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APRIL MEETING

Our regular monthly meeting will be held at the Museum on Wednesday April 13th, at 8:00 p.m., but because of the SHOW we will not have an outside speaker as the Board felt that most of those attending the meeting would rather spend the time looking at our displays and seeing how Frank Christie does faceting and Joe Hanna makes cabs.

The ROCK SALE TABLE and the SWAP TABLE will be set up for those with a little cash to spend or a rock to swap.

APRIL IS SHOW MONTH

Mr. Frank Christie, Chairman of the Show Committee, advises that by now those of you who are exhibiting will have received notice of where to bring your material, when to bring it, and the case to which you have been assigned. There will be a lot of material to arrange in place and a lot of cards to write and not too much time in which to do it. You can help the committee by getting your material in as early as possible.

THE SHOW will be open to the public from April 10th thru April 24th. This is two days longer than was originally planned. Phyllis Hanna would like to have volunteers to act as hosts during the hours when the museum will be open, namely, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. during the week and 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Sundays. If you have some time which you would be willing to donate to act as a host or hostess - a day, a half day, a couple of hours, or even an hour - please contact Mrs. Hanna. The Board members will be acting as hosts and hostesses on the opening day, Sunday April 10th.

On Sunday, the 10th, Frank Christie will demonstrate faceting and Don Casey will do cabochon making.

On Wednesday, the 13th, Frank Christie and Joe Hanna will perform as stated above.

Thursday, the 14th, the Museum will be open from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Frank and Joe will be performing again.

And on Tuesday, April 19th, we will have our final evening of working displays. Frank will facet and Gerry Morris will do Petoskey Stone carving.

Bring your friends, relatives, and neighbors and let them see what our club is doing.

"There are no natural objects out of which more can be learned than out of stones." John Ruskin

TO THE PARENTS OF OUR JUNIOR MEMBERS

While we do not wish to discourage the young people from attending the regular meetings of the Society, we feel it advisable to emphasize to their parents that the Society cannot accept responsibility for the welfare and safety of minors whose parents do not stay with them at the meetings.

We have noted a few examples where children have been left on their own and have had to wait outside for parents to pick them up after the Museum has been closed.

We suggest that it is far better that the parent arrive a little early - say 9:30 p.m. - than have the youngster wait alone on the streets at a later hour.

Better still - when you bring your children, stay with them and enjoy the program.

Joe D. Hanna, Jr., President

ROCK SALE

We are indebted to the following members for their fine donations for our ROCK SALE TABLE: Les Pearl, Mrs. Acheson, Francis Mullins, Mrs. Clyde Warner, and Russ Girard. If there were others, we have not been informed and so apologize if any donor's name is omitted from this list. Again, we need more material, so bring it to the April meeting, or get in touch with Henry Tchozeski.

WE SEE BY THE PAPERS THAT:

A "Self-developed cardiograph" won 50 Mentor & Signet paper-bound books for William B. Morris, 14, Ottawa Hills 8th grader. Bill is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Gerald B. Morris, 1315 Griggs Street.

Joe D. Hanna, Jr. won a blue ribbon for his entry in the Tucson Show.

Jack Baines is conducting a class in rock identification and cabochon making at the YMCA.

HELEN MARIDON ORIGINALS By appointment GL 4-5419	VACATIONING IN MICHIGAN???? Stay with the Clyde Warners at NORWOOD, just south of Charlevoix on Lake Michigan
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FIELD TRIPS

April 16 - Les Pearl has a trip scheduled to the southern part of the state. We will meet in the parking lot at Johnson Park at 7:30 a.m. Bring your lunch, rock bag and pick. In order to cut down on the number of cars on the road, we would like to have as many persons in each car as is comfortable, so plan to double up with someone else if you do not have a full car. This is an all day trip. Further directions and a rendezvous spot will be arranged before leaving Johnson Park. Children welcome.

April 30 - This field trip is not too far from home. We will meet in John Ball Park parking lot at 9:00 a.m. Bring your rock bag, pick, and if you want to make a day of it, bring your lunch.

May 21 - Leo Hoogerhyde has secured an invitation for us to visit the Calcite Plant of Michigan Limestone at Rogers City. A group not exceeding 35 - 40 adults and children will be welcome. Arrangements will be made for a group to hunt fossils with someone to assist. We will go through the plant and see a vessel loading if one is in port. This is the world's largest limestone operation and should prove to be very rewarding. Reservations must be made three weeks in advance of May 21st to permit final arrangements.

NEW MEMBERS

We are very happy to welcome the following new members and hope they will have a long and happy relationship with our society:

Mr & Mrs Gaylord D. Cole
1320 Bridge St. N. W.
Grand Rapids 4, Michigan

Mr. Willard S. Leicht
146 Boltwood Dr. N. E.
Grand Rapids 5, Michigan

Mr. Frank F. Vargo, Sr.
1541 Emerson Ave. N. W.
Grand Rapids 4, Michigan

Mr. & Mrs. Dale Rosel
R. R. #2, 40th Ave.
Conklin, Michigan

Mr. & Mrs. Paul Cherry
1710 Andrew S. E.
Grand Rapids 8, Michigan

Mr. James Meerman
R. R. #1
Conklin, Michigan

Mr. Richard Rawlings
1935 Dilwood Ave. S. W.
Grand Rapids 9, Michigan

Mr. & Mrs. Russell W. Remer
544 Woodlawn S. E.
Grand Rapids 7, Michigan

Mr. Richard M. Winar
2210 Estelle Dr. S. E.
Grand Rapids 6, Michigan

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS

We are very happy to announce that two of our charter members were married on February 27th, Miss Mary A. Prentice and Mr. Charles L. Giffin. They are making their home at 909 N. State Street, Big Rapids. We all wish them a long and happy married life.

MEDIEVAL DOCTORS WERE ROCKHOUNDS, TOO!

BY

Helen Aves

If you've ever been plagued by "This funny little pain, Doc, that goes from here, over to here, and 'way up to here" --- or decide at times that you're ready for the looney bin -- or would just plain like to be in fine fettle at all times - look to your rock collection! You may have just the ticket for curing everything from tired blood to a sour disposition. At least, that's what the Medieval M.D.'s taught, in writings that contained more magic than medicine, perhaps, but then -- shucks, who knows? For example, here are some of the gem materials and minerals that promised all sorts of wonderful things:

Opal: "Recreates the heart, preserves from contagion, and dispels sadness. Also good for the eyes."

Coral (red variety): "Stops bleeding; preserves houses from thunder, and children from evil spirits, goblins, and sorceresses. Also strengthens the digestion."

Chrysoletus: If bound with gold and carried in the left hand, drives away night-hags and prevents melancholy. Its virtues are greater if a hole be made in it, and the hairs of a jackass drawn through it"

Iron: "An excellent remedy against pain of sides or chest, which come with sudden stitches and pricks."

Garnet: "Preserves the health and promotes joy."

Amethyst: "When bound on the navel, prevents drunkenness, sharpens the wit, drives out evil thoughts." (Good for income-tax-return time!)

Jasper: "Prevents fever and dropsy, strengthens the brain, and is a good preservative against the nightmare."

Agate: "Good against bites of serpents, soothes the mind, drives away contagious air, and puts a stop to thunder and lightning."

Chrysoprase: "Good for weakness of sight and for rendering its possessor joyful and liberal."

Pearl: "Boiled in meat, heals the ague. Bruised and taken in milk good for ulcers. Also comforts the heart. To secure all the virtues of pearl, wear an amulet composed of sunbaked toad, arsenic, pearl, coral, hyacinth, smarag, and tragacanth". (This is for us, Daddy-o!)

Diamond: "Panic, pestilences, enchantments, all fly before it, hence it is good for sleepwalkers and for the insane."

Beryl: "Promotes married bliss."

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P. S. Pope Adrian, early Roman, wore that pearl amulet in his crown!

ROCKRAMA IN JACKSON - May 14 and 15

Plan to attend the ROCKRAMA which is being held in Jackson, May 14 and 15 at St. Johns High School, LeRoy & Cooper Streets. This is the Midwest Federation, Eastern Region Show of the year. The G. R. Mineral Society will have a club display and two of our members, Gerry Morris and Joe Hanna, will have individual displays. This is a chance for fun - excitement - friendship - rockhound education. The Michigan Gem and Mineral Society is working hard to give us a good show. See you in Jackson?

MIDWEST FEDERATION FIELD TRIP CONCLAVE

If you are planning to attend the Convention in Ishpeming on July 1, 2, 3, and 4, be sure to get your registration in to the Host club before June 15th. No registrations will be accepted on the 16th or after. Your Liaison Representative, Bob Rozema, has application blanks available. Housing will be at a premium, so be sure to make your reservation early. Several places which we have contacted tell us that they are all filled up for those dates. Information on housing is also available from Bob.

CENTRAL REGION ROCKRAMA SCHEDULED

The Central Illinois Rockhounds of Decatur, Illinois are holding a Rockrama on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, September 23, 24, and 25, 1960. More about this in future Drifters.

STUDY CLASS A HUGE SUCCESS

Tuesday, March 29th, was the last meeting for the group who have been studying identification under the able guidance of Miss Mary Jane Dockeray. We had five two-hour sessions with lots of rocks to look at and study. At the last session we had 24 specimens to identify (Written Examination). No one came up with a perfect score but most of us were amazed that we had learned so much. We hope that next year Miss Dockeray can be persuaded to give the course again so that those of us who have not had this experience can learn a little more about identification and, as one of the student said, "This is the fourth time I have taken an identification course, and I still need more". Our sincere thanks to Miss Dockeray for her very interesting presentation of a fascinating subject.

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LAKE SUPERIOR AGATE "The Rainbow in Rock"
by Theodore C. Vannasse

Do you like to pick Lake Superior Agate? Do you like to cut and polish these little gems? Do you want to understand their formation and occurrence? If your reply is "yes" you will find the answers to many of your questions in Mr. Vannasse's little book, which accurately describes the many variations to be found in Lake Superiors. The text is excellently illustrated with many photographs of the author's own collection. Definite localities for collecting are not given, but anyone who has ever picked Lake Superior Agates will tell you that there are no agate beaches that haven't been thoroughly gleaned for many a year, and ledges with agates in situ are a carefully guarded secret to the few who know of their locations. To quote the book "On a Sunday afternoon a carload of rockhounds stops at my door and asks, 'where can we find some agates?' I direct them with my tongue in my cheek. If I knew where there was an agate, I myself would have been there yesterday or the day before to snatch it."

EARTH SCIENCE MAGAZINE

There is still time to obtain your subscription to "Earth Science Magazine" at the club rate of \$1.75 per year if you get your money to Jane or Ray Kerr before the price increase starting with the June issue.

After June 1st the new club rate will be \$2.00 a year or \$5.00 for three years. The new prices will be \$2.50 for one year or \$6.00 for three years and 45¢ for a single copy.

When on collecting trips don't be "Hammer Happy". If a specimen is too large for your tastes leave it for someone else. Don't smash at the middle of a rock, chip at the edge. More good specimens are lost by the careless use of a hammer than are left behind for lack of a good "look-see".

<p>WILPER ROCK SHOP 234 Bond Street Allegan, Mich Phone 437</p> <p>Highland Park, B&I Gem Makers Ultra Violet Lights - Many other names of Lapidary Equipment</p> <p>Large stock of findings -- baroque</p> <p>See us and Save \$ Open evenings Week-ends</p>	<p>GRAND RAPIDS ROCK & GEM SHOP 3850 Loraine S. W. Phone GL 2-0286 By appointment</p> <p>Special Purchase!!!!!!</p> <p>GOLDEN TIGEREYE Rough 75¢ per pound. Slabbed 25¢ per Sq. In.</p>
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ROCKRAMAS FOR 1960

Fun - excitement - friendship - rockhound education

Eastern Region

May 14 and 15
St. John's High School
LeRoy & Cooper Sts. Jackson
Host: Mich. Gem & Mineral Soc.
for information write
William Barnhouse
8517 Mapledale Rd., Jackson

Central Region

Sept. 23, 24, and 25
Masonic Temple
W. William Street, Decatur, Ill.
Host: Central Illinois Rockhounds
for information write
C. F. Duewer
1158 E. Cantrell St.
Decatur, Illinois

Southwest Region

None scheduled

Northern Region

Convention

These clubs are working strongly and plans indicate they will be very successful shows, with club and individual displays, special exhibits working demonstrations, guest speaker programs, and swap rooms. This is a chance for all Midwest club members to attend, participate and have fun with their hobby. There will be no business meetings, no delegates to appoint, just arrive with your exhibit for these non-competitive shows and enjoy yourself with your friends. We anticipate large crowds and outstanding displays, also for sale and for trading there will be exceptional cutting material, specimens, and jewelry.

The display chairman of both Michigan Gem & Mineral and Central Illinois Rockhounds would appreciate knowing as soon as possible if your club is planning on sending an exhibit or if any individual plans on displaying. We suggest you get in touch with them as soon as possible.

These shows are something new, they will be successful if they receive support from the members of the Midwest Federation.

Russ Kemp
Rockrama Director

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