

volume 3, no 5 - may, 1961



the

GLACIAL

DRIFTER

official publication of

THE GRAND RAPIDS MINERAL SOCIETY
1355 HOLLYWOOD, NE, GRAND RAPIDS 5, MICH.

BOARD OF CONTROL

Dr. Richard Rose	President	3244 Springbrook N. W. Comstock Park
Henry Tchozeski	Vice President	2941 Edgewood N. E.
Miss Jane Cichaniewicz	Secretary	809 Franklin S. E.
Miss Virginia Franzen	Treasurer	643 East Fulton
Joe Hanna	Liaison Rep.	2319 Riverside N. E.
Mrs. Lucille Duyser	Historian	1043 Underwood S. E.
Mrs. Nina Rozema	Editor	1355 Hollywood N E
Willis Atwell	Bd. Member	152 Fuller S. E.
Gustave Beuker	Bd. Member	4771 - 3 Mile Rd. N. E.
Paul W. Chase	Bd. Member	3816 Collingwood S. W.
Gerald Morris	Bd. Member	1315 Griggs S. E.

The GLACIAL DRIFTER Staff:

Mrs. Nina Rozema	Editor	1355 Hollywood N E
Robert R. Rozema	Publisher	1355 Hollywood N E
Mr & Mrs Les Pearl	Asst. Publisher	1563 Benning N. W.
Mr. & Mrs. A. Billings	Asst. Publisher	1430 Griggs S. E.
Mrs. Ronald Roys	Artist	1145 Veto N. W.

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 2nd Wednesday of each month at 8:00 p.m. at Riverside Elementary School.

Advertising in the DRIFTER is at the rate of \$3.00 per issue.

All material to be published must be in the hands of the editor no later than the 25th of the month preceeding publication.

Permission to reprint material appearing in the DRIFTER is hereby granted provided proper credit is given.

Wire Lacing for Jewelry Making.

We are pleased to announce that Doris Kemp has agreed to return again, this time to present one of her outstanding programs for our regular monthly meeting to be held on Wednesday, May 10th at 8:00 p.m. at Riverside Elementary School. Many of you saw her demonstrate the V-Lock technique of making solderless jewelry last year, or have read her articles on this technique in the national magazines. She has informed me that over thirty of our members accepted her offer, wrote to her and requested a free printed instruction sheet on the V-Lock method. Her talk this month will be on the Wire Lacing method of making solderless jewelry. This should prove equally as interesting and informative as her last program.

Doris has asked me to ask any of you who have made any jewelry using the V-Lock method to bring it along. This will give the others a chance to see some of our local work and let Doris know that her efforts are worthwhile.

Donation prize at this meeting will be a Petoskey stone ash tray made by Gerry Morris. Door prize will be a Petoskey stone pendant from the same source. See Gus Beuker for your tickets before the meeting.

Phil Wasel and Steve Tchozeski will be on hand at the Rock Sale table. They tell us that they could use some more material. How about a donation from YOU?

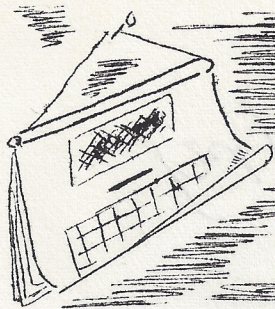
APRIL MEETING IN REVIEW

We are sure all of you enjoyed Miss Helen Martin's talk on the industrial minerals of Michigan, especially her parting remark that it takes one hundred gallons of water to make a fifth.

The prizes for this meeting, donated by Bob Swenson, were jasper which was won by Peter Dudkin and fire agate won by H. H. Merrick.

MAY 6th FIELD TRIP

On Saturday, May 6th at 2:00 p.m. we will meet at Cascade Gravel Pit. Mary Jane Dockeray and others will attempt to help those interested in field identification improve their skills. you may be lucky and find an agate or trilobite fossil (it has been done) but don't count on it. Mostly identification and getting out-doors. A good opportunity to start a rock collection if you don't already have one. Remember the date SATURDAY, MAY 6th.



CALENDAR of EVENTS

Every Saturday through May - Junior Group Meeting at the Museum
Les Pearl, sponsor. 10:00 a.m. to Noon.

May 6 - Saturday, Field Trip at 2:00 p.m. to Cascade Gravel Pit.
Mary Jane Dockeray and others will try to identify your
finds.

May 10 - Wednesday - Regular monthly meeting at Riverside
Elementary School, Coit Ave N. E. at 8:00 p.m. Doris
Kemp speaking on Wire Lacing for Jewelry Making.

May 13 - Saturday, Junior Group (adults invited) Field Trip to
Gillissee Gravel Pit. Leave Museum at 10:00 a.m.
Additional cars are needed to transport the juniors.
See announcement on FIELD TRIPS page in this issue
of the DRIFTER.

May 15 - Monday, 8:00 p. m. Board of Control Meeting at the home
of Miss Virginia Franzen, 643 East Fulton

May 18 - Thursday, 8:00 p.m. Paleontology Group meeting at the
home of Mr. & Mrs. Alexy Dudkin, 1433 Mark N. E.
Leslie Pearl, Group Leader.

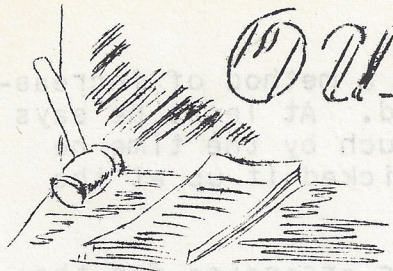
May 25 - Thursday, 8:00 p.m. Beginner and Advanced Geology and
Minerals Groups meeting at home of Joseph Parrish,
2212 Thornwood S. W. Dr. Rose and Bob Rozema Group
leaders.

May 20 - Saturday, Field Trip to Rogers City. Meet at main gate
of the Calcite Plant in Rogers City at 9:00 a.m. SHARP.
Leo Hoogerhyde, Field Trip Leader.


June 3 - 4 -- Saturday and Sunday. Kalamazoo Geological & Mineral
Society ROCKFEST at County Center Building in Recreation
Park on East Lake Street in Kalamazoo. Everyone is
invited. Saturday noon to 10:00 p.m., Sunday 10:00 a.m.
to 6:00 p.m. Picnic grounds. Dealers, Swapping,
Auction, Fish Pond, Good 'rock talk'.

June 17 - Saturday - Advance notice of monthly meeting. See
Summer Schedule page in this issue of DRIFTER.

June 29-30, July 1-2 - THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY.
MIDWEST FEDERATION GEM & MINERALS SHOW and 21st Annual
Convention, Saginaw Fair Grounds, Saginaw, Michigan
Displays, Dealers, Auction, Banquet, Prizes. Field Trips,
Demonstrations. See MWF letter of the Month for more
details.



OUR PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Rock Show -- The past month has been filled with Rock Show - Rock Show - Rock Show. The hard work is now over, the rocks are back on their own shelves, in their own boxes, or in their own rock gardens to rest for another year. Some of them may end up as cabs or in jewelry, their owners having been inspired by the work that they saw at the show. And inspired they may well have been as there were some very fine craftsmanship on display.

It is impossible to thank each participant in the limited space available in the DRIFTER. However, I do wish to thank (and I underline the word "thank" at least seven times with red ink) all of you who helped to make the show a success. The exhibitors all did excellent work. Some had larger and more showy specimens, or numerically more of them, some of the more experienced perhaps had better lapidary work or more artistic jewelry to show, but even the beginners did a good job. There was not a poor entry in the show. I believe that all of you deserve the highest praise. The beginners, perhaps even more than the old hands, because experience makes the job a little easier.

Thanks, also, to the hosts and hostesses; to those who did such a fine job with the working demonstrations; to those who helped with the publicity; to Helen Aves and Bob Rozema for the pre-show displays; to the membership committee, the typists, printers, procurers of ribbons and other necessities. Thanks to the museum staff, the radio and TV stations, the newspapers, and to every person who helped.

Picking a person or group of persons for special praise is only asking for trouble, however, I am going to stick my neck out. I believe you will all agree that Gerry Morris and Bill Atwell probably carried the majority of the load. Frankly, I was a little disturbed about finding a successor to the Christys as general chairmen, but luck, intuition, or just sheer genius on my part helped in picking Gerry and Bill. I asked Gerry Morris to be the 5-star General in command and put Bill Atwell second in command, so that there would be no chance of passing the buck. I wanted one person responsible so that I would know whose back to climb all over if preparations for the show bogged down. My worries and precautions were unnecessary - I have never seen two such willing and capable workers. Not once did I hear that dread phrase "I'm too busy, get someone else to do it." I could go on and on, but to Bill and Gerry, a Very Special and Very Sincere THANK YOU.

Bob Rozema also carried a heavy load. If sheer weight of materials carried deserves an award, Bob gets the special jar of back liment. Bob came through at the last minute to help fill the front windows and with Rozema's rockpile, and Roses rock garden and Bill Atwell's help a few tons of rock were placed in the public's eye causing some curiosity and comment if nothing else. (continued)

Our President's Corner - continued.

Speaking of weight, Bill Atwell has discovered a method of increasing the quantity of a mineral two to three fold. At least he says that the jade weighed three or four times as much by the time he got it to the Museum as it did when he first picked it up at the jewelers.

Special thanks to Paul Chase and Gus Beuker for arranging for the demonstrations and to the following who did the demonstrating: Skip Martin and Mike Wilcox who came from Allegan, Ray Fox who travelled from Spring Lake; to Earl Werner for his faceting, Joe Hanna for carving, Mary Jane Dockeray for slides and lecture along with rock identification and general advice and much needed help; the Rozemas again for slides, identification, working displays, and much more; the intrepid souls who attempted to cut and polish, explain, educate, and entertain against such odds: Russ Girard, Archie Billings, Ed Wasel, F. A. Reed, and Jay Shook. Also those not-so-expert identification attempters, Les Pearl, Bob Rozema, and Mary Jane Dockeray.

The following is a list of those who contributed displays for the cases. If I have missed anyone, I humbly apologize. If I have made the President's Corner too long, again I ask forgiveness. I believe strongly, however, that each and everyone who contributed to the success of the show deserves credit for his work. I was, personally, very proud of the club's efforts.

Jean Gogulski and Dick Rose
Mike Wilcox and Skip Martin
Jim DeZwaan, Jr. and Sr.
Nina and Bob Rozema
Marie Spielmaker
Gus Beuker
Russ Girard
Ray Fox
Steve and Henry Tchozeski
Les Pearl
Paul Chase
Newton Cairns
Thelma Hoogerhyde
John Joldersma
Robert Morris
4-H Club of Conklin
Dr. Richard Rose
Jerry Morris

Kreigh Tomaszewski
Douglas Moore
Mrs. G. Powell
Virginia Franzen
Paul Rumps and family
Bernice and Archie Billings
Edna May McDowell
Mr. & Mrs. F. A. Reed
Dick and Susan Gates
Mike Petersen
Russell Lee
Dr. and Elaine Smith
Bob and Florence Swenson
Jack and Florence Baines
Steven Vox
Jane Cichaniewicz
Dale and Helen Rosel
Mary and Willis Atwell

Again, Thanks All.

Richard W. Rose, president

S & W R O C K S H O P
2963 Coit N. E. Grand Rapids 5, Mich.

G R A N D O P E N I N G M A Y 4th 10:00 A. M.

Everything for the rock hobbyist, mineral and fossil collector

Open: 10 to 6 Mon Tues Wed Sat
Bob Swenson

10 to 9 Thurs & Fri.
Tom Williams

SUMMER PROGRAM

During the summer months meetings will be changed from the 2nd Wednesday of the month to the third Saturday and will be combined with a picnic, unless we receive too many complaints. Tentative program and locations:

Saturday - JUNE 17 - Caledonia Park - Program on Canadian Field trips. Possibly some demonstrations in silver work - soldering - casting, etc.

Saturday - JULY 15 - Dealer's night - place to be announced later. save your pennies. You can buy rocks - findings - and equipment at this one.

Saturday - August 19 Old Fashion picnic for the kids and adults. The club will furnish pop, ice cream, coffee. Games (good ones) for the kids, bring your own lunch and bathing suit. Tentatively we plan on Long Lake, any suggestions will be appreciated, also anyone willing to act as Chairman for the Gala Affair is asked to contact the President.

FIELD TRIPS

The field trip season is here - we are planning the following schedule:

May 6 - 2:00 p.m. Cascade Gravel Pit. See details on first page of DRIFTER.

May 20th - 9:00 a.m. Rogers City Field Trip. Details and instructions elsewhere in DRIFTER.

Gillisse Gravel Pit - See flotation method of removing undesirable rocks from gravel to be used in cement work. Learn why all rocks are not desirable and do a little collecting on the side. This is mainly a trip for the Junior Group, but parents and others may be welcome. See Les Pearl for further information. Date set for May 13th.

Sylvania, Ohio - fossils (trilobites, brachiopods, replaced with pyrite and others) A very interesting quarry. Bob Rozema is making arrangements.

Petoskey - Traverse City area - Petoskey stones, banded chert, marcasite nodules in shale - anthraconite - brachiopods and other fossils. This trip will be arranged if enough interest is shown.

Terre Haute, Indiana - fern fossils - This is being arranged for early fall. If you have a suggestion as to when we should make the trip please contact Dick Rose or Bob Rozema.

Any suggestions for field trips that you would care to make will be given consideration. We will have one every week-end if enough of you are interested.

THE SAGA OF BARITE ROSE - Part I
as narrated by I. Emma Rockhound

I like the desert. Now you may think that's kinda silly but it aint kus ya either like it or ya don't. The desert is kinda impersonal (that's the understatement of the day), ya can't change it, ya can't ask nothin' of it, ya can't bring nothin' to it, ya can just like it or hate it. Ya can write about it tho, and that's what I'm adoin' or at least ways I'm tellin' ya about it and Emms's writi' it down kus I ain't so good at writin'. Her real name ain't Emms, it's somethin' else that starts with an "I", but she won't tell nobody - says she don't like it. Says if important people like J. Edgar Hoover can use their middle name so can she. So she uses I. Emma as her name. The last name ain't her own neither, she says it's a sudomorf or somethin' like that - thinks its fancy er funny er somethin' to write a story about prospectin' an' sign it I. Emma Rockhound - kinda crazy if ya ask me. Anyways I asked her to write this down and correct any mistakes I make in my talkin' so's you could read it.

When ya writes about the desert ya gotta write kinda simple like kus thats what the desert is. People calls it cruel and says it "claims victims" but it ain't. It ain't got no ethics atall, it just goes on bein' desert. Them peoples the ones that got in the way.

Now ya'll seen trees an ya don't think nothin' bout them do ya? But sposin ya never seen a tree. sposin ya was thirteen years old before ya seen a tree, now wouldn't that be somethin'? Bet ya'd really look her over first time ya seed her wouldn't ya? Most people just calls em trees though, an that's that. Now I seen lots of trees an they don't mean much ta me either, I ain't no great tree lover, but I never seed the desert till I was thirteen an when I seen 'er fer the first time I fell in love with 'er. It was real big, and real quiet, it really made a fella wonder.

Now a fella spends most of his time lookin' at trees an writin' bout trees mite be plum loco, an my likin' the desert mite make ya think I aughtn't be allowed round little kids or loaded fire arms, but people is gettin' more desert conscios now than they used to be. People comes out here from the city to the big resorts an does stuff they can't do in the big city or at least that's what the newspapers says. They do typical desert stuff like golf, swim, flirt, dance, drink, gamble - ha! they're ruinin' the desert. But that ain't real desert an it won't last now how but leastwise people won't think I'm lock if I talk about the desert and me likin' it.

I like the desert out where yer alone - out off the roads, past even the sand roads, out where no jeep'll even get ya, out where ya gotta walk, out where there ain't nothin' but sagebrush an' greasewood. Ya get out there an yer heart will beat faster.
(For physical reasons if none other).

I was out between Florence Junction an' Globe an' Miami (Arizona) down below the Superstitions (mountains) lookin' for amethyst - I ain't never took much stock in them stories bout the lost Dutchman Mine. They ain't nobody found no gold in the Superstitions yet. Anyways, I was walkin' along when I sees bout forty rod to

Sage of Barite Rose(continued)

my right somethin' that wasn't natural. I looked again an it told a story. It was some kind of a building, or what was left of it. I went over there an kicked over some rusty cans scairin a lizard an makin' more noise than had been made round those parts in a long time. I seed what was left of a house an that's the desert's story.

First off, before the house was there, there was nothin' but sagebrush an greasewood, an mesquite, an some scrub stuff, and the sand that it grew in, an thats the beginning of the story. Remember that beginnin', nothin' much to speak about but sage and mesquite. Next month I'm gonna tell ya that story an if yer interested maybe i'll tell ya bout my amethyst strike too.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We are happy to welcome the following who joined our Society at the April meeting:

Jeanie Gogulski
1119 Lake Michigan Drive
Grand Rapids 4, Mich GL6-7921

Miss Evelyn R. Rush
3508 Plainfield N. E.
Grand Rapids 5, Mich EM1-7002

Miss Mamie A. Kirkman
3508 Plainfield N. E.
Grand Rapids 5, Mich EM1-7002

Mr. & Mrs. Horace H. Merrick
523 Lakeshore Blvd.
Muskegon Heights, Mich

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph J. Swierbut
1719 Sibley N. W.
Grand Rapids 4, Mich GL9-0990

Mr & Mrs George R. Walcott
1441 Genesee S. E.
Grand Rapids, Mich GL4-3728

Mr & Mrs. Robert J. Swenson
726 Hawthorne N. E.
Grand Rapids 3, Mich GL8-9367

Arnold R. Wendt III
1559 Laughlin Dr. N. W.
Grand Rapids 4, Mich GL 3-0476

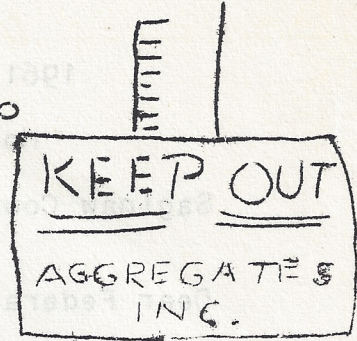
Several joined our group during the show, but at the time of going to press the list was incomplete, therefore these new memberships will be acknowledged in the June DRIFTER.

ROGERS CITY FIELD TRIP INSTRUCTIONS

Please register with Leo Hoogerhyde for this trip before May 18. Leo is in charge of this trip and advises that we will meet at the main gate of the Calcite Plant at Rogers City ready to leave on the guided tour through the quarry at 9:00 a.m. sharp on the morning of Saturday May 20. There are roads through the area and we will drive our own cars during the tour. A guide will be furnished and his instructions will be followed without exception. After making a circuit of the quarry we will check at the main gate for stragglers and then proceed to the fossil hunting areas. Those who wish to do so may carry their lunch, being careful not to drop any rubbish. The others may return to Rogers City for a quick lunch. Safety glasses are a must.

DO YOU KNOW...

WITH THE SEASON OPENING, WE SWITCHED FROM HISTORY TO GOOD HINTS FOR THIS MONTH...



THAT PERMISSION SHOULD ALWAYS BE OBTAINED...



THAT SMART ROCK-HOUNDS ALWAYS WEAR SAFETY GOGGLES WHEN ROCK WHOMPING...

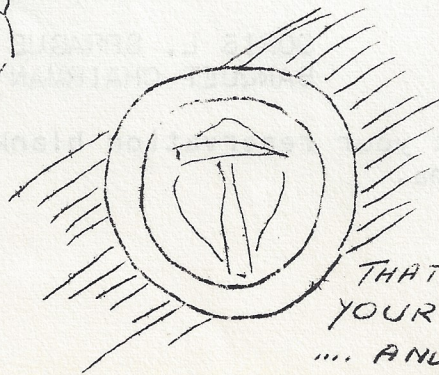


THAT YOU GET MORE FROM THE HOBBY WHEN YOU SUBSCRIBE AND STUDY...



THAT ROCK HOGS ARE A MENACE TO OUR HOBBY...

THAT AN EDUCATED ROCKHOUND NEVER HANDLES ANOTHER'S ROCKS WITHOUT PERMISSION ESPECIALLY XLS.



THAT YOU SHOULD WEAR YOUR EMBLEM WHEN HUNTING ... AND OBSERVING THE RULES...

1961 MIDWEST FEDERATION GEMS AND MINERAL FAIR
Tri-County Rocks & Minerals Society
Host to the 21st Annual Midwest Convention
June 29th - 30th, July 1st - 2nd, 1961
Saginaw County Fair Grounds Saginaw, Michigan

Dear Federation Member:

We are now receiving reservations for our Banquet to be held Saturday, July 1st, 1961. If you don't have yours in, DO IT NOW!!

The Banquet will be held at the High Life Inn here in Saginaw, one mile from the Show activities.

Our Menu will be:

Assorted Relish Tray
Assorted Salads
Tomato juice
Baked Ham, Roast Beef, & Fried Chicken, Swiss Meat Balls
Candied Sweet & Creamed Mashed Potatoes
Chicken Dressing
Dessert & all the Coffee, Tea or Milk you can drink.

Dr. Andrew Mazola, Wayne University Geology Department and President of the Michigan Mineralogical Society will act as Toast Master.

Guest Speakers:

Clarence Harnden, Manager of the Saginaw County Fair, second largest County Fair in the United States.

And the one and only -- JUNE CULP ZEITNER, of Mission, South Dakota, the Midwest's most famous personality.

There will be table favors, and drawings for Door Prizes.

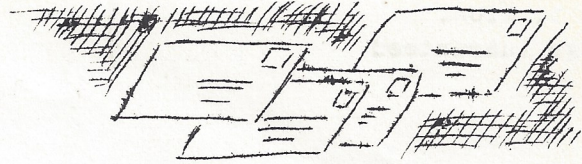
All this for the ticket price of only \$3.75 per person. We are limited to 375 settings so don't delay, send your RESERVATION IN TODAY.

SEE YOU AT THE BANQUET

DORIS L. SPRAGUE
BANQUET CHAIRMAN

GRMS Members: Get your reservation blank from Joe Hanna or Bob Rozema.

M.W.F.



LETTER OF THE MONTH

From: Saginaw, Michigan

Dear Member of the Midwest Federation:

The Registration Committee wishes to take part in welcoming you to attend what we hope will be the greatest Gem Show and Convention ever held in the Midwest.

We are extremely desirous to make your attendance here a very enjoyable one which will long be regarded as a time well spent with fellow rock-hounds.

And speaking of TIME - - - - - WHY WAIT?

Our committee is well prepared to save you valuable time by registering you in advance. Your badges, tickets, programs, etc. can then be prepared and ready for you to claim at the registration desk upon your arrival.

The registration fee is \$1.50 for adults and 75¢ for children twelve years old and under. It covers the four days of the Show and Convention.

We are sending registration forms and hope that you will take advantage of this service by filling them out and returning them to us early enough to give you complete satisfaction.

Kindly enclose your check or money-order payable to the Midwest Gems and Minerals Fair and Convention.

If more blanks are needed for your society members, please notify us at once so that we can mail them to you right away.

Send Registration Blanks and Checks to:

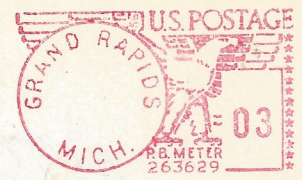
Cornelia DeMeritt
1913 Essex Street
Saginaw, Michigan

Cornelia DeMerrit
Chairman of Registration

NOTE GRMS MEMBERS - Joe Hanna has registration blanks for your use. See him at the next meeting and get yours off to Saginaw as soon as possible. A list of hotels and motels is in his hands and also in the hands of your editor. Just give one of us a call and get your sleeping arrangements made early too.

Are your plans for a display progressing and have you sent in your Entry Blank. If not, do so NOW.

The Grand Rapids Mineral Society
1355 Hollywood N.E.
Grand Rapids 5, Mich.
Return Postage Guaranteed



Mr. Kreigh Tomaszewski
333 Richard Terrace S.E.
Grand Rapids 6, Mich.