



September 2019 issue

Our next regular meeting: Tuesday, September 17 – at 6:45 pm

At the Traverse Area District Library on Woodmere

Five Minute Program: Drilling Holes in Rocks – Pierre LaFoilie

Main Program: Expert Night

Door Prizes: Pierre LaFoilie, Jenny Sharp, Cynthia Vaughn

Snack Hosts: Mary Cagney, Pat Captain, and ?, and ?

August Highlights

The annual club picnic was held at the home of John and Jane Matz. Many people attended and had a great time and enjoyed great food. Thanks to John and Jane for opening their home and yard for the event and for a tour of their rock work area and display cases.

Upcoming Events

The September field trip to Canada requires steel toed safety boots or shoes. Deb Bull has recently seen such footwear on sale at Meijer and Blain's Farm and Fleet. Another good place to look is WalMart for reasonable prices.

September

Information from Deb Bull for the club's September amethyst collecting trip to Ontario, Canada:

The mines are located near the town of Pearl, approximately 625 miles from Traverse City (via Sault Ste Marie) about 10.5 hours, per Google maps. It is about 45 minutes east of Thunder Bay, Ontario.

Club members will be welcomed at the Blue Point Mine on Saturday, September 14th, and at the Diamond Willow Mine on Sunday, September 15th. Members are encouraged to make accommodations at the nearby Mirror Lake Campground by contacting the proprietors (Doris and Henry) at 1-807-977-2840. There will be a club potluck at 6:00pm on Saturday evening for anyone who would like to participate.

There will be another collecting event at the Meauwataka Gravel Pit between Mesick and Cadillac on September 21 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.. This is a change of date from the original one reported, to avoid conflict with the Canada trip. Fossils, Petoskey Stones, and many other glacial till stones are present. For more details contact Randy Sundstrom.

ANNUAL CLUB ROCK AND MINERAL SHOW

The annual club show will be held on Saturday, September 28th from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and on Sunday the 29th from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. It will be at the Cherryland VFW post at 3400 Veterans Drive in Traverse City.

Many volunteers are still needed for several positions. The shifts are Saturday from 10 am to noon, noon to 2 pm, 2 pm to 3:30 pm and 3:30 pm to 5 pm. On Sunday the shifts are 11 am to 1 pm, 1 pm to 2:30 pm and 2:30 to 4 pm. Below are the shifts still available.

Entrance Table – Sat. 1 person for all shifts and a second for the noon to 2 shift. Sunday is full.

Door Prize Table – 1 person for all shifts both days and a second for 3:30 to 5 Saturday.

Floating Helpers – One for all shifts both days, a second for all but the noon to 2 pm shift on Saturday and 1 needed from 2:30 to 4 pm Sunday.

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Kid's Table – 2 needed for all shifts on Saturday, and a third for 10 am to noon and 3:30 to 5 pm. One is needed for all Sunday shifts and a second for 2:30 to 4 pm.

Kid's Rock Polishing (Must have Genie training) – 1 for all shifts on Saturday except for 10 am to noon. Sunday we need 2 from 1 to 2:30 pm and one from 2:30 to 4 pm.

Please help the club at the show. To sign up, contact Lauren Vaughn at:
maple2b@aol.com

There are also 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!

A few people that have a skill they would like to share at a table for the "Expert Night" program at the club meeting on September 17 should contact Janet Ryan with information on the skill. Meeting attendees will rotate around the meeting room and stop at the tables of the skills they would like to observe.

Facebook Page

If you have not had a chance to do so yet, take a look at the GTARMC Facebook page that Jenny Burcroff has created. 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, rough, slabs and specimens. Please contact Tom for an appointment at 231-590-4980.

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