



August 2020 issue

**WE WILL HOLD ANOTHER OUTDOOR MEETING ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 18 AT 6:45P.M., AT THE CHERRY BEND COMMUNITY PARK PAVILION.**

The July outdoor meeting went well with 31 people in attendance so we are going to have another outdoor meeting on August 18 at the same location.

Please bring a lawn chair as we will be socially distancing in and around the pavilion. There are 10 picnic tables that people from the same household can sit on one side of the table facing the front of the pavilion. Others can sit just outside the pavilion in lawn chairs. Please also plan on wearing your face mask or face coverings so we can be extra safe even though we will be outside. There will be no community snacks and drinks provided due to concerns about buffet-style food sharing.

If you are not comfortable in attending the meeting, everyone will understand. These are very unusual times requiring understanding and cooperation.

To get to the park, take M-22 north as if you were heading toward Suttons Bay. Continue on M-22 past the M-72 turnoff (Tom's West Bay) to the next light, which is Cherry Bend Road. Turn left and go straight until the road makes a 90 degree turn to the right. Shortly after the turn you will begin to see the park on your left. Go to the end of the park and turn left on Lincoln Rd. The entrance will be about  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile on your left and you will see the pavilion. If you want to put the address in your GPS or mapping app, use 10090 E Lincoln Rd, which is the township hall just across the parking lot from the pavilion.

## JULY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

It was good to see members again after 4 months of no regular meetings. Mike Laslo gave the long presentation on Agates. Lightning Stones were the topic of Eric Hallman's short program. A motion was made and approved to select Pierre LaFolle as the Rockhound of the Month. A motion was made and approved to send a \$50 donation to Elmwood Township for each month that we hold our outdoor meetings at the park pavilion. Jared shared information on the possibility of switching our club e-mail to Google Suites which will also give us other capabilities including video meetings when necessary. A motion was made and approved for the switch at a cost of \$6.00 per month.



Thanks to John Noonan for the photos

## SEPTEMBER CLUB SHOW CANCELED

As a reminder, the board, after much discussion, has decided to cancel the annual club rock and mineral show that was scheduled for September 26 and 27. Due to the concern for the health and safety of

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our visitors, club members and vendors, this decision was agreed to by all board members. It was also decided to not have a parking lot sale this summer.

I want to thank those who contacted me to volunteer for the show and I hope you will all be willing to help with the 2021 show.

## MEMORIUM

Kevin reported at the meeting that long time member Sue Nelson passed away on April 3 after a battle with cancer, at the age of 80.

## Facebook Page

Visit the club's Facebook page that Jenny Burcroff created. To take a look use this web address. There is also a link on our club website.

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

## Upcoming Field Trip Planning

Kevin Gauthier and others have presented several possible field trips for the remainder of 2020 but due to COVID-19 the list has been forced to be shortened. We will have more information soon on another trip to the Meauwataka in August or September. A trip to Copper Country on September 5 – 11 is going to take place. Please contact Kevin if you are interested in attending, for more information.

## Things To Do

I found a fun resource on the Maine Mineral and Gem Museum website for things to do while not having a lot of public contact. Check out their website at:

<https://mainemineralmuseum.org>

One good thing to check out is the MMGM@HOME page link at the top of the page. There are many links to educational and informational web resources.

The August 2 – 9 Copper Country Rock and Mineral Club collecting events and their annual show held at the end of the week have been cancelled.

Check our club website ([tcrockhounds.com](http://tcrockhounds.com)) for links to these events and clubs on the News & Fun and Sponsors/Links pages.

## Club Picnic

Due to CDC guideline concerns and health considerations, the board has decided that our standard picnic format in August also would not lend itself to a safe event. Instead, we will hold another outdoor meeting on August 18, instead of the picnic. More information on page one.

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The above contact list will be included in each newsletter so that you know who to contact for various items.

Anyone that has paid their 2020 membership dues will not have to pay any 2021 dues. This decision was made by the board since we have not been able to have many events or meetings this year.



Everyone in attendance at the meeting was able to take home a slice of Leland Blue courtesy of Sue Nelson's family's donation.