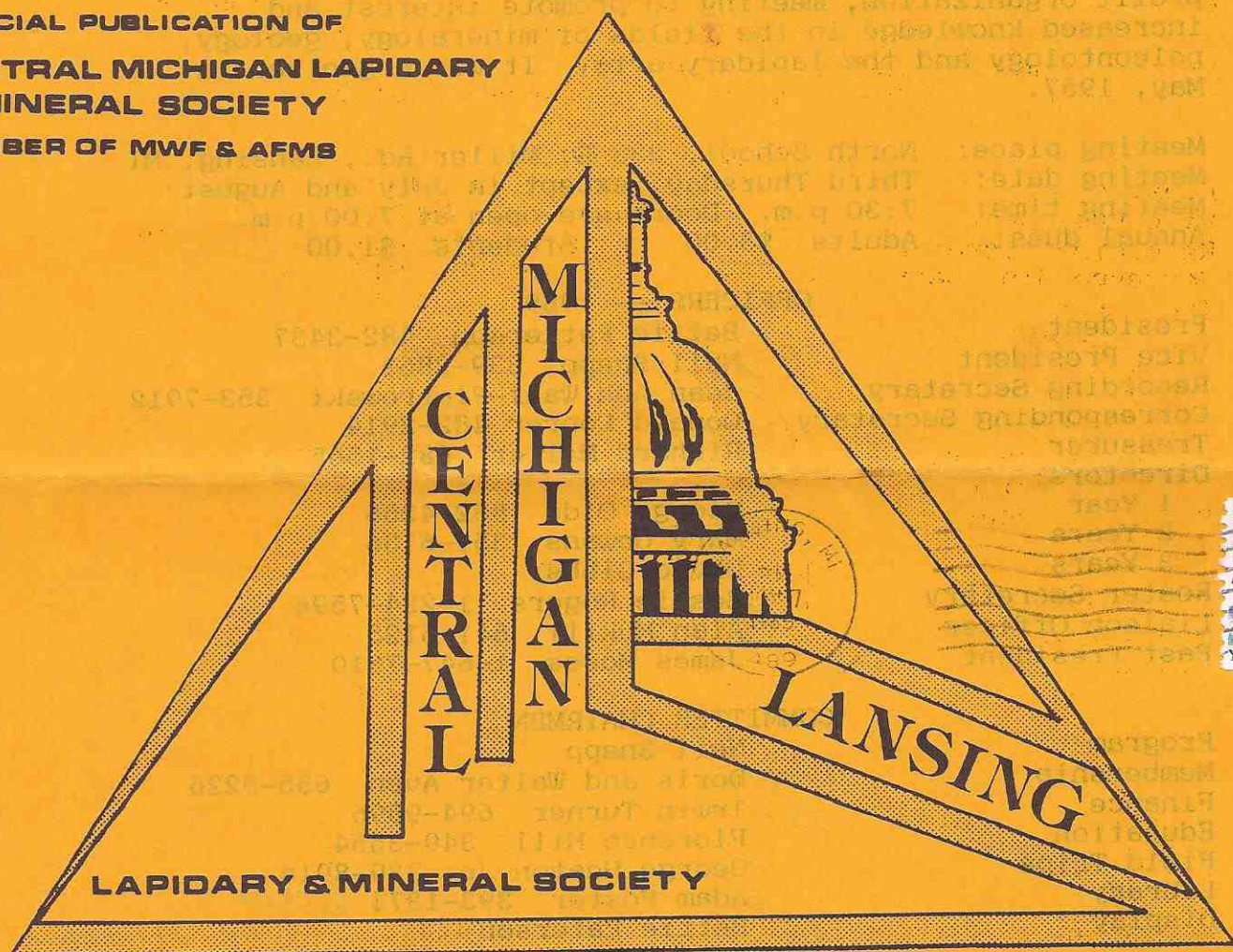


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Neil's Notes

The 1989 Show is history. As I write this, I don't know what our dollar income was. However, I have a feeling that it was a successful operation. I was extremely pleased by the number of members who took part in the activities - set-up, kids' day, exhibiting, childrens' table, raffle, silent auction, tickets, take-down etc. etc. etc. There were over 60 members who helped in some way. Congratulations to all of you and thank you for your help. A more detailed report will appear in later editions of the Newsletter.

It's not too early to start thinking about next year's show. Give your ideas/comments to any of the Board members. Other coming events include election of officers for 1990 (Richard Miller is chairman of the nominating committee) and the banquet in May. Let the Board know our wishes.

Until next month, A happy
Thanksgiving to you and yours - Neil

During October our society sent get well cards to Lola Pearson who underwent surgery and to Reo Hovey who suffered a stroke. Our thoughts and best wishes go out to them and we pray they will soon be feeling much better.

Give yourself a big hand! We had another successful show and you helped make it possible, it's an overwhelming success because of years of experience and the dedication of many people who work behind the scenes - making kits and jewelry, setting up, tearing down, aiding the school bus drivers and maintaining my favorite spot - the hospitality room (thanks Bessie) and of course many people who worked the floor. Congratulations to you all.

Don Lohrer
Corresponding Sec'y

Childrens' Tours

We had a total of 1206 student visitors at our Children's Tour on Friday, October 27th between the hours of 9:00 and 1:00. There were more than 150 adults. This represented 17 schools including a group of 13 from Barry County Christian School. Our reputation travels for miles!

Besides the two Children's Tables, we offered fossils, starter kits, inexpensive jewelry and critters. After all the nickels and dimes were counted, we had taken in \$2247.00 which will go into our scholarship fund.

Besides the selling, we had working displays of wire wrapping, Petoskey stone polishing, star sapphire polishing, micromounts, and jewel trees.

We gave each student a horn coral with a write-up about the fossil as they left. We had prepared 1500 of these gifts so that we could present each child who came to the show during the weekend a gift.

Since Peter and I have had this responsibility, there have been seven schools that have attended all five years and four that have attended the last four years. It is always a pleasure to accept their thanks and appreciation for all who have worked so hard on the Childrens's Tours.

Betty and Peter Tack
Chairmen, Children's
Tours

I want to thank all the folks who donated to the Hospitality Room and carried water and helped.

Bessie Rogers
Hospitality Chairman

We have just now learned that Onie Seegar had surgery last week. We wish her a speedy recovery. Ed.

Raffle Winners & Donaters

Diamond Pendant
Donated by Richard Miller
Won by Otto Suchsland

\$100.00
Donated by C.M.L.M.S.
Won by Sharlene Stiles

Garnet and Pearl Necklace
Donated by F & L Minerals
Won by Hazel Clipp

Amethyst Necklace and Earrings
Donated by Marge Collins
Won by Max Kersey

Copper Faced Clock
Donated by Mac McMahon
Won by Judy Miller

Amethyst Gem Tree
Donated by Lorraine Rockwood
Won by The Roger Young Family

Brazilian Agate Pendant
Donated by Bettie Patterson
Won by Nancy Bailey

Fire Agate Necklace
Donated by Bill and Bessie Rogers
Won by Read and Erma Myers

Fluorite Specimen
Donated by Jim Moses
Won by Jennifer Gordon

Yellow Jade Necklace
Donated by Bettie Patterson
Won by Sally Wood

Gold Wire Wrap Bracelet
Donated by Alice Turner
Won by Shirley Coleman

Polished Amber Pendant
Donated by Nagda Hutna
Won by Connie Snapp

Turquoise Bracelet
Donated by Bill and Bessie Rogers
Won by Charles Langham

Raffle Winners & Donaters cont.

Turquoise Bracelet
Donated by Bill and Bessie Rogers
Won by Charles Langham

Turquoise Gem Tree
Donated by Marie Duprey
Won by Sandy Ross

Green Clock
Donated by Bill and Bessie Rogers
Won by Alice Abbott

Gray Jade Pendant
Donated by Bettie Patterson
Won by Dianna Smythe

Brazilian Agate Wind Chime
Donated by Anonymous Club Member
Won by Sally Barber

DUES ARE DUE

Education - Florence Hill

The mineral of the month is zincite, a simple oxide of zinc. David Piotrowski will give the five minute talk. Please bring any examples you have of zincite so that others may see.

Community Service

Florence Hill gave a talk to Karen Riggs' combination class at Marble School on rock collecting.

Jean Ann Wahl-Piotrowski gave three half-hour talks on mineral characteristics to 4th grade science classes at West Godwin Elementary School, Wyoming, Michigan.

Board Meeting - Thursday, December 7, 1989. This will be a joint meeting of the regular Board and the Show Board. Show Committee Chairs - Please have your written report ready by then. We will meet at the Bank in Okemos. Neil

Our Relationship with Amateur Collectors

The interplay between scientific paleontology and amateur fossil collecting is complex and frustrating. We may have heard of the exhaustion of the crinoid beds of Indiana by commercial collectors - an area that had never been studied scientifically. It is true that a mosasaur skeleton from the Niobrara Chalk of Kansas now resides in the side of a Japanese swimming pool!

Amateur collectors use the term "professinal" to mean a person who earns his living through fossils whether that person is teaching or just selling fossils. Thus scientists and commercial agents are lumped together.

The scientific community is apt to regard the amateur with distain. They should work together. There are 56 societies in the U.S. devoted largely to the amateur collection of fossils, compared to about 11 professional societies in North America. These professionals are continuously indebted to amateurs for calling their attention to sites and for the use of collections they have made. However there should be wise use of sites - as a stripped site becomes useless for teaching purposes. However, amateurs have been frustrated by broken promises by professional paleontologists - promises to write up a donated specimen of a new species, promises to display rare or unusual fossil - promises not kept.

Here are some suggestions for amateurs who want to help the scientists and forward the interest in their hobby. They could provide study sets of specimens for school science groups. They could provide study guides for field trips in their area. They could assemble complete faunal and floral sets of specimens from local formations.

This article was paraphrased from from an address by Dr. Lane, Dept. of Geology, Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana. This appeared in the October 1989 issue of the Mid-west Federation

On the lighter side: Agatha Christie said, "An archeologist is the best husband a woman can have; the older she gets, the more interested he is in her."

from The Glacial Drifter