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**Join us June 29, 7pm at the Herrick District Library
as your own Tulip City Gem & Mineral Club
JUNIORS Present *The Rock Cycle***

**Junior Club Advisors
Rick Smith and
Linda Winkelmann**



**Join us for an
informative and
entertaining
presentation!**

A while back, VP Jon Mull asked whether or not our junior rockhounds would be up to providing a program to the adults at the General Meeting...What an interesting challenge!...Several of our older juniors had already made presentations to their fellow juniors during our junior meeting, so this seemed like a real possibility to us: they certainly had demonstrated that they had presentation skills and the willingness to get up in front of an audience. But it didn't seem fair to all the kids to choose just one or two to do the whole presentation (maybe not fair to the one or two, either, to have to carry the burden of the whole presentation). So we have chosen to have ALL juniors present *The Rock Cycle* to you. We'll have some juniors who'll explain to you the difference between a rock and a mineral; others who will talk about the categories of rocks—igneous, sedimentary, and metamorphic—and still others who will present show-and-tell specimens of these different rock types.

SPECIAL NOTE TO JUNIORS:

If you were at last month's get-together, you know that we'll meet at our usual time in June, but not for a program. We'll use our time to make some last minute preparations for our presentation at the adults' General Meeting.

Your assignment is to bring a rock specimen with you, and if you know what your rock is, bring a nice big label too. Each of you can have a show-and-tell opportunity during the presentation to the adults, and everyone who does will receive a take-home specimen.

**Thank you to
Cindy Root
for all your work in
maintaining our Tulip City
Gem & Mineral Club Website
for many years.**



**Our New Webmaster is
John Victor.**

**He is working hard to
reconstruct our website
www.tulipcity.org.**

Watch for it – Coming Soon!

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? May Question of the Month?

In 1895 a diamond was discovered in Michigan. What is the name of largest diamond found in Michigan weighing in at 10.875 carates?



When you arrive at the General Meeting; write the answer and your name on a piece of paper (found near entrance of the auditorium) for your chance to win a prize.

JULY BIRTHDAYS

7/1	Eric Fogg
7/8	Bill Johanson
7/11	Jennifer Ensing
7/11	Anna Mantooth
7/11	Steve Wisner
7/12	Luna Ruiz
7/14	John Silva
7/16	Ron Brown
7/16	Paul Lobert
7/19	Josh DuPont
7/23	Maggie Mantooth
7/24	Kelly DuPont
7/28	Rose Brown
7/29	John Ward



Birthstone: Ruby

**JULY ANNIVERSARIES**

7/2	Melissa & George Jaeger
7/14	Jan & Doug Sjoquist
7/15	Laura & Thomas Long

VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Jon Mull

One of the greatest opportunities available to you as a member of this club is lapidary education. There are many knowledgeable people in our ranks that are willing to spend some time with you and perhaps help develop your hidden talent with lapidary. We made an attempt to satisfy the need for a workshop, but it has become unclear what the level of interest is at this point. If lapidary skill is something you wish to pursue, then take some time and fill out the questionnaire provided at the May meeting. Make your voice heard! If you didn't get one, there will be some available at the June meeting. I can even email one to you, if you like. The more information we have about what you want to learn, the better we can be at providing the perfect opportunity for you to practice the lapidary arts. I look forward to hearing from you! ~Jon

CLUB CALENDAR

June 25 - LaFarge Quarry, Alpena, MI (pg 5)

June 29 - General Meeting, Tulip City Gem & Mineral Club Junior Members Program

July 23, Saturday - Potluck Picnic, Beach Rock Hunt and Work Session at the Sherwood's in South Haven 2pm - sunset then bonfire (*Brief General and Show meeting at the picnic to include everyone.*)

August 17 - Board Meeting
Library small meeting room 7pm

August 6 to 15 - North Carolina and Kentucky Itinerary at www.tulipcity.org

August 31 - General Meeting at the Holland Civic Center 7pm - Show Prep

Sept. 16, 17 and 18
Tulip City Gem & Mineral Club
42nd Annual Show
Petrified Wood: Ancient Forests



June
Snack
Sign-up
Reminder:

Drinks:
B. Hoekstra
J. Helder

Veggies/Crackers:
Jon Jillson
Leslie Victor

Desserts:
Chet Smith
Ral Malone

PLEASE CONSIDER BEING A TULIP CITY GEM & MINERAL CLUB BOARD MEMBER - Contact Dave Nienhuis at dpnienhu@sbcglobal.net

Per the By-Laws the President will appoint the nominating committee by the August meeting. The immediate Past President will chair the committee of no less than three members. The nominating committee will present the slate of one or more names in the October newsletter with elections in November.

Thank you to Larry Atkins for sharing his knowledge on Meteorites with our club at the May meeting! His passion for collecting meteorites was very inspiring. I think everyone will be on the lookout for a meteorite, next time we are in the field.



To all the members of the Tulip City Gem & Mineral Club.



Thank you so very much for the donation of the book Turquoise: The World Story of a Fascinating Gemstone to the Herrick District Library in memory of Gordon Boone.

I don't have the words to express the support, help and kindness club members have shown my parents and my family in the last five years. Your support as my parents aged was so important. The rock "garage sale" was a blessing. The Tulip City Gem and Mineral Club is a wonderful organization.

Betsy Boone Parker and Family



Our sympathy to family and friends on the passing of club member Kathy Brumbaugh. The club has made a donation to Baseline Middle School Library (where Kathy worked) in South Haven in her memory.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

May 11, 2011



Board Members Present: Trudy Fetters, Betty Hoekstra, Esther Kirkendall, Shari Luttikhuizen, Dave Nienhuis, Karri Nienhuis, Bob Sherwood, Julia Sherwood, Rick Smith, Patty Valentine, Linda Winkelmann

Absent: Rebecca Cistaro, Chris Cooper, Jon Mull, Cindy Root, Kathy Steffler

Guests: Mike Graebner, Ken Hoekstra, Chet Smith

Dave Nienhuis called the meeting to order at 7:09pm at the Nienhuis residence. (Site was adjusted to avoid parking complications arising from Tulip Time activities.) The Board reviewed and discussed a draft of the Board of Directors (BOD) minutes from the April 13, 2011 meeting, and proposed revisions. Dave asked whether we wanted as a BOD practice to accept minutes as a "consent item" or by a formal motion to be voted on. The Board chose "formal motion"; Bob moved that April 13 BOD minutes be accepted as revised; Linda seconded; motion passed. In the Treasurer's absence, Dave provided an overview of the bank account status.

Officers' Reports:

Show Chair (Patty) reported that handouts/coupons had been printed and distributed to the Holland Chamber of Commerce, the Tourist Information Bureau, and the Civic Center Lobby; for the Tulip Time Festival. Larger handbills were printed and packaged in groups of 25 for distribution by members later.

Field Trip Chair (Bob) reported that 10 people were signed up for the Paulding field trip; that the Oregon field trip was cancelled as a group activity, but that individuals could still go on their own; that Kreigh Tomaszewski from the Indian Mounds Club had proposed a series of multi-club basement field trips with each field trip to consist of a GR site and a site at another club. The BOD expressed its approval of the idea as long as there was interest from TCG&MC members to serve as a site/host.

Club Liaison (Julia) (a) received a Midwest directory and noted that more could be purchased a \$5.00 per copy; (b) received an information packet for the Midwest Federation Convention and expressed her willingness to serve as the Club's delegate to that convention; (c) received a mailing from GVSU to TCG&MC as a donor to the Gibson Memorial Fund correcting misinformation they felt might be circulating about GVSU hiring and pay increases; and (d) noted that there were raffle tickets available for the MGAGS Seminar, June 11 & 12 in Carrollton, MI.

Unfinished Business:

Concerning the disposition of the Club's matured CD, Dave described some CD options as Flagstar Bank and agreed to pass this information along to the Treasurer. Bob moved that, in the meantime, the CD funds be placed in a savings account while awaiting final disposition; Julia seconded; motion passed.

Dave read Jon Mull's analysis and thoughts based on the 10 responses he had received to his survey on the Club's Workshop.

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GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

May 25, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 7:07pm by President Dave Nienhuis with 52 adults and 22 children.

The monthly drawing was won by Rick Smith. Children were dismissed to their meeting.

The minutes of the April 13 Board and April 27 General meeting minutes were accepted.

Treasurers Report: Rebecca Cistaro reported that after expenses and scholarships were paid, we have a balance of \$4414.14 on hand.

Old Business: Field trip- Bob Sherwood reported that there was a good turnout for the Paulding trip. Check the newsletter for more info on the upcoming Alpena trip. He asked us to mark our calendars for a July 2012 show and seminar in Minnetonka, MN, "A Celebration of Agates" and then on to the Black Hills for collecting.

Show: Patty Valentine asked members to loan specimen of petrified wood for the Club's display named "Sticks to Stones". She also reminded us that we are in need of donations for door prizes and club sales. If possible, clean them first, see Dave N. if you need assistance or pick up. Patty said that sign up for work stations at the Show will begin at the July picnic.

Photo Contest: Cindy Root reminded us that the deadline for entries is July 11. Please send photos via her email; if you cannot email, call her to make other arrangements. The categories are: 1. Rock/Mineral (in natural unaltered state) or 2. Lapidary (cut or polished in any way) or 3. Field trip (a photo of a specimen that could not/was not brought home). Please do not enter photos where people are the focus. One Rule Change: This year we may enter photos that were taken in previous years. There is a maximum of 5 photos submitted per person in each category, but you may enter fewer than 5 or enter in only one category if desired.

New Business: Julia Sherwood reported on the two day MGAGS seminar in June. She has raffle tickets available as a fundraiser for that group.

Dave reported that he is currently working on digitizing the Club's archive of newsletters. He would like assistance with this project. If you have access to a large scanner, please contact him.

We took a break for refreshments arranged by Esther Kirkendall and Mike Graebner.

Rebecca Cistaro's name was drawn as the winner of question of the month.

Our program presenter, Larry Atkins, was introduced. He enlightened us with information and a question and answer period with his vast knowledge of, and experience collecting Meteorites. He brought a display from his private collection.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:42pm.

Submitted by Kathy Steffler, Secretary

FIELD TRIPS by Bob Sherwood,
Field Trip Chair
Email bobandjulia@accn.org or 269-637-7097

Saturday, June 25 - Field Trip to Alpena,

Michigan, Lafarge Quarry Required Safety Equipment: Hard hat, steel-toe safety boots, safety glasses, reflective safety vest; long pants—no shorts.

Meet at Lafarge/Alpena Quarry at 9:00am in the Gatehouse parking lot, 1435 Ford Ave. Each person will sign in and receive instructions from our local host, Don Oliver, who will then guide the vehicles into the quarry. You may collect until 1:00pm. You may wish to pack a lunch.

Mileage to Alpena from Holland is approx 280 miles, so you may choose to travel there on Friday afternoon and stay the night. You may wish to join others at a local restaurant for dinner. This half-day field trip allows you to return home Saturday evening or stay over in Alpena if you wish.

Friday night motel recommendation: Days Inn, 1496 M-32 West, (989) 356-6118. Cont. brkfst., pool, free wifi, Applebees nearby. 2 persons, 1 Queen, AAA/AARP (10%) appx. \$90 tax included. \$10 pet fee.

August 6-15 North Carolina and Kentucky

September 2-5 Flint Ridge, OH

October 2 Alpena, MI, Lafarge Quarry



Board Meeting Minutes Continued...

The BOD discussed further the idea of having nonmembers invited to field trips at public sites. The BOD supported the idea generally as a way of introducing prospective members to this aspect of the Club's activities, but noted that the status of such a site would have to be determined on a trip by trip basis at the discretion of the Field Trip Chair and that nonmembers would need to be personally invited by a club member.

New Business:

There was some brainstorming on the idea of having a Club Goal for this year, and Dave charged each BOD member to come up with such a goal by the next meeting. There was general discussion about the July 23 Potluck Picnic/Work Session meeting. Members may arrive at 2pm and are welcomed to stay for a bonfire after dark; bagging of grab-bag specimens will begin around 7pm; there will be brief BOD, general, and show meeting/reports along the way in as non-disruptive a way as possible.

Betty reported on an idea of Chet's to have archival materials such as the Historian maintains stored in a digital format. Dave noted that he had begun something like this on his own already and would be willing to take the next step.

Announcements:

Bob announced (1) that Johann Zenz's 3rd book on agates, titled Agates III, could be ordered from The Gem Shop, Inc. in Cedarsburg, WI (www.thegemshop.com); and (2) that the date and location for 2012 Minnesota Agate Show "A Celebration of Agates" had been set as July 26-29, 2012 at Minnetonka, MN (www.minnesotamineralclub.org).

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15pm.
Submitted by Rick Smith, Secretary pro tem



WESTOVERS' WONDERFUL WORKSHOP

A big thank-you to Anne and Rance Westover who opened their workshop to the club two times in May. The first one was a beading workshop, which I heard was a huge success. The second one had some people beading, but most of us (appx. 13 people) tried our hand at polishing and/or cutting rocks.

Anne and Rance were very gracious and helpful, and Rance still kept his smile even after we blew his power for the fifth time! Some of the more experienced members willingly lent their expertise and showed the newer members how to get the results we wanted. There was much laughter, fun and fellowship, and an amazing lunch provided by the Westovers - what an awesome way to spend a Saturday!



ADVENTURES IN PAULDING, OHIO

by Kurt Brinks, images by Julia Sherwood

On May 14, a rainy Saturday morning, four rock and mineral clubs joined the host Central Michigan club at the Lafarge Quarry near Paulding Ohio. About 40 members from Central Michigan, Kalamazoo, Grand Rapids, Three Rivers - Ft/ Wayne and the Tulip City gathered at the lime stone quarry in search of fossils from the Devonian era.

After the required safety talk by Mike Miller the Lafarge Quarry Safety Director, Mike told us they had dynamited just over a week ago and we should have plenty of fresh material to search. As we drove into the quarry, the skies cleared allowing the searchers to shed the rain gear and start the hunt for the Devonian era fossils of horn and hexagonal (Petoskey) coral, a variety of brachiopods, and the true prize the trilobite.

For fossil hunters in the Midwest, finding an intact trilobite is a major reward for time spent swinging a hammer and climbing over rocks. The most common trilobite at Lafarge is the Phacops with multi-lensed eyes. The members of Tulip City in search of the prized trilobite were Bob and Julia Sherwood, Chuck Cizek, CH Falstad, Jon Mull, Jan Sjoquist, Dave Hayward (new member from Pennsylvania who joined for the trip), and Kurt and Marcus Brinks. The pieces of trilobite were plentiful, a head here, a tail there, but the elusive intact trilobite is difficult to find.

CH on returning from bringing some material to his car found a nice specimen imbedded in a large rock, after chipping out a large matrix of lime stone, only time and patience will tell if it is an intact. Minutes later, Chuck found a prize, a beautiful intact rolled Phacops. The Brinks' also found a nice specimen contained in matrix. For the fossil hunters whose finds are contained in matrix, they will have to learn patience with their million year old treasures.



Club members: Kurt Brinks above,
Chuck Cizek below



OTHER EVENTS:

August 6: 36th Annual Upper Peninsula Gem & Mineral Show, Ishpeming Rock & Mineral Club. Ishpeming Elks Club, 597 Lake Shore Drive, Ishpeming MI. Free Admission. Saturday 9:30 - 4:30. Field trips Friday and Sunday. Contact Ernie Johnson 906-228-9422 or ejohnson@nmu.edu.

August 8-13: Keweenaw Week Cooper Country Mineral Retreat, AE Seaman Mineral Museum, visit www.museum.mtu.edu Click on Copper Country Mineral Retreat tab and then click on the tab you want more details on.

August 11th, during the museum's open house, small groups will be able to preview the entire exhibit space (all mess included) as well as the collection management part of the building (that is not accessible to the public). To make this a fun event there will also be an outdoor picnic. To participate in the food you must preregister.

August 13-15: 15th Annual Copper Country Gem & Mineral Show, Copper Country Rock and Mineral Club. Houghton Elementary School, Bridge Street, Houghton, MI.

Everett Duester and Don Lake (TCG&M Club members) did the original study, design and layout for the Club's "DeZwaan Windmill" and the "Big Red Lighthouse." They built the frames and the club members finished with stone bricks and tiles.

by Chet Smith

(I could not find the date for this article, but it was the early 1980's.)

The Big Red Lighthouse is currently on view in the lobby at the Life Support Parent Center located at Adams/16th St. and Country Club Rd in Holland, MI.

'Big Red' makes nice addition to exhibit

The lighthouse, on loan to the Michigan Maritime Museum, is made out of granite and area minerals.

SOUTH HAVEN

By Mary Wilds
The Grand Rapids Press

When two members of the Tulip City Gem and Mineral Club in Holland visited the Michigan Maritime Museum's special exhibit, "Saved By the Light: Michigan's Magnificent Lighthouses," they came away with more than just a renewed appreciation of Michigan's lighthouses and their history.

They knew they had the perfect addition to the exhibit: a replica of "Big Red," Holland's landmark lighthouse, which club members had made themselves out of granite and Michigan minerals.

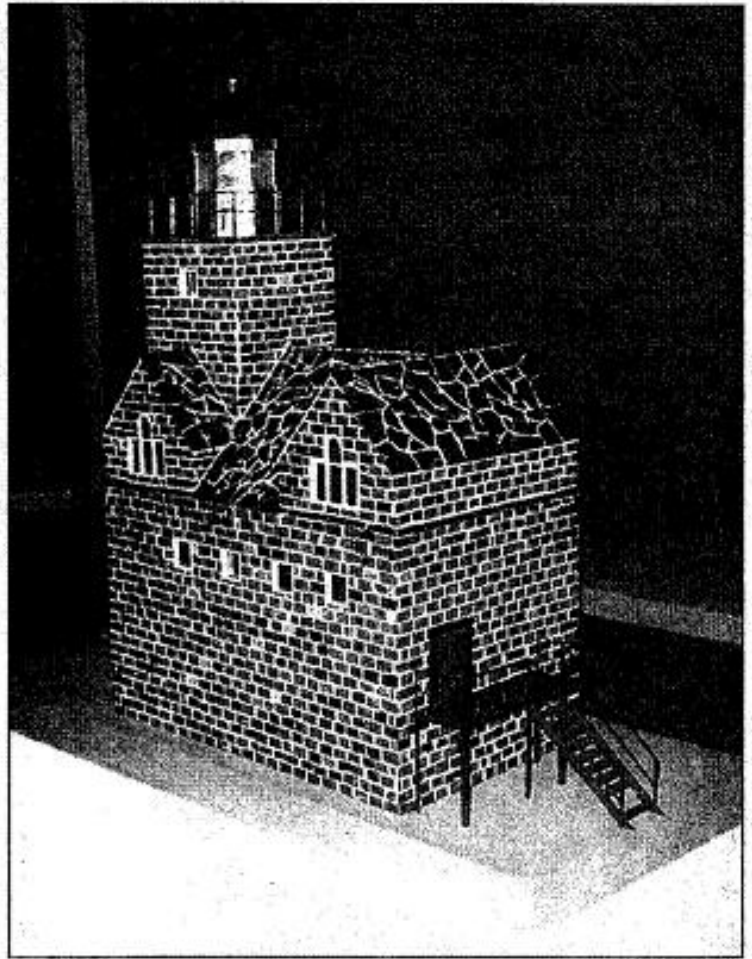
"Big Red" is now on loan to the South Haven museum as part of an exhibit that runs seven days a week through Labor Day.

In addition to Big Red, the exhibit includes the 120-year-old Fresnel Len from the Detroit River Light, a loan from the U.S. Coast Guard.

Several original engineer drawings are included, featuring one by O.M. Poe, the chief engineer to Union Gen. William Tecumseh Sherman during his Civil War "March to the Sea."

The exhibit also includes a map of the 108 lights in Michigan, artifacts, a video of the restoration of the light on St. Helena Island, west of Mackinac Bridge in Lake Michigan, and a recorded oral history of life in a lighthouse by a former lighthouse keeper.

The Big Red replica, standing 3 feet tall and weighing 55 pounds, has already been exhibited wide-



PRESS PHOTO/MARY WILDS

A replica of Holland's landmark lighthouse, "Big Red," is on loan to the Michigan Maritime Museum in South Haven for its special exhibit on the state's lighthouses and their history.

ly around West Michigan. Its tower and house are made of granite blocks glued onto a wooden structure. The roof of its lantern is made of copper brick. The roof of the house is made of septaria, a stone indigenous to Michigan. The septaria, black and gray with a white vein in its center, is cut in the shape of roof tiles, says Doris Akkers, director of education for the museum.

The model is also equipped with a working light.

"It's a marvelous model," Akers said. "It's a wonderful addition to the exhibit."

"Saved by the Light: Michigan's Magnificent Lighthouses" is open to the public from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

The Michigan Maritime Museum is on Dyckman Avenue by the bridge in South Haven.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Dave Nienhuis

While attending Holland's Art in the Park during Tulip Time this year, Karri and I ran into Don Lake at his wood craft booth. Don was a teacher at Zeeland High School for many years and I had him for a couple of classes. Don was also a long time member of our club and a very active member for many years. As noted above, Don and Everett's creations were not only beautiful and of great quality, but they were projects where the club members all worked together to create each masterpiece. I'd like to challenge someone to come up with a project that would bring the club together as a group to create a new masterpiece.



BEACH GLASS - People are very serious about collecting it!

via Michigan Mineralogical Society
Conglomerate May 2011

The North American Sea Glass Association (NASGA) holds an annual contest with multiple prizes! Check out the website www.seaglassassociation.org.

Greens and browns are common. Blues are harder to find. Cobalt or cornflower blues although rare, can be exquisite. Aqua and seafoam are even more rare, but widely pursued for home décor projects. Most purples were originally clear, the manganese in them slowly oxidized. Yellow and Oranges and ultra-scarce red are the most sought after colors.

Hobbyists affectionately known as; shardheads, glass heads, shard patriarch, godfather of sea glass, are all very protective about their "target-rich environments". It takes 30 years of wave action and high water pH to pit surfaces and smooth edges. Some of these target-rich environments (tre's) are on deserted shores where ships have run aground many years past. Late summer and fall storms turn up the biggest selection of treasures.

Via wikipedia.org/wiki/Sea_glass

SEA GLASS is [glass](#) found on [beaches](#) along [oceans](#), [bays](#), [rivers](#) or large [lakes](#) that has been tumbled and smoothed by the waves, water and sand, creating smooth, frosted shards of glass.

Combing shorelines for sea glass is a hobby for many beachgoers either simply to collect, or to craft into jewelry or other decorative pieces.

The color of sea glass is determined by its original source. Most sea glass comes from bottles, but it can also come from jars, plates, windows, windshields, ceramics or [sea pottery](#).

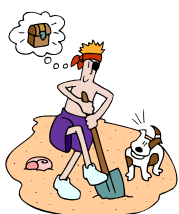
The most common colors of sea glass are [kelly green](#), brown, and colorless (clear). These colors come from bottles used by companies that sell beer, juices, and soft drinks. The clear or white glass comes from clear plates and glasses, windshields, windows, and assorted other source.

Less common colors include [jade](#), [amber](#) (from bottles for whiskey, medicine, spirits, and early bleach bottles), golden amber or [amberina](#) (mostly used for spirit bottles), lime green (from soda bottles during the 1960s), forest green, and ice- or soft blue (from soda bottles, medicine bottles, ink bottles, and fruit jars from the late 19th and early 20th centuries, windows, and windshields). These colors are found about once for every 25 to 100 pieces of sea glass found.

Uncommon colors of sea glass include a type of green, which comes primarily from early to mid-1900s Coca-Cola, Dr Pepper, and RC Cola bottles, as well as beer bottles. Soft green colors could come from bottles that were used for ink, fruit, and baking soda. These colors are found once in every 50 to 100 pieces.

Purple sea glass is very uncommon, as is citron, opaque white (from milk glass), cobalt and cornflower blue (from early Milk of Magnesia bottles, poison bottles, artwork, and Bromo-Seltzer and Vicks VapoRub containers), and aqua (from Ball Mason jars and 19th century glass bottles). These colors are found once for every 200 to 1,000 pieces found.

Extremely rare colors include gray, pink (often from Great Depression era plates), teal (often from Mateus wine bottles), black (older, very dark olive green glass), yellow (often from 1930s Vaseline containers), turquoise (from tableware and art glass), red (often from old [Schlitz](#) bottles,¹⁶ car tail lights, dinnerware or from nautical lights, it is found once in about every 5,000 pieces), and orange (the least common type of sea glass, found once in about 10,000 pieces). These colors are found once for every 1,000 to 10,000 pieces collected. Some shards of black glass are quite old, originating from thick eighteenth-century gin, beer and wine bottles.



Let me know if you make
any good finds this
summer!

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2011 TULIP CITY GEM & MINERAL CLUB PHOTO CONTEST/CLUB MEMBER PROJECT

Contest Update: Photos may be taken from ANY YEAR!

Each person may enter up to 5 photos per each of the three categories below:

Mineral/Stone/Fossil. The "raw" article in natural unaltered state

Lapidary. Mineral or stone manipulated/cut or polished in any way

Field trips/nature. Photos of specimens taken while on field trips or while on one's own travel/items in their natural element.

Field trip photos should not include people **as the focus**; the focus is to be the specimen.



➤ Submit all photos digitally (note eventual size will be 5x7 or 8x10). Label/identify each photo specimen and who took the photo in the body of the e-mail. Labels do not need to be placed on the photo. For field trips/nature photos, the label must also include where the photo was taken. If you submit more than one photo per e-mail, please be certain to clearly describe which label goes with which photograph.

➤ All photos submitted for this contest will become the property of Tulip City Gem & Mineral Club and you will be asked to sign a waiver indicating your agreement.

Deadline Soon

All photos must be received by **July 11, 2011**. Photos are to be e-mailed to d-root@sbcglobal.net. The subject line must contain "Tulip City Photo Contest". (If you cannot email, call Cindy Root 616-498-4698 for arrangements.)

GET TO KNOW YOUR FELLOW MEMBER: Esther Kirkendall, Social Chair

Interests/Hobbies: Rocks (of course), crafts, sewing & jewelry making

Favorite rock: Pudding stone

What do you read: maps, rock books, sewing inst. and jewelry catalogs

Do you have a workshop: My workshop consists of two card tables & a sewing machine on a TV tray

Favorite food: BBQ hot wings with my first husband's famous hot sauce, celery and garlic toast

Least favorite thing: Avocados yuk!

What is your profession: I was a Respiratory Therapist, an intake coordinator for infusion pharmacies, now I am starting two new businesses since I'm now unemployed. I have a store on Etsey (rocklady) where I sell jewelry and my handmade overnight bags and purses. I am also starting an estate sale business with a friend called "My Brother's Keeper." We have a website by that name.

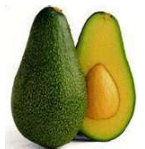
One thing no one knows about you: My daughter became Jewish after she got married.

What is the weirdest thing in your home: A Mayan statue purchased in Belize while we were on our honeymoon.

Best trip you took: Mike and I took two 6 yr olds to Disney World for 3 days and on a Disney cruise for 4 days!!!

Trip you would like to take: I do want to go to Italy because I'm such a history nut!!

Involvement or favorite thing about the club: As you probably can tell, I'm having a ball doing Hospitality right now but I always love the trips and whatever we find. Mike and I are known as the "rock people" in our condo development. Rocks have a way of attracting people to our driveway since we usually have the latest finds spread out there. Last week we met a geologist from Australia who was biking past our condo with his two small children.



Tulip City Gem & Mineral Club's

42nd Annual Show

Petrified Wood: Ancient Forests

Holland Civic Center

Friday, Sept. 16: 9am - 8pm

Saturday, Sept. 17: 9am - 7pm

Sunday, Sept. 18: 11am - 5pm

Fun for Everyone!



Advertising rates for Club members are: \$5 for business card size, \$10 for ¼ page, \$15 for ½ page, \$30 for full page. Double the rates for non-members. Payment by check; made out to: TCG&M; to be submitted with ad copy to Editor.

Deadline for Article Submission to the Editor is the Friday after the Board Meeting.

Articles in this bulletin may be reprinted, provided credit is given to the source, author and bulletin.

Dues: Family \$20 Single \$15

Our club is a non-profit organization, sponsored by the Holland Recreation Department. It is a member of the Midwest Federation and the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies. The general purpose of this club is to develop interest in and increase knowledge of minerals, rocks, gems, fossils, and the lapidary arts. The objectives of this club shall be promoted whenever possible, through family participation.

Meetings are held monthly on the last Wednesday of the month in the Herrick District Library Auditorium, 300 South River Avenue, Holland, MI at 7pm, unless announced otherwise at a meeting or in the THE TULIP CITY CONGLOMERATE. A Junior Club welcomes young rockhounds and meets separately during the evening.



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