

## ***Beth's Notes***

By Beth Harlan

After a confusing start, due to the Heritage's having a new carpet laid where we have been meeting on the main floor, we all assembled downstairs. As a result, Lauren Vaughn called the meeting to order just a bit late. This was the meeting before our Annual Show, scheduled Saturday and Sunday, September 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> - and Tom Fordyce presented the details of his preparations. We have more dealers signed up for space than in previous shows. Don Reed brought in a bucket of rocks for the children's table. Volunteers are still being requested to give a few hours of their time to help on Friday noon (9-25-09) to set up and take down on Sunday after 4 pm. Cynthia Vaughn has lots of signs for alerting the public to the time and place. These should be placed in high visibility areas and approximately fifteen feet from the roadway anytime up to a week before the show. So, much has been done and there is always more to do, but the show is shaping up nicely.

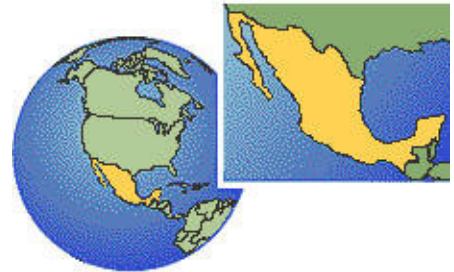
Classes are being scheduled for the fall. There will be a cabochon class and a silver-smithing class coming up soon after the show. Please check with Education Chairman, Judy Owen, for time and dates. Some of these classes have a maximum number of students, so be sure to get your name on the list early. Remember that you have to be a member to take a class and you have to take the class in order to use the club's equipment due to insurance regulations.

Deb Bull gave the five minute program about the trip she and Gary took to the Zuba Mine in Ontario, Canada. She brought a beautiful, cleaned and shining, specimen of Smoky Quartz. Several other mines on the way and also off the beaten track were visited including a Meteorite mine? Which turned out to be the S S Meteorite moored as a museum! The by-ways have their surprises.

Charlie Baumann brought the double delicious double chocolate cake!

The almost 50 members and guests enjoyed one of Don Reed's colorful and informative movies about Mining Agate in Mexico with Eugene Mueller. The difficulty of off-road, two rut paths and hiking in another four miles was graphically portrayed. Carrying supplies and getting permits were among the difficulties, but the beauty of the crazy lace and laguna agates made the trip worth while for any truly dedicated rockhound!

## **Upcoming Events**



### **October 20<sup>th</sup>**

#### **5-minute program**

*"Ocean Jasper"*  
by Jim Lutfy

#### **Main program**

*"Mexican Agates—Tour of Famous Locations"*

Don Reed will host this DVD by Brad Cross.

### **November 17<sup>th</sup>**

#### **5-minute program**

*"Treasures from 2009 Copper Country Mineral Retreat"*

If you have a prized specimen from this year's retreat, bring it to share!

#### **Main program**

*"Iron Smelting History in Michigan"*

by Lauren Vaughn

Bring your favorite Leland Blue, Frankfort Green or other iron smelter slag or jewelry pieces to show.

2010 Club Show a Success!

The Grand Traverse Area Rock and Mineral Club Show was held at the Grand Traverse Heritage Center on September 26 and 27. The attendance set records along with the number of new members added at the show. More details at the October meeting.



YOUR CLUB NEEDS YOU!

Beth and John Harlan will be relinquishing their roles as newsletter columnist and club photographer, respectively, at the end of this year. That's 2 1/2 months away!

Calling on those members with photography and/or writing skills! Consider contributing to your club by writing articles for the newsletter or documenting club activities with your camera. Contact our club president, Russ Barron or newsletter editor, Carol Towar, if you can help.

The Grand Traverse Area Rock and Mineral Club (GTARMC) is open to the public. Promoting our hobby is our goal.

All regular meetings & classes are held at the Heritage Center (the old library) on Sixth Street in Traverse City on the third Tuesday of each month, at 7pm, unless posted otherwise in the newsletter.

If you have received a complementary newsletter, we welcome you to attend our next meeting. You do not have to be a member to attend the meetings of the GTARMC.

The Grand Traverse Area Rock and Mineral Club is affiliated with the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies and the Midwest Federation of Mineralogical and Geological Societies.

CLUB OFFICERS 2009

Table listing club officers for 2009: Russ Barron (President), Lauren Vaughn (V. President), Dave Perry (Secretary), Karen Thomas (Treasurer), Judy Owen (Education), Carol Towar (Newsletter Editor), and Lauren Vaughn (Webmaster), including their contact information.

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Annual Membership

Adult \$15.00 / Jr. (8-17) \$5.00
Couple \$20.00
(children \$3 ea.)

Dues are payable to:

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