



March 2020 issue

Our next regular meeting: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 – at 6:45 pm

At the Traverse Area District Library on Woodmere

Five Minute Program: By John Matz

Main Program: Eric Hallman will speak on Texas Caving

Snack Hosts: De Arndt, Pat Captain, Rhonda Hudson, and Merry Koon

Door Prizes: Randy Arndt and Dean and Sandie Bull

January Highlights

Ken Schug shared photos of his 2019 rockhounding trip out west and he had some specimens and other memorabilia to display during the short program. The main program was Lauren Vaughn presenting “Glorious Garnets Galore”.

Snack Hosts were Merry Koon, Debby Laslo, and Gail Swed. Door Prizes were donated by Dean & Sandy Bull, Lorna Coe, Art Hudson, Melanie Jones and Kinglsey North.

There are still a few openings on the 2020 meeting schedules 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

Visit the club’s Facebook page that Jenny Burcroff created. To take a look use this web address. There is also a link on our club website.

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

Upcoming Events

The April 21 meeting will feature Deb Bull on Polyhedroids for the short program and Mike Laslo presenting the main program on agates.

New Silversmithing class starts on March 15

The new silversmithing class begins very soon. It is scheduled to begin on Sunday, March 15 from 1:00 to 5:00 pm, at the Crooked Tree Art Center building (former History Center) on 6th Street in Traverse City. The next confirmed class is at the same time on March 22. The other two weeks are being finalized but will hopefully be March 29 and April 5. Ken Schug will be teaching this series.

The cost of the class is \$25.00, plus materials which average from \$80.00 to \$120.00 if participants purchase the silver, tools, torches and other suggested equipment. It can be cheaper if participants pair up to share equipment.

To take the class, you must be an up-to-date paid member of the club. E-mail tcrockroom@gmail.com with your full name, a contact phone number and state that you want to sign up for the silversmithing class beginning March 15. You must pay the \$25.00 cost of the class on the first class day. There is a limit of 10 students for the class and it is first come - first served basis.

In Memorium

We received some sad news regarding a former member. Many of you know Hurbert Whittaker, son of Mary and Marshall Collins Sr., from various rock and mineral shows or perhaps from the shop they had in Northport. While in Arizona he was selling at a show on February 21 and while walking home, was hit and killed by a car after being able to push a friend out of the way of the car. Hurbert was a very enthusiastic rockhound and was a joy to be around. He will be

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missed by all of us who knew and appreciated him for his kind and joyous spirit, and willingness to help others. His wife Kim is trying to deal with all of the feelings as well as trying to coordinate all that needs to be done.

Kim's sister, Shari Whittaker has set up a Go-Fund-Me account to help Kim with funeral and other expenses. If you are interested in helping out, here is the link to the account.

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/emergency-funds-needed-for-new-widow-kim-whittaker>

Funeral Services have been set for Friday, March 13 at the Central United Methodist Church at 222 S. Cass St in Traverse City. Visitation begins at 11:00 a.m. and the funeral at noon.

In addition, there is another former member that I meant to mention at the February meeting. Jerry Conroy died on January 18 after a battle with pancreatic cancer. You may remember that several items that Pierre had brought for door prizes these past few months were things that Jerry had donated to the club. A celebration of his life will take place sometime in the spring. Jerry was a great member of the club and helped with staffing the workroom and other activities.

Upcoming Field Trip Planning

Kevin Gauthier and others have presented the following possible field trips for the remainder of 2020. More information and sign-up sheets will be available at our monthly meetings.

March 21 – Bull's Rock Shop – South Boardman

April TBD – Mazon Creek in Ohio for fern and other fossils in concretions

May or June – Meautawaka Gravel Pit near Cadillac and the LaFarge Limestone Quarry in Alpena

July 18 – Kid's Day at Korner Gem in Traverse City from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

September 12ish to 19ish – Keweenaw Copper Mine rockhounding

ROCKHOUND OF THE MONTH

Debbie Harrington was named Rockhound of the Month for January for her continuing work as club treasurer. Thank you, Debbie!



CABBERS TAKE NOTE

From Sterling Smith as he mentioned at the January meeting.

“Here is a list of potential people to sell stones to. At the time I spoke to them they were open to having cutters send them pictures of finished stones with size of the stone and pricing. These may or may not pan out for sales but a good lead is better than none.

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Amy Johnson. 616-791-9145

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Amy is looking for cut forms. She does all her own grinding and polishing.

Amy Forsell. 906-370-7675

47degreesnorth@gmail.com

Leigh Griffin. 404-432-9300

leigh@leighgriffinjewelery.com

This is a maybe.

Laura Schichtel. 231-649-9550

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I hope this helps and I will share new contacts as I get them.

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

Anyone that has not paid their 2020 membership dues are now not eligible to take classes or go on field trips until their membership is renewed.