



September 2020 issue

**WE WILL HOLD ANOTHER OUTDOOR MEETING ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 AT 6:45P.M., AT THE CHERRY BEND COMMUNITY PARK PAVILION.**

The August outdoor meeting went well with 31 people in attendance and we are going to have a third outdoor meeting on September 15 at the same location.

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 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  $\frac{1}{4}$  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.

## **AUGUST MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

It was great to see 31 members again in August at the Cherry Bend Park Pavilion. John Matz talked about Pseudomorphs, Deb Bull gave a presentation on Polyhedroid Agates, and Feldspar Types and Uses was the topic of Lauren Vaughn's program. John Noonan was selected as the Rockhound of the Month for the photos he has taken and shared the last few months. This is a photo of the July meeting so those of you that have not been able to attend can see what the facility looks like.



**Thanks to John Noonan for the photo**

## **SEPTEMBER CLUB SHOW CANCELED**

As a reminder, the annual club rock and mineral show that was scheduled for September 26 and 27 has been cancelled. Due to the concern for the health and safety of our visitors, club members and vendors, this decision was made by all board members. It was also decided to not have a parking lot sale this summer.

I want to thank those who contacted me to volunteer for the show and I hope you will all be willing to help with the 2021 show.

## 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>

## Upcoming Field Trip Planning

Kevin Gauthier and others had presented several possible field trips for the remainder of 2020 but due to COVID-19 the list has been forced to be shortened. A trip to Copper Country is being taken by a dozen or so members on September 6 – 10. There will be another trip to the Meauwataka gravel pit on September 12 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m..

## New Club Email Address

In July, the club voted to spend \$6.00 a month to switch to Google Suites which will give us many more capabilities for on-line meetings and simpler email blasts to the whole club. With this change, there is a new club email address. It is:

[gtarmc@tcrockhounds.com](mailto:gtarmc@tcrockhounds.com)

## Things To Do

I found a fun resource on the Maine Mineral and Gem Museum website for things to do while not having a lot of public contact. Check out their website at:

<https://mainemineralmuseum.org>

One good thing to check out is the MMGM@HOME page link at the top of the page. There are many links to educational and informational web resources.

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