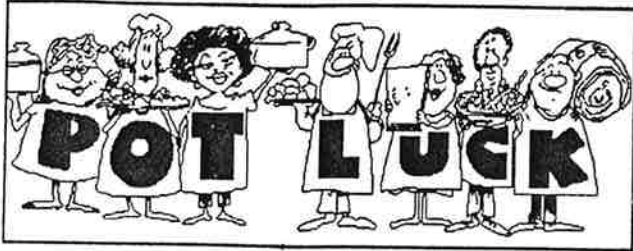


THE ROCKFINDER

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DETAILS INSIDE



FOR SALE: From the club storage shed. Contact Margaret at 654-3673. One 10" slab saw, brand name "Rock," for \$195; also a motorized arbor with grinding wheel and expanding drum for \$95.

ROCK & FOSSIL AUCTION

August 29 in Niles. Check ad in SB Times (Penny Saver) the week of August 23 for information.

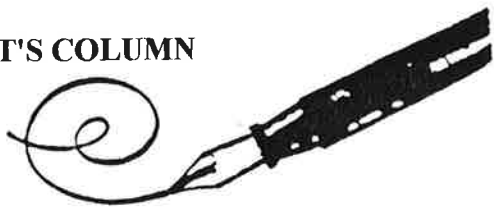
UPCOMING FIELD TRIP

The club's next field trip is by bus to the Field Museum in Chicago on Sunday, November 9. Call Kathy Miller (291-0332) to sign up for it.

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MARGARET'S COLUMN



The next month is going to be BUSY for all of us. We need help from everyone to get ready for the show over Labor Day weekend.

I just heard from Mike Slattery; he has injured his wrist, and need lots of help getting the Petoskey stones ready for the Kiddies' Korner. Bob Heinek hopes to help with some, but we need more members to volunteer to do more. If you can, let us know and we will get a box of stones to you. Mike also needs small (1") minerals, fossils, stones, shells and any other items that will fit into egg cartons. If you have saved cartons, bring them to the show for the kiddies.

Bob Miller is in charge of the demonstrators. I believe he has at least 2 members doing demonstrations. Want to help? Let Bob know.

Kathy Miller is in charge of the door, so if she calls, agree to help with the entrance.

Tom Noe will need help with the silent auction. Call him if you would like to volunteer.

Tom McLaughlin is in charge of the displays. I know most of you have displays, so let Tom know how many you will bring. If you need a case, we do have several flat cases that you can fill with your items, BUT YOU MUST LET US KNOW. They are in storage and will have to be picked up. Can you come out and get one?

We will need help on Thursday before the show, to pick up things from the storage. That evening we need help with the marking for the booths. We need workers early Friday morning (about 8:30) to cover the display, silent auction and demonstrators' tables. Remember, this is your show, and the profit from it helps to pay for any bus field trips we have and other expenses we will have during the year. So plan on helping... everyone is important.

First, though, our picnic will be held August 23, at the Clay Township Park, with a meeting at 12:30, followed by the potluck at 1:00 pm. (South Bend time). The park is west of 31 on Laurel Road, between Auten Road and Darden Road immediately north of Healthwin Hospital. Remember to bring your table service (your plates and silverware), a dish of food to share, and anything you want to display that you have collected on your vacation. The chicken, punch, ice & rolls will be furnished. If you

want tea or coffee, please bring a jug to share. As this is only two weeks before the show, do plan on attending, to see if there is anything you can do to help. If you will, please let me know how many of your family plan to attend, so I can make sure to have enough chicken. We usually have plenty, but if we have a large turnout, we may not have enough.

I would like to thank Sally and David Peltz for getting volunteers to work at the Youth Fest '98 at the College Football Hall of Fame, on Saturday July 18. Kathy Miller, Herb Luckert, Sally and David Peltz, Bob Heinek, Laurie Bubala and I worked and had fun. We had a wheel for the youths to spin for fossils, petrified wood and polished stones. Bob and I filled about 180 of the round blue boxes (the ones that Pam Rubenstein donated) and put them into the Mystery Box. That was fun for the kids. Bob Heinek made up a display of items for the youths to identify to win prizes. Kathy Miller brought books to give out, and they were really welcomed by the children.

We handed out flyers for our show, and many adults said they were so glad to know about the Labor Day show.

Many of the adults let us know that they get the cards we send out announcing our show dates. We have 1,000 addresses on our mailing list, and the cards are ready to be mailed.

Bob and I will leave on August 9 for the American Federation/Midwest Federation show held at Michigan Tech in Houghton, MI. Herb and Phyllis, Bob and Kathy Miller and Bob and I will attend the meetings, and I will attend as delegate for the Michiana Gem & Mineral Society.

In the meantime, I hope we will have some cool weather, and some needed rain. Stay well, and we will see you soon.

ITEMS FOR SALE

If you are interested in the following equipment, please call Mrs. Bella at 616-684-0592. Star 6" grinding unit (four wheels), 9" flat lapping machine (needs two ball bearings), Star 10" saw, various grinding wheels, motor/buffing wheel, Voland and Dialogram balance scales, miscellaneous silver casting, soldering and jewelry-making supplies and equipment, and a 40-pound piece of jade.