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GAINES TOWNSHIP HALL  
1685 68th. ST. S.E.  
(JUST EAST OF KALAMAZOO AVE.)

GO SOUTH ON U.S. 131  
TO 68TH. ST. EXIT  
GO EAST 2.7 MILES



SEE ROCK DISPLAYS,  
BRING ROCKS, MINERALS,  
FOSSILS, ETC. TO TRADE  
FREE  
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NO ADMISSION

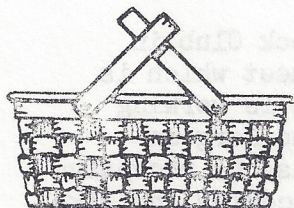
1 TO 9 P.M.

6:00 P.M.-POTLUCK  
SUPPER BRING TWO (2)  
DISHERS TO PASS AND  
OWN TABLE SERVICE,  
BEVERAGE FURNISHED.  
REFRESHMENT BOOTH ON PREMISES

# THE GLACIAL DRIFTER

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## JULY MEETING - Wednesday, July 12 - 6:30 p.m.



### PICNIC

If you're not on vacation July 12, the place for you to be is IDEAL PARK in Wyoming. Take US131 Freeway to 54th Street, east to the first street, Crippen SW, and south to the park. Bring dishes to pass, your table service, and whatever you prefer to drink, and join the Grand Rapids Mineral Society for a pot luck picnic. Don't worry if it rains--we have reserved the shelter house at the park.

The program will be presented by Rich Van Beek, our vice-president elect. He'll take us on a trip via slides to southern Ontario and Watkins Glen, New York. This is essentially a travelogue with geological highlights.

## JULY FIELD TRIP - Saturday, July 15 - 9 a.m. EST

We're planning a trip to Amherstburg Quarry at Amherstburg, Ontario. Members of the Windsor Mineralogical Society will meet us there at 9 a.m. (10 a.m. Windsor time). This is where those lovely blue celestite crystals come from; also some small fluorite crystals are found here, calcite, and occasionally some sulphur. Bring hammers, chisels, hard hats, safety glasses. You may have to work hard to get some of these crystals out, but they are well worth it. The Windsor club has taken on the responsibility for seeing that no rockhound abuses the privileges granted by the quarry at Amherstburg, so when you are there be sure you are the good rockhound who respects all the rules, written and unwritten. Remember, we are guests! Bring your lunch if you wish, and be sure to have something to drink. As far as we know we will be able to stay most of the day. A campground is available a short distance from the quarry, called Borrowman's Grove.

DIRECTIONS: Take I96 out of Grand Rapids to Detroit, then I696 which later turns to U.S. 10, all the way to the tunnel. As you leave the tunnel, follow Highway 18 South about 20 miles to Amherstburg. Look for Pike Rd., turn left, go about 1 mile. You will see the quarry on your right. Meet us at the gate. However, if you are a little late, you should be able to come right in and join us in the quarry. Allow about 3 hours for your trip. You can take the bridge across if you prefer but if you do, turn back to the river after crossing the bridge to hit Highway 18.

LOOKING BACK - Wasn't that about the best meeting--for summer, anyway, we've ever had? Our thanks to Bob and June Smith for opening their home to us for our June meeting. We had looked forward to seeing the river that evening, but it disappeared in the torrents of rain that fell. However, there seemed to be room for everyone who attended (about 50 people). The food was exceptional--our cooks will have to go some to make the July supper equal it! When we asked Jim and Theresa Brownlie of Windsor to come and  
(over, please)

present the program, we thought they would be able to spend a few days in our area. We know they want to visit the gypsum mine. However, Jim's work and school obligations for the children prevented them from making the trip, but they graciously came anyway, driving from Windsor that afternoon and returning after the meeting--in all that rain! We certainly appreciate their efforts and enjoyed their program.

A NOTE FROM OUR NEW EDITOR - Be sure to keep notes on your summer travels then write them up for the winter editions of the Glacial Drifter.

-Art Ferguson

ROCK SWAP NEWS Remember we are joining the Indian Mounds Rock Club in presenting the Rock Swap on September 9. Read the yellow sheet which is included with this issue. Our chairman is Don Crabbs and he is working with co-chairmen from the Indian Mounds Club, Ruth Steele and Margean Smith. Don may be calling on you to help any day now. Please be receptive and say YES! Cooks of the club can start planning now for cookies and like items for the snack bar. And don't forget the pot Luck supper which is planned for 6 p.m.

ANOTHER ROCK SWAP This is the 7th Annual Indiana Rock Swap to be held at the 4H Fairgrounds in Bedford, Indiana on August 11, 12, and 13. Camping will be available, there will be a silent auction, and self-guided field trips. On Friday evening, August 11, there will be a special cave trip planned.

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ROCKS

I hope that I shall never see a rockhound quite so dumb as me.  
I haunt the quarries, lakes and rivers and climb to heights that  
give me shivers.

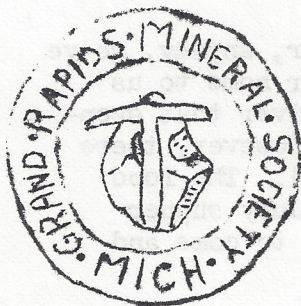
Grubbing 'round mine dumps, ever searching for elusive rocks so  
smugly larking.

I drop my hammer on my toes; blistered fingers add to my woes.  
The sun beats down and burns my face, and mud on my clothes--  
a real disgrace!

Only God can make a rock and hide it away where I am not!

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