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SCENES FROM OUR ANNUAL SHOW 2010

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Visitors are welcome at all Meetings! When & Where

Club Meetings are held at 7:00 PM on the third Tuesday, September through May, and take place in the fellowship hall located in the basement of the Wesley Park United Methodist Church.

The church is on the corner of Michael and 32nd Street, south of 28th Street, in Wyoming.

At 6:30 PM, on the third Tuesday, June through August, our club has a **picnic** at Pinery Park in Wyoming, which is on DeHoop just north of 28th St. Our usual spot is behind the north parking lot on the west side of DeHoop. Bring a dish to share, your own drinks, and table service.

Board Meetings are held right after the club meeting, or by special announcement on the fourth Tuesday of the month.

Club Membership dues are \$15 per family, \$10 per individual and \$5 per junior. Payment is due by the third Tuesday of September and is for the following January – December. **New** members that join at or after the annual show, pay only one-half of the yearly dues for the current year. Membership includes 9 issues of the Arrowhead News.

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NO PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

PROGRAM REVIEW AND PREVIEW

By Nancy Spalenka, Program Chair

Thanks to all who helped with the 2010 Gem and Mineral Show.

Our 45th Anniversary Celebration on April 20 was well attended by 57 adults and 2 children. Guests from other clubs included Don and June Downing, Elizabeth Schau and Carly Cranmore from the Kalamazoo Geological and Mineral Society, Chris Cooper from the Tulip City Gem & Mineral Club, and Mike Vagnetti from the Wonderland Rock Club and the newly formed Big Rapids Club. We were happy to see life time member Joyce Potter and former club member Dan Palasek, along with other guests and visitors.

Our speaker, Dave Lacko, of D'Jar Meteorites, brought his wife, Pam. Dave gave a very informative program on "The Tells of Meteorites." We learned about stone, iron, and stony-iron meteorites. He brought interesting samples for us to study and told about places he has collected. Chris Cooper also shared some interesting collecting experiences.

The tables were beautifully decorated by Gladys and Skip Schipper with colorful potted plants and pretty polished stones on top of a pretty green plaid streamer down the center of the tables. Marlene Lynnes made delicious punch. Rhonda Leep put out 45th anniversary information programs and little packets of mints, kisses, and nuts at each place. Roger Horvarter again prepared tasty pork served with escalloped apples. Our thanks to each for their time and talents which helped make our evening so enjoyable.

The programs included a bit of Club Trivia. Indian Mounds Rock and Mineral Club joined the Midwest Federation on April 24, 1965. Jack Cramer was the first club president, and the meetings were held at Rogers High School. (There were 25 adult members.) In 2010 the current membership is 152 adults and 36 junior members.

President Jim Elliot surprised Gordon and Nancy Spalenka and Don and Lois Van Dyke with the announcement that they have been made Lifetime Members of the Indian Mounds Rock and Mineral Club. Other life members include Bob Beauvais, Harry and Eleanor Brummel, Ted Duprey, Naida House, Joyce Potter, Marge Potter, Peg Saunier and Dana Slaughter.

NO TREASURER'S REPORT

Thanks to everyone who brought a specimen for the memorial case in the Gem and Mineral Show and to everyone who brought a donation to the club sales table. We took in \$205.50 from your donations.

Nancy Spalenka

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"BEST OF THE YEAR" SHOW

By Kreigh Tomaszewski

Time is rapidly approaching for our annual "Best of the Year" competition. If you don't enter, you will not be in the drawing for gift certificates for our June 12 Summer Super Sale. Please start looking NOW for your best specimens to enter (as long as they have not been entered previously).

You may enter one specimen in each category. The more categories you enter the better your chances of winning. Do not put your name on the specimen or label (only bulletin articles will identify the writer) -- you will be assigned an entry number to use on your labels. The categories are...

Creative Arts (self made, not purchased):

1. Bulletin Article (Editor Brenda will select the best articles from the past year {hopefully, one per month}). You need to think about writing an article or two this year for next year's "Best of the Year" show.
2. Bead work: Bead stringing or weaving (mineral instead of glass beads preferred.)
3. Cabochons: any shape or size, natural preferred but may be synthetic, no plastic.
4. Metalworking: Metal forming, inlaid design, cast, smithed, or wirewrapped.
5. Most Creative Use of Lapidary: Must contain some formed natural stone.

Collected Items (must be natural minerals/specimens, cleaning permitted):

6. Self collected Thumbnail: must fit in a 1x1x1 inch box
7. Purchased Thumbnail: must fit in a 1x1x1 inch box (may be a gift or trade.)
8. Self collected specimen: must be larger than a thumbnail.
9. Purchased specimen: must be larger than a thumbnail (may be a gift or trade.)
10. Self collected fossil: cast, mold, trace, replacement, carbon, etc., but not pseudo.
11. Purchased fossil: same rules as 10 (may be a gift or trade.)

World Class (must start with natural minerals, cleaning and alteration permitted):

12. Most unusual specimen: Forget the ordinary. Unusual associations. Legally collected cave formations. Casts, molds, meteorites, dyed or irradiated specimens, fluorescent, or whatever originally natural specimen you can come up with.
13. Ugliest specimen: It should be a natural specimen, but creative touches (like eyes, arms, etc) may enhance its lack of appeal.
14. Best of Show: Any specimen, from any category (above). What grabbed you? Pick the best of all the displayed specimens.

Juniors (you must be under 18 to enter -- juniors may enter any adult category too):

15. Junior Best of Show: Any specimen, any category. One specimen per Junior.

You will start by coming early and registering as a participant to get a number, and a packet of labels. This number will identify you on the label you will fill out for each category you enter. This number will also enter you in the drawing for the Summer Super Sale Gift Certificates (if you put your entry in the box).

You will then fill out the appropriate label for each specimen you are entering. The label will identify the category, specimen, locality (if appropriate), and your registration number. You will place each entered specimen on the appropriate category table along with its label. Your registration number will hide your identity and make the voting more fair.

Voting will take place by category. Club members will select the specimen they like best in each category, and record the registration number on their ballot. Turn in your ballot as soon as it is completed so we can start tabulating the results and have them done by the end of the business meeting.

Awards will occur in each category for first, second, and third place. All participants will be in the running for gift certificates. There will be cash prizes for the two best of show categories.

This really is your meeting. If you don't participate everyone will be disappointed. The focus is on sharing the best of your collection. We all want the chance to go ooooooh!, and we can't do it if you don't enter.

The May meeting will start at 7 pm, but if you are entering you will need to come early so you can register and display your specimens before the meeting starts (setup starts at 6:30). This is the one meeting you need to be early for -- if you are late you will miss out!

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- **WEST MICHIGAN MWF MINERAL STUDY GROUP**

- 7 - 9 pm at Kreigh Tomaszewski's home, 653 Burton St. S.E., Grand Rapids, MI 49507.
- We will be studying the Feldspar Group; Orthoclase, Microcline, and the Plagioclase series of Albite, Oligoclase, Andesite, Labradorite, Bytownite, and Anorthite.

May 18

- **IMRMC MEETING**

- Wesley Park United Methodist Church
- Tuesday, 7 PM – 9 PM
- Program: Best of the Year - by and for Club Members

June
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- **49TH ANNUAL SHOW "FORTY-NINER MINERS"**

- State Line Gem and Mineral Club
- Fulton County Fairgrounds, 8415 SR 108; Wauseon, OH
- Doris Brzezicki, Show Chairperson, 517-263-1669, rychar@tc3net.com.

June 12

- **IMRMC - ROCKS & MINERALS 2010 SUMMER SUPER SALE**

- Wesley Park United Methodist Church
- Saturday 9 AM - Noon - Rain or Shine

June 12 & 13

- **M.G.A.G.S. 36TH ANNUAL ROCKHOUND SEMINAR and MIDWEST FACETERS GUILD SEMINAR**

- Webberville High/Middle School
- www.mgags.org - email webmaster@mgags.org
- Don Brown 313-421-8159 or Neil Snapp 517-339-2863

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- **IMRMC MEETING**

- Wesley Park United Methodist Church
- Tuesday, 7 PM – 9 PM
- Program: "Geodes", speaker, Steve Tchozeski



FIELD TRIPS IN ARIZONA

April 06 – 20, 2010

By Rance and Anne Westover

After flying from Detroit to Phoenix, we picked up our Rental car and drove to Yuma. Just west of Yuma inside California we found Kyanite and very pretty Dumortierite. The next day we planned on going to the Red Cloud Mining District but were encouraged not to. So with a change of plans we headed for Castle Dome. However, within a few miles of the Dome, a flat tire again changed our plans for the day. Another day was lost locating a tire and replacing the donut found in the rental car.

We continued up the west side of Arizona through Quartzsite, Parker, and Lake Havasu City. The Colorado River, where dammed above the Parker dam, brings enjoyment to thousands of snow birds each year. We now understand why the college students like to spring break at Lake Havasu. The lake is large enough for a one-half hour boat ride to the casino on the California side. As always, the Colorado River Indian Reservation Casino said thank you when we left. We crossed The London Bridge a couple of times and took several pictures.

The next morning we drove to Oatman, AZ looking for wild burros. Unable to locate any burros, we enjoyed the history and unique stores in Oatman. The store names are very colorful and everyone wants to look at the hotel where Clark Gable spent his honeymoon. The bar and dining room attached to the hotel has its walls, posts and ceiling completely covered by dollar bills – quite a sight. After a picturesque drive to Kingman for the Rock and Gem show, we purchased an item that was out of this world. The folks at the Kingman Gem and Mineral Show were first class all the way. They helped us with information on future field trips down the road.

After the Kingman show we headed for a relaxing evening in Laughlin, Nevada. The dealers at the gaming tables were friendly but the results were the same. However, spending the rest of the evening on the shores of the Colorado River eating ice cream and watching the water taxis was great.

Burro Creek Agate was high on our list. Our resting stop was at Wikieup, AZ where we had our choice of the four motel rooms that are available.

The Burro Creek Crossing road was rough and long, but we did well on the agates. At the Trading Post Restaurant rattle snake was on the menu. Next day was the McCracken Mine. After just two hours of looking we were driven off the mountaintop due to strong winds and rain.

We tried a day for metal detecting near Stanton and the ghost towns of Octave and Weaver. All we saw were no trespassing signs everywhere. Apparently they were not in a mood to share.



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FIELD TRIPS IN ARIZONA

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Date Creek Ranch Road proved to be a fun trip. A Colorado gentleman in a nearby fifth wheeler showed us where to get the quartz crystals. Not only these crystals, but also Helitite crystals were available. We stopped by to thank him after we had finished. He invited us in to see his collection – nice folks.

It was time to head for Salome, AZ where we spent several nights and were befriended by the owners' fluffy cat. Our first day trip was about twenty-five miles NE of Bouse, AZ. The picture attached was located at this site. We found a lot of Blue Chrysocolla, Malacite, and one Turquoise nugget. The second day was spent near Brenda, AZ. We found Jasper-Agate, Chalcedony, and several colors of Jasper – some with druzy shine. Day trip number three was spent between Quartzsite and Bouse. Where we found Quartz, Epidote, Malacite, Petrified wood, dumps and mines of spectacular Hematite that shined in the afternoon sun.

It was now time to drop off more Flat Rate boxes at the post office and head out for exit 53 on US 10. Here is where we have picked up Chalcedony and Chalcedony Fire Agate in the past. We found a quart of Fire Agates even though the local tortoise didn't appreciate our being there. From there it was off to the local post office for shipping additional boxes, cleaning the rental car and packing luggage one more time for the trip home.

Field trips are what we treasure most. This time, the desert was alive with blooms on most everything; Anne has hundreds of pictures to prove that. We sent back seventeen large flat rate boxes home for approx 665 pounds.

For those who wish to explore Arizona, please ask questions.

Not enough articles submitted, none found either...



NO BOARD or CLUB MEETING MINUTES

you're invited!

36th annual

M.G.A.G.S.

ROCKHOUND WEEKEND

Michigan Geology and Gemcraft Society (MGAGS) invites all "rockhounds" to gather at Webberville School, Webberville, Michigan – east of Lansing.

June 12 and 13, 2010



Join us for a weekend of exploration and camaraderie!

Courtesy Corner

May: Arlene King & Lois Van Dyke

Summer means picnics in the park

(see page 1 for details)



**Our May meeting was the "Tells of Meteorites"
with Dave Lako**



Photos by Bryan Brewer



More Scenes from our Annual Show



HUGE ROCK & MINERAL SALE
May 22-23, 2010
Marve & Kitty Starbuck
7636 East V Avenue, Vicksburg, Michigan
1-269-649-1991...cell 1-231-740-5512
Sat 9-6 - Sun 9-4

- New and used lapidary equipment
- Jewelry findings...all kinds
- Black Dam Geodes, highly fluorescent (bright green)
- Diamond saw blades, new and used
- Oregon limb casts
- Large quantity of miscellaneous slabs
- Made up jewelry and cabs
- Jaspilite, specular hematite
- Greenstones in matrix and otherwise
- Celestite from Lime City, Ohio
- Large amount of various cutting material
- Faceting laps, new and used
- Mineral specimens, 'large' and by the flat
- Parts of our mineral and agate collection
- Large amount of Montana Agate
- Geodes from Keokuk and St. Francisville, opened and unopened
- Baker eggs and Oregon thunder eggs
- Calcite from Pugh Quarry, Ohio
- Chalcedony, Round Mountain, AZ
- Large amount of petrified wood
- Large amount of shells
- Much, much more

BOY!! I SURE GOT SOME SWELL BARGAINS

ME TOO!

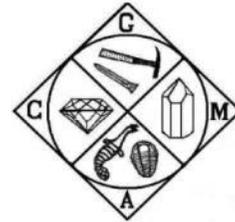
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SHOW & SALE**



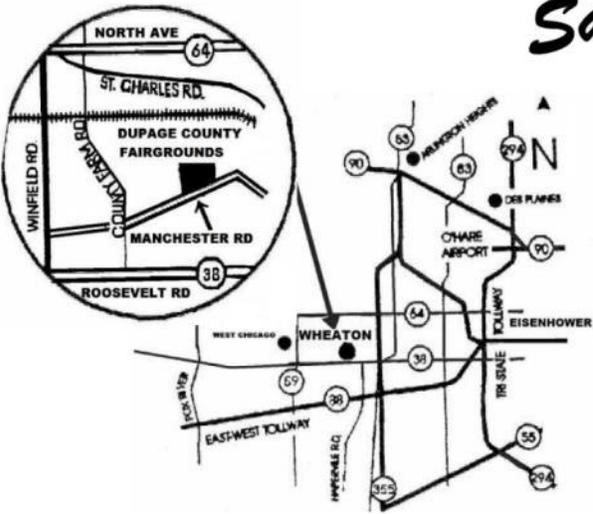
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**BEADS - CRYSTALS - GEMS
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Saturday, May 29, 2010 10 AM - 6 PM
Sunday, May 30, 2010 10 AM - 5 PM

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This club's objective is to develop and encourage interest in, and to further the study of minerals, gems, fossils, rocks, lapidary arts, and earth science.



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