



# Tulip City Gem & Mineral Club

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Monthly Newsletter of the TCG&MC  
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### ~ Annual Picnic ~

*Come out and join us!*

**When:** July 23, 2022 - from 4 to 8 pm

**Where:** West Side County Park

2152 Lakeshore Dr, Fennville, MI 49408

Ever tried panning for gold? Mike and Vickie are bringing us the opportunity to give it a try! They will have 15 bags with gold and sand in them, and teach you how to pan it out. Each bag will have \$20.00 of gold in them, and will cost \$20.00. They will also make up bags with copper and pyrite that you can try for free.

The picnic will start at 4:00. Hot Dogs/Brats and Lemonade will be provided. Please bring at least 1 side dish to share, 2 if you have more than 3 people. You can come early and do some rockhounding on the beach.

***Sign ups for volunteering at the show will also be at the park, you can be the first to choose your times.***



*Hope to see  
you there!*



~ This months "Mascot" ~  
The masthead image is a classic Lake Superior Agate. Often called "Lakers" or "Candy Stripers." This was purchased from the Ishpeming show a year or two ago. Pretty sure it was collected from one of the gravel pits in Minnesota 2.5" in diameter. - Jon Mull

Since we will not have a board meeting this month, and I will be out of town for the picnic and the mailing week for the newsletter I will need to condense it and it will be email only. I will mail a single page to those members who do not have an email address on file. I will do my best to return the newsletter to it's full glory in August. Thank you for your understanding and have a wonderful time at the picnic!

~ Your Newsletter Editor and fellow rockhound, Jon Mull



# Events



## FOR OUR CLUB AND BEYOND!

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7/16 **Moose Lake Agate Days** - Carlton County GMC Annual Show  
Riverside Arena, 20 Earl Evens Dr, Moose Lake, MN Sat 9-5, Sun 9-3

7/23 **Tulip City Summer Picnic** - Westside County Park  
See details included in this newsletter

8/12 **Copper Country R&M Show** - Houghton Elementary School  
203 W Jacker Ave, Houghton, MI Fri 1-8, Sat 10-6, Sun 11-4

8/17 **Tulip City Board Meeting** - Wed, 7pm  
Howard Miller Library, Zeeland

8/19 **Michiana G&MS Show** - St. Joseph County 4-H Fairgrounds  
5117 s. Ironwood Rd, South Bend, IN Fri 12-7, Sat 10-6, Sun 11-5

8/20 **Tulip City Tailgate** - Walters Gardens, Zeeland  
1992 96th Ave, Zeeland, MI Sat TIME TBD

8/24 **Tulip City Show Committee Meeting** - Wed, 7pm  
Howard Miller Library, Zeeland

8/27 **Peoria Academy of Science - Geology Club Show** - Eastside Centre  
1 Eastside Dr, East Peoria, IL Sat 9-5, Sun 10-5

8/31 **Tulip City General Meeting** - Wed, 7pm  
Howard Miller Library, Zeeland



it's SOOOO close now

### Tulip City Gem & Mineral Annual Show

Friday Sept. 16 - 10 am to 8 pm  
Saturday Sept. 17 - 10 am to 7 pm  
Sunday Sept. 18 - 11 am to 5 pm

**SIGN UP to Volunteer at our picnic!**

Tulip City Gem and Mineral Club Board Meeting 6.15.22  
Minutes taken in absence of Secretary by Michelle Bennett

**Call to Order**

The meeting of the Tulip City Gem and Mineral Club was called to order on Wednesday, June 15 at 7:00 pm by President Mike Larson. We did not have a quorum, so no vote was taken.

**Board Reports**

**President**, Mike Larson: Stated that Kurt and him participated in ZQuest Knowledge Share on 6/13 at the elementary.

**Vice President**, Shari Luttikhuisen: No present. Communicated by email that the June meeting will be our Silent Auction. We will be having our July meeting at the club picnic on 7/23 at 3:00 pm. Dinner at 5:00 pm.

**Treasurer**, Kurt Brinks: Didn't give a financial report. Brought up the seed money transaction that is on the books.

**Secretary**, Teresa DeMol: Not present.

**Newsletter Editor**, Jon Mull: Needs write ups for the newsletter for Herrick Fest and ZQuest.

**Juniors**, Linda Winkelmann: Not present.

**Membership Coordinator**, Rhonda Gehringer: Not present.

**Field Trip Coordinator**, Peter Riemersma: Not present.

**Social Coordinator**, Michelle Lanting: Not present.

**Social Media Coordinator**, Julia Sherwood: Keeping up the website. Talked about options for utilizing the website for field trips.

**Historian**, Betty Hoekstra: Has organized all of the tubs of historical data down from 3 to 2.

**Liaison**, Mary Johnson: Created custom "Thank You" cards with our logo on them if anyone needs one. She sent a note to the Haworths for the donated fossil plate.

**Directors-at-Large**, Tom DeMol & Greta Fochtman: Not present.

**On-Going Projects**

**Show Co-Chair**, Michelle Bennett: Next Show meeting this next week, June 22 at 7:00 pm.

**Immediate Past President**, Carl Falstad: Not in attendance. Shows up at the end for quorum!

**Recurring Business**

**2022 Show**: Michelle Present: Publicity Chairperson (NEED TO FILL IMMEDIATELY) All contracts to Dealers and SoccerStop have been completed.

**Material and knowledge share**: Kurt Brinks and Mike Larson participated in ZQuest Elementary Knowledge Share Day. Had a great time and had around (40) kids in attendance.

**Summer Tailgate**: C.H. to reach out to Walter Garden for availability of August 20, with fall back dates of August 13 or 27

**Donation Committee**: Has been filled! Looking for information on what members have in their homes that belongs to the club so they can take inventory.

**DeGraaf Nature Center**: Trail maintenance needs to be done. Trimming and powerwashing seem to be the biggest issues.

**New Business**

**Printed Newsletters**, Jon Mull: Jon brought up the cost of printing and shipping out newsletters. We will discuss at end of year raising the cost but will for now just ask the club if you don't need one mailed, let's get you off the list.

**Quartz Plate**, C.H.: Will be contacting the library again about putting our quartz plate on display.

**Liaison Expenses**, Mary Johnson: This year's MWF Convention is in Springfield, MO. Mary asked for the club for a larger reimbursement due to rising fuel costs and the far travel. Julia made a motion to reimburse Mary for an open amount to cover lodging, food, and fuel. C.H. amended the motion to cap the reimbursement at \$1,000, Jon Mull seconded the amendment. All were in favor.

**Jon Mull made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 pm and C.H. seconded, all board in favor.**



## Field Trips



### August 4-8 - Ishpeming, MI (U.P.)

Bob & Julia Sherwood will be happy to guide other TC club members to collecting locations in the greater Ishpeming area. They will be in Ishpeming, arriving August 4 through 8, leaving the 9th and will be staying at the Wonderland Motel, rm. 11, US-41, on the E. edge of Ishpeming. Julia's cell phone is (269) 953-6618

While some may prefer to go to the Republic Mine with the Ishpeming Club Friday morning, Sherwoods' will be going to the Lindberg Quarry to collect colorful Kona Dolomite in advance of the Ishpeming Club's long convoy there Sunday. Hard hats, safety glasses, safety vests and durable boots/shoes required in the quarry. They have some you may use if you do not have your own.

If you wish to join them, meet in the motel parking lot Friday morning at 9:00. Have a full tank of gas. Plan to bring lunch food so we can eat in the field to maximize time for an afternoon field trip.

Saturday is the show (Ishp. Elks Club, Lakeshore Dr.) which we will go to in the morning. In the afternoon we will go to yet another location, possibly across the street to Doug Trudell's Lapidary Workshop behind & below the Cliffs Shaft Mine Museum. In the evening, the local club hosts a "Crackerbarrel" session which is a lot of fun, to which all are invited. Often there is an interesting speaker as well as a Live Auction of "goodies".

If you are not familiar with collecting "Up North," the following are suggested.

#### **Tools & Equipment:**

Rock pick, Chisels, Crack Hammer, Pry Bar

Safety glasses, Gloves, sturdy Boots, 5 gal. bucket or smaller buckets for collecting, backpack, milk crates, spray bottle, skeeter repellent, sun screen.

Be sure to bring plenty of **drinking water**.

If you would like to join Bob & Julia and did not sign up in June, please see them at the July picnic or reach out via email [bobandjulia@accn.org](mailto:bobandjulia@accn.org)



**Tulip City will hold a Tailgate Swap N' Sell  
Saturday, August 20th.**

**Once again in the Walters Garden parking lot.**

**1992 96th Ave - Zeeland, MI**

**9am to 2pm - (subject to change)**

**All members of a western Michigan rock club are welcome to set up a table. All items should be "rock related." Rock and mineral specimens, lapidary work, and fossils, just to suggest a few.**

***Please be willing to make a donation to help out with "porta potty" costs***

### **Mailing Math... A public service announcement about printed newsletters**

*It has been a pleasure producing this newsletter and Tulip City has had a long tradition of providing a mailed copy of it for much of its history. It is wonderful that technology has advanced to the point I can create a full color document with clever stories, full resolution images, and memories from a wide variety of field experiences and rock collections and email it out to members and friends of our club all over the country with the click of a button. Although it is enjoyable to hold a printed copy, and we will always do our best to make the newsletter available to those without email, it is becoming more and more expensive to do so. Currently there are about 25 people who receive a mailed copy. Those members provide an additional \$5 a year for that service. It costs about \$2 an issue between printing and postage for black and white only. That calculates out to \$50 a month and \$600 a year. Subtract those yearly dues and that's \$475 of excess cost that could be turned into other value for our club such as additional dollars donated to GVSU or Hope for scholarships. We could invite professional speakers to more of our meetings and thank them with monetary support. Consider that cost absorbs 23 family memberships. It may become necessary as early as next year to raise the cost for receiving a printed newsletter. We will not be changing things at the moment, but if you decide you don't really need a mailed copy, please let us know! We thank you kindly, and so do the trees!*

### **2022 Show Marketplace ~ guidelines ~**

At this year's show we will once again have a **Marketplace** and an **Artisan Market** (instead of a Silent Auction) where members can sell their rocks, gems, minerals, and other rockhound and lapidary items. Marketplace sales slips for both junior and adult sales tables are available on the website (tulipcity.org) by clicking on the Show button on the home page and then going to the bottom of that page to find the pdf files for the slips.

#### **Here are some important seller guidelines:**

1. Fill out your sales slips ahead of time. Only items with an accompanying sales slip can be placed on the Marketplace sales tables.
2. Fill out your sales slips completely, both top and bottom halves with both the price and your name. WRITE CLEARLY.
3. Price your items carefully. The price that the item is marked will remain until the last day of the Show.
4. The seller will receive 90% of the gross sales at the Marketplace the Club will receive 10%. Only members of Tulip City Gem & Mineral Club may sell items at the Show's Marketplace and Artisan Market. **Members must have a paid membership for 2022.** *Anyone joining the Club at the Show is considered a 2023 Member and is not eligible to sell at the 2022 Show.*

The Marketplace will provide a "close-out sale" in the final hour of the Marketplace on the Show's last day. You can change your prices at this time using red ink. (Club will provide pens.)

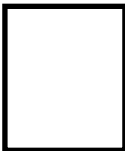


Meetings are held monthly on the last Wednesday of the month at the Howard Miller Community Center 14 S. Church Street, Zeeland, MI at 7pm, unless otherwise noted in the **TULIP CITY CONGLOMERATE**. Our Junior Club welcomes and encourages young rockhounds and meets separately during the meeting. To become a member, complete the form at [www.tulipcity.org](http://www.tulipcity.org)

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.

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.

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