



June 2022 issue

WE WILL BE HOLDING OUR MAY MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15 AT 6:45 P.M., AT THE CHERRYLAND VFW POST AT 3400 VETERANS DRIVE, IN TRAVERSE CITY. PLEASE NOTE THAT MEETINGS ARE NOW ON WEDNESDAYS. IF COVID CONDITIONS CHANGE, YOU WILL BE CONTACTED VIA EMAIL.

We will be holding the meeting in the same room where we had our Rock and Mineral Show in September. There will be no community snacks and drinks provided due to concerns about food sharing.



The program will be:

Our June 15 program will be our annual silent auction. Club members are asked to bring something to donate. It can be rock related, baked goods, jewelry, rock books or tools, etc. Be prepared to pay for the items you bid on that night. We are allowed to collect money at the VFW and will not need to have you send your payment.

May Highlights

Eric Hallman talked about the MOHS hardness scale and Deb and Gary Bull led a "Fossil Show and Tell". They brought some samples from Rockport and invited club members to bring their favorite fossil

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to show to the club and tell a little about the what, where and when of their fossil.

A motion was passed to spend up to \$1,500.00 to purchase AV equipment to use at meetings.

Facebook Page

Visit the club's Facebook page at this web address. There is also a link on our club website.

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

Upcoming Field Trip Planning

Gary Bull is the Field Trip Coordinator. Planning is underway for 2022 trips. Ideas or suggestions for field trips? Call Gary at 231-590-3397.

From Gary Bull, Field Trip Coordinator

Some members of the club attended an outing at Rockport Quarry (north of Alpena) on Sunday May 1st. The 300 acre, non-working quarry is mostly Devonian era limestone, and located in Michigan's 100th State Park. The quarry was in operation from 1924 – 1958. It is a beautiful location, adjacent to Lake Huron.

Membership Renewal Information

From Deb Bull, Membership Chair:

Reminder to members that the deadline for 2022 membership dues was March 31st. You must be a paid member in order to continue to receive club benefits (participation in club sponsored classes, outings and receiving club newsletters.)

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2022 membership dues may be mailed to:
Deb Bull, Membership, GTARMC
6091 Creighton Rd SW
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Name badges are an additional \$8 per badge. Thank you!

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

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If you have any photos that you would like to share of club events or members, those can be sent to:

photos@tcrockhounds.com or noonanjohntc@gmail.com

For scheduling requests for classes or workroom time, please note the email change to:

scheduling@tcrockhounds.com

To view club photos on Flickr, enter the following web address:

[GT Rock & Mineral | Flickr](#)

Petoskey Stone Festival

The Petoskey Stone Festival was held on Saturday, May 28 at Barnes Park in Eastport from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The club had a table there and there were many vendors, food trucks, and non-profits to enjoy. There is also a Petoskey Stone hunt and rock skipping for kids.

Thanks to Pierre LaFoilie, and Jim and De Elder for helping to staff the table during the day and sharing information about the club with those in attendance.

E-mail Scams and Safety

Over the past few years, scammers have gotten our club information from time to time and tried to scam club members. Usually, the ploy is that Jared is somewhere and in trouble or needing help and that you can help by sending gift cards to a link or email address.

Jared would never ask for gift cards or money to be sent somewhere. We can help cut down on this by sending emails to club members by using the bcc (blind carbon copy) method of emailing. We have been doing this for several months on newsletters and other mass club mailings. Also, any email requests should be confirmed with phone calls.

Equipment Available

Sterling Smith has a Beacon Star combination, 8 inch expanding drum sander and 8 inch grinding stone unit for sale. It was recently overhauled and has a newer drive belt. It also has a gravity feed water lubrication system for the wheels. The asking price is \$350.00.



If interested, contact Sterling at 231-920-3052.

MOHS Hardness Scale

Attached to the email that contained this newsletter, are two more PDF documents that Eric Hallman shared at the last meeting during his presentation. It is good current and future reference material.