



Tulip City Gem & Mineral Club **Conglomerate**

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Let's Talk Petoskeys!

At this month's General Meeting, learn all about what makes Michigan special to rockhounds, Petoskey stones. If you can answer questions about Petoskey stones, you could earn a prize. Discover the very BEST way to polish a Petoskey and a few tips on finding them.



If you have a beautifully polished Petoskey stone or something you made out of Petoskey stone, please bring it along to show the rest of the club.

After the Petoskey talk we are going to hold an auction. We have over 15 items that have been donated to our club, and we think they are pretty special, so our members will have first dibs on them. Many of the items have been donated by the family of Chet Smith, other items are from the boxes we exchanged with 2 clubs from out west, Oregon and Wyoming. So bring your cash or checkbooks, and hopefully you can bring home a treasure!

Next month at our General Meeting (November 17) we will hold a Club Member Silent Auction. Please use the normal Silent Auction slips (found on tulipcity.org), not the slips we used at the show for the Marketplace, as we want to bid each other up! Please note that space on the tables will be limited, so please do not bring over 20 items. There will also be a table that only Juniors can bid on, so please bring some items in for them, priced low, so they can add to their collections. If you have questions, please email Shari at _____ or speak to her at the October General Meeting.



2021 TCG&M Board

President - Michael B. Larson

Vice President - Shari Luttkhuizen

Secretary - Brenda Olson

Treasurer - Kurt Brinks

Field Trip Coordinator - Jon Mull

Historian - Betty Hoekstra

Jr. Club Coord. - Linda Winkelmann

Liaison - Rhonda Gehringer

Membership - Christine Silich

Newsletter Ed. - < open >

Social Media Coord. - Julia Sherwood

Show Coord. - Sue Goedert

Social Coord. - Linda Plumert

Dir. at Larae - Mary Johnson

Dir. at Large - Randy Wake

Past President - C.H. Falstad

Events



11/6 Midwest Mineralogical & Lapidary Society Auction
Dearborn Heights, MI (www.mmls.us/)

11/6&7 Mid-Michigan Rock Club Show
Midland, MI (www.midmichrockclub.com/)

11/8 Michigan Mineral Society Auction
Cranbrook Institute of Science (www.michmin.org)

Thank You

A big thank you to everyone who participated in this year's show. In spite of the adjustments we made to protect everyone, we still had a very successful and profitable show. I really appreciate all who brought in snacks or worked shifts at various areas. It wouldn't happen without you. I especially want to thank the show committee because without them, this wouldn't have come together.

Respectfully, Sue Goedert

TCG&MC General Meeting for October

Wednesday, 10/27/21

**7 pm at Howard Miller Community
Center, 14 S Church St, Zeeland**

**These openings need to be filled for the
2022 Board of Directors:**

- ◆ **Secretary**
- ◆ **Field Trip Coordinator**
- ◆ **Show Coordinator**
- ◆ **Director at Large**

Job descriptions listed on page 8.

Anyone interested in these positions or in assisting in the duties, please speak with CH Falstad.

Open Position



JUNIORS TAKE-HOME is Twinned Selenite Crystal !!

SELENITE is one form of Gypsum. It is an evaporate mineral formed from the ancient oceans that once covered the earth. Those oceans receded, the salty waters evaporated and land developed. Plants grew and decayed into sediments, which resulted in some places into clay beds and limestone layers. The evaporate patterns concentrated the chemicals called Calcium Sulfate with Water ($\text{CaSO}_4 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$). **Selenite is soft, almost see-through and has a pearly luster.**

JUNIORS
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At the Juniors meeting, kids will examine their Selenite crystal and the other forms of Gypsum. They will learn about what's "under Grand Rapids" and learn some modern day uses of the mineral Gypsum.

THANKS to Kevin Ponzio from Earth Prospecting & Mining Company, for these take-home specimens for Juniors.

Thanks to All of the OUTSTANDING Volunteers !!

Your time & effort made for a GREAT SHOW !

Thanks to All who posted ROAD SIGNS!!

Please bring the Road Signs back to the General Meeting. We'll store them for next year.

*Thank
you*

A close-up illustration of a fountain pen nib, showing the gold-colored metal and the black ink reservoir. The nib is pointing towards the bottom right.

Tulip City Gem & Mineral Club
Howard Miller Community Center Zeeland
June 30, 2021, 7:00 PM; General Meeting Minutes

7:12 pm - Call to Order Shari Luttikhuizen, Vice President

Present: about 50 adults and 6 juniors

Board Reports

Vice President-Shari shared the need for a newspaper editor

Treasurer-Kurt Brinks gave a brief treasurer's report

Field Trip-Jon Mull gave a report on the Keokuk trip

Show-Sue Goedert reported that the show is scheduled for September 17-19. Help is needed with kid's games. Petoskey stones are needed for the kits.

Shari reported the next meeting will be at the West Side County Park on Saturday July 24th at 4 pm.

The meeting ended with a silent auction and juniors participated in a rock painting activity.

Meeting ended 8:20 pm



Tulip City Gem and Mineral Club
Howard Miller Community Center Zeeland
August 11, 2021, 7:00 PM; Board Meeting Minutes

7:10 PM – Mike Larson, president, called the meeting to order.

Approval of Minutes – Julia made a motion, seconded by Betty, to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2021, Board meeting. Julia made a motion, seconded by Rhonda, to approve the May 26, 2021, General meeting minutes. All in favor.

Membership – Discussion followed on creating a new form to determine if parents want to include their children in the printed general membership list. We will have it done before next show meeting.

Show –Sue noted the next Wednesday, August 18, will be a show meeting. Discussion followed on scheduling the show on a date not tied to Labor Day. Show volunteers needed are an adult person in charge of kid's games. There will be a Market Place sale instead of a silent auction. There was a need for people to drive trailers. We plan to leave a lot more room between dealers.

Club shirts and hats will be offered for sale at August meeting.

We need to have a nominating committee, by the August meeting.

Shari and Linda Winkelmann suggested the next general meeting everyone bring rock favorites.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by CH and seconded Sue. All in favor.

Adjourn meeting: by 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Olson

Tulip City Gem and Mineral Club
Dunton Park, Holland
August 25, 2021, 7:00 PM; General Meeting Minutes

7:10 PM – Call to Order – Mike Larson, president

Present: about 45 adults and 5 juniors

Board Reports

President Mike Larson gave a welcome to those attending. He talked about the need for show volunteers.

Treasurer-Kurt Brinks gave a brief treasurers report.

Julia Sherwood shared that club shirts and hats were available for those interested in purchasing.

The presentation for the evening was made by members sharing rock hunting adventure stories.

Meeting adjourned 8:35 pm

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West Michigan MWF Mineral Study Group

Our mineral study group is working thru the periodic table in our current study sequence. This month, for the 89th meeting of our MWF mineral study group, we looked at minerals containing Gallium, Germanium, or Arsenic.

The next monthly meeting of the West Michigan MWF Mineral Study Group will be held on November 9, 2021, from 7 pm to 8:30 pm, at the home of Kreigh Tomaszewski, 653 Burton St. S.E., Grand Rapids, MI 49507. **Face masks will be required** (unless everyone attending has been fully vaccinated against covid-19).

We try to start (and end) on time; please do not arrive more than 20 minutes early (and everyone gets thrown out by 9). **All West Michigan rockhounds are invited to attend.** I hope you can join us as we learn about minerals from each other, but you are always welcome even if you can't bring any specimens. Please join us and let part of your collection get to meet some other rockhounds and be appreciated.

On the Meeting Calendar:

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| 10/27/21 | TCG&MC General Meeting | HMCC, Zeeland |
| 11/3/21 | TCG&MC Board Meeting | HMCC, Zeeland |
| 11/17/21 | TCG&MC General Meeting | HMCC, Zeeland |

Keep Current with the club: www.tulipcity.org or www.facebook.com/tulipcityclub/

Midwest Federation Delegates Convention Report

The Toledo Gem & Rockhound Club sponsored the 2021 MWF Delegates Meeting on September 11th in Bowling Green, Ohio. Julia and I were pleased to represent our Club. The officers followed the usual pro forma agenda, so we only noted the items of importance or interest to you as club members.

Unfortunately, there were delegates present from only 13 clubs out of the 112 clubs from the 11 states within the Federation. A bare quorum was met.

The outgoing President of the AFMS, Judy Beck, was at the MWF Convention both Friday and all-day Saturday. She sat at our table for the Banquet and was very personable while asking several questions about the ways our Club functions.

The State Directors were introduced including John Donker who represents Michigan and is a member of Tulip City as well as Indian Mounds clubs.

Among the deceased from the past two years was our own Chet Smith (honor member and almost Charter), and the wife of Ernie Johnson from the Ishpeming Club. Ernie has been in charge of their shows and sponsored field trips to the Republic Mine and Lindberg Quarry for many years.



Future conventions:

- ⇒ The Ozark Mountain Gem & Mineral Society will hold the 2022 convention in Springfield, MO, a fall date to be determined later.
- ⇒ The Livingston Gem & Mineral Society will host the 2023 meeting in Howell, MI.

The Environment/Legislation Committee reviewed the concern about potential closing of BLM sites—especially in the West where many Easterners go to recreate and collect. As well as those who are most affected regionally, all clubs should write letters and emails directly to their Congressional representatives urging that BLM lands be kept open and accessible to visitors. It was stressed that signing a petition prepared by someone else is typically ignored while personal contacts are not. Judy Beck, outgoing AFMS President spoke to the importance of ALAA, the American Lands Act Association, which is fighting on our behalf. Tulip City has belonged to this organization for years. All clubs should consider joining.

Cindy Root, Federation Web Master, reported that some web changes will be made shortly to present an improved presence. Clubs should take note and possibly incorporate some of the same changes. Check out the MWF Facebook page also.

A lengthy presentation was made by Linda Plowman, Chair of the Junior Activities Committee, promoting the AFMS *Future Rockhounds of America* program designed by Jim Brace Thompson for Juniors. Articles about the FRA program are a regular feature of the monthly *Rock and Gem* magazine. A folder about this program plus a memory stick was given each club present. Mention was made about a couple of upcoming contests for Juniors: the new Youth Poster Contest and a Mascot Contest. Details will be in future MWF News articles.

In conclusion, this club has participated by attendance in the annual Midwest Federation Convention for more than 30 years. There is always something to be gained from attendance; various parts of the meeting's presentation and reports but especially through conversations with others about how their club handles meetings, where they are going on field trips, shows, newsletters etc.

We strongly recommend that this tradition continue for our club's benefit.

Respectfully,

Bob & Julia Sherwood



List of items to be auctioned off

See items on Page 9, starting bid in parenthesis

- ◆ TeePee Canyon Agate (\$25),
- ◆ Petrified wood slab – Araucara (\$10),
- ◆ Lily Pad Rhyolite (\$20),
- ◆ Gary Green Jasper (Larsonite) (10),
- ◆ Tampa Bay Fossilized Coral (\$25),
- ◆ Mexican coconut (\$10),
- ◆ Lake Superior Agate (\$20),
- ◆ Succor Creek slab (\$80)
- ◆ Agate Belt Buckle - Chet Smith Collection (\$20),
- ◆ Succor Creek Jasper slab - Chet Smith collection (\$10),
- ◆ Dry Head Agate (\$15).
- ◆ Cinnabar (toxic HgS) (\$10),
- ◆ Blue Apatite rough(\$8),
- ◆ Bruno Jasper (\$20),
- ◆ Fossilized Coral (\$25),



Secretary

Summarize and maintain the official records of all Board and General meetings

Record the Board members in attendance, those absent and guests at Board meetings

Record the number in attendance at General meetings and the number of visitors

Record all motions, important discussions and decisions, including who made the motion, who seconded it and whether or not the motion was adopted.

Note reports from the various officers and attach any written report with that meeting's minutes

A draft copy of minutes to be sent to the President within 10 days following the meeting

Provide copies of draft minutes to board members 3 days prior to board meetings

The approved minutes with corrections are sent to the Editor for publication

Field Trip Coordinator

Plan and direct field trips for the Club with input from Club members, determine and arrange viable field trips for the year

Send Editor articles about up-coming trips in a timely manner

Provide Webmaster with trip essentials once arrangements are made

Familiarize Club members with proper safety equipment and procedures

Accompany or delegate a responsible individual to supervise and adhere to safety procedures on field trips

Encourage trip attendees to write follow-up articles for the "Conglomerate"

Show Coordinator

Coordinate all aspects of show to make it run smoothly

Organize committee meeting dates, times and location with the Vice President for reservation purposes

Establish committees for specific responsibilities

Publish meeting dates, prepare an agenda and take minutes at each meeting

At the initial Show Committee meeting, establish a theme and distribute folders containing the "how-to" and reports from previous years to each Committee position

Interim meetings are used for progress reports and mutual problem solving

Assist committee chairs with sign-up of volunteers

Write timely "Show Business" article for newsletter to keep Club members informed of progress

Track and prepare an Expense list from committee submissions and Treasurer's monthly detailed report. Provide a written report of Show finances

Ensure timely progress of Show duties

Schedule a wrap-up meeting for brainstorming and submission of written reports from all committee heads to be retained as a permanent record

Assist with publicity as appropriate

Directors at Large

Provide a fresh opinion and assist in making decisions for the good of the Club

Offer time and resources wherever needed

Serve as a representative from the membership that can take ideas to the Board

Special projects as assigned

Gary Green Jasper



Cinnabar



Agate Belt Buckle



Lily Pad Rhyolite



Succor Creek slab



Blue Apatite



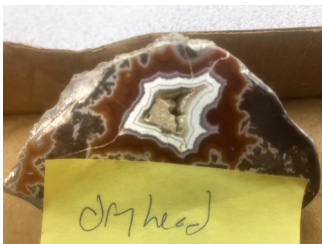
Bruno Jasper



Araucara Pet Wood



Dry Head Agate



Crinoid Stems



Mexican Coconut



Tampa Bay Fossilized Coral



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 announced otherwise in the **TULIP CITY CONGLOMERATE**. Junior Club welcomes young rockhounds and meets separately during the meeting. To become a member, complete the form at 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 increased knowledge of minerals, rocks, gems, fossils, and the lapidary arts. The objectives of this club shall be promoted whenever possible, through family participation.

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Advertising rates for club members are: \$5 for business card size, \$10 for $\frac{1}{4}$ page, \$15 for $\frac{2}{3}$ 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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