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The Grand Rapids Mineral Society is a Non-Profit Corporation affiliated with the Midwest Federation and the American Federation of Mineral Societies.

Meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month at 8:00 PM at the Grand Rapids Public Museum, Main Building. Summer meetings at various parks as announced.

Membership dues are \$3.00 per year for a family, \$2.00 for single adult, and \$1.00 for students under 18 years of age. Dues are payable to Treasurer-year is from September 1 through August 31 of the following year.

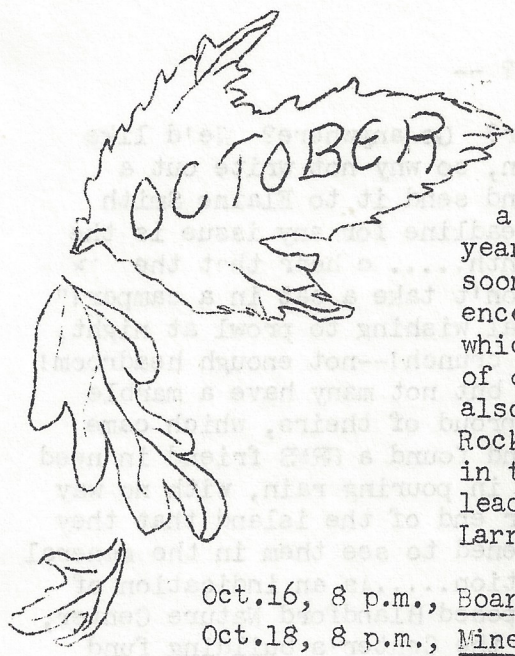
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COMING EVENTS



Oct. 11, 8 p.m., G.R. Public Museum, Regular meeting. The program will feature our own Larry Fegel who did such a fine job of leading the Juniors last year (and who is due for military service soon). Larry will tell us of his experiences at the Higgins Lake Conservation Camp, which he attended this summer as the recipient of our annual scholarship there. He has also been asked to talk about the Junior Rockhounds, and on working with young people in this field. We are going to need help in leading the Junior Group this year, so Larry's ideas will be well worth hearing.

Oct. 16, 8 p.m., Board of Control, Max Ross, 1017 Charlotte N.E.
Oct. 18, 8 p.m., Mineral Group, Nellie Mead, 334 Briarwood S.E.

- Oct. 7, 8--Elkhart Mineral Society Harvest Rock Show, Natl. Guard Armory, 2313 Oakland Ave. Elkhart, Ind.
- Oct. 7, 8--Miami Valley Mineral & Gem Club Annual Show, American Legion Hall, 15 N. Second St., Fairborne, Ohio
- Oct. 13, 14, 15--International Harvest of Rocks, Central Michigan Lapidary & Mineral Soc., Natl. Guard Armory, 2500 S. Washington Ave., Lansing
- Oct. 28, 29--Mich. Mineralogical Society Gem & Mineral Show, Light Guard Armory, 4400 E. Eight Mile Rd., Detroit
- Oct. 23, 29--5th Annual Gem & Mineral Show, Three Rivers Gem & Mineral Society, Natl. Guard Armory, 330 S. Clinton, Fort Wayne, Ind.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

We all thank Nellie Mead for the excellent job she did as president of our club this last year. We all hope that Nellie, along with our other past presidents, will continue to take an active part in the club.

Did any of you acquire a few more grey hairs from fright at our September meeting? I thought Mary Jane was going to take on the entire club, for a few minutes there. Seriously, Mary Jane's talk was excellent (as it always is), and an extremely timely topic which we should all be concerned about. Thank you, Mary Jane.

Will you all please start selecting some good specimens for our silent auction in November? Let's make it the best and most profitable ever!

Our membership is down from what it has been in the past. Anyone have any suggestions? For myself, I constantly talk up the club to my friends and acquaintances. I mention when and where we have our meetings and invite them to attend. Have you done the same? If not, let's do. Let's make it a goal to have one of the best and largest clubs in the nation. To accomplish this will take all our efforts.

Don Crabbs



-- HO! ABOUT THAT? --

What did you do this summer? Go anywhere? We'd like to hear about your vacation, so why not write out a little article about it, and send it to Elaine Smith to use in the Drifter? Deadline for any issue is the third Wednesday of each month..... e hear that the

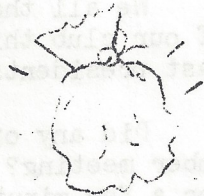
Ross's have one piece of vacation advice: "Don't take a cat in a camper!" It seems that the cat, being a nocturnal animal wishing to prowl at night, jumps on the people, who sit up suddenly, and crunch!--not enough headroom!Lots of us have visited marble quarries, but not many have a marble bench to prove it. The V.E.Steeles are very proud of theirs, which came from Vermont.....The Otto Weisners from Holland found a GRMS friend in need this summer when they landed on Beaver Island in pouring rain, with no way to notify their prospective hosts at the other end of the island that they had arrived 8 hours early. Elaine Smith happened to see them in the general store, and took them on down to their destination.....As an indication of our continued support of the G.R.Museum's proposed Blandford Nature Center, the Board of Control again made a donation to the Center's building fund as a special "thank you" for Mary Jane Dockeray's enjoyable program...

WELCOME to the following new members: Ann and Norma French, 939 33rd St.S.E.; Dora and Ford Hurd, 7230 Fillmore Rd., Hudsonville; Glenn and Marvin Oversmith, 1006 Fiarmount S.E.; and Ted and Alice Duprey, 3326 Badger S., Wyoming. Let's make it a point to get acquainted with these people at our next meeting.

ALUMINUM once was a status symbol of royalty, according to the Natl. Geographic Society. France's Crown Prince Imperial, infant son of Napoleon II, shook an engraved aluminum baby rattle. The emperor himself sipped soup from an aluminum spoon at state banquets. In those days the metal was a precious curiosity called "silver from clay" that sold for the equivalent of \$545 a pound.

SOMETHING NEW HAS BEEN ADDED --

-- for new members of the Grand Rapids Mineral Society! Starting with September of this year, every new member will receive as a gift a "Welcome" grab-bag of minerals, fossils, and cutting material which can serve as a start for a collection. Contents may vary somewhat, but all will be Michigan materials. They will not be identified, but there are plenty of members who can help with that. Asking for help will help get you acquainted. The first presentations (one bag per membership card) will be made at the October meeting, and will include all those who joined earlier this fall. We hope you like them.



Active Members are the Best Kind

Chuck Angell has agreed to handle publicity for the GRMS this year, which will be greatly appreciated. If you have any good information or good publicity ideas, contact Chuck about them. The club needs a Field Trip Chairman -- can anyone volunteer? You'll be given plenty of help by the Board, but one person should be in charge. This can be a fun job. Another big need is for help with the Les Pearl Junior group which meets Saturday mornings at the Museum. Could you give an occasional Saturday to this? Contact Pres. Don Crabbs if you could devote some time to any of these projects.

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OFFICIAL STATE GEMS, MINERALS, FOSSILS

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- Oregon: Thunder Egg
- California: Sepentine (rock) and gold (mineral)
- Illinois: Fluorite
- Michigan: Petoskey Stone
- Ohio: Flint
- Iowa: Geode
- New Mexico: Turquoise
- South Dakota: Fairburn agate (gem) and Rose Quartz (mineral)
- North Dakota: Turedo Wood (fossil)
- Nebraska: Prairie agate (mineral), blue agate (gem), mammoth (fossil)
- Arkansas: diamond (gem), quartz (crystal), bauxite (mineral)
- Wyoming: Jade
- Missouri: Mozarkite (gem), galena (mineral)
- Rhode Island: Bowenite (gem), cumberlandite (stone)
- Idaho: Star garnet

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