

Newsletter of the Grand Traverse Area Rock and Mineral Club - www.tcrockhounds.com

IT'S A NEW YEAR!



Membership renewal time!

Last chance to renew your dues! If you received this newsletter via USPS and your name on the label is highlighted in yellow, this is your last newsletter unless you renew your membership. (see reverse for membership info)

New Posts!

A big "Thank You!" to outgoing volunteers John and Beth Harlan and Judy Owen. We welcome Charlie Baumann as regular newsletter contributor, Alice Hauser as photographer, and Dutch Zonderman as Education Coordinator.

TC Rockhounds Christmas Party 2009

The TC Rockhounds annual Christmas party was held December 6th. This was my first experience with the annual party. We (Cher and I) were not sure what to expect. We were pleasantly surprised. Between the turn out of approximately 70, and the food which was brought in by members, it was superb. A special thanks goes out to Ed and Mary Rothgarber for making the prime rib which was perfect.

When we arrived at 4:00pm the mixture of the cooking odors permeated the air. We were like Pavlov's dogs. Salivating! We had the whole spectrum from hors d'oeuvre to desert.

A short business meeting was called by President Russ Barron at 4:30. It was over at 4:40. He said all officers agreed to stay on for another term.. There was a motion that was approved and seconded. Dave Perry (Secretary) will be gone for about 3 months. If anybody would like to take over his duties for this period please contact Russ Barron.

Judy Owen is stepping down as Education Chairperson. Thank you Judy for your service. Your efforts kept our classes full. Dutch Zonderman will be taking over for Judy as Education Chairperson. Thank you, Dutch.

There will be an auction at the Jan. 2010 meeting. Please bring an item for the auction. If you don't have "rocks" to auction, baked goods are acceptable to bring.

- Charlie Baumann

Upcoming Events



Jan 19th

Live Auction

Bring an item or two (rock-related or baked goods). Receive play money and have fun bidding!

Feb 16th

5-minute program

"Crinoid Fossils"
by Deb Bull

Main program

"The Morefield Mine (VA)"
by Lauren Vaughn

March 16th

5-minute and long programs -
TBA

38TH ANNUAL SPECIAL AUCTION

February 27th-28th, 2010

Saturday, 11am - 6pm Sunday, 12noon - 6pm

Sponsored by The Roamin Club at Schoolcraft College
Over 1500 items of mineral and lapidary material!

For more information contact: Clarence Sterling at 248-969-2196 or Don Brown at 734-421-8159

Auction for the benefit of The Roamin Club Endowment Fund and the Tom Wwilliams Scholarship Fund at Schoolcraft College

Items for newsletters: Please forward to editor by the first of the month for inclusion in that month's issue.



WANTED!

Volunteers:
for 5-minute and long programs,
door prizes, and refreshments
for the 2010 meetings

Please contact Lauren Vaughn at
maple2b@aol.com or 276-6150.

The Grand Traverse Area Rock and Mineral Club (GTARMC) is open to the public. Promoting our hobby is our goal.

All regular meetings & classes are held at the Heritage Center (the old library) on Sixth Street in Traverse City on the Third Tuesday of each month, at 7pm, unless posted otherwise in the newsletter.

If you have received a complementary newsletter, we welcome you to attend our next meeting. You do not have to be a member to attend the meetings of the GTARMC.

The Grand Traverse Area Rock and Mineral Club is affiliated with the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies and the Midwest Federation of Mineralogical and Geological Societies.

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Annual Membership

Adult \$15.00 / Jr. (8-17) \$5.00
Couple \$20.00 (children \$3 ea.)

Dues are payable to:

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