



June 2019 issue

Our next regular meeting: Tuesday, June 18 - 6:45pm

At the Traverse Area District Library on Woodmere

Five Minute Program: none

Main Program: Annual Silent Auction Fundraiser

Door Prizes: Carol Popa, Jenny Sharp, and Amanda Martin

Snack Hosts: Carol Popa, Debbie Harrington, Pat Captain and De Arnolt

May Highlights

The 5 minute program featured Deb Bull talking on “Mining Adventure Preparations” with many examples of equipment shown.

The Main program was Don Harbersberger with very informative information on “The Importance of Mining in Our World and Society” .

Pierre LaFoille has tentative approval for a tailgate sale on July 13. More to come later.

Door prizes were donated by Jill Gary, Todd Gyulveszi, Pierre LaFoille, Don Reed and Jerry Conroy.

Snack Hosts were Lorna Coe, Jim & Jill Gary, Jenny Sharp, Cindy Wicksall

Thank to our volunteer providers and presenters.

June Silent Auction Information

At the June 18 meeting, we will hold our annual silent auction fundraiser. Club members are asked to bring one or more items for the auction. The items can be rock and mineral related, lapidary or jewelry items, baked goods or other items that would be of interest to club members. All items brought are donations to the club and no money will be returned to the donator. The auction is always a good time with some good natured competition for certain items. There is usually two rounds of bidding of 15 or 20 minutes. Jared will announce the end of the auctions and all bidding must stop at that point. Tally sheets will indicate the amount that is due to be mailed to the club. Addressed envelopes will be available to mail your payment.

May Field Trip Report

Kevin Gauthier led a Leelanau County collecting trip on May 18. See highlights from the trip below:

10-10:30am Meet at Korner Gem - parking lot sale on rough material (see store)

10:30- 11am Small interactive talk on Michigan rocks- Samples of what can be found

11am Depart for Point Betsie Light House (any one can meet here at 12pm)

1:30 pm meet at Empire beach (anyone can join at this point/location) pack your own light lunch and eat here - Awards given out for most agatized coral found at point Betsie and most interesting rock at Empire

3:00 pm Leland (end of Reynolds St) (anyone can join at this point/location)

4:30 Peterson Park - rock hunt and picnic at 6pm any one can join at this point and location) (those that wish to go to Christmas Cove road to access beach easier may do so)

5:45 Awards at Peterson Park for Largest Leland blue found. Most petoskey stones at Peterson Park (within 25lbs) and overall Best Rock Hounder of day award

6:00pm Grilled chicken legs plates and plastic ware (provided by Korner Gem) If you plan to attend dinner PLEASE text anytime 231-645-0314 the number of people or Call this number after 6pm. Bring dish to pass to go with (grilled chicken) your own drinks- plates and plastic ware will be provided

Here are a couple of photos from the event:



Upcoming Events

June

On Saturday June 8, 2019, there will be a collecting opportunity at the Meauwataka Gravel Pit. It is located between Mesick and Cadillac turning left off of M-115 and heading North on 29 Rd for 3.5 miles to Meauwataka Rd. Turn right for 1 mile then follow the curve around to the right to 31 Rd to the gravel pit entrance. Hours for the event are from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Bring water and snacks along with your collecting equipment. There are no facilities at the gravel pit.

July

Registration opened through Michigan Tech University for the July 16 – 20 Keweenaw Mineral Days collecting events in Copper Country. Follow the link from the Sponsors/Links page on our club website (tcrockhounds.com) to check if any openings still exist for the event .

August

The Copper Country Rock and Mineral Club also will have collecting events in August. The events will be on the 6th through the 9th. The information was posted on March 15 and registration began that day. When I checked a few weeks ago, their 4 dig location trips were full. They have their Rock and Mineral Show on August 9 – 11.

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The Ishpeming Rock and Mineral Club has collecting events either side of their August 3 show. Friday, the 2nd will be collecting at the Republic Iron Mine, Sunday the 4th will be collecting at the Lindberg Quarry for Kona Dolomite. The final event will be on Monday, August 5 at the Michigan Gold Mine. Check with the club for registration details for the gold mine trip. It is limited to 40 participants.

Both of these clubs have a link on our Sponsors/Links page.

September

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

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>

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Tom Fordyce is selling some lapidary equipment, rough, slabs and specimens. Please see information below from Tom.

My rock sale will be over May 31st but will still be available by appointment.

Thanks Tom

Please contact Tom Fordyce at 231-590-4980 for appointment.

ROCKHOUND OF THE MONTH

The Rockhound of the Month for April was Alinka Lipchinsky. Congratulations Alinka!



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

See you all on the 18th.

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