

Tulip City Gem & Mineral Club

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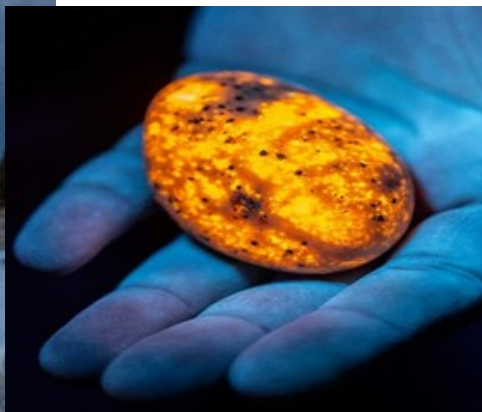
Yooperlites!

Special Guest: Erik Rintamaki

Imagine if you will, rockhounding for your favorite stones and accidentally discovering something new for the state of Michigan. That is what happened in 2017 to Erik Rintamaki when he took a UV flashlight out on the shore of Lake Superior to look for agates. In 2018, Yooperlites went viral and have been featured, along with Erik in numerous magazines and television programs.

Erik will talk about his adventures, the evolution of UV flashlights, both long wave and short wave, and some of his planned summer adventures. Please come meet Erik and bring your questions.

He will have Yooperlite examples and flashlights for sale to those who are interested. Erik will also be spending time with the juniors during their program.



www.yooperlites.com

MARCH IS GREEN - Monthly Contest

Bring in your favorite green specimen for the monthly contest.
Fill out a card (**without your name**) and place the specimen on the designated table.
We will vote with pennies at our break time, winners will get a modest prize!



Events



FOR OUR CLUB AND BEYOND!

2023 TCG&M Board

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- 3/29 Tulip City General Meeting - Wed, 7pm**
Howard Miller Library, Zeeland **APRIL BOARD MEETING @ 6:15**
- 3/31 Tulip City Spring Break Field Trip - 3/31 to 4/9**
Silver City, New Mexico - Contact Jon Mull - solace247@yahoo.com
- 3/31 Gem & Lapidary Wholesalers Show - Burton Manor 3/31 to 4/2**
27777 Schoolcraft Rd, Livonia, MI - Fri/Sat 10-6, Sun 10-3
- 4/6 Indian Mounds R&M Annual Show - Rogers Plaza**
972 28th St SW Wyoming, MI - Fri/Sat 9:30-9, Sun 9:30-7
- 4/19 Tulip City Annual Banquet ** NOTE THE EARLIER DATE ****
Howard Miller Library - See notice on Pg. 4
- 4/26 Tulip City Show meeting - Wed, 7pm**
Howard Miller Library, Zeeland
- 5/5 Kalamazoo Rock club Annual Show - County Expo Center**
2900 Lake St, Kalamazoo, MI - Fri 4-8, Sat 10-6, Sun 10-5
- 5/17 Tulip City Board meeting - Wed, 7pm**
Howard Miller Library, Zeeland
- 5/21 Tulip City General meeting - Wed, 7pm**
Howard Miller Library, Zeeland

!! BANQUET - Wednesday, APRIL 19 !!

I hope you notice the position of SHOW CHAIR has now been filled. Please join me in welcoming Becky Siegel, and thanking Shari Luttkhuizen, for agreeing to serve as Co-Chairs! I know they will do an amazing job. I also know our club members will step up and give them all the help they will need along the way! We're all looking forward to a fantastic show!

Thank you 

~ This months "Mascot" ~
The masthead this month is the star of our program for March, the "Yooperlite" or more technically a piece of granite rich in Sodalite which fluoresces very well at 365 nm. This one was gifted to me by Rick and Deb Smith. It was found in the U.P. during one of their many excursions to the northern shoreline! Approx. 2.5" in diameter. - Jon Mull

Event details can be found on the Midwest Federation Site - www.mwfed.org/calendar



Field Trips



Spring Break New Mexico - Mar 31 to Apr 9

A wide variety of material at sites in southwest New Mexico. If you have any questions, please contact me right away. Jon Mull. solace247@yahoo.com

White River Indiana Geodes - Apr. 14-16

This trip is now full. If you signed up already then you can email Chris Rogers. Kilt.inspector32@gmail.com for additional info.

Utah - May 1-19

This trip will begin in Moab, Utah. The list of material is long and the number of spaces left is small. Please contact Bob & Julia Sherwood, if you are interested in this trip. bobandjulia@accn.org

Thunder Bay, Ontario - June 17-24

Thunder Bay is a prime spot for beautiful Amethyst specimens. Gary will be providing more info and a sign up sheet at the March meeting. A full itinerary will be available in April. kattfiles@gmail.com

Keweenaw, MI - July / August

The Keweenaw Mineral Days collecting event will sadly not happen this year. An explanation and alternative offerings can be found at the Seaman website. However, if you are willing to join the Copper Country Rock & Mineral club there are collecting opportunities from Fri Aug 4 to Thur. Aug 10, with their show happening Fri to Sun Aug. 11 to 13. Here is their site. Copper Country R&M.



Hopefully many of you know Bob Zigler. He is the last remaining founding member of our club. On Feb. 19, Bob turned 98! Last June he was part of a group of veterans recognized for their service in WW2. Although he lives in Fort Wayne, IN, he is still an active member of our club. We hope you had a great birthday Bob, and wish you the best!

Winter 'How To' Workshop Report

Submitted by Julia Sherwood and Carol Tracy

Thank you to the “teachers” and to all the participants who attended the short season of Winter Workshops. Cancellation of our February General Meeting made it impossible for anyone to sign up for workshops scheduled in March. Maybe next year’s weather will be kinder to us all.

Lapidary Workshop with Rance & Anne Westover

Seven club members enjoyed a hands-on introduction to lapidary work on Saturday February 18. We are grateful to Rance and Anne Westover for opening their very impressive workshop to folks who have never before used lapidary equipment. Rance provided us with an assortment of small rock slabs and templates and guided us in the creation and completion of polished cabochons. Great fun was had by all.

Thank you,
Anne and Rance!



Beading Cabochons with Julia Sherwood

Two members spent a couple of partial days learning the steps and materials needed to produce a beaded cabochon necklace. Here are finished products.



Workshops cont.

Tab-setting Cabochons with Krystin Grenon

Four students spent 5 hours learning how to use jewelry tools on a copper sheet to make a lovely background for a cabochon of their choosing. It seems to be a very complicated procedure, but the excellent preparation by Krystin and the step-by-step instruction made it easy to follow.



Annual Spring Scholarship Banquet

Our banquet speaker will be Tom Wright, Manager of the Quincy Mine Hoist Association

This year's banquet will be on Wednesday, April 19th. Our theme will center on the history of the copper mining industry in the Upper Peninsula so dig out your flannel shirts to wear (that you probably haven't even put away yet!). Social time will be between 6:00-6:30 and dinner will start at 6:30. We will be having a potluck dinner once again so bring one dish to pass unless you are bringing an extra guest then bring two. Plates, silverware, cups, napkins, serving spoons and tongs will be provided. If your dish needs another utensil please bring it just in case. As is our custom, we will be awarding scholarships to GVSU and Hope



TCGM Minutes - Feb 8 Board Meeting.

Tulip City Gem and Mineral Club
February 8, 2023 Board meeting
Howard Miller Community Center Zeeland Mi

Board members: C.H. F, Kurt B, Julia S, Alex V, Mike L, Teresa D, Jon M, Betty H, Mary J,
Aaron N, Michelle L, Tom D, Bill M, Rhonda G

Absent: Gary K, Shari L

Guests: Bob S

Call to order: 7:00 pm by President CH Falstad Enough members in attendance for Quorum
Approval of proposed agenda: Proposed, seconded, and approved by board
Approval of Minutes: Dec meeting minutes read aloud by Teresa D. Proposed, second, and approved.

Board reports

President C.H. F asked board members "What would you like to see happen at the show 2023?"
answers included more demos, lectures, classes, identifying table

Treasurer Kurt B: Money looks good. See official report for details Actually made money on interest

V.P. Julia S/Alex V: no report

IPP Mike L: no report

Sec Teresa D: no report

Editor Jon M: please submit Saturday by 6:00 pm for newsletter

Field trip coor Gary K: sent email to CH. Summer trips are still in the planning stages, watch for
White River's trips.

Historian Betty H: stopped digitizing: too time consuming. Will be putting together historical
binders. Will work with Aaron to make a link to google files.

Juniors Shari L: ab

Liaison Mary J: no report

Memberships Rhonda: last month for memberships 2023

Show Chair: C.H. is actively searching for a new Chairperson. He will be acting chair until one
is found. Gave update on civic center/soccer stop decision. Still waiting on numbers.

Webmaster Aaron N: good transitioning, first part up and running. Will take suggestions.

Social Michelle L: no report

Dir. at Large Tom D /Bill M: no report

Recurring business:

Rock Exchange: no communications from the other clubs, as of yet

New Business:

The 2023 Budget was presented to the board by Kurt. Jon made a motion that the budget be
approved as written. Tom 2nd it. Motion passed

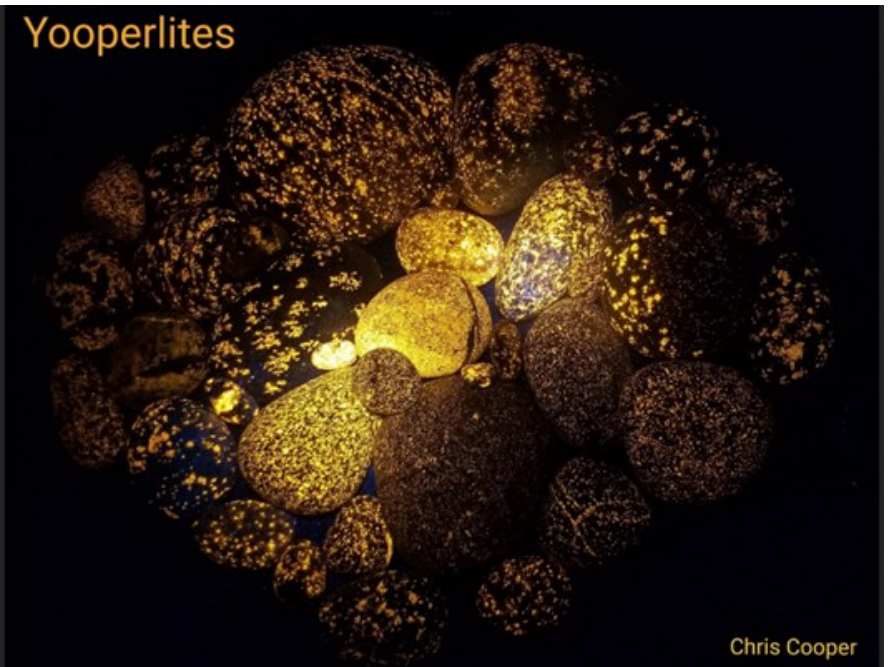
Discussion took place on what to pay the guest speaker at general meetings. Agreement was
at least \$100.

Meeting adjourned at 8:21 pm

Teresa DeMol

- Junior Page -

Hey Juniors! Come to the Junior Club meeting at 7:00 and Hang out with Erik Rintamaki, “aka” The Yooperlite guy. Bring a question or two and win a prize. Erik is excited to meet everyone and talk about fluorescent Minerals. Be sure to bring your phone, there may be an opportunity for a photo op!



Parents may attend with their children if they want to... but they may be called on to participate!



Meetings are held monthly on the last Wednesday of the month at the Howard Miller Community Center 14 S. Church Street, Zeeland, MI at 7pm, unless otherwise noted in the **TULIP CITY CONGLOMERATE**.

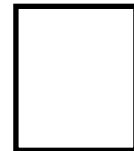
Our Junior Club welcomes and encourages young rockhounds and meets separately during the meeting. To become a member, complete the form at www.tulipcity.org

Advertising rates for club members are: \$5 for business card size, \$10 for 1/4 page, \$15 for 1/2 page, \$30 for full page. non-member rates are double. Make check payable To: TCG&M with ad copy to Editor.

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.

Tulip City Conglomerate

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Background photo is a candy dish filled with Yooperlites at 365 nm