



March 2021 issue

WE WILL HAVE OUR NEXT VIRTUAL MEETING, ON MARCH 16 AT 6:45 P.M. WATCH FOR YOUR EMAIL INVITATION AND JOIN US!

University of Michigan's Collection Manager from the U of M Paleontology Department will present the main program.

The virtual meeting on February 16 went well with approximately 30 people in attendance. Most were through video connections and a few by phone.

Instructions for the virtual meetings will come in an email a couple of days before the meeting and will have instructions on how to connect.

February Highlights

Deb Bull shared photos and other information on some great places to visit along the northern part of the Lake Huron shoreline for rockhounding and/or sightseeing.

Lauren Vaughn presented photos and a short video on the Morefield Mine in Amelia, Virginia. He was able to tour the mine's underground workings a few years ago and see the beautiful Amazonite and many other interesting minerals.

All current officers were re-elected for 2021. Topics are needed for April and May presentations. Contact Janet Ryan if you are able to help.

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>

HAPPY GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY GTARMC !!

Jared was looking through some paperwork and realized that November was the 50th anniversary of the founding of the club. There have been a lot of changes in the club over the years from its beginning with just a few members to the vibrant large club we have now. It has met in many different places over the years including the City Owned Traverse City Senior Center on the bay on Front Street, the City's Carnegie Building on 6th Street, where Crooked Tree Art Center now has their Traverse City operations, and where our club workroom is located. Our annual rock and mineral shows have been held at Northwestern Michigan College, the Carnegie Building, GT County's Civic Center and most recently at the Cherryland VFW post. There have been countless field trips, both formal and the informal meeting of members at a particular location.

We look forward to the next 50 years and all of the shows, trips, meetings and other special events that will take place. We hope to have a more hands-on event at some time this year after COVID-19 allows us to resume normal in-person events.

In Memory

Long time member and friend Beth Harlan died on February 2 from complications of COVID – 19. She and husband John were some of the early members of the club and were very active until recently. Beth had been club recorder and volunteered for many other projects over the years. She will be dearly missed. See Bonnie Reed's memories of Beth on the club Facebook page.

Upcoming Field Trip Planning

Garry Bull has volunteered take over the Field Trip Coordinator position from Kevin Gauthier. Kevin will still plan the trip to the U.P. in early September. A possible trip to the Rockport Quarry collecting area is being planned for April or May. Here is some information from Gary.

"I let Jared know that I would take the Field Trip Coordinator position for the club. Unfortunately, with Covid we are restricted on some places to go. I do know that Kevin Gauthier is planning a trip in September for Keweenaw and Randy usually schedules us for an outing to the Meauwataka gravel pit, too.

If anyone has any suggestions I can see if I can schedule them in. Deb and I have done many out-of-state trips to Kentucky if anyone would like information. Feel free to call me at 231-590-3397. I will create a sign-up sheet online as needed until we can meet in person again. All input is welcome.
email: superior_engine_service@yahoo.com or debannbull@gmail.com.
-Gary Bull 231-590-3397"

Deb and Gary Bull still have some large sturdy buckets at their house that Jared procured. A small donation to the club is required per bucket.

INTERESTING MICHIGAN GEOLOGIC INFO

Below is a link to an article from the Michigan State University Geology Department on the Geology of the Great Lakes Region. Thanks to Deb Bull for sending this information to be included in the newsletter.

<http://www.geo.msu.edu/extra/geogmich/geology.html?fbclid=IwAR1P1p8RCzowpsvVX3yIEP8em-kxpU9MdJwHWSJStuwSAyrXNki8R-WkPi4>

Jared provided a great web resource from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality. It is the Geo Web Face web tool that can help your rockhounding in finding locations, geologic information, mine locations and many other interesting facts. Here is the link:

<https://www.deq.state.mi.us/GeoWebFace/>

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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 paid their 2020 membership dues will not have to pay any 2021 dues. This decision was made by the board since we have not been able to have many events or meetings this year.

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Join us on-line on March 16 at 6:45 p.m.

Pat Frazier has an 18" Lortone LS 18 lapidary saw available for sale. Here are two photos of it. For more information contact Pat at:

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