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KALAMAZOO GEOLOGICAL AND MINERAL SOCIETY

President's Message

Hello KGMS,

Hope everyone had a great summer! Now it is time to get back to Club business.

I am chairing a committee for nomination of new Club officers. We will need a new Treasurer effective January 1, 2012, President effective January 1, 2013, and Secretary effective January 1, 2013. We may need a new Board Member beginning in January 2012 and a Vice President beginning in 2013. I need volunteers to be on the Nomination Committee. Also if you would like to be a Club officer, please let me know. It is time for some new blood and new ideas on the Board.

Our Work Bee was successful in July, so we did not have to have one in August. We made ~1,200 mine bags and ~350 egg carton collections for the show. As always, if you have specimens for games, please ask for bags so they can be packaged and labeled in time for the show.

At our Board meeting in July, it was decided that our show theme was going to be Mining in Michigan. Marve has contacted

the Seaman Museum for a feature display. They appear to be willing to provide a display for iron and copper mining.

As you probably know, beginning with the September Gems, hard copies will not be sent out in the mail. Please check our website www.kalamazoorockclub.org for the new editions of the Gems. Also, Dawn Coeur is our new editor. If you do not have email, please let Dawn know so that she can send you a hard copy. She will be looking for articles from our members to put into our newsletter. So if you would like to write something or come across something that is of interest, please pass it along. Preparing the Gems is a lot of work so any help will be appreciated. On that note, Thank You Kitty for all of the years for being the editor of the Gems.

Please remember throughout the year to solicit donations (they are tax deductible) on behalf of the club. I think last year was successful, but I think we can do much better. Hit up friends, family, businesses that you frequent, etc., this takes a commitment from everyone, so



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please help out. All of the money we acquire through donations goes to bus subsidies for Kid's Day and our scholarship.

On a personal note, Thanks to all of you who went to the UP, I had a great time. The size of our Marquette County specimens seems to be increasing each year.

See you all the first Tue of September.

Bill Mitchell

KGMS President

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Classes

Cabbing 101—Saturday, October 1, 2011 Starting at 9am

This will be an introductory hands on class in making cabochons. Bring your own slab or material will be available for purchase at very reasonable prices. More details to come, but please sign up as class size will be limited.

Wire wrapping 101—Saturday, September 24, 2011 Starting at 9am

This will be an introductory, hands on class in wire wrapping. Materials will be provided for purchase at very reasonable prices. More details to come, but please sign up as class size will be limited.

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Next Meeting

Our next club meeting is Tuesday, September 6th at the Portage Senior Center. Social time starts at 6:30pm and the meeting starts at 7:00pm.

Our scholarship recipient will be there to give a brief presentation.

It was talked about at our June board meeting, that we will be having the kids in our group work toward Federation Badges. Please let us know if this is a good idea to you. If you want an idea of what this is about, you can go to www.amfed.org and check

out the Future Rockhounds of America.



Don't forget your safety glasses

Mine Safety Class

We hosted a Mine Safety Class on July 24, 2011. It was taught by Dr. John Lindsay.

It was a lot of class to put into one day but we all walked away with a Certificate of Training from the US Mine Safety and Health Ad-

ministration. We were trained in Hazard Recognition and First Aid.

All club members should all take this class or something similar , considering the dangers involved in Rock Collecting.

Contacts and Information

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Club Dues

Family \$15.00/year
Single \$13.50/year
Student \$8.00/year
Senior/Couple \$13.50/
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Senior/Single \$10.00/year



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First Tuesday each month
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Location

Portage Senior Center
Portage, MI

Annual Show

Weekend before Mother's
Day at the Kalamazoo
County Expo Center ,
Kalamazoo, MI

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further interest and
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paleontology and
lapidary*



We want to hear
from you!

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New Editor

Hello, my name is Dawn Coeur. I have been a member of the KGMS for almost two years now (a newbie).

My interest in rocks and minerals has been pretty much lifelong. I always seem to be looking at the ground.

I have only seriously been pursuing this interest for the last couple years, so I am by no means an expert. I just want to learn more like all the rest of my fellow club members.

I am looking forward to putting this newsletter together for you. Please feel free to pass any ideas or topics of interest my way.

This month's newsletter is pretty short and sweet but like us all, they will get better with time.

Thanks for reading, see you soon.

Dawn Coeur

