



March 2017 issue

***** Our next regular meeting will be held on
TUESDAY, March 21, 6:45 pm at the TADL *****

**Five Minute Program: John Matz on “Chemical Dependence” of
Rocks and Minerals**

**The Main Program will be Lauren Vaughn speaking on Kyanite. If
you have a favorite piece of kyanite you would like to show, please
bring it along.**

**Snack Hosts: Kim Olson, Carol Popa, Lauren and Cynthia Vaughn,
and Sarah Vanderkleed**

Door Prizes: Lucas Vanderkleed and Lauren and Cynthia Vaughn

From the February 20 Meeting:

The February meeting featured the fabulous program on Isle Royale National Park by guest author and adventurer, Loreen Niewenhuis.

Snack Hosts: Laura and Allison Miller, Marianne Pagel, Ben Card, and Sarah Vanderkleed and the door prizes were provided by Cathy Miller and Lisa Knudsen. Thanks to our wonderful volunteers for their part in the meeting.

The Rockhound of the Month for January was Tom Fordyce.

Plan now for 2017:

The April meeting will be held on **MONDAY, April 17th.**

The registration for the Copper Country Rock and Mineral Club trips to mine rock dumps between August 8 and 11 begins on March 6. **SIGN UP EARLY !!**

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

The Midwest Federation Convention will be May 6-7 in Brainerd, Minnesota

The American Federation Convention will be June 9-11 in Ventura, California

GTARMC Club dues need to be paid for 2017. If you joined after the show in September, you are paid through 2017.

Looking for straggler Rock and Mineral Show Signs!

Please bring the Rock and Mineral Show signs to the March meeting and give them to Cynthia and Lauren Vaughn. We need to count them to see if we need to order more for next year. There are still about 15 signs that have not been accounted for. They are our most used form of advertising by show attendees.

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

WHAT IS IT ?

Here is a photo of a rock that the Knudsen's found on a Lake Michigan beach. They described it as:

"...an interesting discovery without an explanation. Maybe something to get people to ponder. This was an interesting rock of an indiscernible origin. Stumbled across this 10 to 12 inch anomaly on the Lake Michigan shoreline in June of 2016. Lisa put her foot in the picture for a reference to size. Looks like an oblong cannon ball. Obviously a lot of iron involved. Interested to hear any thoughts on its peculiar shape and composition."



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Bring your thoughts to the March 21 meeting and share them with the Knudsens.

See you at the meeting on Tuesday, March 21 !



Scene from the January meeting.