



May 2022 issue

WE WILL BE HOLDING OUR MAY MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 18 AT 6:45 P.M., AT THE CHERRYLAND VFW POST AT 3400 VETERANS DRIVE, IN TRAVERSE CITY. PLEASE NOTE THAT MEETINGS ARE NOW ON WEDNESDAYS. IF COVID CONDITIONS CHANGE, YOU WILL BE CONTACTED VIA EMAIL.

We will be holding the meeting in the same room where we had our Rock and Mineral Show in September. With the current county COVID rate being in the medium risk category, masks are not required, but still not a bad idea. There will be no community snacks and drinks provided due to concerns about food sharing.



The programs will be:

Eric Hallman talking about the MOHS hardness scale and Deb and Gary Bull leading a "Fossil Show and Tell". They will bring some samples from Rockport and they invite club members to bring their favorite fossil to show to the club and tell a little about the what, where and when of their fossil.

Our June 15 program will be our annual silent auction. Club members are asked to bring something to donate. It can be rock related, baked goods, jewelry, rock books or tools, etc.

April Highlights

The programs featured John Noonan explaining “What’s Legal and Not in Collecting Rocks in the Upper Great Lakes Region” and Loretta LaFoille on “How to Display Your Rocks”.

The Rockhound of the Month for March was Steven Veatch.

Lorna Coe and Diane Hallman are asking club members for donations for the kid’s table for the September show including any size of oval or round cabochons, small, polished rocks or other things that would be enjoyed by young rockhounds.

Facebook Page

Visit the club’s Facebook page at this web address. There is also a link on our club website.

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

Upcoming Field Trip Planning

Gary Bull is the Field Trip Coordinator. Kevin Gauthier planned the trip to the U.P. in September. Planning is underway for 2022 trips. Ideas or suggestions for field trips? Call Gary at 231-590-3397.

From Gary Bull, Field Trip Coordinator

“We're planning on an outing at Rockport Quarry (north of Alpena) at 10:00 am on Sunday May 1st. The 300 acre non-working quarry is mostly Devonian era limestone, and located in Michigan's 100th State Park. It was in operation from 1924 – 1958.

It is a beautiful location, adjacent to Lake Huron. There are outhouses, but no other facilities. You would want sturdy boots, water, snacks, a rock hammer and safety glasses. We will be meeting in the parking lot at 10am (located across from the boat launch.)”

Any questions or if you want to attend, call or text Gary at 231-590-3397

Membership Renewal Information

From Deb Bull, Membership Chair:

Reminder to members that the deadline for 2022 membership dues was March 31st. You must be a paid member in order to continue to receive club benefits (participation in club sponsored classes, outings and receiving club newsletters.)

2022 membership dues may be mailed to:
Deb Bull, Membership, GTARMC
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Name badges are an additional \$8 per badge. Thank you!

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If you have any photos that you would like to share of club events or members, those can be sent to:

photos@tcrockhounds.com or noonanjohntc@gmail.com

For scheduling requests for classes or workroom time, please note the email change to:

scheduling@tcrockhounds.com

To view club photos on Flickr, enter the following web address:

[GT Rock & Mineral | Flickr](#)

Petoskey Stone Festival

The Petoskey Stone Festival will be held on Saturday, May 28 at Barnes Park in Eastport from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The club has a table there and there are many vendors, food trucks, and non-profits to enjoy. There is also a Petoskey Stone hunt and rock skipping for kids. If you are interested in helping at the club table, contact Lauren Vaughn by text or email.