

Rockhound News

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, October 16, 2008
PROGRAM: Show Preparation, Schedule & Organization
REFRESHMENTS: Last names A through M - Please Bring Goodies

Program: It's Show Time!

At the June meeting, July work-party, and September work-party, we made lots of things for the Show -- especially for the Children's Tour. We made Exit Gifts, Petoskey Stone Polishing Kits, Rock Critters, Mineralogy Sample Kits; and unloaded, checked, and re-loaded the fossils and minerals in the trailer. Lots of folks brought stones for the Pebble Pond. At the September meeting, some people signed up for Show duties, but there are still lots of good slots open! If you like having the CMLMS Show, do more than just attend it. Come and sign up to HELP!!!

Location & Time: The CMLMS October Meeting will be held at 7:30 pm at the North School, 333 E. Miller Rd, Lansing, MI. Please get there a little early to help set up.

CMLMS Calendar for November 2008

November 6, 2008 Board Meeting-7:00 pm at the Okemos Library
November 20, 2008 Membership Meeting at North School

Show Calendar - A Message from CMLMS Show Chair, Roger Laylin

The CMLMS Annual Show is on October 24, 25, and 26. Here's the Show Calendar:

OCTOBER 23rd Show setup commences Thursday, 12:00 noon, Mason Fair Grounds, Main Arena

OCTOBER 24th Children's Tour starts at 9:00 am. Show up at 8:30 am for your assignment.

Dealer setup begins at 1 pm;

Public Show is open from 6:00 - 9:00 pm.

OCTOBER 25th Show continues 10 am - 7 pm

OCTOBER 26th Show continues 11 am - 5 pm, followed by: Tear down and put away.

Show Work Schedule

Thursday, October 23

12:00 noon Setup and cover tables, unload the trailer

Do anything else that needs to be done for Friday Morning.

3:00 pm PLEASE DO NOT plan on setting up displays until after tables are all set up and covered (about 3:00 pm.)

Friday, October 24

8:30 am Final preparations and work assignments. Children arrive at 9:00 am.

1:00 pm Move leftovers to Children's Table. Arrange tables for Dealer set up.

Late-comers set up displays.

6:00 pm Welcome the Public to the Show! Meet friends and have a good time!

Saturday (9:30 am) & Sunday (10:30 am), October 25 & 26

Continue with volunteer work assignments, eat, drink and spend \$ \$ \$ \$.

Sunday, October 26

5:30 pm **BREAKDOWN SHOW**, Fold and stack tables, chairs, and covers.
THANKS TO ALL! Show Chairman Roger Laylin

Member Displays -- One of the important features of any show are the display cases that the club members and nonmembers bring to the Show to show off their collections or skills. Viewing these displays gives visitors and club members the opportunity to see mineral specimens and fossils they have never before seen. This is where learning begins and inspiration for new collections starts. If you have not yet told Neil Snapp that you will have a display for the show, please give him the completed form below, or call him.

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

You can count on _____(name) to bring a display to the show.

I will bring: _____standard club case(s) _____pony case(s) _____faceting case(s).

I will bring something else; please draw a rough sketch on the back of this form.

_____Hey, I want to borrow a case.

_____(name) can't display this year, but would be glad to let someone else use my case. Describe case or cases on the back side of this form.

_____signature)

If you bring pretty rocks for the Pebble Pond, please run a hose over them and wash them off! Otherwise, we start out the day with muddy water and the rocks don't look pretty any more.

We shouldn't have mud puddles at the Children's Tour!

Specimens for the Big Rock Rack(Touch and Feel Table) (pet rocks). This was very well received the last several years .We need some new specimens as well as the old, if you have any to share, please bring them Thursday. Thank You.

Hospitality Requests -- Jean Ann Wahl-Piotrowski

Getting away from the show for nourishment just isn't possible for our dealers and the club folks who put in a full day working to make our show a success. Thus we try to keep everyone happy and healthy with our club hospitality. I need your help with the snack portion of the menu: salty snacks (like chips, pretzels, crackers), sweet snacks (like cookies, quick breads, muffins) and healthy snacks (like fruit, veggies, cheese). If you can contribute a snack to sustain the show crew, please bring it to Thursday set up, or any day of the show. One of the great limitations of the show facility is that there is no refrigeration. Recently, the weather hasn't helped out with free refrigeration outside, either. Does anyone have a small "dorm" refrigerator that we could borrow for the show? If so, please give me a call 269-948-9589 or e-mail jawp2@voyager.net. Thanks for your help; and, see you at the show!!!

2008 CMLMS Show Raffle -- Drawing at 4 PM, Sunday, October 26

Prize Items Are Needed for the Raffle! --- A number of members have donated some very nice Raffle Prize items for this year's Raffle. However, more items are needed to raise the chance to win. Prizes may be donated between now and the show. Please contact Roger Laylin. Thank you for your support!

Raffle Tickets are available. They are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. . The chance of winning is much

greater at our raffle than with most games of chance and sales help support the CMLMS Geology scholarship at MSU. Remember your friends, relatives & neighbors may wish to purchase tickets too. Why not sell some tickets to them and help a good cause at the same time?

Your help is needed to sell raffle tickets at the show. Please see Roger Laylin at the October 16 CMLMS meeting, or give him a call to reserve your time. Tickets don't sell themselves!!

Show Stuff: What you can do to help out!

Spread the word. Tell your friends and enemies. Post a flier.

Pitch in and work! Those who work two hours earn free admission to the Show.

Invite friends to help on Friday morning. We have never had too much help for the Children's Tour.

o We will give a free pass to any non-member that helps on Friday Morning.

Sign up to help at a work station during the Show - Kids Table, Admission tickets, Raffle tickets, Spinning wheel, Silent Auction, Swap Table (if you bring material).

Nominating Committee

The nominating committee is seeking volunteers for 2009 officers. Contact Kris Wood, President.

Roster Secretary

Message from Roster Secretary Ernie Aughenbaugh: Dues are now being collected for 2009.

Club News

Please send any newsletter items to Elaine Beane at (gebeane@comcast.net). The deadline for each issue is five days after the monthly Board meeting.

Things To Do and Places To Go

Oct 17-19: Ft. Wayne, IN. Three Rivers Gem and Mineral Society 47th Annual Rock, Mineral, Fossil, Jewelry, and Lapidary Show and Sale. Allen County Fairgrounds, 2726 Carroll Rd, Ft. Wayne. Fri 10 am to 7 pm; Sat 10 am to 7 pm; Sun 10 am to 5 pm. Adults \$3, Seniors \$2, Students \$1, Children <12 free; parking is free. Contact Michele Yamanaka; yamanakam@cs.com.

Oct 18-19: Clio, MI. Flint Rock and Gem Club 41st Annual Gem, Jewelry, and Mineral Show and Sale. Carter Middle School, 300 Upland Dr., Clio. Sat and Sun 10 am to 5 pm. Adults \$3, Children <18 \$1.50. Contact Ed Hearn 810-687-2339 edleo324@comcast.net.

Oct 24-26: Mason, MI. Central Michigan Lapidary and Mineral Society 43rd Annual Gem, Mineral, Fossil, Lapidary, and Jewelry Show. Ingham County Fair Grounds, Main Arena, 700 Ash St. Mason (Lansing Area). Fri 6 to 9 pm; Sat 10 am to 7 pm; Sun 11 am to 5 pm. Friday morning is Children's Tour for school children. Admission: Adults \$3, Teens \$1, Children <12 free with paying adult. Free parking. Contact Alan Hukill 517-641-6125 facetman60@yahoo.com.

Nov 1: Taylor, MI. Midwest Mineralogical and Lapidary Society Annual Auction. Democratic Club of Taylor, 23400 Wick Rd. Taylor. Sat 6 to 10 pm. Admission free. Parking is free. Contact Cindy & Lou Talley 734-525-1684 cindylou0202@yahoo.com.

Check the MWF News for many more great shows this fall. www.amfed.org/mwf.

MINUTES -- Central Michigan Lapidary and Mineral Society -- Board Meeting -- September 4, 2008

President: Kris Wood called the meeting to order at 7:13 pm at the Okemos Public Library.

Vice President: Milt Gere - The September membership meeting program will be "Show and Tell" about trips and adventures members may have had this summer, plus a mini-silent auction.

Board Members Present: Elaine Angstman, Ernie Aughenbaugh, Elaine Beane, Sue Casler, Milt Gere, Mary Anne Hanlon-Smith, Alan Hukill, Gordon Lewis, Bob Mosher, and Kris Wood. [Board members absent: George Heaton, Arie Koewelyn, Lyle Laylin, Roger Laylin, Jenny Martin, Kara Miller, and Dan Sine]

Recording Secretary: Sue Casler - Last Board Mtg. Minutes were June 5 and in S. Casler's absence were prepared by Elaine Beane and were published in the June newsletter.

Corresponding Secretary: Mary Anne Hanlon-Smith - No report.

Treasurer's Report: Alan Hukill - Reviewed receipts/disbursements for the month of June 2008. Also reviewed a combined report for July/August 2008. Board also had discussion and took action pertaining to a decision on the re-investment of funds (CD).

Directors: 3-YR, Bob Mosher - Distributed a list of interesting geology, mineral, and fossil websites; 2-YR, George Heaton - Absent; 1-YR, Arie Koewelyn - Absent.

Roster Secretary: Ernie Aughenbaugh - No report.

Liaison Officer: Alan Hukill - Hartland Rock & Mineral Show - Sept. 20/21.

Past President: Elaine Beane - Asked that folks provide information/articles for the newsletter before Tues., Sept. 9th.

Membership: Elaine Angstman - No report.

Old Business: Discussed locations for membership meetings. After looking at several potential sites over the summer, the Board decided to continue using North School and signed up again for the '08/'09 year. North Elementary School is located west of Cedar Street, off Miller Road.

New Business: Federation ballot should be out shortly for voting.

Mary Anne Hanlon-Smith moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Elaine Beane. Meeting adjourned 8:27 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Casler, Recording Secretary

MINUTES -- Central Michigan Lapidary and Mineral Society -- Membership Meeting -- September 18, 2008

- a. Call to Order. The September membership meeting was called to order by President Kris Wood at 7:45 pm at the North Elementary School.
- b. Welcome and Introduction of Guests/Visitors. No guests/visitors present. Welcome Back to Everyone.
- c. Minutes of June Meeting. Sue Casler - June meeting was held at Woldumar Nature Center. Members worked on exit gifts for the Children's Tour for the October show. There was a discussion of possible meeting places for club, since North School has increased the cost of

its use. Ideal location would include: lower cost, storage space for club library and coffee supplies, use of a kitchen, access to video equipment, ease of access (i.e. no stairs), central to all club members, and other factors. (After looking at several potential sites over the summer, the Board decided to continue using North School.)

d. Treasurer's Report. Alan Hukill - reviewed receipts/expenses to date for September 2008. Also mentioned Board action to re-invest funds (CDs).

e. Announcements.

*The Club's Rock & Mineral Show Cometh! October 24, 25 & 26!!

*Mary Gowans reported on the Children's Tour - Friday, Oct. 24. Bring plastic bags - needed for when the kids pick out a rock from the pebble pond - wet!

Also, there is a sign up sheet on the front table for folks to confirm/signup for tasks that day.

*Roger Laylin - Need a raffle chair person & volunteers to work the raffle table. John J. has taken care of getting the license & raffle tickets.

*Neil Snapp - American and Midwest Federation news.

*Neil is the Midwest Federation convention chairman. He asked the club to think about/consider hosting a Convention if one of the cities anticipated to host cannot in 2010 or 2011. Next year's convention (2009) will be in Parma, Ohio.

*Neil also mentioned nominating a "Rockhound of the Year" from the club; and the Fossil Preservation Bill - write your congress person to oppose such a bill.

Program. The program was "Show and Tell" [our summer rock collecting adventures/finds] and a not so mini-silent auction.

Adjournment. Alan Hukill moved to adjourn the meeting, supported by Rick Andrews. Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Casler, Recording Secretary

CMLMS Annual Show - October 24, 25, & 26
Come to the Show - Bring your friends and relatives!
Volunteer to Work at the Show!
Help Out, So There Will Be a Show in 2009!