



May 2019 issue

Our next regular meeting: Tuesday, May 21 - 6:45pm

At the Traverse Area District Library on Woodmere

Five Minute Program: Deb Bull – Mining Adventure Preparations

Main Program: Don Reed – Keweenaw Rocks

Door Prizes: Jill Gary, Todd Gyulveszi, Pierre LaFoille and Don Reed

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

April Highlights

The programs featured John Matz speaking about Selenite and its Identification, Use and History. The Main program was “Crater of Diamonds State Park” by Lisa and Gary Knudsen.

Eric Holman is going to start teaching cabochon classes and will also be a workroom monitor.

Pierre LaFoille is trying to have a tailgate sale for members in July or August. More to come later.

Door prizes were donated by Kevin Gauthier, Lisa Knudsen, Jenny Sharp and Jerry Conroy.

Snack Hosts were Loretta LaFoille, Lisa Knudsen, Debby Laslo and Tricia Stevens.

Thank to our volunteer providers and presenters.

April Field Trip Report

A collecting trip was held on April 27 to Charlevoix for beach stone collecting. Thanks to Lorna Coe for coordinating the event. The following is found on the club's Facebook page.

"Yesterday several club members braved the cold to rock pick at two Charlevoix beaches. Many thanks to Lorna for setting up the group trip!

We started at the South Pier lighthouse where we found bucket loads of smoothly worn beach rock.

Several group members also checked out the beach at Fisherman's Point. This completely different beach is just a couple miles away along the coast and is a treasure trove of Devonian marine fossils. Some areas have exposed bedrock instead of soft sand. The bedrock itself, as well as much of the surrounding rock, is filled with coral and brachiopod fossils."

Some club members also toured some of the Mushroom Houses in Charlevoix.

Here are some photos from the event.



Upcoming Events:

MAY 18 FIELD TRIP

Kevin Gauthier has created a Leelanau County collecting trip on May 18. See the details below:

May 18th - Rock Hunting in Leelanau county Hosted by Kevin Gauthier & Korner Gem

Hi everyone, below is an itinerary for the up and coming field trip.

You're welcome to attend any part of the event. (i.e if you can only make a portion morning or afternoon these are the places and approximate times we will be there.

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

Hope to see you there!

Kevin

July

Registration is now open 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 register 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.

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. Registration details for the gold mine will be posted soon and there is a limit of 40 participants.

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

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

Thanks again to Jenny Burcroff for creating a GTARMC Facebook page. 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>

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

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“I have a 14” Highland Park Slab Saw, cuts real good, blade good. Lortone Arbor with 2 – 8” wheels, one 80 grit and one 220 grit. Lots of rocks for sale, specimens, slabs and rough. All prices negotiable. Please contact Tom Fordyce at 231-590-4980 for appointment.”

ROCKHOUND OF THE MONTH

The Rockhound of the Month for March was Eric Holman. Congratulations Eric!



See you all on the 21st.