

Michiana Gem and Mineral Society
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THE ROCKFINDER



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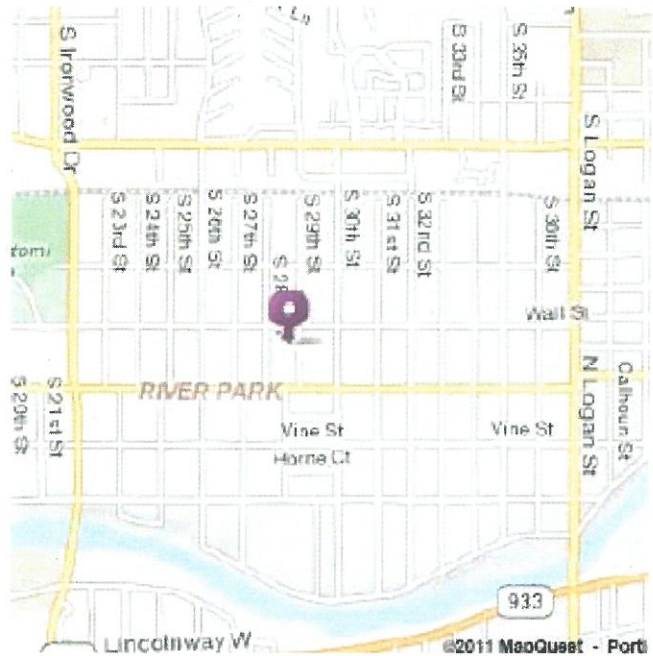
The purpose of the Michiana Gem & Mineral Society is to promote the study and enjoyment of the earth sciences and the lapidary arts, and to share lapidary knowledge and techniques. General meetings are usually held the fourth Sunday of each month at 2:00 p.m. at,

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church
805 S. 29th St.,
South Bend, IN.
Please see the map to the right.

Doors usually open at 1:30 for meet & greet time.

Regular meeting exceptions include May (third Sunday), July (Club Picnic), August (Club Show) and the November/December meeting and Christmas party.

Board meetings are held before the monthly meetings. The annual club show is in late August.



DUES

Yearly Membership Dues are payable by December 15th of each year. Please chose type of membership below.

- Individual \$15.00 Family \$20.00
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The *Rockfinder* is published monthly except for July and August.

Please note that all items for a given issue of the *Rockfinder* are due to the **EDITOR** no later than the 1st of the previous month. This means that the due date for the June issue will be May 1st. Advance items are appreciated. Materials need to be emailed to aunpawz@gmail.com

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Permission is hereby granted to reprint any original *Rockfinder* articles as long as recognition is given along with the reprint.

Kathy's Column - President Kathy Miller

It's the 1st of May, some of us are busy putting in gardens, planting flowers as I will be doing, but I also like to freshen up our rock garden by adding *more rocks!*

I do have a reminder. All Board and Committee Chairmen don't forget to send in your reports, minutes, and/or articles to our new Editor Lori Vicars. (Note the correct spelling of her last name). Lori said to please send all Rockfinder information to her email address which is aunpawz@gmail.com. Be sure to put Rockfinder in the subject line so she will see it's not spam. This also goes for members who wish to send her articles on subjects you wish to share with our society.

It is really important that she receives this information from you the first of each month. We still send out a Rockfinder in June, then starting again the first of September. Let's help her out to keep our newsletter current and of good quality while getting it to all members before our monthly meetings.

It was suggested to me some time back that I have Board and Committee Chairs write a paragraph or so for the Rockfinder of what their position entails. I think this is a good idea so I will start with the President's position. (None of us want to commit to death till we part!)

A President presides at the meetings, he or she appoints (begs, smooches, pleads) committee Chairs, and have Board meetings when felt necessary. Sets dates for the annual picnic and Christmas holiday party. Here it is noted the Hostess Committee takes responsibility for the picnic and the President can appoint a Special Committee to take over the Christmas party. This does NOT have to be run by the President. Writes a monthly message for the Rockfinder, and last but certainly not least offers to assist the club Show Chairman in any way to make our annual show a success.

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219-778-2196

Volunteers for any of the club/society positions are welcome when needed and appreciated. Change in leadership leads to new ideas toward the growth of a club.

At the May meeting we will continue to have the signup sheet for the annual club picnic, August 12, at Potawatomi Park (potluck). We just need a headcount for that.

For the annual show August 24, 25, 26 a kitchen sign up sheet is ready and Show Chairman, Marie Crull will have other sign up sheets available for areas that are needed that weekend. It is really a fun, exciting weekend and a positive way to expose the public to our hobby.

See you at the May 20 meeting, and if you have a display to share, we'd love to see it. We all look forward to a good program, good food and great friendships.

Rock On,
Kathy

A Note of Appreciation and Thanks

Bob and I were 2 of 12 members attending the April 25-28 Kentucky Agate field trip in Irvine, KY. Not only did we collect beautiful agates, but smoky quartz geodes at Cumberland Lake, KY. We couldn't have asked for better weather, and the scenery was outstanding. Some of us even had a chance to collect fresh fruits and "fruit of the vine". Thanks to the outstanding work and effort John Davis, our Field Trip Chairman did to put this trip together. Many thanks John!!

Up & Coming

Next Meeting: May 20th, 2012

Place:
Our Redeemer Lutheran Church
805 S 29th Street (29th & Wall)
South Bend, IN
This is in River Park area

Program:
Dr Jeremy Fein: UND
Bonded iron formations
in UP Michigan

Refreshments:
Lana Wright
Jan Pellus

March 25, 2012 Minutes

Liaison: Linda Garwood - went over the up in coming shows coming up.

Parliamentarian: Bob Miller had nothing to report at this time.

Midwest Federation Report: Randy Hill nothing to report at this time.

American Federation Report: nothing to report at this time,

American Lands Access: Tom Noe, not present at the meeting.

Committee Reports:

Displays: Mike Skoczylas- explained the process of bringing in displays for club meetings.

Editor: Tom Noe/Diane Gram (interim only)

Education: Jesse Zeigler - not present at the meeting.

Field Trip: John Davis/Kathy Miller - John spoke of the Kentucky trip from April 24-27th and Kathy spoke about the club bus trip in September to Corydon, Indiana and stated that club members that will be going on this trip to please fill out the Hazard Waiver form for this trip.

Historian: Ed Miller - not present at the meeting.

Hospitality: Linda Miller and Mary Davis - both did an excellent job at making sure meeting had awesome food brought in from other members.

Juniors: Trista McIntosh - nothing to report at this time.

Librarian: Pat Bell - reported that she has a new book for the club library to be checked out by members.

Membership: Joan Hill - reported that the club is selling left over club shirts for \$5.00 a piece and still has some club cookbooks left to sell at \$5.00 too.

Program: Rev. Larry Calhoun - not present at the meeting and club member Diane Gram did program on the process of making glass beads.

Publicity: Nick Pellus - reported that he does have publicity going for club going on.

Show Report: Joe Perry, Marie Crull - Marie reported that dealer contracts are going out to the dealers and Joe reported that he has the fliers for the annual club show in August too.

March 25, 2012 Minutes Continued

Sunshine: Annette Freel and Sherry Kobie - nothing to report at this time.

Webmaster: Jim Daly - not present at the meeting.

OLD Business - report on (Mine Safety Health Administration) - John Davis has copies of these for the club members that took this class and was encouraged that club members keep copies of this for any collecting those members are to do on their own and not with the club.

New Business - Delegate for AFMS/ MWF Convention - Tom Noe is going there to represent the club and will report back.

** April meeting ** the month of April has 5 Sundays and the meeting will be April 22nd **

** May meeting ** the meeting will be held on Sunday May 20th, due to the Memorial Day Holiday Weekend **

~ Door Prizes- Joan Hill (won a beautiful pyrite (or fools gold) rock and juniors Branden Huffman - won a bag of rocks

Adjournment - Davis Pelz motioned to adjourn the meeting

April 22, 2012 Minutes

Meeting was called to order by Kathy Miller, President and Vice President Randy Hill led the club in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Liaison: Linda Garwood- not present at the meeting.

Parliamentarian: nothing to report at this time.

Midwest Federation Report: Randy Hill - nothing to report at this time.

American Federation Report: Bob Miller - nothing to report at this time.

American Lands Access- not present at the meeting.

Committee Reports: Randy Hill, vice- president

Displays: Mike Skoczylas - had quite a few club members bring in quality rocks to show off and talk about at this meeting.

Editor: Lori Vicars - please e-mail rock finder additions and information to be published to LORI VICARS - aunpawz@gmail.com ** please remember to put ROCKFINDER in the subject line **

April 22, 2012 Minutes Continued

Education: Jessie Zeigler - talked about visiting Joshua's Tree and if you have never been there to visit as it is located in Laville, Indiana.

Field Trip: John Davis / Kathy Miller (bus trip) John talked about recent trip to Marion, Kentucky and the up coming trip scheduled for Irvine, Kentucky the week of April 23rd.

Kathy Miller spoke of the club bus trip in September and the dinner is as follows; \$16.51 for adults and children are \$11.79 per person.

Juniors: Trista McIntosh- nothing to report at this time.

Librarian: Pat Bell - nothing to report at this time.

Membership: Joan Hill - new members please pick of membership books of you have not done so already.

Program: Rev. Larry Calhoun - the Rev. Calhoun did the program today on making jewelry and wire wrapping; he makes some beautiful quality pieces too.

Show Report: Joe Perry, Marie Crull - Joe reported that he still has show fliers for members to pick up and display and Marie reported that she is getting back some of the dealer contracts already for August show.

Sunshine: Annette Freel and Sherry Kobie - nothing to report at this time.

Webmaster: Jim Daly - reported that all the information on the clubs website is up to date and current now.

Old Business: REMINDER - all articles for print in the Rockfinder need to be submitted to the editor and she needs to receive it by the 1st of each month.

NEW BUSINESS - sign up sheets are out for attending the annual club picnic (and bringing a side dish) scheduled for August 12th (this is later then in past years too)

Sign up sheets for volunteering at the annual club show and exhibiting will be at the MAY meeting.

Door Prizes: Jesse Ziegler, Bill Foreman and Lexis Winters.

Adjournment- The Rev. Larry Calhoun