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Meetings are held the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 8:00 P.M. at Ridgeview Junior High School, Rosewood at Burton S E (September through May). Summer meetings are 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 Sept. 1 thru August 31 of following year.

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FEBRUARY MEETING

When: Wednesday, February 9, 1966 at 8:00 P.M.

Where: Ridgeview Junior High School, Rosewood at Burton S E

Two big events are in store for all who attend the February meeting. First, Mr. Richard Winar will be our speaker. Mr. Winar is a geologist. He has been working with the Junior Group at the Museum for the past couple of years.

Second, Lowell Palmer's CRAZY CLAPIDARY CONTEST. Be sure to wear your creation to qualify for judging which will be by acclaim. While this is called a Clapidary Contest, you may use any creation that has to do with our hobby. Wear a mineral specimen, but do get in the fun.

Mrs. Dorothy Waterman will have some door prizes. Unless some of the winners in previous months get some material to Dorothy for door prizes the club will have to abandon the practice of giving door prizes. All too many of our winners have failed to give - they just think this is a club where all you have to do is to get. Are you one of these? Or would you prefer to have the dues raised to cover purchase of door prizes for the meeting? So far, we are one of the few clubs who have kept our dues low.

January 31 and February 21 - Mineral Study Group

The Mineral Study Group will meet on Monday, January 31 at the home of Mrs. Nellie Mead, 334 Briarwood S E, with Mrs. Licile Pearl giving the lesson.

The February meeting will be on the 21st, Monday, at 8:00 P.M. at the home of Mr & Mrs Robert R. Rozema, 1355 Hollywood N E

Why not join this group to learn more about the rocks and minerals? We will be happy to see YOU at both meetings.

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February 2 - Lapidary Group Meeting

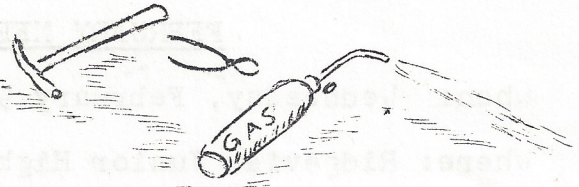
At 8:00 P.M. on Monday, February 2, the Lapidary Group will meet at the home of Mr & Mrs James Waldron, 1111 Hazen S E. Don't forget your latest lapidary effort. The Waldrons will tell us about their agate finds and show some of them.

All interested lapidaries and potential lapidaries are invited.

FEBRUARY 26 - FIELD TRIP

Lowell Palmer, Field Trup Chairman, has arranged a field trip thru Michigan Natural Storage mine, 1200 Judd S W for Saturday, February 26 - from 10 to 12. Cost is 75¢ for adults and 35¢ for children. Be sure to wear boots, and warm clothing and bring a flashlight and rock bag and pick. You may collect. This, as you all know, is a gypsum mine - or was in the old days.

President's Workshop



Have you noticed lately that rock specimens are getting harder to find? The minature glacier now covering our state makes rock picking real difficult. However, now is the time to realize the fun of the other aspects of our hobby. Lapidary work? Of course! But also learning. Learning why you can find a chunk of jasper at Gandville, or a Lake Superior agate in the gravel at Plainfield Bridge. Learning why Michigan has hills and how they got here, why we have salt deposits and gypsum mines, and oil fields. Learning how mastadons roamed the moorland swamps at Muskegon, how trilobites crawled through the mud of the vast inland salt seas that covered our state. Read of the mighty glaciers that scoured, froze and wracked our landscape into its present form. I'll tell you, friends, that you will find it very worthwhile to push away from the TV and delve more deeply into this fascinating field. The Ryerson Library has many fine books, written for the average person to understand easily. Business and Technology Room, Second Floor.

We're looking forward to the February meeting, with a real live geologist to show us some of the secrets uncovered by deep drilling methods. Also, to the real live Lowell Palmer, and some of the wild "crazy Cabs" he is going to uncover.

How is your display for the show coming along? Only a month to go!

Dick Damstra

SEVENTH ANNUAL GEM & MINERAL SHOW IN MARCH

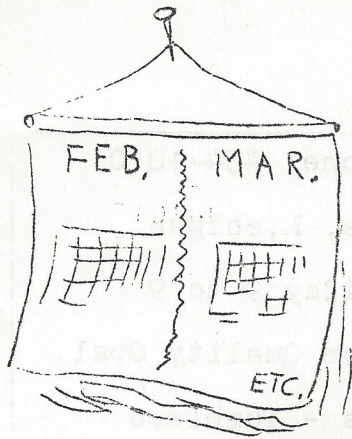
The Seventh Annual Gem & Mineral Show will be held at the Grand Rapids Public Museum starting Sunday, March 6, and closing on Sunday, March 27

Each and every member is invited to have a display in the show. You may have only one prized piece, or a whole case. It may be a mineral, fossil, or lapidary collection, or a combination of any of these. Some of you may have prepared an educational display. We hope so.

If you have any questions regarding your display - contact Dick Samstra, Show Chairman - or Mrs. Dorothy Waterman, Display Chairman, or her assistants Joe Parish and Casey Doornbos.

Be sure to get your entry blank to Mrs. Waterman at the earliest possible time.

Dr. Robert E. Smith is in charge of demonstrations.



Calendar

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Events

- January 31 - Monday - 8:00 P.M. Mineral Study Group at home of Mrs. Nellie Head, 334 Briarwood S E
- February 2 - Wednesday, 8:00 P.M. Laidary Group Meeting at home of Mr & Mrs James Waldron, 1111 Hazen S E
- February 9 - Wednesday - 8:00 P.M. Regular Monthly Meeting
- February 14- Monday - 8:00 P.M. Board of Control Meeting at home of Miss Marion Jennings, 1446 Bridge N W
- February 21- Monday - 8:00 P.M. Mineral Study Group Meeting at home of Mr & Mrs Robert R. Rozema, 1355 Hollywood N E
- February 25- Friday - Last day to turn in your Entry Blank for the Gem & Mineral Show.
- February 26 -Saturday- 10 A M to 12 noon - field trip to Michigan Natural Storage, 1200 Judd S W.
Charge: 75¢ for adults, 35¢ for children
- March 5 - Saturday - from 10:00 A M on is the time to get your display set up in the Museum for the Show which opens
- March 6 - Sunday, 2:00 P.M. Seventh Annual Gem & Mineral at the G. R. Public Museum running until
- March 27 - 5:00 P.M. When it will be time to dismantle the cases. Be sure to be on hand to remove your display promptly at 5:00 P.M.
- June 17-20 FIELD TRIP CONVENTION, Houghton, Michigan
This should be a good one. Lots of good places to look for Michigan minerals - probably some you would never find without the help of the members of the Host society

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GRAND RAPIDS PUBLIC MUSEUM

Again the members of the Grand Rapids Mineral Society have an opportunity to show the community what 'rock hounds' do in this hobby of ours. We can share with others our prized possessions and at the same time interest others in our hobby.

There will be room for a single piece or a complete display. You name it and the Committee will fit it into the show ENTER NOW.

Name _____ Phone _____

ADDRESS _____

Type of Display: Mineral () Lapidary () Fossil ()

Geological oddity () Educational ()

Space requirement _____

I will arrange a neighborhood display ()

Fill in this blank as soon as possible and give, or send to:

Mrs. Dorothy Waterman
1317 Ballard S E
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49506

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ENTRY BLANK

The Show Committee will again insure the exhibits during the show period. To save time when you bring your exhibit to the Museum on Saturday, March 5, please have an itemized list of pieces and a valuation on each.

If you have your exhibit planned, it would be even more helpful to have the items listed in the space below right now.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Value</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Value</u>

Total Value \$ _____

Deadline for Entries: February 25

Deadline for Exhibits: March 5th - 3:30 P.M., but the earlier the better!

Show closes at 5:00 P.M. Sunday, March 27th. All exhibits MUST be removed from the Museum promptly at 5:00 P.M.

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