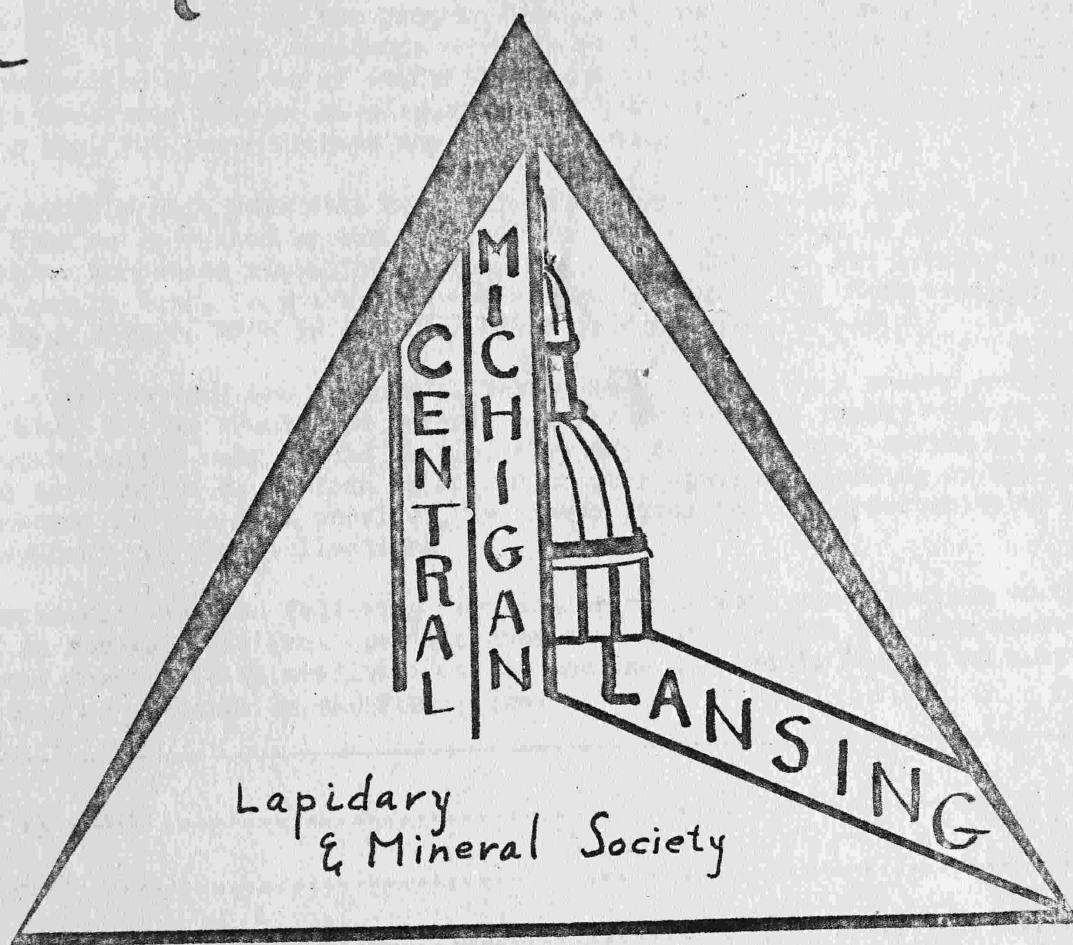


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NOVEMBER MEETING

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Thursday Evening, Nov. 16 - 7:30
Walter French Jr. Hi. Cafeteria

This is the one meeting of the year when every member can actively take part. Every one of us is asked by the Program Committee, and the officers to bring to this meeting, one or more specimens or articles for the ANNUAL AUCTION NIGHT. This contribution should be of sufficient value to guarantee successful bidding. But it is necessary also to have specimens of low value which the younger set can afford to buy. But let's not have any junk - please!

The AUCTION this year will be a Silent Auction. Every one present can enter as many bids as he wishes or can pay for! The specimen will go to the highest bidder at an announced time. This method means that the time for closing the meeting need not be late. In years past there have been many excellent specimens submitted. Many members have in this way added to their own collection.

All contributions are voluntary. Yet we do ask that every member contribute if possible. In the event that several members of the same family wish to make a contribution in the name of the family, they may do so. Please provide as much specific information as you can in regard to your specimen. Looking up the information needed for the form provided, in itself gives you the opportunity to find out more about your own collection.

Please fill out the following form and bring it with your specimen to the meeting on November 16. Each specimen submitted must have its own form attached. Additional forms will be available at the meeting if needed. Do give as much information as possible on the form below:

Name of Specimen

Where found

Composition

Special Remarks

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Minimum Value

Amount Bid..... By - (Name)

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LANSING'S ANNUAL

HOBBY - CRAFT - AND GUILD SHOW AND SALE

NOV. 16 - 17 - 18

LANSING CIVIC CENTER * * * * * FREE ADMISSION

Thurs-Fri. 12:00 Noon to 10:00 P.M.

Sat. 12:00 Noon to 6:00 P.M.

Here's your chance to do your Christmas Shopping early. Over 50 different hobbies will be represented. Several of our club members will have exhibits and displays. Rock and Mineral Specimens, both rough and polished will be on exhibition and sale. Lapidary supplies and rock jewelry will be available.

"COME EARLY AND STAY LATE"

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Some one has called our attention a very important book of interest to rock and mineral collectors. This book - "1001 QUESTIONS ANSWERED ABOUT THE MINERAL KINGDOM", by Richard M. Pearl, can be purchased at the Campus Book Store, paper back department for \$1.95 plus tax.

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Will swap or sell - - Rose Quartz, Sphalerite, Blue Calcite, Amazonite, Thunder Eggs (rough or polished), Petoskey Stones, Ulexite (or TV Rock, a rare find from California) and other materials.

The Kirkby's - Phone ED 2-6809
1401 Greenview Av.,
East Lansing, Mich.

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The following poem, submitted by Mrs. Mildred Wilson, has a deep thought worth our pondering:

AMATEUR LAPIDARY By Robert J. Simpson

I cut, shape, smooth, and polish rocks to free Beauty
Crystallized or forged or slowly grown
For Man. And marvel that the first man's me.
I slab, grind, sand, and buff this iris agate - see Beauty
Trapped by ages now first shown
To Man. By what chance is it shown first to me?

This sunset in silica replaced a shoofood tree,
The pattern for that gem came from a lizard's bone
For Man. By what right were they found first by me?

No greater beauty waits in any pit of time debris
Than the chatoyant glow lighted within this stone
For man. I know by whose grace it gleamed first for me.

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Club members are invited to attend a showing of Highland Park Lapidary equipment during the week of Nov. 20 - 25 at Bob Swenson's S. & W. shop, 1156 W. Leonard St., Grand Rapids. A full line of Highland Park machinery will be shown. A factory representative will be on hand for several days to answer questions. There will be demonstrations in the use of lapidary equipment.
By Fred Gasche.

NOTICE RE. DATE FOR DECEMBER MEETING.

At the regular meeting on November 16, the Society will be asked to vote to change the date for the meeting in December to a week earlier, that is to Dec. 14. Otherwise the meeting would be held on Dec. 21, in the midst of the rush Christmas shopping season. The officers believe that a better meeting will result if a change to a week earlier is made.

Jack Caldwell of 1301 School St. Calumet, Mich., has Keewenaw Thompsonite for sale. This material is nice for making tumbled baroque mountings. The price is \$2.50 per pound. I will bring a sample to our meeting on November 16, or you can write to him at the above address.

.....Fred Gasche

DEADLINE FOR DECEMBER ROCK HOUND NEWS

If the December meeting is held on the 14th, then the deadline for news will be Monday morning, December 4. Please give us material to be published on or before that time.

CONCERNING YOUR READING

"GEMS AND MINERALS"

"EARTH SCIENCE"

These are the names of two magazines which come our library. This is only one of the many services rendered by the Society.

However, we believe that you will really enjoy one or both of these magazines coming to your own home. Also there are others. "Gems and Minerals" is a monthly publication, and the local address is 1797 Capri Av., Montrose, Calif. The regular subscription price is \$3.00 per year, but there is a special rate of \$2.00 to paid up club members. You can send your subscription directly to them, if you wish. Get the signature of the president or secretary or treasurer that you are a member. "Earth Science" is more of a local paper, the official publication of the Midwest Federation. It is published in the months of Feb. - Apr. - June Aug. - Oct. - Dec. The price is \$2.50 per year and there is a small discount of 25¢ I believe, to club members. The editorial office is 406 Grover St., Joliet, Ill. The editor has been subscribing to both of these magazines since becoming a member of the Society. I can recommend them highly.

Furthermore, if you have never done so, it will pay you to examine the books and materials in our library and to talk with our librarian concerning the reading and instructional material which is available. They can help you.

We have been told that one of our esteemed members, Melvin B. Young, 4253 Keller Road, Holt, recently had an appointment with the hospital, and that he is now on the way to recovery.

LET'S ALL TAKE PRIDE IN OUR AUCTION!

The Annual Auction has as its main purpose the raising of needed funds to take care of the financial needs of our Society. So far as we know, no one has ever drawn one penny of pay for any service rendered the organization. Yet many have contributed many, many hours of valuable time to make it a success.

However, supplies for the paper and other matters and operating expenses do require more money than dues bring in. LET EACH DO HIS PART!