



November 2024 issue

**The next regular meeting will be on THURSDAY, November 21 at 6:30 p.m. at the VFW Post at 3400 Veterans Drive in Traverse City. We are back to our normal starting time.**

The meeting will feature Christmas in November when members have an opportunity to sell items to other club members and guests. Please contact Bob White or Eric Hallman to reserve a table space.

The next regular meeting of Pebble Pups will be at 5:30 pm, November 21 in the big room where the regular club meetings are held.

Class: Using rock tumblers. Rock tumblers are important lapidary and jewelry-making tools. These machines use a rotating drum filled with abrasives to grind and polish rocks over several stages. The Pups will learn how to use them presented by Bob White. Mineral of the month: quartz

## October Highlights

The October 17 meeting featured a short Pebble Pup program. The main program was "Camaanite and Llanite" by Dave Regalbuto.

## 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. Due to the success of the program, it will continue at every meeting. Non-perishable food items (no expired dated items, please), personal hygiene products, children's new underwear, sizes elementary to teens, toothbrushes and toothpaste. Now that we are moving toward cold winter weather, please start bringing mittens and gloves, coats and other cold weather items, especially for school-aged children. 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 and Special Event Information

### December 8 Holiday Party

Holiday Dinner 2024 / Sunday December 8<sup>th</sup> at the VFW

3:00 set-up, 4:00pm for appetizers, 5pm dinner

Deadline for reservations is Monday December 2

- The Club will provide shaved ham.
- As in the case of our summer picnic BRING YOUR OWN TABLE SETTING (plates, utensils, drinkware)
- Bring a dish to pass – see Deb for the list of items sought.
- There will be a minimal cost to offset expenses of **\$10 per person**. Cash or checks (payable to the club) See Deb Bull at the November Meeting or by mail.
- Limit 60 (+/-)
- Since the club will not be paying extra for use of the kitchen, all food brought to the dinner should be “on ice” or in warming appliances such as crock pots. Please bring serving utensils. Please bring your own extension cord if necessary.
- This is a “bring-your-own-beverage” event.  
**NOTE:** the VFW insists that open adult beverages **MUST** remain in the rented room only, and are restricted from hallways, patios or outside the building as well.
- Please consider bringing warm weather clothing donations such as gloves, hats, socks, and/or food pantry donations. There will be a special drawing for members who contributed pantry items throughout the year.
- Gift exchange organizer: Bring one \$20+/- gift (per individual) if you want to participate in the gift exchange. It is tremendous fun!

**We will need volunteers for set up & decorating, and for tear-down and clean up afterwards.**

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

Make checks out to GTARMC.

Membership dues may be mailed to:

Cathy Kowaleski, Membership Chair  
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## Club Email Addresses

[gtarmc@tcrockhounds.com](mailto:gtarmc@tcrockhounds.com) (is our main club email address)

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

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

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)

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

[GT Rock & Mineral | Flickr](#)

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

## Annual Club Rock and Mineral Show

Three weeks after the show, I discovered a sign that someone placed, that was not picked up. If you put out a sign that you did not pick up, please check and see if it is still there. The signs are expensive to purchase, and we want to make sure that we keep as many as possible to use the next year.

If you have signs that you do not want to keep for next year, please bring them to the November meeting and I will store them for next year.

## 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>

## **New Member Class: Grand Traverse Area Rock and Mineral Club**

**Saturday, November 9, 2024**

**Time: 9:30 am to 1:00 pm**

**Traverse Area District Library**

610 Woodmere Ave, Traverse City, MI 49686

**Thirlby room** (take elevator to second floor, turn left)

This class is limited to 15 people. By reservation only. Email [steven.veatch@gmail.com](mailto:steven.veatch@gmail.com) to reserve your spot today. This class is for members only, and dues must be paid prior to attending.



**Class description:** This class will provide you with the basic knowledge you need to get started with "rockhounding" or "recreational geology" with the Grand Traverse Area Rock and Mineral Club. You will learn about how the club works and receive information you need to prepare for your first rockhounding trip. The information in this class will cover all the bases, including a review of rocks, minerals, and fossils, how to make a collection, equipment you need, and on down to the safety rules you need to observe on a field trip. Michigan rockhounding resources will be handed out in the class. You will leave the class with a better understanding of the club and this hobby.



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### November letter from the President

I hope you all had a great and safe Halloween. November is our Christmas in November sale, all are welcome (as always), bring a friend with you as well. Things that were for sale last year were rock and jewelry of course but we also had jam, bread and crafts sold as well. It is nice to see other club members' wares and always have a good time socializing too.

November we are back to our regular time for the meeting 6:30 to 8:30pm

December 8th will be our annual Holiday party potluck. A sign-up sheet will be passed around at the November meeting. We are capping the attendance at 60 people. More info at the meeting.

To continue with common theme color for Rocks each month of the year, inspired by seasonal themes and traditional associations. These colors can help highlight different rocks and minerals that match each month's theme.

November, **Bring in your favorite rock to the meeting that is Brown or Amber colored.** Brown and amber are perfect colors for November, reflecting the natural transition from autumn to winter. These colors not only reflect the natural world but also bring a sense of warmth and nostalgia, making them perfect for November.

### Brown Rocks

1. **Tiger's Eye:** This is a beautiful, chatoyant gemstone that displays a silky luster and a rich, golden-brown color. It's often used in jewelry and is believed to bring good luck and protection.
2. **Smoky Quartz:** This variety of quartz ranges from light brown to nearly black. It's known for its clarity and is often used in decorative pieces and jewelry.
3. **Petrified Wood:** This is fossilized wood that has turned to stone over millions of years. It often has a brown color and can show beautiful patterns that resemble the original wood grain.

### Amber Rocks

1. **Amber:** This is fossilized tree resin that can range in color from pale yellow to deep orange and brown. It's often used in jewelry and can contain ancient inclusions like insects or plant material.

2. **Citrine:** While typically yellow, some citrine can have a warm, amber-like hue. It's a popular gemstone for jewelry and is known for its bright, sunny color.
3. **Carnelian:** This is a variety of chalcedony that ranges from orange to reddish-brown. It's often used in jewelry and decorative items.

below is a list for the year.

- December: Silver, Pine Green
- January: White, Light Blue
- February: Cherry Red, Pink
- March: Emerald Green, Purple
- April: Pale Yellow, Grass Green
- May: Cream, Lilac
- June: Pale Orange, Pearl
- July: Coral, Yellow

## Pebble Pups Photos

Jenny Bowen presented information and specimens from the Wyoming Green River Fish Formation for the Pebble Pups on October 17. Here are two photos from the meeting.





