



August 2019 issue

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**The annual club picnic will be held for those signed up on Sunday, August 18 at the home of John and Jane Matz. Social time and snacks at 4:00 p.m., dinner at 5:00 p.m.**

**Our next regular meeting: Tuesday, September 17 – at 6:45 pm**

At the Traverse Area District Library on Woodmere

**Five Minute Program:** Drilling Holes in Rocks – Pierre LaFoille

**Main Program:** Expert Night

**Door Prizes:** Pierre LaFoille, Jenny Sharp, Cynthia Vaughn

**Snack Hosts:** Mary Cagney, Pat Captain, and ?, and ?

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## July Highlights

The 5 minute program was presented by Lauren Vaughn on Michigan's iron and gold mine minerals from the Ishpeming and Michigamme areas. The main program was by Don Reed and featured rocks and minerals from the Keweenaw Peninsula.

Pierre LaFoille spoke about the tailgate sale that was held on Saturday, July 13 in the former Hooters Parking Lot at 1850 US - 31 between 3 and 4 mile Roads. There were 17 vendors from the club that participated.

Door prizes were donated by Deb Bull, Kevin Gauthier, and Cynthia Vaughn.

Snack Hosts were Deb Bull, Bonnie Reed, Jenny Sharp, and Gail Swed.

Thank to our volunteer providers and presenters.

## Upcoming Events

Both the August and September field trips require steel toed safety boots or shoes. Deb Bull has recently seen such footwear on sale at Meijer and Blair's Farm and Fleet. Another good place to look is WalMart for reasonable prices.

### **August CANCELLED BY LaFARGE QUARRY 8/5, ROCKPORT ALSO PER JENNY**

~~Saturday, August 10th is the date for the LaFarge Quarry collecting trip to Alpena. Those that are signed up will meet at the parking lot at the LaFarge Quarry at 12:30 pm for our safety briefing and orientation meeting. Jenny sent out an email with details on the event and on the types of fossils that can be found there and at Rockport. Rockport quarry will be visited on the 11th.~~

## September

Some people participating in the September Canada Field Trip would like to have contact with others to coordinate aspects of their trip. An opportunity to share contact information will be available at the August picnic.

Information from Deb Bull for the club's September amethyst collecting trip to Ontario, Canada:

The mines are located near the town of Pearl, approximately 625 miles from Traverse City (via Sault Ste Marie) about 10.5 hours, per Google maps. It is about 45 minutes east of Thunder Bay, Ontario.

Club members will be welcomed at the Blue Point Mine on Saturday, September 14th, and at the Diamond Willow Mine on Sunday, September 15th. Members are encouraged to make accommodations at the nearby Mirror Lake Campground by contacting the proprietors (Doris and Henry) at 1-807-977-2840. There will be a club potluck at 6:00pm on Saturday evening for anyone who would like to

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participate. Deb Bull and Kevin are working on other collecting opportunities nearby. Further details will be shared as they develop.

There will be another collecting event at the Meauwataka Gravel Pit between Mesick and Cadillac in September. Fossils, Petoskey Stones, and many other glacial till stones are present. More details will be available soon.

**There are some openings on the 2019 meeting schedule for snacks, door prizes and programs.**

**Please see Janet Ryan to volunteer to fill in one or more of these openings. Thank you!**

## **Facebook Page**

If you have not had a chance to do so yet, take a look at the GTARMC Facebook page that Jenny Burcroff has created. To take a look use this web address. There is also a link on our club website for another way to access the Facebook page.

<https://www.facebook.com/TCRockhounds>

Tom Fordyce is selling some lapidary equipment, rough, slabs and specimens. Please contact Tom for an appointment at 231-590-4980.

## **ROCKHOUND OF THE MONTH**

The Rockhound of the Month for June was Jenny Sharp.  
Congratulations Jenny!

**See those of you that have signed up for the picnic on August 18th at the Matz home, or at the September 17th meeting.**



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