



September 2022 issue

**WE WILL BE HOLDING OUR SEPTEMBER MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 AT 6:45 P.M., AT THE CHERRYLAND VFW POST AT 3400 VETERANS DRIVE, IN TRAVERSE CITY.**



The short program will be “Laser Etching Rocks” by Eric Hallman. The main program by Pierre LaFoille will be “Michigan’s Minerals”.

## August Highlights

Our annual club picnic was held at the Matz home on August 21. Approximately 30 people attended and enjoyed good food and good company. The weather once again cooperated with our picnic date and provided a very pleasant day.

## September Events

Club member, Doug Moncel is having a mineral sale at his house off of Bunker Hill Rd in the Wellington Farms subdivision in Acme, on September 9, 10 and 11. Friday the 9<sup>th</sup> is from 1 – 6 pm for club members only. Saturday the 10<sup>th</sup> will be 10 am to 1 pm for members only and then 1 to 4 pm for public. Sunday the 11<sup>th</sup> is 12 to 5 pm for the public.

## September 24 and 25 Club Show

It is just over three weeks until our annual club show. We have flyers and postcards available for you to distribute to friends, businesses, whoever and wherever that would benefit from knowing about the show. Since we do not meet again until September 21 and the show is the 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, if you want postcards or flyers or yard signs, I will make arrangements to meet you somewhere to deliver those to you. I still have hundreds of flyers and postcards available. It is important to get these items soon, so you can get them out there.

Yard signs should be put out beginning on Sunday, September 18 and picked up after the show on Sunday evening the 25<sup>th</sup> or on Monday the 26<sup>th</sup>. Make sure that where you put the sign, it will be secure from being picked up by zoning or police officials. In the City of TC, do not put signs between the sidewalk and curb or on other city property or rights-of-way. Outside the city, various townships treat signs differently. I still have about 15 signs available. Please contact me at the email address listed on the next page.

We also need many volunteers for various positions at the show. They are split into 1 ½ or 2 hour blocks and you may sign up for as many as you would like. For all positions except for set-up and tear-down, the time slots are, Saturday the 24 from 10:00 a.m. to noon, noon to 2:00 p.m., 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. On Sunday the 25<sup>th</sup>, the times are 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The positions we still need volunteers for, include:

Kid's Table – 3 people needed for all time slots to help our young rockhounds with their purchases and crafts. **There are still openings at all time slots except for Sunday from 11 am to 1 pm.**

Rock Polishing for Kids – 2 people needed all times to polish a rock for the youngsters. **All time slots need at least one person, most need two.**

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Floater – 2 people needed during each time slot to help answer questions, be available to help vendors if they need a break, and to keep an eye on the show. **We still need two people for most Saturday slots and one for Sunday.**

Set-up and Tear-down – we need to have about 10 people at each time to make this task go quickly. Set-up is at noon on Friday, September 23 and tear down starts at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday the 25<sup>th</sup>. Both jobs take up to 2 hours to complete. **We could still use 2 for both tasks.**

We had some people sign up at the July meeting and August picnic, but there are many time slots to fill. To volunteer, please email me, Lauren Vaughn, at:

maple2b@aol.com

Thank you all for your help to make the show a wonderful event.

## 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. Planning continues for future trips. Ideas or suggestions for field trips? Call Gary at 231-590-3397.

From Gary Bull, Field Trip Coordinator

October Trip Opportunity:

Samels' Farm Open House, Williamsburg, Michigan October 9th from 1:00 - 4:00 pm. Gary and Deb attended this event before, and really enjoyed the archaeological and geographical information.

*"There will be food available, music, wagon rides, tours of the woods, archaeological exhibits/lectures, and games."* [www.samelsfarm.org](http://www.samelsfarm.org)

## Membership Information

From Deb Bull, Membership Chair:

You must be a paid member in order to continue to receive club benefits (participation in club sponsored classes, outings and receiving club newsletters.)

Membership dues may be mailed to:  
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Name badges are an additional \$8 per badge. Thank you!

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

## Club Email Addresses

[gtarmc@tcrockhounds.com](mailto:gtarmc@tcrockhounds.com) (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](mailto:photos@tcrockhounds.com) or [noonanjohntc@gmail.com](mailto:noonanjohntc@gmail.com)

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

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

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

[GT Rock & Mineral | Flickr](#)

## E-mail Scams and Safety

Over the past few years, scammers have gotten our club information from time to time and tried to scam club members. Usually, the ploy is that Jared is in trouble or needing help and that you can help by sending gift cards to a link or email address.

Jared would never ask for gift cards or money to be sent somewhere. We can help cut down on this by sending emails to club members by using the bcc (blind carbon copy) method of emailing. We have been doing this for several months on newsletters and other mass club mailings. Also, any email requests should be confirmed with phone calls.

## Equipment Available

Sterling Smith has a Beacon Star combination, 8 inch expanding drum sander and 8 inch grinding stone unit for sale. It was recently overhauled

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and has a newer drive belt. It also has a gravity feed water lubrication system for the wheels. The asking price is \$350.00.



If interested, contact Sterling at 231-920-3052.