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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.

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## Paulding County Community Fossil Park

by Jason Hefner, Editor

On Saturday April 6, 2019 a few (three to be exact) club members made the drive to the Paulding County Community Fossil Park. It turned out to be a beautiful sunny day, even though it started out cloudy and cold.



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## Up & Coming

**Next Meeting: April 28, 2019.**

Doors open at 1:30. Meeting starts at 2:00.

**Place:**

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church  
(29<sup>th</sup> & Wall)  
South Bend, IN. (This is in River Park)

**Program:**

DVD

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## Fossils

When we arrived there was 1 car in the parking area. Within 30 minutes there were a dozen other vehicles and 20+ people wandering across the rocks!. Turns out the Fort Wayne rock club was on a field trip.



The picture above does not do it justice, but you cannot step on a rock without finding a fossil. While very few trilobites were found we collected lots of horn coral, bivalves, and lots of critters we could not identify!





Hello Everyone! What can I say except, Bravo! The Cedar Valley Rocks & Minerals Society both presented a wonderful show and made all of us in the MWF and AFMS feel at home! I would love to share this praise with every club in the MWF. Your club CAN do it! We would enjoy helping you. There are many future years to choose from. Plus, you'll have years to plan. I know many of you are rushing to send an entry on your computer or racing to the post office to mail your request. Awesome!

A warm welcome to Catherine Clevenz, our new Environment and Legislation Committee chair. This is such an important committee for all of us. Help her any chance you get. I know you'll be thinking of her every time you're on a field trip. Please remember, when contacting your legislators, to refer to yourself and your group as "recreational rockhounds." It's always a fine line with the laws. Save our collecting lands.

Keith Peregrine stepped up, at the convention, as assistant for the Credentials Committee. He performed as though he'd been doing it for years! Welcome aboard! J.C. Moore is moving into the chairmanship of the Uniform Rules Committee. I'm sure he'll do a stellar job, as he does with everything else.

Hmm? What's going on here? Wait for it . . . Yes! There are still positions available. The Endowment, Club Rockhound of the Year and the Bulletin Editors' Aids committees chair positions are open. And, with the BEAC, you get help for the first year. What could be easier? Don't answer that. Remember that, as chair, you get to add/name as many assistants as you like. Sounds like a party to me!

One of the heart-warming moments of the convention was when we honored Barbara Sky with an Honorary Membership. Thank you, Barbara, for your continuous service to our hobby!

Congratulations to all this year's award winners! You worked hard and succeeded. One of my favorite jobs as president is signing awards. If everyone tries next time, you could cause me to get numbing hand cramps signing awards. Let's do it!

I'm pleased to report that, as I requested in the February issue, no one brought a regifted fruitcake for any of our committee chairs. But there were so many more activities at the convention, it would take two newsletters. I guess you had to be there. Cheer up, you can plan to be at the next one!

#### Purpose of the AFMS

To promote popular interest and education in the various Earth Sciences, and in particular the subjects of Geology, Mineralogy, Paleontology, Lapidary and other related subjects, and to sponsor and provide means of coordinating the work and efforts of all persons and groups interested therein; to sponsor and encourage the formation and international development of Societies and Regional Federations and by and through such means to strive toward greater international good will and fellowship.

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