our club and even make friends for a life-time without needing the level of knowledge, leadership and commitment you may think the other positions require.

Below is a nomination form. Please fill it out and place it in the box at the September General Membership meeting, Thursday September 21st. There will be more blank forms at the meeting. You do not have to be present to win.

NOMINATION FORM

I, _____ hereby nominate _____
for the position of:

President _____

Vice-President _____

Treasurer _____

Recording Secretary _____

Correspondence Secretary _____

3-year Director _____

(circle or check one)

CHILDREN'S TABLE WORK BEE & POTLUCK -- George Heaton

On **Saturday, September 23** we will have a children's table work party and pot-luck at Grit and Alice Turner's garage where our club's children's table stuff is stored at **2667 Pine Tree Rd.** This event will be our field trip for September since this is the only Saturday I have available in September and it is important that we get our children's table material ready for our show in October.

Please come and help and bring food and eating tools for the pot-luck lunch. Work will **begin between 9:00 and 10:00 a.m.** I plan to be there about 9:00 a.m. Lots of work needs to be done to prepare material for our October show. A significant part of our show income is derived from our children's table. **We need help and donations of material.** Please mark this on your calendar and come to help and don't forget the food because George likes to eat just the right amount.

NEIL'S NOTES RE: DISPLAY – Neil Snapp

We have attended numerous shows in the past few years including two AFMS and three MWF Shows. One of the most interesting and educational aspects of shows is the display area. We (CML&MS) have done a good job in this area, but we can improve. Therefore, I need your **HELP**. I need lots of displays for this year's show. Exhibit your interests in the hobby. Complete the form and let me know what you will display.

I also need several cases for use by others I've invited to display at our show. If you have cases you are not going to use, let me know with dimensions. There is a slip for you to fill out at the end of this newsletter. Thanks for your help.

SPEAKING OF THE SHOW: Jean Ann Wahl-Piotrowski

It really is coming up sooner than we think. See **Gail Hopkins** if you are willing to **sell raffle tickets** to your family, friends & co-workers. Also, let her know if you have a specimen or lapidary creation that you would like to **donate as a prize**.

After way too many years, I have managed to pass off display responsibilities to Neil Snapp. (YES!!!) Thus, I have moved on to a matter near & dear to my heart: **FOOD**. Our show IS indeed one of the best & busiest in the state. That means that our loyal volunteers and dealers absolutely do NOT have time to run to McDonalds for lunch. My goal is to keep everyone happy and healthy through those three hectic days. I'm hoping that those of you who **don't have much time** to donate, will be able to **run "a little something" over during the show or bring a non-perishable to the September or October meeting**. I'm looking for donations of

Baked goods: cookies, quick breads, sandwich bread, dinner rolls, bagels

Snack foods: potato chips, tortilla chips, crackers

Vegetables: broccoli, cauliflower, carrots, celery, potatoes

Condiments: ranch dressing, ketchup, mustard, mayonnaise in those **squirty containers**

Protein: lunch meats, cheese

I'm also looking to borrow **two crock pots**.

If you can help out with any of the above see me at a meeting, give me a call (616)948-9589, or send an e-mail to jawp2@voyager.net. **Thanks!**

MIDWEST FEDERATION SHOW AND CONVENTION REPORT
St. Louis, Missouri
August 17-20, 2000

CMLMS was represented at the convention by Gail Hopkins, Chairman Education Committee; Alan Hukill, Chairman Endowment Fund, and wife Sandy both of whom helped at the silent auction; Neil Snepp, Nominating and Long Range Planning Committees; and Connie Snepp, Alternate Delegate who stepped in when Mary Kay was unable to attend. Club member Margaret Kimball attended the Friday field trip for Washington Co. Missouri agate, drusy quartz and barite.

Two other field trips were offered, one to a galena mine on Friday and the other, a fossil trip on Sunday. Neil and I enjoyed the latter.

The show was a large one with many dealers, a swap area, magnificent displays with 14 competitive cases, demonstrators, informative speakers, and a silent auction for the Endowment Fund of the MWF.

The Delegates Convention opened at 9:00 A.M. and was adjourned at 3:00 P.M. with a break for lunch. It was difficult to eat sensibly at the luncheon which featured a tossed salad with chicken, spaghetti primavera, roll, and irresistible cheesecake. I have prepared a 3 page report of the business meeting for our President, Editor and Historian and will be happy to make a copy for anyone who is interested.

The Saturday evening banquet featured lively accordion music with an abundance of polkas. Once again, the buffet was outstanding. I was fortunate to win a centerpiece of miniature mums with a polished slab cut-out of the State of Missouri in native stone. The table favors were small wooden blocks spelling "I (heart) rocks" with a Missouri specimen atop. There were awards for winning display cases and two clubs received awards for submitting accounts of their club's activities for the year.

The following officers were installed for next year:

President: Dean Stone of Galesburg, IL
First Vice President: John Blue of Strongsville, OH
Second Vice President: Kitty Starbuck for Vicksburg, MI
Treasurer: Norm Hanschu of Canton, MI
Secretary: Mary Hanning of Huntville, IL
Neil presented current president Willis Smith with his Past President's Plaque.

Next year's convention will be held in Rice Lake, Wisconsin.

Respectfully submitted,
Connie Snepp, CMLMS Alternate Delegate

How to Take a Shower at a Campground - NOT!

By Joe Slovak

(Our bulletin's cartoonist, Joe Slovak, has now taken to the written word to describe some of the humorous aspects of being a rockhound. In the article that follows he tells about his experience at a campground shower room during the club's summer field trip to Michigan's Upper Peninsula. - ED.)

After a hot, dirty, mosquito and fly-infested fun rockhounding day in various hot, dirty, mosquito and fly-infested rock dumps in Michigan's Upper Peninsula, I decided to take a shower at the campground facilities.

With all my clean clothes in a clean Meijer's plastic bag (always ask for plastic, not paper) along with soap and towel, I started on my 100 yard hike to the showers. Upon reaching the shower building, I was lucky to find all three working showers empty. If you are not a lucky person, bring a book or magazine to read while you wait. This is also a good place to meet new people and other rockhounds who are also waiting.

The process of taking a shower and dressing which I am about to describe will prove to be invaluable for newer club members as well as experienced campground persons. **SUGGESTION:** Keep a copy of this article in your wallet and/or your *ROCKPILE's How-To Book* (still available from the editor, Walt Vogtmann).

HINT: If you are lucky and have a choice of unoccupied, working showers, pick the one with the least crawling things in it. For you uninformed "Motel People," the shower has a privacy door with a lock (which doesn't work) on the inside of the door, a three foot by three foot undress/dress area with a three foot bench and a shower with a narrow plastic shower curtain.

Remove your clean clothes from the Meijer's plastic bag and hang them in reverse order of dress on the single door hook: shirt, socks, slacks and underwear. Put the soap in the shower (if there is a soap dish) and the towel on the bench within reach near the narrow shower curtain (very important). Get undressed, jam your underwear into the closed entry door crack to keep it closed. Place your shoes near the narrow shower curtain (very important). Put your dirty, smelly clothes in the Meijer's plastic bag; this way you can just throw them in the trash on the way out.

Get into the shower and close the narrow shower curtain. **CAUTION:** Don't get under the shower yet. Turn the shower handle on - it will not matter what temperature setting you select. Turn the handle to "cold," the water will be "hot." Turn the handle to "hot," the water will still be "hot." (The campground owners live in a cold climate and like hot showers.)

Get wet, soap up, move under the shower, count to ten and move away, or you will look like a relative of a boiled lobster. **CAUTION:** Listen for anyone flushing a toilet. When this happens, immediately jump away from the shower because the water temperature will raise 200 degrees. You will not hear a member of the opposite sex flushing the toilet in the other side of the building, but using the ten count technique will reduce burn time.



HINT: You may want to practice this at home before camping.

Being finished, turn off the shower, pull back the narrow shower curtain (take your soap). You will find that the floor, bench, towel, Meijer's plastic bag and shoes are wet (so what did you expect with a narrow shower curtain?).

Avoid the wet, dirty floor by standing with one foot on each wet shoe. After using the driest part of the towel, lean on a clean part of the wet wall opposite the bench, lift one foot at a time and put on your underwear. Slacks are next - roll up the legs before attempting to put them on, because they will get wet from the floor.

Putting on socks is very tricky and there is risk of bodily injury. Place one foot on the wet towel lying on the wet bench, dry your foot as much as possible, (keeping the other foot on the wet shoe). Now try to put a sock on your damp foot without falling down. The shoe ready for the foot with the sock on it is crushed from standing on it. With one foot on the bench and the other on the wet shoe, reach down and open up the crushed shoe and put the foot from the bench into it without falling down. Repeat all this for the other foot. **HINT:** Next time, forget the socks.

Go outside in the sun and walk around the campground until your clothes and shoes dry off to your comfort level. **CAUTION:** Too much sun exposure may require another shower. (Find alternate methods for evening showers.)

HINT: This entire process can be avoided if you don't want to be sociable, or as an alternate, buy a six-pack as a gift and convince a motel person that you are just passing by and would like to use their shower. Happy Camping!

Via: The Rockpile, October '96

Many of you that have camped at the **HANCOCK CITY PARK**, can relate to Joe's story...it is a great campground located in Hancock, Michigan. We just spent 10 days up there attending the Red Metal Retreat. When we called our son last week, he wanted to know how our 'birthday' TV was working. Told him it was working great, that we were hooked up on cable...that the park didn't have water or sewer, but they had cable, he said, "Oh, really!"

OUR SUMMER FIELD TRIPS – George Heaton

Our field trip to southern Indiana on June 23-25 to attend the large rock swap and show at the Bloomington Fairgrounds and collect geodes at the road cuts and streams in the area attracted about 10-12 of our members and guests. I am not sure of the count because my brother and I spent most of our time at the road cuts near Harrodsburg digging geodes and did not see everyone. There was some occasional rain but not enough to hinder our activities very much and it helped cool temperatures to a more tolerable level than what we have experienced in past years. There were lots of dealers and swappers at the show with lots of nice things to see. Again, I thought most of their prices were a little high for the flea market kind of show. Geode collecting was good and George and his brother dug lots of nice geodes.

Our July 8th field trip to the Hanson Aggregates Quarry near Flemingsburg Kentucky only attracted five people including Neil and Connie Snepp, George, George's brother Roger and sister Joan. Those who stayed home to mow grass or whatever else they preferred doing missed a truly great collecting trip. The weather was near perfect for July with cool comfortable temperatures during the morning and it did not start to get hot until we had to leave the quarry at 11:30 a.m. The collecting was very good and some nice calcite crystals and fossils were found.

We had nine members show for our visit to the Irving Materials Quarry near Anderson Indiana on Saturday, August 26th. As one would expect for a George Heaton arranged field trip the weather was good again. It was warm but not uncomfortably hot; partly sunny with enough cloud cover to keep us from becoming over heated while working hard at moving rock in search of crystal pockets. Neil and Connie Snepp, Richard and Lila Stevens, and Joe and Sandy Senkeresty first went to look for fossils in the lowest level before returning to the upper level to look for calcite. Gordon and Marie Lewis and George Heaton spent all of their time in the upper level looking for calcite. The fossil hunters reported only poor to fair fossil hunting. We all collected a good quantity of calcite of which about 90% will probably end up on the children's table.

CLUB CALENDAR

- Sept. 21 Regular meeting, North School, 7:30. "Painless Exhibiting," Show & Tell, Mini Silent Auction.
Sept. 23 Children's Table work bee & potluck. Home of Alice & Grit Turner. 9:00 a.m. ish
Oct. 26 Show set up
Oct. 27-29 **OUR SHOW: "Stones, Bones & Cab*a*shones" Fri. 6-9 p.m., Sat. 10-7, Sun. 11-5.**
Marshall Street Armory, Lansing.

SHOWS AND SUCH

- Sep. 23-24 Livingston Club Show. Hartland High School. St. 10-7, Sun. 10-5
Sept. 30-Oct. 1 Flint Show. Carter Middle School, Rogers Lodge Dr., Clio MI. Sat. 10-7, Sun. 10-5.
Oct. 7-8 Eddy Center Geology Arts Fair. 10730 Bush Rd. Chelsea MI. State Park motor vehicle permit required for entry. Sat. 10-5, Sun. 11-4.
Oct. 13-15 "Detroit" Show. South Macomb Community College Expo Center, Building P, 12 Mile Rd & Haynes, Warren MI Fri. 9-7, Sat. 10-7, Sun. 10-5.
Nov. 10-12 Midwest Faceters Guild Show. Gibraltar Trade Center, Eureka Rd, Taylor.
Fri. 12-9, Sat. 10-9, Sun. 10-6.
Nov. 4 Dearborn Club Auction, Library, Taylor MI 6:00PM

CENTRAL MICHIGAN LAPIDARY & MINERAL SOCIETY
TREASURER'S REPORT
JUNE 1, 2000 - JUNE 30, 2000

BALANCE ON HAND(6-01-00)	
CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT(7-16-00)	\$11664.95
COMERICA BANK SAVINGS	10249.84
COMERICA BANK CHECKING	307.87
BANQUET RECEIPTS	509.50
TOTAL	\$22732.16

RECEIPTS:	
DUES	46.00
TOTAL	46.00

DISBURSEMENTS:	
SHOW RAFFLE(2000)	88.50
BANQUET	39.39
PUBLICATIONS	133.18
LIBRARY	49.00
TOTAL	304.07

BALANCE ON HAND(6-30-00)	
CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT(7-16-00)	\$11664.95
COMERICA BANK SAVINGS	10249.84
COMERICA BANK CHECKING	553.30
TOTAL	\$22468.09

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

ALAN HUKILL, TREASURER

CENTRAL MICHIGAN LAPIDARY & MINERAL SOCIETY
TREASURER'S REPORT
JULY 1, 2000 - AUGUST 31, 2000

BALANCE ON HAND(7-01-00)	
CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT(7-16-00)	\$11664.95
COMERICA BANK SAVINGS	10249.84
COMERICA BANK CHECKING	553.30
TOTAL	\$22468.09

RECEIPTS:	
INTEREST (SAVINGS)	31.33
INTEREST (CD)	571.92
TOTAL	603.25

DISBURSEMENTS:	
NONE	

BALANCE ON HAND(8-31-00)	
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COMERICA BANK SAVINGS	10281.17
COMERICA BANK CHECKING	553.30
TOTAL	\$23071.34

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

ALAN HUKILL, TREASURER

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY- Connie Snepp

Frank Swagart lost his long battle with cancer on June 15, 2000. He was a life member interested in lapidary. Rich and Lila Stevens attended his funeral and a specimen will be placed in the club case in his memory.

A sympathy card was sent to Marie and Gordon Lewis on the passing of Marie's brother early in the summer.

Cards were sent to the following people who had health problems: Joe Manina, Mary Kay Bean, George Olds, Bettie Patterson and Florence Hill.

We received a thank-you note from Wilma Hopkins:

"Wherever you go,
Whatever you do,
You always give the lasting gift of joy.
Your kindness is remembered.

Thank you for the cards and the Rockhound News. I relished every word of it. Just felt bad that I couldn't be there to enjoy some of the activities. Sincerely, Wilma" (Wilma is now back in her Lansing home.)

Bessie Rogers spent a few days in the hospital, but seems to have made a good recovery. She is moving to Grange Acres in Haslett at 6080 Taylor Court, Haslett MI 48840.

QUALITY CASES FOR SALE: Debbie Albert has two flat cases with handles, locks, and hinges that hold the lid up for placing displays. If interested call her at 645-7658.

-----tear here & give to Neil Snepp-----

OFFICIAL "YES, NEIL, I CAN HELP YOU WITH A DISPLAY" FORM

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 would be glad to let someone else use my case. Describe case or cases below: