



May 2024 issue

The next regular meeting will be on THURSDAY, May 16 at 6:30 p.m. at the VFW Post at 3400 Veterans Drive in Traverse City.

The program for the May meeting will be “Demo Night” where members will share information and demonstrations on various skills, techniques, or equipment used in various lapidary, jewelry or rock and mineral related topics.

The next regular meeting of the Pebble Pups will be on **Thursday**, May 16 at 5:30 pm at the VFW. This is what is planned for the meeting.

Common Metamorphic Rocks. From your previous classes about igneous and sedimentary rocks, you have developed a basic understanding of the rock cycle. This class will cover the last major rock type. Metamorphic rocks can form from either of the other two types (as well as from older metamorphic rocks), and so they have a wide variety of mineral compositions and textures. This group includes such useful materials as marble, slate, and the source rocks for several valuable minerals (including garnet, talc, and corundum).

April Highlights

During the short program, Pierre LaFoilie talked about Porcelain.

The main program was Gwen Drews sharing photos and details of a recent rockhounding trip.

Beginning in April, the club meeting day changed to the third Thursday of the month. The next new meeting date will be Thursday, May 16 at 6:30 pm.

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>

Food Pantry Donations

Lorna Coe and Jim and De Elder would like to thank all that have brought items for the food pantry and clothing donations. Enough items were collected in April to deliver food and personal hygiene supplies to 3 elementary schools and Kandu Island. Due to the success of the program, they are going to continue this at every meeting. Non-perishable food items (no expired dated items, please), personal hygiene products, children's new underwear, sizes elementary to teens, are welcomed. An additional item of need is toothbrushes and toothpaste. As an added incentive, every time you donate items, put your name in the hat for a drawing, which will take place at our Christmas dinner.

Upcoming Field Trip Planning

We do have a new Field Trip Coordinator. Her name is Sarah Steel.

Steven Veatch is working on a possible field trip to the Cranbrook Institute of Science in Bloomfield Hills, MI.

Membership Information

From Cathy Kowaleski, Membership Chair:

You must be a paid member to continue to receive club benefits (participation in classes, outings and receiving club newsletters.) Dues are \$15 Adult or \$20 for a couple, Juniors (8-17) \$5, and those under 8 are free with an adult membership. Make checks out to GTARMC.

Membership dues may be mailed to:

Cathy Kowaleski, Membership Chair
801 S. Garfield Avenue #241
Traverse City, MI 49686

Name badges are an additional \$8 per badge. Thank you!

Club Email Addresses

To send a request for classes or workroom time, please send an email request to our club scheduler.

scheduling@tcrockhounds.com

gtarmc@tcrockhounds.com (is our main club email address)

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

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

[GT Rock & Mineral | Flickr](#)

Club Member Assignment

To assist the new committee that is looking at potential new locations for our club workroom and classroom, Jim Elder is asking all club members to let him know about possible locations that you may be aware of, that may work for the club. The space should be in the greater Traverse City area but doesn't have to be within the city limits.

A good size for the room would be 400 to 600 square feet and must have a restroom for member use. This would give us adequate space for our equipment and enough room to hold classes.

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

GTARMC Pebble Pup Info

More Rock & Mineral Specimens Needs for the Pups

The Pebble Pups need specimens for study and for Steven Veatch to give out at the Pup's meetings and for public outreach events that are staged about 4 times a year. People can contact Steven at steven.veatch@gmail.com or bring them to the meetings for him.

Upcoming Events

Ancient Echoes Expedition: Journey into the World of Fossils
Location: Sabin Loop- Fossil Beach Theme: Fossil Discovery Hike
Date: May 18th Time: 10 am to 12 pm

Joint trip with the Boardman River Nature Center

Description:

Embark on an extraordinary adventure with the "Ancient Echoes Expedition: Journey into the World of Fossils," a thrilling hike that invites you to step back in time and explore the geological wonders of our planet. This immersive program guides hikers through a captivating landscape rich in ancient echoes, where fossilized remnants tell the tales of prehistoric life. Led by seasoned experts in paleontology, the expedition combines the excitement of a scenic hike with hands-on fossil discovery, offering participants the chance to learn about ancient creatures. As the trail winds through breathtaking vistas, participants gain a deep appreciation for the geological history that shaped the world we know today. This hike is not just a physical journey but a profound exploration into the mysteries of Earth's past, fostering a connection between pebble pups and the awe-inspiring narratives concealed within the rocks and fossils of the terrain.