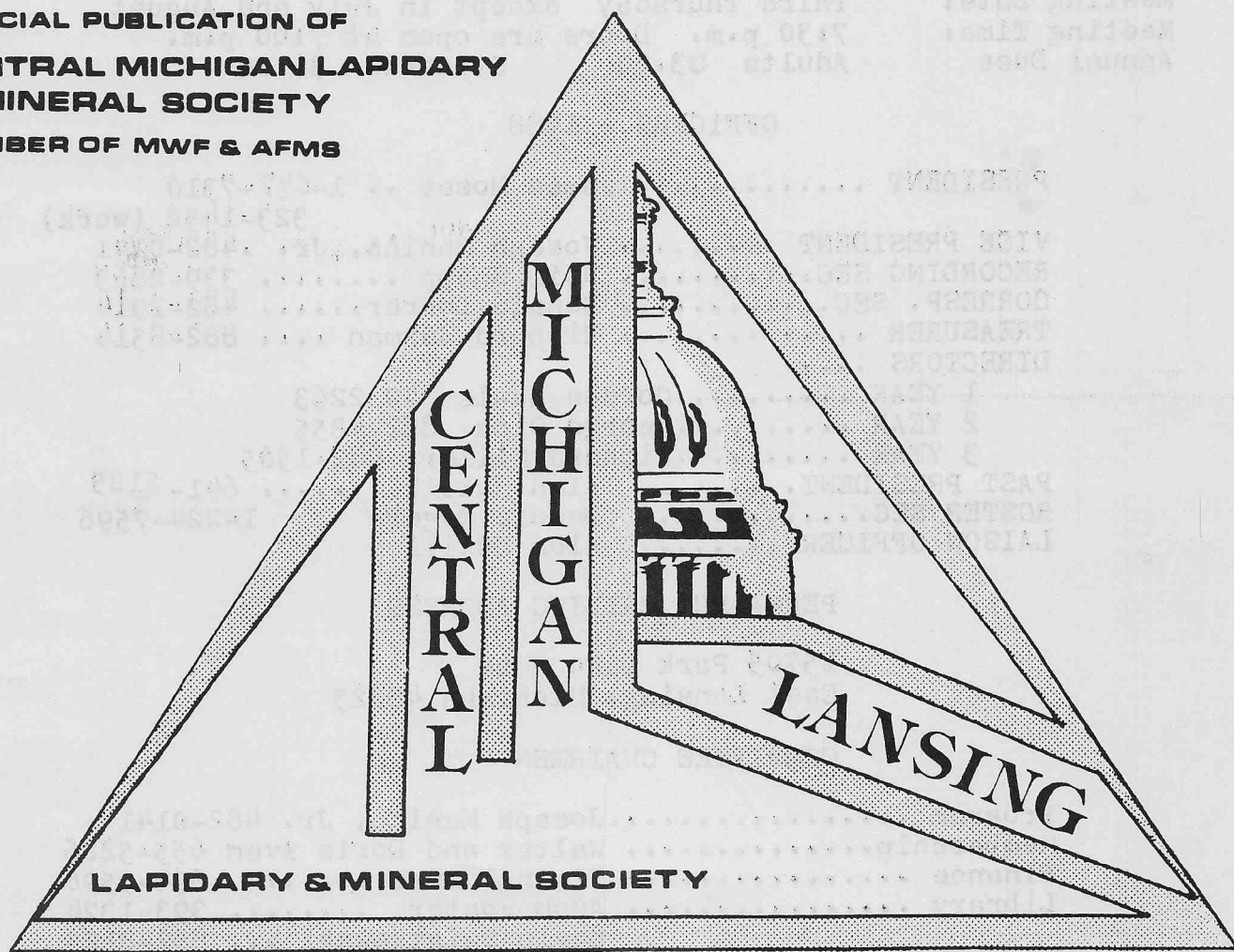


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A Note from Jim--

Welcome back from your summer activities. I hope you were not too hot. This summer was even hotter than I remember when I was living overseas, in the tropics. I am sure that many people were able to do quite a bit of collecting, and travelling during the summer months. Remember that our annual "show and tell" comes in September, so bring your goodies--see Joe Manina's note on September's program.

The show is almost upon us, and there is still much to be done. We always manage to get everything done, but it would really be nice this year if a few more people could help out. This is our one big thing all year, and there are always the same people helping. We all appreciate the work of these dedicated people but we need more help. Everyone who works gets a sense of accomplishment. You know, it is really fun to stand behind the children's table and watch a youngster agonizing over how to spend 25¢ for some new specimens for his collection. It does not take a lot of time, and you do not have to be afraid that someone will ask you a question that you are not able to answer--they ask me those kinds of questions all the time, and so I go ask someone else in the club, and then we both learn something.

One major way we have of collecting the money we need to provide scholarships and also services to our members is the sale of the raffle tickets. The raffle will be held this year on Sunday, October 23, at 5:00 in the afternoon. One does not have to be present to win. This year some of the prizes are \$100.00 in cash, a ruby pendant with matching earrings, a large citrine quartz necklace, a quartz clock and many more.

Since one of the goals of the show is to make the money we need for our projects, I am appealing to you for your help. A good way to help is to sell tickets, either to your self, or to friends and relatives. I realize that some members feel that selling tickets is not for them. If you feel this way, that is okay. Maybe you can help another way. Just think about it first, you are a member of a fine organization and if you do simple things like selling the tickets or helping out with the show in another capacity you can make it even better. I will have tickets at the September meeting. If you can't come, and want tickets just call me at 647-7318 and I will mail some to you.

Thank you in advance for any assistance you may be able to give us.

Jim Moses, President, CMLMS

PROGRAM for September 15th meeting will be the usual "show and tell" of our summer activities. Many of our members took field trip vacations and we are anxious to hear about them--so bring your "finds" for all to enjoy and be ready to brag!

Joe Manina, Vice President

After a long hot summer, the temperature is finally going down and things are looking up. It was a slow summer for me but we did send condolences to Alan Hukill whose father passed away. We also sent get well wishes to Gordon Lewis and to Joe Manina, both of whom "collected" a virus while on their vacations. Gosh Fellows - you got to remember, some things are better off just left where they were! Our new season starts this month and our annual show is coming up in October. Lets all make this the Best Year Ever!!

Respectfully submitted
Donald Lohrer, Corresponding
Secretary

Education - Florence Hill

Our members have been busy working with others.

Jean Ann Piotrowski made displays and gave talks on Michigan rocks and minerals during Michigan Week in two elementary schools in the Godwin Heights district. She also prepared a display and program on the Michigan Natural Storage gypsum mine to prepare a fifth grade there for a visit to the mine.

Larry and Lorna Tripp were called upon to prepare a new Rocks and Minerals group of 4-Hers for the Fair.

Florence Hill conducted a weeks class in rockhounding for the Haslett School summer program.

Grit and Alice Turner spent Tuesday afternoon, and Preston and Eva Whipple spent Wednesday afternoon at the Ingham County Fair with demonstrations and conversation on our hobby in the 4-H Conser--vation tent.

There were ten 4-H projects shown at the Ingham County Fair this year, up from five last year. Exhibitors were: David Marenka, Josh Owens, Jeff Lyon, Michele Pugh, Shannon Pugh, Robert Hunt, Audrey Hunt, Geoff Guy and Stella Kelly.

The short talk at the September 15th meeting will not be on a mineral. Alberta Manina will touch on as many important factors in making your display case interesting and beautiful. We know Alberta's cases always look wonderful. This will give you the chance to learn how she makes them that way.

Children's Table - Still accepting donations of material - rocks, egg cartons, sacks. If you bring sacks, bring them to the show and please straighten them out flat and sort for size. Hazel Morgan spent several hours last year on Friday afternoon getting the donated sacks in usable shape.

We are going to need lots of help in the Children's Table, especially Friday morning. So mark October 21st, 22nd and 23rd in red on your calendar, and get into the busiest place at the Show. There's nothing like it!

Report on Summer Field Trips - George Heaton

Our summer activities included two club picnics and two collecting trips. Our June 5th picnic was hosted by Bill and Bessie Rogers at the park across the road from their house. Our August 13th picnic was at Richard and Lila Steven's summer place on Morrison Lake. Both picnics offered lots of good food for those who like to eat. I thank Bill and Bessie and Richard and Lila for hosting our picnics.

On the weekend of June 10-12, we had a field trip to Indiana for the rock swap at Bedford and geode collecting at the road cut on Rt. 37 near Harrodsburg. About 8 of our members took part on this trip. If you are a fossil collector this is the rock swap you should go to. There is always a good assortment of good to excellent fossils available for trade or purchase. George Heaton has most of the geodes he collected opened but he hasn't found any good enough for his own collection. He does have some fair to good swap material.

The second collecting trip was to Michigan Natural Storage Co. in Grand Rapids on August 20. It was a nice place to go on a summer day, since it is a cool 50 degrees F. in the old mine tunnels. We had 7 people in attendance on this trip, and we all spent our time trying to collect selenite crystals. All of us were able to collect at least a few small crystals.

SEPTEMBER FIELD TRIP - George Heaton

The September field trip will be to the Wallace Stone Quarry near BayPort Michigan on Saturday, September 24. George Heaton likes to collect there. He has had good luck finding millerite and wants to find more. We are scheduled to enter the quarry at 10:00 AM, so try to arrive at the quarry a little before that time if possible.

The distance from Lansing to Bay Port is approximately 150 miles. Allow about 3½ hours to drive from Lansing to Bay Port. From Lansing, take Rt. 69 East to I75 at Flint. Go North on I 75 to Rt. 25 at Bay City. Take Rt. 25 East and North to Rt. 142, just south of Bay Port. Turn right (east) on Rt. 142 and go about 2 miles to Risky Rd. and turn left on Risky Rd. Go north on Risky Rd. about ½ mile. You will come to a RR track and will soon have to turn right on another road which will take you to the quarry office.

Material to be found here includes brown and irridescent calcite, pyrite, millerite and fossils.

Equipment needed includes the usual assortment of tools and safety dress-- Chisels in assorted sizes from large to small, crack hammer, sledge hammer, hard hat, hard-toed boots, and safety glasses or goggles.

Vacation consists of 2 weeks which are 2 short
after which you are 2 tired 2 return 2 work and
2 broke not 2.

From other bulletins

FALL MEANS SHOWS! The next two months are filled with shows throughout Michigan. Check the dates under Calendar of Events in this issue and make plans to display at them. Remember, if we want other clubs to participate in our show, we must display at their shows. Don't leave it up to somebocy else - YOU make the effort.

Our own show is coming up next month and it is time to start planning your display. Now, don't say you have nothing to display. Bring out

DISPLAYS cont.

your favorite pieces, arrange them with color harmony, good proportion of size and shape, a neat and legible label, and use a neutral colored plain-weave for liner.

A harmonious display should not distract the viewer with unrelated materials such as plastic flowers, driftwood, ceramic objects, sand, fossils, etc. Remember, you are displaying minerals, lapidary work, jewelry work, fossils etc. so your exhibit should stress the material you are showing. Above all, be NEAT. There is no excuse for dirty linings, dirty or poorly placed labels, wrinkles or selvage edges showing in the lining, thumbtacks or pins showing, dirt, crumbs etc. A bit of scotch tape or masking tape will remove loose dirt or lint.

Be sure to take along your tack box which should contain extra blank labels, pins, styrofoam for props, shears, scotch or masking tape, extra light bulbs, pen, material for holding your specimen in place, and even an extra specimen in case one gets broken or lost. Also include an extension cord, glass cleaner and toweling.

Elsewhere in this Newsletter is an Application for Display Space. Please fill this out and return it to me as soon as possible.

If you have a display case you would be willing to loan for our show, or if you need a case, please let me know.

Bettie Patterson
Display Chairman

Places to go

September 9-11	Jewelry, Gem and Mineral Show Masonic Complex, 4645 Heatherdowns Blvd. Toledo, Ohio
September 16-17	Tulip City Gem and Mineral Show Civic Center, Tulip City, Michigan
September 17-18	Wonderland Rock Club Show American Legion Post, St Louis, Michigan
September 24	Field Trip to Bay Port, Michigan
September 24-25	Livingston Gem and Mineral Show Hartland High School, 9525 Hartland Rd. Hartland, Michigan

Calendar of Events

September 15	Our Regular Meeting - North School
September 22	Show Meeting - Bettie Patterson's Home
September 24	Field Trip to Bay Port

October 21,22,23 OUR OWN SHOW on the MICHIGAN STATE CAMPUS

You will need an Editor for the 5 months beginning in December. We are off to Florida. Can you offer?

Betty Tack

Report of the 1988 MWF Council Meeting held at Western Illinois University in Macomb, Illinois on July 16, 1988.

After President Paul Clifford called the meeting to order, the Invocation was given by Clinton Heckert followed by a mement of silence for all club members who had passed away during the year. The Pledge of Allegiance was given. President Clifford introduced the past presidents in attendance, and Secretary Jean Reynolds read the previous minutes which were accepted and approved. Following Treasurer Kitty Starbuck's report, Show Chairman Jessee Merrill Harper welcomed everyone to Macomb, Illinois and the show.

Glen Hanning then introduced the State Directors in attendance who gave their reports and distributed some anniversary certificates. Dr. Benjamin Moulton introduced the permanent committees who passed on lots of information and tips. One tip from Bob Mullaly, due to the mixup this year, was that clubs be very careful about where their delegate forms end up in the future. Dan Behnke said that collecting micromounts really teaches you about crystals and that Michigan Upper Peninsula micromounts are some of the best. Marge Collins encouraged the clubs to use the film library in presenting talks to other organizations.

A real interesting bid for the 1990 show to be held in Evansville, Indiana on July 19-22 was presented by Yolanda Foley who dressed as a prospector in boots, miner's hat etc. asked questions about facts of Evansville, Indiana. Prizes were awarded. One especially interesting fact for women was that the largest discount shoe store for women's shoes is located in Evansville. The motion was made to accept this bid and unanimously approved.

John Boland asked that the following IRS Rule be taken back to all club editors for publication:

IRS ANTI-LOBBY EFFORT returns as a bill in the Congress. Congressman I.J. Pickle (Texas), has introduced the bill H.R. 2942. It contains the provision that an attempt to influence legislation would cause disqualification for tax-exempt status. The C.F.M.S. Newsletter quotes the 1987 Income Tax Instruction Booklet: "Communications between the organization and its members about legislation or proposed legislation that directly interest the organization and its members" are allowed. However, if the organization requests its members to: (1) try to influence legislation by communicating with anyone who helps form it; or (2) encourage non-members to try to influence legislation,, either by grassroots lobbying or by communicating with anyone who helps form legislation"-- it is considered lobbying.

Boland also stressed that collectors check with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and also Wild Life for information as to where to collect.

Diane Dare had the Earth Science magazines hard bound for the library, and Joan Ruckinski who reported on Junior Activities suggested that children should be encouraged to write articles for

magazines. She also informed everyone that NASA has fake moon rocks to loan to clubs for display.

Lloyd Brown of the Safety Committee thought clubs should apply for the new Safety Certificate and Margaret Heinek from the Uniform Rules Committee reported there were only 13 competitive displays at the show with 4 trophies to be awarded.

Special Committee Reports were given by the Education Thru Sharing Committee who reported they are giving two awards: (1) the Humanitarian Award (must be documented) for teaching classes, donating rocks and prizes, giving talks and presentations and for community sharing; and (2) the Field Tripper Award. Ann Cook will serve as Parliamentarian.

A motion was made and approved that a 50th Anniversary book of the Federation be printed for the 1990 Convention and a search is underway for old news articles and photographs dating back to the early days. Please contact us if you have anything of early origin relating to the Federation.

The single slate of 1988-89 officers presented by the Nominating Committee was accepted and approved as follows by a show of hands:

President.....Dr. Benjamin Moulton
First Vice President.....Glen Hanning
Second Vice President Margaret Heinek
Secretary Jean Reynolds
Treasurer Kitty Starbuck

New members elected to the Nominating Committee by ballot were: Gordon Boone and Rex Webb.

The Nominating Committee announced the selection of Mrs. Doris Kemp to the MWF Scholarship Board of Selectors for 1988-89.

There are to be nine issues of the MWF Newsletter consisting of five or six pages of information this year.

There are 211 clubs in the Midwest Federation.

Respectfully submitted

Joe Manina

New addresses to record in your directory:

Milt and Shar Gere, 108 Surry Lane, Marquette, MI 49855

Annie Passaneau, P.O. Box 668, Lemont, PA 16851

Elaine Angstman, 927 S. Barnes St., Mason, MI 48854

Elaine was voted into the club having been recommended
by member Mary Gowans

Nancy S. Collins, Rt. 1, Porter Road, Malone, NY 12953

McCort, Al & Pat, P.O. Box 3874, Quartzite, AZ 85359 (Sept-May)

Gibbs, Dave, 2290 Fay Ave. Holt, MI 48842

GEM AND MINERAL SHOW - 1988
" World of Gems & Minerals "

Sponsor: Central Michigan Lapidary
and Mineral Society

Show Dates: October 21, 22, 23, 1988

Place: Military Sciences Building
Michigan State Building
East Lansing, MI

Set-Up Time: Thursday, October 20,
5:00 - 10:00 pm

Removal Time: Sunday, October 23
6:00 - 7:00 pm

NOTE: All displays will be non-competitive. Any lighted case 36" wide or less will be allowed a maximum of 50 watts; over 36" wide, 80 watts. Exhibitor's must furnish their own extension cords, properly identified.

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APPLICATION FOR DISPLAY SPACE

I wish to exhibit at the 23rd Annual Gem and Mineral Show, "World of Gems & Minerals", sponsored by Central Michigan Lapidary and Mineral Society.

Classification of exhibit: _____
(Mineral, Fossil, Lapidary, Educational, Etc.)

I will furnish _____ cases.

Size: _____ wide x _____ high x _____ deep. Lighted _____ yes _____ no

If lighted see note above.

I will need a case _____.

The Central Michigan Lapidary and Mineral Society will furnish security and take all reasonable and expected precautions to protect the property and person of the exhibitor.

The Central Michigan Lapidary and Mineral Society shall not be liable to any exhibitor for any damages to or for the loss or destruction of any exhibit. This shall include the property of an exhibitor or injuries to his person resulting from any cause.

Submission of a signed application constitutes acceptance of all rules and regulations.

Date _____

Signature _____

Street _____

City and State _____

Club Affiliation _____

Phone Number _____

Send application before October 14, 1988 to:

Bettie Patterson
14933 Brown Rd.
Lansing, MI 48906
(517) 482-3437

