

GEMS

DECEMBER 2012 NEWSLETTER OF THE KALAMAZOO GEOLOGICAL & MINERAL SOCIETY



From the President:

Happy Holidays Rockhounds,

As of the writing of this note, it does not quite feel like the holiday season with highs expected near 60. However, I can only hope that snow, and lots of it, is just around the corner.

The "Social Event of the Season", i.e. our annual KGMS Christmas Party will be December 4th, at our regularly scheduled Club meeting date. Please note that the event will start at 6:30 pm instead of the normal meeting time of 7:00 pm. Details are provided later in this issue of the GEMS.

Planning for our Show continues. Last year's attendance numbers were disappointedly low. So this year we are making an effort to get the word out to the public. If you have any background in advertising, have connections with local radio and/or TV, or any creative advertising ideas; please get in touch with Jerry VanNocker (this year's show chairperson) or me.

This is the season to give thanks and hopefully be in a position to help those less fortunate. I am thankful for being a member of KGMS and having the opportunity to share my hobby with such a great group of people. Merry Christmas!

Rock On,

Bill Mitchell

KGMS President

KGMS ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY!!

When: December 4th at 6:30 (Note different time)

Where: Portage Senior Center

The dinner is potluck, so bring a dish to pass, that will serve from 2 to 12 people and a healthy appetite. The Club will be providing the main course. Each person is responsible for their own place setting (plates, silver ware, napkins, beverage, ...)

Gift Exchange: Bring a gift to get a gift. Something related to our hobby (rock, book,...)

Be prepared to test your knowledge to win prizes.

A MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

Please note that there will not be a club meeting for January 2013

Merry Christmas, Ho Ho Ho & all that jazz!!

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving and are looking forward to the Holidays. My wish for everyone is having the Holiday they hoped for and get what their little hearts desire!

My apologies for this edition arriving a few days late. I had a major computer malfunction that I managed to correct yesterday, so all should be fine after this. I really am learning the challenges of being an Editor the hard way! Trying to keep the print large enough to easily read while squeezing 22 single pages into 6 double sided, due to postage for the ones I mail out. Not an easy task when you're still learning the program you're using! Wouldn't it be great if we could buy computers/computer programs that think like we do?? One can always hope!

Thank you for all your positive comments on my first newsletter! I will always do my best for all of you. So does anyone have any stories for me? Who is going to be the "GEMS Star of the Month" by telling me their Rockhound story? *Come on.... someone's got to be willing!* Ken Ahrens suggested I tell my story.....

SO, HERE'S MY STORY:

Well you see, I've always liked shiny things.....

I'm from Battle Creek and I've been a member of KGMS for 7 years. I was about 2 yrs old when I started "collecting" rocks. My first rock bucket was reversible, it could also be worn as a hat, as the photo, right, shows! I'd fill my bucket with rocks from our driveway (mostly fool's gold) and gather arrowheads from the woods (where oh where are they now???). Seems like I was always looking down at the ground and



picking up rocks. Though I have physical challenges that make fieldtrips too hard for me now, I still look down for rocks!

A friend of my Dad's owned Peck's Rock Shop in Battle Creek. He used to take me there as a kid and I just loved the fluorescent room. Another friend of my Dad's made him a Michigan bolero, it was made out of a polished Petoskey stone. I loved to wear it whenever he'd let me. Wish I had that now!

I joined the club because I wanted to go to Arkansas to mine for crystals with my good friends, Theresa & Tony Payne. A couple of years later we went and it was great! We met up with Dennis Guy, June Downing, Adrian Quint, Terina Rafter and her kids Gaia and Oscar Bogan, there too. I was covered in Arkansas red clay, so was Terina. I had to sit a lot to dig for the crystals, but I didn't care! I did find some amazing crystals, like the Alien ones. Anyway, I really liked the club and I made some great friends, so I stayed around! Who knows, I might even learn something about rocks, too!

MORE ABOUT MASTODONS

I remembered hearing about a MI. couple finding Mastadon bones in their yard, so I looked it up. Pretty cool! Here's the 2009 article:

Family Discovers 10,000-Year-Old Mastodon Bones in Backyard may help reveal background for the mastodon's extinction.

For Rich and Annette Schneider of Portland, Mich., the digging of a new pond in their backyard suddenly turned into an excavation of ancient bones, as they uncovered parts of a grown mastodon — a mammoth-like creature that entered the North American continent about 15 million years ago.

PHOTO: The Hyde Park Mastodon

"We pulled up a thigh bone and we knew there was something going on. We didn't know what was going on, but quickly started pawing through the excavated dirt and found rib bones, a tusk and more," Rich Schneider told Michigan Science.

"Everyday we went out there, we found more pieces, including some that were still embedded in the pond bed itself."



The mastodon in question is believed to be about 10,000 years old, from right around the time the species went extinct. Professor Daniel Fisher from the University of Michigan studied the excavation and bones and believes the animal was most likely killed by humans and butchered. The bones are believed to have been placed in a pre-existing pond by Paleo-Indians who arrived on the continent around 13,000 B.C. and would submerge part of their captured prey in water to store it for later use.

"We thought it was the right thing to donate the bones to science, since the scientists can extract a wealth of information from them and do a lot better with them than we can," Schneider said.

Fisher is very grateful for the donation and hopes to learn a lot from the bones and tusk. Specifically, they may reveal information on the general health of the animal, since a large debate surrounds how mastodons actually became extinct. Some scientists believe they died out as a result of climate changes and subsequent food scarcity, which would be revealed in the fossilized remains of the mastodons. For the most part, however, this has not been the case, and Fisher believes instead that they were hunted to extinction by humans who may have specialized in big-game hunting. A mastodon would be the size of a present-day elephant, but more heavily built and easily weighing about six tons.

"Would it be hard to hunt down a mastodon? Well, it would be hard for you and me. But in terms of what they (Paleo-Indians) were capable of doing, I don't think there is any question they were capable of hunting these animals," Fisher told Michigan Science. "Whether they did so systematically is a controversial issue though."

This is not the first time mastodon remains have been found in Michigan. In the last 100 years, parts of about 250 mastodons have been uncovered in Michigan. In 2007, archeologists discovered a boulder in Grand Traverse Bay with what looked like drawn markings resembling a mastodon with a spear in its side, indicating that humans hunted them frequently.

Article credit: David Pontoppidan | Nov. 10, 2009 Link to article: <http://www.mackinac.org/11308>

UPCOMING EVENTS

MINERAL STUDY GROUP (MSG)

This event is open to all KGMS members. *There will be no Mineral Study Group in December or January.*

Next MSG will meet on February 16th, 9:00 AM in Kalamazoo - The MSG will meet at Jack Fuller's home, 6929 Bay Ridge Rd, Kalamazoo, MI 49009-8967, (269)-353-5372 or jack.fuller@experis.com

The topic for this meeting is Sulfides. The Sulfide class of minerals include many important metal ores. Galena, Pyrite, Realgar, Sphalerite,

Stibnite, Marcasite, Rhenite, Wurtzite and Chalcopyrite are a few of the minerals included in the Sulfide class.

Bring some minerals or rocks with you to share with the group, as well as any information you have on Sulfides. Attendees are advised, but are not required, to read a little about the subject prior to the meeting.

March 16th, 9:00 AM in Battle Creek - The MSG meeting will be at Jerry and Allison's, 13101 East Armour Lane, Battle Creek, MI 49014. The meeting starts at 9:00 AM with a pancake breakfast for all. (YUM!!)

The topic for this meeting is Show Displays. This will be an opportunity to share and get ideas on your upcoming display at the May show. Construction of labels using foam board will be demonstrated and attendees can make their own signs and labels from the materials provided. More info will be provided by e-mail prior to the meeting.

Late comers are welcome; meetings have been lasting 2+/- hours.

KGMS at KINGMAN MUSEUM

The next KGMS presentations at Kingman Museum are:

December 8th: where we will lead visitors in exploration of "Mineral Properties". with Allison and Jerry VanNocker.

Feb 9th: "Glaciation" will be the topic, with our President, Bill Mitchell.

April 13th: the subject is 'Beach Stones". with Jack Fuller.

If you would like more info or like to help at one of these events please contact Jerry VanNocker at jerry@travelinginspain.com.

Kingman Museum is located at 175 Limit Street Battle Creek, MI 49037; Phone (269) 965-5117. Additional info on Kingman

Museum can be found at www.kingmanmuseum.org

OOPS!! Speaking of Kingman Museum....

I accidentally left Theresa Payne out of the first mention of Kingman Museum in the November GEMS. She assisted Tony with his fluorescent display. My apologies!

FIELD TRIPS:

The Indian Mounds Rock Club has invited KGMS to the former Alabastine Mine, now Michigan Natural Storage Co. in Grand Rapids, MI. If you would like to attend, please send an email to their Kreigh Tomaszewski at Kreigh@Tomaszewski.net he is their field trip coordinator and Jack Fuller jack.fuller@experis.com

Alabastine Gypsum Mine (Michigan Natural Storage Co.)

1200 Judd S.W., Grand Rapids, MI

January 19, 2013 and/or February 23, 2013, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

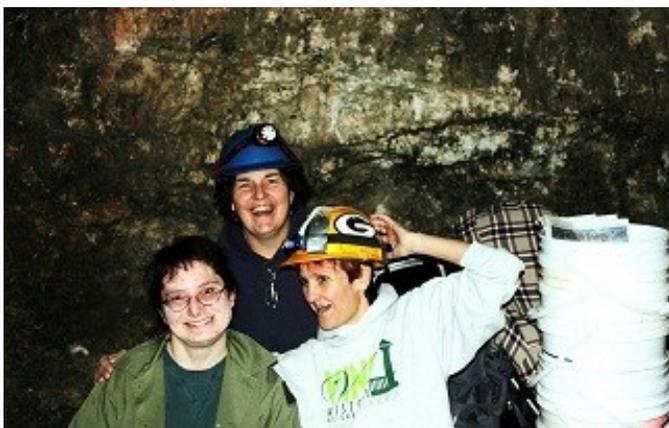
There is a wide variety of specimens to be collected. 'Pencil' selenite and alabaster gypsum are abundant, both white and honey/salmon colored. You may find clear selenite or satin spar gypsum. Fossil collectors may find shark coprolites, teeth, or

spines, and plant and wood fragments, in the shale near the dolomite ceiling; ceiling collecting is strongly discouraged as a safety issue (and prohibited for petrified wood). Mineral collectors may

enjoy seeing epsomite hairs hanging from the ceilings, but should only collect those that have fallen or that are growing on rubble on the floor. You are welcome to bring cameras.



**PHOTO: Gypsum from the mine 2011
Courtesy of Dennis Guy**



Cost: There is a \$3.00 fee per person for entering the mine to help cover costs, such as electricity for lights and the elevator (yes, this is a minor increase). Arrive early so you have time to sign in before our entry time of 10:00 am; late arrivals may be refused entry. The mine owner expects us to enter as a group at the same time. For more information on equipment, food etc. go to the KGMS website. www.azoorockclub.org

See how much fun the gals in the photo are having!

PHOTO: From the Gypsum mine 2011

Left: Cynthia Gauthier

Center: Marilyn Powers

Right: June Downing

Courtesy of Dennis Guy

FINAL BOARD MINUTES OF KALAMAZOO GEOLOGICAL AND MINERAL SOCIETY (KGMS) FOR SEPT 17, 2012

CALL TO ORDER: Bill Mitchell, President, opened the meeting at 7:05 p.m. at the home of Elizabeth Schae, Vice President.

OFFICER'S REPORTS:

President's Report:

1. Two additional Officer resignations - Newsletter Editor and Secretary
2. Allison VanNocker volunteered for Secretary position.
3. Bill will contact an interested club member to discuss newsletter editor position.
4. Jerry VanNocker volunteered to be the 2013 Show Chairman.
5. Jack Fuller volunteered to be the Field Trip Coordinator.
6. The 2013 President's position remains open.

Vice President's Report:

1. Elizabeth identified the following topics for future monthly general meetings.
 - A. October - Doe Run Mine
 - B. November - Members show favorite finds from summer collecting
 - C. December - Christmas Party
 - D. January - No meeting

Treasurer's Report:

1. \$285 income reported from a donation and from memberships - new and renewals.
2. \$163.60 expenses - Portage Senior Center rental, annual show and trailer expenses
3. Board approved; report will be submitted for audit.
4. The official solicitation letter requesting donations is available for anyone needing.

Secretary's Report:

1. August 25, 2012 report approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Swap Meet/Tailgate:

1. Bill Mitchell asked how many sellers would set up at the swap meet. Although neither Dennis Guy nor Terry Buder, Co-Chairmen, have received calls requesting registration or more information, several board members indicated they would be **setting up tables**.
2. Dennis will handle registration and reaffirm the 20% donation with vendors.
3. Terry Buder asked Elizabeth Schae to advertise the swap meet September 20th and 27th for a radio community public relations ad.
4. Dennis Guy will advertise the swap meet on Craig's List.
5. Terry, Dennis, and Jerry developed flyers and roadside signs.

WEBSITE:

1. Club photos, 2013 show dates and location have been added.

KGMS/Kingman Museum Joint Efforts:

1. Jerry and Allison VanNocker met with Katy Avery, Kingman Museum Education staff member, to define roles, discuss monthly programs, available dates, target audience, etc. Four topics were developed and dates decided:

- * Mineral Mysteries - October 13, 2012
- * Mineral Properties - December 8, 2012
- * Glaciations - February 9, 2013
- * Beach Stones - April 13, 2013

* Bill Mitchell volunteered for the Glaciations program and Jack Fuller volunteered for the Beach Stones presentation. Allison and Jerry

will handle Mineral Mysteries and Mineral Properties. All members are invited to assist. Efforts will include KGMS membership recruitment.

2013 Annual Show:

1. Theme expanded to "Mighty Michiganders."
2. Kitty and Marve Starbuck offered their mailing lists to aid in advertising for annual show.
3. Kate Dutrow mailed vendor show contracts to all current vendors.
4. Sherri Crum, Education Chairperson, requested validation of the education budget for the next annual show.
5. Sherri plans to request donations from Wal-Mart. If anyone knows of any supplies that might be obtained from Wal-Mart let her know and they could all be included in one letter.
6. Thirteen (13) bus subsidies are available for the 2013 annual show.
7. Schools will be strongly reminded that each school should only submit their best poster.
8. Terry Buder requested approval to purchase gold for the gold panning demonstrations. The club authorized the purchase of 2 pennyweights.
9. More prizes will be needed for the children's game areas. Currently we have 3,000 but need 3000 more. Prizes do not have to be "just pretty or shiny" rocks, minerals or fossils. Members are strongly encouraged to review their self- collected items for possible donations.

Field Trips:

1. Alpena, Michigan - October 6, 2012. Rockport and LaFarge Cement. Tony Payne will be the on-site KGMS representative. October 13 Byholt Gravel Pit. Ken Ahrens will be the on-site KGMS representative. Attendees will need steel toed shoes, safety vests, and hard hats.
2. Let Bill Mitchell know if you plan to attend.

Mineral Study Group:

1. The October topic will be Agates and the meeting place for October and November will be at Jack Fuller's home. The November topic will be decided during the October meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Michigan Geological and Gemcraft Society (MGAGS/www.mgags.org) will be held in June at Western Michigan University Kalamazoo, MI. They will need our help.
2. Marve and Kitty Starbuck donated material to aid junior members in starting their own collections. The kits include cards for recording specimen information and a Petoskey stone in the shape of Michigan.
3. Kitty Starbuck encouraged members to read the article, "The Health of the Hobby", from the July 2012 issue of Rock & Gem magazine. It identifies reasons for declining interest in the mineral collecting hobby.

OLD BUSINESS:

IMPROVE COMMUNICATION:

1. Articles submitted for the newsletter need to reach the editor about midmonth to be included in the newsletters.

ANNOUNCEMENT: October 15th Board Meeting will be at the VanNocker home – 13101 East Armour Lane Battle Creek, MI.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Allison VanNocker , Secretary

Minutes approved October 15, 2012

BOARD MINUTES

Draft Board Minutes Kalamazoo Geological and Mineral Society (KGMS) for October 15, 2012

Call to order: Bill Mitchell, President, opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Jerry and Allison VanNocker Battle Creek, MI.

1. Bill asked Tony Payne how many participated at the fossil collecting at the Rockport State Recreation area and the LaFarge Alpena Cement Quarry Alpena, Michigan on Saturday October 6th. We had 8 attendees: Jerry and Allison VanNocker, Tony Payne, Dennis Guy, Marshall and Davis Williams plus Christine and Rudy Silich.
2. Tony and Dennis stayed over on Sunday and went to the Rockport State Park, although it was cooler and wet. Also, Byholt experienced wet weather. The club policy is that unless there are tornadoes or lightning, the collecting will go on - just dress accordingly. Also, remember only current paid-up members may participate. Membership fees cover liability insurance.

Officer's Reports:

1. Demerly's, The Jewelry Shoppe, and Beauties of Creation have paid for their spots at the 2013 annual show.
2. We gained 8 new memberships and 1 renewal. Many of the new memberships are family memberships including 9 children.
3. Board approved treasurer's report, which will be submitted for audit.

Secretary's Report:

1. Minutes for the September 17, 2012 Board meeting were read and approved.
2. Minutes will be submitted to Diane Peterson, newsletter editor for addition to the GEMS.

Committee Reports:

Education:

1. Sherri Crum stated the Montessori School would like to do presentation(s) for our annual show. They have volunteered to assist in the past as aids to Western Michigan exhibits/displays but this would be their effort to educate other kids.
2. Bus subsidies are quickly going.

2013 Annual Show:

1. Several Committee Chairmen met with Jerry prior to the board meeting to discuss their roles, roles completed by other individuals, provide necessary documents, and status of tasks relating to the show, etc.
2. Jerry asked Bill Mitchell if he would agree to be the Display Chairperson. Bill agreed and stated he would be willing to contact the demonstrators for their participation.
3. Additional members will be needed for the Mineral Specimen table.
4. Diane Peterson is willing to assist with the Hospitality room.
5. Diane and Jerry VanNocker will work on marketing the show.
6. Additional members will be needed for the Silent Auction table.
7. Tony Payne will do the Geode Cracking area.
8. Volunteers will be needed for the Mine.
9. Sherri Crum suggested establishing a "volunteer coordinator" position. This would help distribute volunteers more evenly through the event, eliminate robbing a volunteer from one area to fill another area, sign-up sheets haven't worked so well, and a volunteer coordinator could handle it all rather than making it several people handling. There was discussion relating to just how many people are needed for each station depending on the day, i.e. more individuals are needed on Friday morning to early afternoon when all the kids are present. No final decision was reached on the establishment of a position, more discussion will follow.
10. Diane suggested the posting of a sign at the Hospitality room to ensure that only volunteers/club members come in for the food and so that the general public does not. The board did agree on this recommendation.
11. There was a suggestion that volunteers/members wear distinguishing T-shirts, aprons, or vests at the show so that attendees will know who they can approach if they have questions or comments. T-shirts did seem to have the highest approval because vests and aprons add just another clothing layer, which can make the wearers too warm. And they have the advantage that they can be worn afterwards as an additional advertising method for the club. This issue will be pursued further in the future after prices have been researched for printing costs and T-shirt purchases.
12. Bill asked if we were acknowledging and thanking companies for their support on our website. Jerry said if he was given a list he would get it added to the website.
13. We also will need an additional individual to spend one of the nights at the event as a "guard".
14. Jerry asked if our event insurance covers only liability or does it cover theft also. Kate said she would get a copy of the insurance for us so we could check.
15. Saturday October 13th, Jerry, Allison and Tony were given a tour of several storage areas at the Kingman Museum of Natural History. In particular, we were shown the Museum's mastodon tusk and upper mandible. Neither has been on display at the museum for quite a while due to damage to the tusk and a dearth of funds available to create proper cases for display of the items. Tony Payne volunteered to build them display cases and Jerry has volunteered to pay for the wood and glass. In turn, but not obligatory, we are hoping the museum will allow us to display the items at our show. If the museum board does not agree we are at least hoping they will have some other items they would loan to the club for the 2013 show.
16. If our insurance does not cover theft, it would be very likely we would need to secure theft coverage for at least a 3-4 day period otherwise the museum probably would not allow a loan of any kind.
17. We need to begin distributing our show flyers for placement at other clubs' shows. Diane Peterson will update last year's

flyers with current information. We also will develop multiple formats appropriate for different markets, such as, smaller flyers for coffee houses, posters, etc.

18. Advertising this year might include, if feasible, billboards, electronic signs at banks and local businesses, and displays in businesses a short time before the event.

19. In addition, several restaurants, Julianna's and Marjos in Schoolcraft have placemats, which advertise local events. Jerry will pursue costs and develop appropriate ads.

20. Only 12 coupons were turned in last year at the registration desks so it may not be a viable advertising method for us.

21. We will continue to use hand stamps at the registration desks.

Website:

1. The last newsletter content was added.
2. When sending articles or information to Diane the format should be .txt.
3. Jerry needs to receive the officers' and board members' email and personal information as they would like it to appear on the web and he will update. For example, some members do not want their business emails to appear on the KGMS website.
4. Diane explained photo bucket access. Instructions will be provided on our web page.
5. Bill asked questions about our Facebook access and thought we needed to address how we monitor the club's Facebook access.

OLD BUSINESS:

Audit:

1. Marve Starbuck asked for status on the audit. Kate Dutrow, Treasurer, has our information ready for the club's audit committee, Sherri Crum and Will Smith, to conduct their audit. Our previous auditor stated he would no longer be doing our audits, but has only recently returned the information to Kate. The committee and Kate will establish audit date.

Improve Communication:

1. Bill identified the names of individuals who have informed him that they would like hard copy of information so that Diane would have for distribution of the newsletters.

KGMS/Kingman Museum Joint Efforts:

1. The first event, Mineral Mysteries, held Saturday October 13, 2012 received 32 visitors, twenty adults and 12 children. The museum staff told us previous Saturday attendances have been around 25. Several parents did express interest in the club and took club brochures.
2. Tony and Theresa Payne brought their fluorescent minerals and display case. Jerry and Allison VanNocker brought several items that the children could touch without harm. The next event will be December 8 and will be entitled Mineral Properties.

New Business:

1. Kate Dutrow updated the KGMS application form and requested input. It was determined clarification relating to the specific age when a member becomes a "senior" member should be identified. It was decided reaching the age of 60 entitles one to be become a "senior" member. Board approved document with age revision. Kate will revise and use this form for future registrations.

Announcements:

1. General Meeting for November will be in the smaller room since the Portage Senior Center is an election-polling site.
2. Each month we will begin listing new members in the GEMS newsletters.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:00.

Allison VanNocker, Secretary

Minutes approved _____

DRAFT BOARD MINUTES KALAMAZOO GEOLOGICAL AND MINERAL SOCIETY (KGMS) FOR NOV 19, 2012

CALL TO ORDER: The President, Bill Mitchell, opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Elizabeth Schae.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Christmas party at the Portage Senior Center December 4th 6:30 p.m.

OFFICER'S REPORTS:

Treasurer's Report:

1. Russell's and Mineral House have submitted deposits to reserve their spots at the 2013 annual show. Jack asked if there is a set deposit amount required for vendor reservations.
2. We gained 1 new membership and 3 renewals.
3. Board approved treasurer's report, which will be submitted for audit.

Secretary's Report:

1. Draft minutes for the October 15, 2012 Board meeting were submitted to board members by email prior to the meeting. Bill recommended one revision. Correction was made and minutes were approved.
2. Approved minutes will be submitted to Diane Peterson, newsletter editor, for addition to the GEMS.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

2013 Annual Show:

1. Jerry VanNocker presented a chart identifying the various show subcommittees and committed leads for those subcommittees. He will begin calling club members after Thanksgiving to seek their participation and where they would like to help out.
2. Bill has spoken to Western Michigan University concerning their collection of mastodon bones. They are willing to allow us to exhibit some of the bones from their collection.
3. Bill and Linda from Beauties of Creation have provided a grand prize-drawing item for us, but we will need other door prizes, too. Bill will submit a request in the GEMS asking if club members have suitable items to donate.
4. Possible rearrangements of game locations, the specimen table, and the club displays, etc. was discussed to provide more room for dealers and easier flow of traffic on Friday when all the students are present.
5. The attendance at last year's show was considerably smaller than previous years. As a result, marketing and advertising need to be expanded and we need members to assist. Several target markets identified below were discussed
 - A. The marathon, which was held on the same Saturday as our event, may have diluted our attendance numbers. Bill suggested we see if we could add flyers advertising our show to the "goody bag" given to each runner.
 - B. Restaurant placemat advertising
 - C. Postcard mailings, which would advertise Michigan Geological and Gemcraft Society (MGAGS), the Starbuck's May sale, and the club's show and would use all 3 mailing lists. Costs for printing and mailing, if agreed to by the respective parties, would be split between MGAGS, Starbucks and the club. The club's mailing addresses have been consolidated and computerized, but the Starbuck's and MGAGS' would need to be gathered, consolidated and computerized. Allison will check into the cost of a bulk mailing permit and any restrictions associated with bulk mailing.
 - D. Setting up displays in local libraries, such as Parchment, Battle Creek, and Oshtemo.
 - E. Jerry would like us to establish a "tool box" of marketing formats on our website that would work for various target markets. For example, posters which could be used in library displays or at small businesses; flyers for the dealers to use; or small postcards that could be mailed out or even left at coffee shops, small restaurants or businesses for customers to see. These would be something our members could pull from the web and use without having to create something themselves and it would get the word out.

Website:

Acknowledgment to companies for their support to our club has been added to the website.

Jack would like us to add email addresses to our website. An address example would be fieldtripcoordinator@kalamazoorockclub.org. The benefit for this type of address is information can still be retrieved even when there has been a personnel change, one person would be responsible for keeping the addresses current rather than each of us creating a separate user group and perhaps using old email addresses, forgetting to include a name, or not being able to identify the appropriate address for a member. Additional email addresses could be a user group for the board members, for show subcommittee members, or there could be an email address, which has the current club members, etc. Kate Dutrow maintains the current email listing. In one day she can receive several separate requests for the most current listing. This is time consuming for her and could be solved with a consolidated listing on the web. The cost is approximately \$70.00 for 20 addresses. Jack is going to investigate more but the board did authorize the expense.

Fieldtrips:

1. Jack is working with Kreigh Tomaszewski to organize a trip to the Grand Rapids Alabaster mine in January.

Also, there are some possibilities for a field trip during spring break. Dates and locations are still being developed.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:00.

Allison VanNocker, Secretary

Minutes approved _____

2013 SHOW UPDATE:

I wanted to let everyone know that I will not be doing Hospitality Room during the 2013 Show after all. I have been doing it every year since I joined the club and realized how much of the show I miss every year. So I have decided to try something different next year. I am hoping to do the registration table with Marilyn, and I would also like to do the Silent Auction table. I have already been made aware that I am disappointing several people, I apologize for that, as they look forward to having me back there. This does not mean it's a permanent change, I'm just trying something different this year.

Thanks for understanding.

Diane

TREASURER'S REPORT

TIME PERIOD

10/1/2012 through 10/31/2012

INCOME

DATE	DESCRIPTION	DUES		
		501(C)(3)	SHOW	DEPOSIT
10.1.12	Show deposit - Demerly's		\$100.00	\$100.00
10.2.12	New member dues (8) - 2013	\$112.50		\$112.50
10.2.12	New member badges	\$8.00		\$8.00
10.2.12	Member renewal (1) - 2013	\$15.00		\$15.00
10.2.12	Swap Meet and Tailgate proceeds	\$86.15		\$86.15
10.12.12	Show deposit - The Jewelry Shoppe		\$300.00	
10.12.12	Show deposit - Beauties of Creation		\$100.00	\$400.00
10.31.12	Interest - checking	\$0.32		\$0.32
		TOTAL	\$221.97	\$721.97
10.31.12	Savings interest	\$0.00	Quarterly	
10.31.12	Certificate interest	\$2.84		
		\$2.84		

EXPENSES

CHECK #	DATE	PAID TO	AMOUNT
2280	10.2.12	Mary Johnson - change from \$20 tendered for dues	\$6.50
2281	10.2.12	Senior Center - Monthly meeting	\$30.00
2282	10.2.12	Marve Starbucks - 44 door prizes	\$75.00
2283	10.2.12	Diane Peterson - Sunshine cards, stamps	\$32.31
2285	10.2.12	Diane Peterson - copier supplies	\$60.00
2286	10.13.12	Dr. Hook's - Four badges	\$32.00
			\$235.81

BALANCES

	<i>CHECKING</i>	<i>CERTIFICATE</i>	<i>SAVINGS</i>
BEGIN. BALANCE	\$3,242.90	\$6,088.03	\$5,996.75
+ INCOME	\$721.97	\$2.84	\$0.00
-EXPENSES	\$235.81	\$0.00	\$0.00
TRANSFERS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
ENDING BALANCE	\$3,729.06	\$6,090.87	\$5,996.75

NOTES: Beginning balance is as of 9/30/2012

Savings includes Scholarship funds = \$554.00

Trailer fund = \$201.88

501(C)(3) = \$1334.40

FINAL

Sheri Crum allotment of \$750.00 - (48.82+351.31)(as of 12.9.11) = \$319.87

TREASURER'S REPORT

TIME PERIOD

11/1/2012 through 11/19/2012

INCOME

DATE	DESCRIPTION	Dues 501(C)(3)	SHOW	DEPOSIT
11.6.12	Show deposit - Russell's		\$100.00	\$100.00
11.6.12	Willard/Cathy Smith - renewal 2013	\$13.50		
11.6.12	Deborah Nowak - renewal 2013	\$10.00		
11.6.12	Ken/Esther Thoroughman - new member 2013	\$21.50		
11.14.12	Ruth Scott - renewal, family 2013 (e-mail)	\$15.00		\$60.00
11.15.12	Show deposit - The Mineral House		\$150.00	\$150.00
11.30.12	Interest - checking	\$0.00		\$0.00
	TOTAL	\$60.00	\$250.00	\$310.00
11.30.12	Savings interest	\$0.00	Quarterly	
11.30.12	Certificate interest	\$0.00		
		\$0.00		

EXPENSES

CHECK #	DATE	PAID TO	AMOUNT
2284	11.6.12	Portage Senior Center - November meeting	\$30.00
2287	11.14.12	Dr. Grace memorial donation	\$250.00
2288	11.14.12	Terry Buder - Tailgate Swap Meet expenses	\$47.92
			\$327.92

BALANCES

	<i>CHECKING</i>	<i>CERTIFICATE</i>	<i>SAVINGS</i>
BEGIN. BALANCE	\$3,729.06	\$6,090.87	\$5,996.75
+ INCOME	\$310.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
-EXPENSES	\$327.92	\$0.00	\$0.00
TRANSFERS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
ENDING BALANCE	\$3,711.14	\$6,090.87	\$5,996.75

NOTES: Beginning balance is as of 10/31/2012

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Portage Senior Center
Portage, MI
The first Tuesday each month except:
January, July and August
Work bees/Picnic Dates
TBA in July and August

2013 KGMS ANNUAL SHOW

(May 3rd, 4th & 5th 2013)
Always the weekend before Mother's Day
at the Kalamazoo County Expo Center
2900 Lake Street (Kalamazoo Fairgrounds)
Kalamazoo, MI 49048
(269) 383-8778
www.kalcounty.com/parks/show_calendar_expo.php

Club Dues

Due by December 31st
Family \$15.00/year
Single \$13.50/year
Senior/Couple 60 yrs \$13.50/yr
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