



THE TULIP CITY CONGLOMERATE



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General Meeting
7p Jun 29, 2016
HMCC, Zeeland, MI

Cedarburg, WI
July 7-10, 2016
Agate Expo

Minoequa, WI
Jul 15-16, 2016
Annual Show

Moose Lake, MN
Jul 16-17, 2016
Annual Show

Show Meeting
Jul 20, 2016
HMCC, Zeeland, MI

Club Picnic & Potluck
Jul 30, 2016
South Haven, MI

Italics are non-Club events.

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June 29th Meeting: Field Trips

The June 29 Program is one you will not want to miss. It will include short presentations by several of our Club members, speaking about and illustrating with their own specimens, a favorite collecting experience. Each person has been involved in the thrill of that great trip that stood out in their mind as something special that they can enthusiastically convey to our members. There is nothing like a great field trip experience to get the juices flowing and these folks will help you feel the thrill of a special time.

June Raffle

The June raffle is the May raffle, postponed, due to the silent auction. As a reminder, here are the raffle items for May:

1. Four back issues (October & December 2013, August & October 2015) of Rock & Gem magazine donated by Jon Jillson.
2. A matching set of Jan Maher's handmade oak bookends with polished dendrite agates.
3. Huge quartz crystal cluster donated by Patti DeGroot. The images can be found in last month's issue!

Club Picnic Saturday, July 30th!

This summer's picnic/General Meeting will be hosted by Bob and Julia Sherwood at their home on 966 Lake Street, South Haven.

Please arrive anytime after 1pm to enjoy swimming, rock hunting, sunning and getting acquainted. Bring lawn chairs if convenient, some are available.

There will be a very brief General Meeting at 5pm.

At 5:30pm, the potluck supper begins. Please bring a dish to share, and base the quantity on the size of YOUR group. And, don't forget your own table service: plates and utensils.

The Club will furnish lemonade, water and coffee. Bring other beverages if you desire.

9:07pm – Sunset! A beautiful sight over the Lake.

Directions: I-196/US31 Exit 26. Drive 1mi W to Blue Star Hwy. Turn N. (right) at stop sign, go to 1st street on left (Lake St.), go nearly to the lake, 966 is on the left. (rocks everywhere!)

Club Calendar

Aug 1 – Ishpeming, MI, Annual Show
 Aug 9-13 – Keweenaw Peninsula, MI
 Aug 12-14 – Houghton, MI Annual Show
 Aug 13 (Sat) – Fourth Annual Tailgate, Sam's Lot Holland, MI
 Aug 13-14 – Rice Lake, WI Annual Show
 Aug 17 (Wed) – Board Meeting 7p, HMCC
 Aug 19-21 – Bridgeton, MO Annual Show
 Aug 24 (Wed) – Show Meeting, 7p, HMCC, Zeeland, MI
 Aug 27-28 – Peoria, IL Annual Show

Sept 9-11 – Toledo, OH annual Show
Sep 16-18 – Tulip City Gem and Mineral Show
 Sep 17-18 – Lincoln, MO Annual Show
 Sep 17-18 – Howell, MI Annual Show
 Sep 17-18 – Oshkosh, WI Annual Show
 Sep 23-25 – Joplin, MO Annual Show
 Sep 24-25 – Traverse City, MI Annual Show

Oct 1-2 – Springfield, IL Annual Show
 Oct 1-2 – Jefferson, WI Annual Show
 Oct 8-9 – Fairfield, IA Annual Show
 Oct 12 (Wed) – Board Meeting, 7p, HMCC
 Oct 14-16 – Fort Wayne, IN Annual Show
 Oct 26 (Wed) – General Meeting 7p, HMCC

Nov 16 (Wed) – Board Meeting, 7p, HMCC (CHANGE!)
 Nov 30 (Wed) – General Meeting, 7p, HMCC (CHANGE!)

Dec 7 (Wed) – Board Meeting, 7p, HMCC
 Dec 21 (Wed) – General Meeting, 7p, HMCC

The "HMCC" is the Howard Miller Community Center, located at 14 South Church Street, Zeeland, MI

Italic listings are non-Club events.

Major source material was from: <http://www.amfed.org/mwf/Calendar/>

2016 Officers and Board of Directors

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For 2016, there are fourteen (14) positions, which have one vote each. There are fourteen (14) persons on the Board (two persons share one position, and one position is open).

Club Sales Material

The Club is in need of material for Club Sales. During your rockhounding this spring, summer and fall, please consider donating a portion of your collecting goodies to the Club. Please make sure any donated material is *clean*, and, where possible, identified.

Board Position Open

The Social Coordinator Position is OPEN. If you are interested, please contact any Board Member.

Articles

Articles from Club members are always welcome! Please submit them to tulipcitygemnews@charter.net.

Message from Mr. Bird

Dear Tulip City Gem and Mineral Club:

Thank you so much for supporting the academic endeavors of Hope College students like myself. As mentioned at award dinner I will be moving to Colorado to begin a Master's program at Colorado School of Mines. The scholarship will help with moving costs and possibly a book or two. It's great to have local support as I further my education so thank you again, I really appreciate your support.

Sincerely,

*Kenny Swift Bird
 Hope College Class of 2016*

Field Trip to Ishpeming, August 4-7

Come and expand your collections with Jaspilite, Specular Hematite, Verde Antique Marble, Kona Dolomite, and more!

We plan to stay at Wonderland Motel near Ishpeming, # 906-485-1044. Book your rooms early; price for 2 persons, queen is \$61.48 tax inc./day

Be advised there is a Shriners Convention in town that week and many motels are already booked full. There are several small motels in the Ishpeming/ Marquette still available at this time.

In addition to the Ishpeming Show (August 6), we plan to collect at the Republic Mine (\$10. 00 fee), Champion Mine, Lindberg Quarry (small fee), Verde Antique Marble site, Incline Mine, Jackson Pit, & Doug Trudell's Lapidary workshop.

Suggest bringing: Safety glasses, hard hat, safety vest, substantial footwear, (all mandatory at the Republic Mine and Lindberg Quarry), rock pick, crack hammer, chisels, pry bar, spray bottle, garden claw, Insect repellent, sunscreen, light colored clothing, wide brim hat, fresh water, canned food for Friday collecting, gas up cars by Friday am, and t.p. for emergencies.

Note: Seaman Museum is closed on Sunday! If your additional plans are to visit the new facility suggest travelling up on the 3rd and visiting on the 4th before the trip activities begin.

Detailed information including trip itinerary is available from Bob Sherwood- bobandjulia@accn.org or Bob Sinke- bobsinke@comcast.net

Show Displays Requested

As you know the theme of our show is 'Field Trips ROCK'. Almost everyone in our club had gone on some kind of field trip. By making a display for the show of your favorite field trip, you can show the public how much you enjoy rock collecting and field trips. Displays are easy and fun to make. We will give you all the information and help that you may want or need to put it together. If you would prefer to make a display that does not have a 'field trip' theme, that would be fine. Please sign up at our next meeting or call Linda Plumert at 616 669 6759. Go find the rocks that are stored in boxes in the garage or basement. We need your help to make our show a success.

Linda Plumert

ALAA News

Utah Pushing to Remove Police Powers from BLM, Forest Service

By Pete Kasperowicz, Senior Editor, *Washington Examiner* (March 22, 2016)

Utah's four House Republicans introduced a bill that would strip the Bureau of Land Management and U.S. Forest Service of their power to police federal lands, and give that power over to local cops. Rep. Jason Chaffetz and his three GOP colleagues from Utah introduced the Local Enforcement for Local Lands Act. The lawmakers say the growth of policing authority in both agencies has distracted them from their main mission of managing federal land, and has created conflicts with local authorities. They also say federal agents are not as trusted as local police, and should be removed. "Federal agencies do not enjoy the same level of trust and respect as local law enforcement that are deeply rooted in local communities," Chaffetz and other lawmakers said. "This legislation will help deescalate conflicts between law enforcement and local residents while improving transparency and accountability." "The BLM and U.S. Forest Service will be able to focus on their core missions without the distraction of police functions. This is a win all around," they added. A letter the Utah Sheriffs' Association sent to Chaffetz shows that federal police agents and their local counterparts are butting heads, and that local police believe the feds are intruding on local authority.

--Excerpted from the Jan.-Mar., 2016, *ALAA Newsletter*

Tulip City Gem & Mineral Club
Board Meeting Minutes
Howard Miller Community Center
 May 11, 2016, 7 p.m.

Board Members Present: Krystin Grenon, Patti DeGroot, Art Edson, C.H. Falstad, Sue Goedert, Betty Hoekstra, Bob Sherwood, Julia Sherwood, Christine Silich, Rudy Silich, Bob Sinke, Rick Smith and Linda Winkelmann

Absent: Linda Plumert

Guests: Dan DeGroot, Ken Hoekstra, Chet Smith

President Bob Sherwood opened the meeting at 7:05PM.

Secretary Krystin Grenon distributed the April meetings minutes. April Board Meeting minutes were discussed & corrections made. Bob Sinke moved to approve the minutes, Julia Sherwood seconded, approved.

Annual Banquet minutes were discussed and corrections made. Rudy Silich moved to approve the minutes, Liz Hoekstra seconded, approved.

Treasurer, Julia Sherwood presented the March & April financial reports. Received and filed for audit.

Vice President C.H. Falstad talked about upcoming programs for the monthly membership meetings.

Editor, Rudy Silich announced the deadline for submitting materials for the May newsletter is Saturday, 6PM.

Field Trip Coordinator, Bob Sinke mentioned the upcoming auction in Dowagiac, MI. 8/14-8/15 and

the largest agate show in America, Agate Expo July 7 -10 in Cedarburg, WI.

Historian, Liz Hoekstra: TCGMC members, Jeanine & Walter Wolff were married 65 years and 10 days. A Memorial plaque will use his known nickname, "Dutch". Ken and Liz Hoekstra will provide a polished Petoskey stone for show.

Hospitality position open

Junior Leaders, Rick Smith & Linda Winkelmann will present "Crystal Habits" to the TCGMC Junior Club members. Linda will introduce Juniors to nomenclature, such as, botryoidal, needles, blades...

Liaison Linda Plumert: no report

Membership Coordinator: Christine Silich no report

Show Coordinator Sue Goedert reported on Show updates. Next Wednesday, the committee will meet. They will have a layout of the show. She spoke to the Jackson Show coordinator to learn about free advertising on the internet, blog... Bob Sherwood mentioned Kalamazoo Show and their 4 billboards for 400/mo. Adams included graphics.

Director at Large, Art Edson reported on the Weebly website update. Thank you Patti & Dan DeGroot & Julia Sherwood for taking photos of the Banquet for the website!

Correspondence: Doug Moore wrote a postcard thank you. Thank you C.H. Falstad for housing our guest speaker!

President's Remarks: MWF Directory. Who to call for programs, tours, access... TCGMC has a copy for Club use.

Unfinished Business

Guidelines for special scholarships for graduating high school students for TCGMC Junior members going into a geology career were discussed. Sue Goedert moved to set aside \$500.00/person, Linda Winkelmann seconded, approved.

New Business

Summer Picnic: The Sherwoods will host the TCGMC Annual Picnic July 30th at their residence at 966 Lake Street, North of South Haven, lakeside off of I96 Exit 26. Time: TBA.

MWF Convention & Show will be held August 19 – 21 at the Michiana Gem & Mineral Society, South Bend, IN. This year's theme is "Midwest Minerals" They are looking for exhibits in competitive or non-competitive categories.

There being no further business, the President adjourned the meeting at 8:31PM.

Respectfully submitted by Krystin Grenon

Tulip City Gem and Mineral Club
General Meeting Minutes
Howard Miller Community Center
 May 25, 2016

Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM.

New Members: Jessica Stuve and son Sam. One visitor.

Total Number of attendees: 48 Adults, 11 Juniors.

VP C.H. Falstad – Rules for the Silent Auction.

Junior tables are for Junior bidding & buying only.

Juniors dismissed for the program on **Crystal**

Habits.

President Bob Sherwood summarized the recent Board Meeting.

Open Board position: Social Coordinator

MWF Convention & Show: August 19-21,

South Bend, IN. Theme: "Midwest Minerals".

Annual Club Picnic: Saturday, July 30 @ B

& J Sherwood's, details to follow. This event

will replace regular Club meeting.

Geology Scholarship Plan for Junior Club

High School graduating seniors studying for a career in geology.

President's Remarks:

TCGMC is in need for a 1 ton load capacity cargo trailer.

Sadly, VP CH Falstad resigned from the board.

Thank you, C.H. for your time and commitment!

The position of VP needs to be filled. The VP not

only organizes the program each month, but also

makes arrangements for meeting rooms. Please

consider taking this valued position. It is a time

commitment.

Treasurer Julia Sherwood presented the Club's financial report for March & April.

Show Chair, Sue Goedert reported we have all

dealers contracted. The next meeting will be June 8

at the Soccer Stop. The Artisan Table will sell

Members' hand collected specimen rocks and

handmade jewelry and will be overseen by

participating Members. Shari Luttkhuizen said the

lobby displays will reflect the theme, "Field Trips

Rock", focusing on general locations where members

collect.

Field Trips – Bob Sinke reported on upcoming trips

to Ishpeming, August 4-6. This is a 9 hour trip to the

Upper Peninsula. There will be field trips to the

Republic & Champion mines, among others and to

Doug Trudell's lapidary workshop. \$94.08 room may

be available June 1 after registration closes for the

Shriner event in Marquette.

Dan Attenburg equipment and rock Sale June 28 will

meet at 11:15AM at HMCC. Sign up.

For the Agate Expo in Cedarberg WI, see Rance

Westover.

New Business

"Herrick Fest," June 25, Kollen Park, Holland was

presented as a venue the TCGMC can promote the

club, show and upcoming events. With a board

majority present, Julia Sherwood moved to

participate in this, Sue Goedert seconded, all

approved. TCGMC would like to invite members to

participate.

Adjournment of Business Meeting & Break.

VP C.H. Falstad facilitated the silent members'

auctions while members bid.

Meeting adjourned: 8:56 PM

Respectfully submitted by Krystin Grenon.

JUNIOR ROCK CLUB PAGE

What "Mohs 2" mineral can develop into five crystal habits?

Juniors can think back to earlier presentations (or check a Field Guide) to answer this question! Hint: Local mines used to produce this resource. Manufacturing companies ground some into dust called "Plaster of Paris" or re-compacted it into wall boards. It was sometimes used for fertilizer (why?) and as flux for pottery-making (what's flux and why?). Do you know the mystery mineral's name yet?

At our next meeting, we will review "crystal habits" and further discuss this one example. Why do those chemicals (see your Field Guide) develop into crystals of the massive, fibrous, glassy, tabular or roses? What environmental conditions make it likely to solidify into one habit or another? Do the crystals ever change shape? Can all the crystals be used in manufacturing with the same effect? ~ Come to the meeting on June 29 and SEE!

Linda Winklemann and Rick Smith
Junior Club Advisors



This (without the "sea", "see", or "sy")....



....plus this... (or should I say "+ this"?)



Equals THIS!

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 increased knowledge of minerals, rocks, gems, fossils, and the lapidary arts. The objectives of this club shall be promoted whenever Possible, through family participation.

To become a member, complete the form at www.tulipcity.org

The deadline for submissions is 5p the Thursday after the Board Meeting.

Gypsum Grand Rapids, from Calvin College

Advertising rates for club members are: \$5 for business card size, \$10 for ¼ page, \$15 for ½ page, \$30 for full page. non-member rates are double. Make check payable To: TCG&M with ad copy to Editor.

Meetings are held monthly on the last Wednesday of the month at the Howard Miller Community Center, 14 S. Church Street, Seeland, MI at 7pm, unless announced otherwise in the TULIP CITY CONGLOMERATE. Junior Club welcomes young rockhounds and meets separately during the meeting.



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