



May 2021 issue

WE WILL HOLD AN OUTDOOR MEETING ON TUESDAY, MAY 18 AT 6:45P.M., AT THE CHERRY BEND COMMUNITY PARK PAVILLION.

Please bring a lawn chair as we will be socially distancing in and around the pavilion. There are 10 picnic tables that people from the same household can sit on one side of the table facing the front of the pavilion. Others can sit just outside the pavilion in lawn chairs. Please also plan on wearing your face mask or face coverings so we can be extra safe even though we will be outside. There will be no community snacks and drinks provided due to concerns about buffet style food sharing.

If you are not comfortable in attending the meeting, everyone will understand. These are very unusual times requiring understanding and cooperation.

To get to the park, take M-22 north as if you were heading toward Suttons Bay. Continue on M-22 past the M-72 turnoff (Tom's West Bay) to the next light, which is Cherry Bend Road. Turn left and then go straight until the road makes a 90 degree turn to the right. Shortly after the turn you will begin to see the park on your left. Go to the end of the park and turn left on Lincoln Rd. The entrance will be about ¼ mile on your left and you will see the pavilion. If you want to put the address in your GPS or mapping app, use 10090 E Lincoln Rd, which is the township hall just across the parking lot from the pavilion.

Our May 18 speaker will be Barbara Matz, John and Jane's daughter who will be speaking on Micromounting. This interesting hobby highlights small mineral specimens that are observed through microscopes and photos taken by microscopes.

April Highlights

The virtual meeting on April 20 went well with approximately 30 people in attendance.

John Jaszcvak from the Seaman Mineral Museum at Michigan Tech was our speaker. He talked about the process of the 2016 naming of the recently found mineral, Merelanite. John was a key member of the team that led the research and naming process. It is a mineral found in Tanzania. It was the 2016 “Mineral of the Year.”

John also had a mineral he discovered named after him in 2015. That mineral is called Jaszczalite.

A motion was made to approve \$200.00 to be a Silver Level Sponsor for the Petoskey Stone Festival to be held May 29 at Barnes Park in Eastport. The club will have a table at the festival and volunteers to be at the booth to answer questions and pass out information are needed from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. We have volunteers for 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and need someone for the 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. shift.

Janet and Pierre will be teaching a beginning silver-smithing class in May. People will be taken from the waiting list first.

Topics are needed for upcoming meetings. 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 !!

November 2020 was the 50th anniversary of the founding of the club.

Upcoming Field Trip Planning

Gary Bull became the Field Trip Coordinator in 2021. Kevin Gauthier will still plan the trip to the U.P. in early September. Here is a report from Gary from the April 24 field trip to the Rockport Quarry near Alpena and with plans for the July trip to Cedarburg, Wisconsin.

Field Trip Coordinator Report

“Rockport Quarry Trip: It was a good turnout for the outing. Some people had been there before and for some it was their first time. The quarry had been mined up until 1948. Some of the limestone went into the construction of the Mackinac Bridge. The entire area covers about 300 acres. Everyone agreed that the weather was just perfect for hiking around the quarry: mild temperatures, blue skies and sunshine until about 2:30, when it got a little colder and cloudy. I believe everyone had a good time and there were plenty of fossils and a few artifacts. A big THANK YOU to Jared and Jenny - their knowledge of the quarry and the different formations was invaluable, as well as their expertise on the different fossils we were finding. It was just great getting out with club members, a great day with great people.

Meauwataka: The Cadillac quarry the club has visited in the past has been sold and it may not be possible to have field trips there.

The Gem Shop: Deb has arranged for club members to have an outing to The Gem Shop in Cedarburg, Wisconsin, at 1:00pm on Sunday, July 18th. Club members may remember the stunningly beautiful calendars produced by The Gem Shop staff, which the club has purchased in bulk (discounted) for members to purchase. There will be a club member discount during the outing. Book hotel or campground arrangements early. Drive time is 6.5 hours clockwise, through Chicago, or 7.5 hours through the U.P. and south via Green Bay. It is hoped that if there are enough participants in the outing that the Gem Shop staff will justify opening the shop early to

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accommodate the club. There is a Copper Culture State Park and Museum in nearby Oconto, Wisconsin that looks interesting, as well. Check out www.thegemshop.com and <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/parks/copperculture>.

Ideas or suggestions for field trips? Give Gary a call at 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

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/>

Jared also found an interesting article about a huge meteorite that crashed in Cass County about 450 million years ago. Here is the link to the article.

<http://wsbt.com/news/local/evidence-of-massive-meteor-crater-still-exists-in-cass-county-michigan>

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

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Join us at Cherry Bend Community Park on May 18 at 6:45 p.m.