



December 2017 / January 2018 issue

***** Our next meeting will be at the Traverse Area District Library on Tuesday, January 16, at 6:45 pm *****

Main Program: California Trip by Rene Miller
Snack Hosts: Jenny Sharp, Debby Laslo, Gary Knudsen
Door Prizes: Lisa Knudsen
5-Minute Program: Mike Laslo - To be announced

Please pay you 2018 dues now!

Going away for the winter? Pay your dues now for the year, so you don't forget! It is easier for membership chair Kim if you pay now.

From the November Meeting:

President Pierre shared a fascinating program with great photos of Copper Replacement Agates. Some club members had the opportunity to collect a few of these while in Copper Country in 2017.

Rich and Kathy Churchill presented the 5 minute program on south-west U.S. Plume Agate.

Snack hosts were, Pat Captain, Deb Harrington, Marianne Pagel and Sarah Vanderkleed. The door prizes were presented by Donna Kaysserian and Marian Wyklige.

Thanks to all of the November volunteers.

Lend a hand this year:

Please sign up to present a 5 minute or main program or to provide treats or a door prize. See Rene or Kevin.

Christmas Dinner

The annual Christmas Dinner was held on Sunday, December 10 at Sleder's Tavern with 40 members and guests attending. We all enjoyed a wonderful supper and fellowship. Eight lucky people won door prizes and all were entertained by Pierre's poetry and jokes.

Our New Officers

Thank you to our outgoing officers that have served the club well during their tenure. "Coe" Vice President, Lorna Coe, and Secretary Cindy Wicksall have completed their terms on the board. Cindy will continue to help with scheduling of classes and the workroom. Please give them a hardy thank you at the January meeting.

Our new officers are Vice President Rene Miller who joins Kevin Gauthier as dual Vice Presidents. Our new Secretary is Lisa Knudsen. Please welcome them to their new positions at the January meeting for their service to the club. President Pierre and Treasurer Deb will continue in their positions for another year.

Newsletter Items Wanted

There is a need for items of interest and importance for the upcoming newsletter editions. If you know of something you would like to contribute including photos of club activities or areas of interest, please email to Lauren Vaughn at:

maple2b@aol.com

I will be preparing the monthly newsletter until Bonnie and Don get back from the warm south-west, next spring.

In Memory

The Grand Traverse Rock and Mineral club lost a good friend and one of the Charter members of the club. Isabell Nielsen passed away on December 2, 2017. The Nielsen's owned a rock shop at one time and Isabell was an expert in gem trees. She will be missed.

See you at the meeting Tuesday, January 16!