

GEMS

President's Message

Hello KGMS,

Hope all of you had a great summer!

I know our Club year starts at the first of the year, but to me the September meeting seems like the start of a new season, with us not having a regular meeting since June.

We will start the season by having our 2012 scholarship awardee's as our presenters. This is always a great learning experience for us, so I hope everyone can attend.

Things are always busy behind the scenes for the Club. As always, we are preparing for our show. I believe our Work Bees

this summer were very productive and appreciate all of the materials, time and effort our members have contributed. Please remember that this is our club and takes participation by all of our members for its success.

Lastly, Dues are due. So please be prepared to submit your dues.

As always, please contact me with any questions or comments. Thanks for your help.

Rock On,

Bill Mitchell

KGMS President

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September Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 4th. Social time at 6:30 pm. Meeting starts at 7:00 pm. Our 2012 Scholarship recipients will be our presenters. Please remember dues are due.

August 18th Mineral Study Group Meeting

If forced to describe, in one sentence, the second meeting of the KGMS Mineral Study Group I would say, it was “On topic, un-structured, and just a whole lot of fun!”. The focus of the meeting was rock identification; using hardness, streak, color and luster. Members of the group brought a diverse selection of rocks and minerals to the meeting to examine. While each of us walked away learning something a little different I think all off us left the meeting realizing practicing these identification techniques, in real life, is a lot different than reading about them in books.

No matter your level of expertise, novice or expert, come join us at the next meeting on September 15, 9:00 AM at 13101 East Armour Lane in Battle Creek, MI. In the September meeting we will continue with rock identification, this time focusing on using specific gravity and chemical analysis.

The October meeting will be on the 20th and be held at Jack Fuller’s home - 6929 Bay Ridge Rd, Kalamazoo, MI 49009-8967.

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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!