

GEMS

President's Message

Hello KGMS,

Another show is over and done. Now it is time to start planning the next.

Thanks to all of our members who pitched in and worked at this year's show. The show went well, however attendance was down noticeably. We will have to work on that. With that said, I have heard from multiple members that they enjoyed working at this year's show.

Work Bee's have been scheduled for July 21 and August 25. What are Work Bee's you ask? This is where we put together or make the things we use for the show. Such as Mine Bags, the Egg Carton rock collections, and Game Prizes. All you have to do is show up and be willing to spend a few hours working. No experience or previous knowledge required. Afterwards, we pig out on a pot luck meal. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend. Let me

know if you have any questions.

As always we are in need of rock specimens. Things of need are fossils and small specimens for mine bags and game prizes. If you have anything you would like to donate please bring them to our club meeting or contact me for a pick-up or delivery.

Summer is here. Enjoy! Safe and prosperous collecting!

Bill Mitchell

KGMS President

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Midwest Federation Shows—June 2012

2-3: VIROQUA, WI; Annual Show, Coulee Rock Club, Viroqua Middle School Gym, 100 Blackhawk Dr, Sat 10:00-5:00, Sun 10:00-4:00, Contact Gary J Krause, 606 E Court St, Viroqua, WI 54665, 608-637-2574, 608-637-2574 garyjkrause@yahoo.com

8-9: REDWOOD FALLS, MN; Club Show in conjunction with MN Inventors Congress, Redwood Area Community Center, 901 Cook St, Fri & Sat 10:00-6:00, Contact Allan Hacker, PO Box 37, Morgan, MN 56266, 507-249-3811, 507-249-3811

8-10: PARK HILLS, MO; 15th Annual Missouri Mines Rock Swap, St. Joe State Park, Missouri Mines Historical Site, Hwy 32 1.5 miles W of US Hwy 67, Fri-Sat 9:00-6:00, Sun 9:00-4:00, Contact Missouri Mines Museum, 573-431-6226, 573-431-6226 or Boneta Hensley, 411 Allen St, Farmington, MO 63640, 573-760-0488, 573-760-0488 <http://www.facebook.com/bonetahensley> <https://www.facebook.com/events/113248432100456/>

9: MONROE CITY, MO; Show & Swap, Gem City Rock Club, M.W. Boudreaux Visitor Center at Mark Twain Lake, Rte J, Sat 9:00-4:00, Contact Jeanne Smith or Debbie Franke, 30263 207th Ave, Ewing, MO, 63440, 573-439-5890, 573-439-5890 jsmith45@marktwain.net

9: SKOKIE, IL; 1st Annual Swap, Chicago Rocks & Minerals Society, St Peter's United Church of Christ, 8013 Laramie Ave, Sat 1:00-5:00, Contact Jeanine Mielechi, 6304 W Highland Ave, Chicago, IL 60646, jaynine9@aol.com

9-10: SIOUX FALLS, SD Sioux Empire Gem and Mineral Society Sioux Falls will have a booth at the Outdoor Expo held at the South Dakota State Fairgrounds in Huron. In our booth we have displays of our collections, many interactive educational displays for kids of all ages, club and rock collecting information, and various small rocks and minerals for sale at very affordable prices for kids.

9-10: PLYMOUTH, WI; Annual Show, Glacial Drifters Geological Society, Inc., Sheboygan County Fairgrounds, 229 Fairview Dr, Sat 9:00-4:00, Sun 10:00-4:00, Contact Kevin Ponzio, PO Box 44, Plymouth, WI 53073, 920-980-6413, 920-980-6413 earthprospect@frontier.com

16-17: OZARK, MO; Gem Fair, Ozark Mountain Gem & Mineral Society, Finley River Park, Contact Eddie Maples, 417-725-3001, 417-725-3001

22-24: BLOOMINGTON, IN; 47th Annual Show & Swap, Lawrence County Rock Club, Inc., Monroe County Fairgrounds, Airport Rd & Hwy 45, Fri 10:00-6:30, Sat 9:00-6:30, Sun 10:00-4:00, Contact Dave Treffinger, 13101 E 250 N, Loogootee, IN 47553, 812-295-3463, 812-295-3463

23: OSSEO, MN; Rock Swap & Sale, Anoka County Gem & Mineral Club, United Methodist Church Parking Lot, 2nd Ave & 2nd St SE, Sat 10:00-2:00, Contact Martha Miss, 8445 Grange Blvd, Cottage Grove, MN 55016, 651-459-0343, 651-459-0343 info@rock-biz.biz

24: COLUMBUS, NE; Swap, Loup Valley Gem & Mineral Society, Isaac Walton Cabin, Junction Hwys 81 & 30, Sun 9:00-5:00, Contact Mary Wemhoff, PO Box 257, Platte Center, NE 68653, 402-246-3955, 402-246-3955 wemhoffconst@plattevalley.net

30-July 1: OSAGE BEACH, MO; 11th Annual Show, Osage Rock & Mineral Club, The Inn at Grand Glaize, 5142 Hwy 54, Sat & Sun 11:00 - 5:00, Contact Roger Varvel, 14354, Hwy 64, Lebanon, MO 65536, Recorded Info 417-532-4367, 417-532-4367 ormc2012show@centurylink.net

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Club Dues

Due by December 31st

Family \$15.00/year

Single \$13.50/year

Student \$8.00/year

Senior/Couple \$13.50/year

Senior/Single \$10.00/year

Meetings

First Tuesday each month except for January, July, and August

Work Bees/Picnic

Dates TBA in July and August

Location

Portage Senior Center

Portage, MI

Annual Show

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

Our Purpose: To further interest and education in gems, minerals, geology, paleontology and lapidary



We want to hear from you!

Draft of Minutes for May Meeting

Minutes of Kalamazoo Geological and Mineral Society

General Meeting Date: May 1, 2012

CALL TO ORDER: The general business meeting of the KGMS was held at the Portage Senior Center, Portage MI on May 1, 2012. Bill Mitchell, President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

OFFICER'S REPORTS:

PRESIDENT:

Informed the club of the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies (AFMS) annual raffle.

Newsletter identifying items being raffled was passed around for club members to see.

Validated with members their requested exhibit case quantities and size requirements for the Annual Show displays.

Opened the floor to members for any last minute questions relating to the Annual show.

VICE PRESIDENT:

Requested members recommend topics for future meetings and/or volunteer to teach members how to complete a project.

The following recommendations were proposed: gemstone trees, fluorescent minerals, mineral identification, favorite field trip, and show and tell of favorite minerals.

Action Item: Jerry VanNocker stated he would develop a list of topics and do some brainstorming with Elizabeth.

Action Item: Bill Mitchell will review the AFMS video program topics and see if any would work for the June meeting. He will order one for the program.

SECRETARY:

Report unavailable for review since secretary was absent.

TREASURER:

Kate Dutrow, Treasurer, read the report.

Elizabeth Schau motioned for approval.

Marilyn Powers seconded.

Report will be submitted for audit.

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BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE: Marilyn Powers, Co-Chairperson

Requested members provide desert or salad dishes to pass for the hospitality room. Reminded members of Saturday night's banquet and the cost of tickets.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE: Sherri Crum, Chairperson

Action Item: Club members will need to vote on the children's poster submittals.

Completed: 1st place -- 'Minerals and Rocks' --Zack Kunst; 2nd place -- 'Michigan Gemstones' -- Riley Kamyszek; 3rd place -- 'Michigan Minerals Rocks' -- Alyssa DeCaluwe. All are students from Dorr Elementary.

NEWSPAPER PUBLICITY: Diane Peterson, Chairperson

An article relating to the show will appear in both the Battle Creek Shopper News and the Hastings Banner. Combined reader circulation is 90,000.

Action Item: Ken Ahrens offered to list the show on Craig's List.

Completed.

DEMONSTRATOR RESERVATIONS: Bill Mitchell, Chairperson

An 11th demonstrator has contacted Bill Mitchell to request addition to our venue. Previously the Board approved travel subsidies to the existing 10 demonstrators.

Action Item: Request club approval to grant the 11th demonstrator the same travel subsidy (\$30.00 per day or \$100.00 for the entire show).

Completed: The club agreed providing the travel subsidy to the 11th demonstrator.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

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NEW BUSINESS:

Kitty Starbuck indicated she has been unable to print the newsletters sent by email to her and that she has not received the newsletters by mail as she has requested. Tony Payne has attempted to assist Kitty but also was unable to print the newsletter from her computer.

Action Item: Add the Starbuck address to the hard copy distribution list.

POC: Dawn Coeur.

PRESENTATION: Bill Mitchell discussed the geological time periods exhibited in the stratigraphy of the state of Michigan. His presentation included the types of representative material – fossils or rock formations which can be found by the collector.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Scholarship winners will provide a presentation explaining how they used the scholarship funds in the fall.

The meeting in June will include time for club members to express satisfaction with the show's set ups in all aspects or to recommend possible improvements for next year's event.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Allison D. VanNocker

Date of Approval