

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.

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Presidents message by Jason Hefner, President

MGMS Club Picnic.

Our CLUB has decided to provide fried chicken, macaroni & potato salad and/or coleslaw. You do need to bring your own plates, utensils & drinks. There will be someone there to put food on your plate - please do not serve yourself.

Please RVSP by Wednesday 7-28-21 via the "going button" on our FB Page Picnic Event, Text 574-850-7423 or Email njfnancy@sbcglobal.net so we know how much food to order.

Our FB Page Picnic Event has been updated to show this Important change. If you know of anyone that doesn't get FB or receive Emails, please let them know.

Up & Coming

Next Meeting: Picnic Sunday August 1, 2021

The Mishawaka Res,
13950 Scout Ln.
Mishawaka, IN 46544.
Starts at 12:30 pm South Bend time.

We will discuss the August show & sign up.

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Club Show Help *by Josh Klosinski, MGMS VP*

We need people to sign up for the annual club show. In case you are unaware the show dates for this year are August 20, 12pm - 6pm; August 21, 10am - 6pm; and August 22, 11am - 5pm. We have received limited inquiries as to what needs to be filled. As of right now the list below indicates who we have signed up and for what they are signed up for. Additionally, if any names are misspelled I apologize.

Each slot needs at least two people to properly do all tasks, and the Kids Corner could use at least one additional person for each of the time slots. Everything needs to be filled in order for this show to run smoothly please help us continue to make this show a great one. Just to put it into perspective we had almost 3,000 people back in 2019 and we hadn't had nearly as much interaction on our ads and event posts as we have had this year. Even if you can't sign up for a full two hours consider coming in and spelling people for breaks. The club will not be providing our normal Pot Luck Buffet style food this year and will likely have something catered in.

Setup:

August 19

9am -

Joe Perry

Dennis Krafter

Holly Krafter

Kathy Wallace

Glenn Wallace

Andrew Archias

Diann Gonsorek

August 20

730am - 10am

No sign ups

10am - 12am

No sign ups

Takedown:

August 22

5pm - 8pm

Andrew Archias

Joshua Klosinski

Diann Gonsorek

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AFMS – From the desk of the President by Judy Beck,

AFMS President excerpted from [A.F.M.S. Newsletter Volume 74, Number 5 – June 2021](#)

Greetings Fellow Rockhounds!!



Our first Rock Show in 1 ½ years was AWESOME! Central Texas Gem & Mineral Society in Abilene, TX had a great show! We enjoyed the vendors, displays, and the warm and welcome people that we met there! My grandgirl won a gem tree (which I have to pick-up when I see my son next) and was soooo excited! And next up.....It's almost here-the annual convention in Big Piney, WY is just a few weeks away! I'm looking forward to seeing old friends and making new ones! Plan to come early and stay late for the field trips that are being planned. In addition to conducting our business, visiting the displays and vendors, plan on attending some of the interesting seminars that are being planned. Our ad hoc Juniors committee has been hard at work preparing an informational workshop on Saturday to help you generate new ideas for the youth in your local area and we'll be hosting a Pizza Party for interested youth and adults on Sunday! Lastly, Larry & I would like to invite you to a Social Hour on Friday, June 18th.

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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President's message Susan Stanforth, MWF President

excerpted from [MWF News April 2021 - Issue No. 601](#)

"Summertime and the livin' is easy"! If you haven't planned rock trips yet, it's that time, especially for the folks up North. If you're looking for information please consult our Safety & Field Trips chair, David Rich, birdman035@hotmail.com.

And while you're at it, take a long hard look at the American Federation's Code of Ethics. Trust me, I know that exhilarating moment when you "find" a great "find." But don't be hoggish and take more than you should.

I recently saw the Oscar winning movie "Nomadland," which is about a group of wanderers traveling in vans to experience the Southwest and all its beauty. I got very excited to see the group of RV'ers that call Quartz

I'll be going to Big Piney, Wyoming, for the AFMS Convention in the middle of June. The Sublette County Rock Hounds are hosting. I'm quite excited to see old friends and make new ones. And the field trips for Blue Forest Petrified Wood and Green River Fossil Fish will be an experience of a lifetime.

On April 10th, the MWF had its Spring Executive Committee meeting by Zoom. I was illdisposed, but 1st Vice President Catherine Clevenz filled in for me and ran the meeting efficiently. The minutes for that meeting begin on page 1 of this issue.

Read the rest by following the link above.



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Kids Corner August 20, 21 and 22:

August 20

12pm - 2pm	2pm - 4pm	4pm - 6pm
Holly Kraftor	Holly Kraftor	Holly Kraftor
Dennis Kraftor	Dennis Kraftor	Dennis Kraftor

August 21

10am - 12pm	12pm - 2pm	2pm - 4pm	4pm - 6pm
Holly Kraftor	Holly Kraftor	Holly Kraftor	Holly Kraftor
Dennis Kraftor	Dennis Kraftor	Dennis Kraftor	Dennis Kraftor

August 22

11am - 1pm	1pm - 3pm	3pm - 5pm
Holly Kraftor	Holly Kraftor	Holly Kraftor
Dennis Kraftor	Dennis Kraftor	Dennis Kraftor

Front Door Table:

August 20

12pm - 2pm	2pm - 4pm	4pm - 6pm
Glenn Wallace	No sign ups	No sign ups
Kathy Wallace		

August 21

10am - 12pm	12pm - 2pm	2pm - 4pm	4pm - 6pm
Glenn Wallace	No sign ups	No sign ups	No sign ups
Kathy Wallace			

August 22

11am - 1pm	1pm - 3pm	3pm - 5pm
Glenn Wallace	No sign ups	No sign ups
Kathy Wallace		

Silent Auction

Dealt with by others Glenn and Cathy Wallace signed up to help out 12pm to 2pm Saturday 21

Club Table

August 20

12pm - 2pm	2pm - 4pm	4pm - 6pm
Fred Swartzendruber	No sign ups	No sign ups

August 21

10am - 12pm	12pm - 2pm	2pm - 4pm	4pm - 6pm
Fred Swartzendruber	No sign ups	No sign ups	No sign ups

Club Show Help

Club Table

August 22

11am - 1pm	1pm - 3pm	3pm - 5pm
No sign ups	No sign ups	No sign ups

Floater - floaters will be assigned upon arrival

August 20

12pm - 2pm	2pm - 4pm	4pm - 6pm
Nancy Foreman	Nancy Foreman	Nancy Foreman
Joshua Klosinski	Joshua Klosinski	Joshua Klosinski
		Sherrill Glick

August 21

10am - 12pm	12pm - 2pm	2pm - 4pm	4pm - 6pm
Nancy Foreman	Nancy Foreman	Nancy Foreman	Nancy Foreman
Joshua Klosinski	Joshua Klosinski	Joshua Klosinski	Joshua Klosinski

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