



# THE TULIP CITY CONGLOMERATE



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## General Meeting POTLUCK!

**6p Apr 29, 2015**

Howard Miller Community Center  
Zeeland, MI

**Kalamazoo, MI  
Annual Show  
May 1-3, 2015**

**Columbia, MO  
May 8-10, 2015**

**Board Meeting  
7p May 13, 2015**

Howard Miller Community Center  
Zeeland, MI

**Joplin, MO  
May 15-17, 2015**

**Wauwatosa, WI  
May 16-17, 2015**

**North Olmsted, OH  
May 16-17, 2015**

**Wheaton, IL  
May 23-24, 2015  
MWF Convention**

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## Potluck Banquet

The awaited time is nearly here. Our annual Tulip City Gem and Mineral Club Banquet upon us. Wednesday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, our Banquet **will kick off at 6:00 PM** (an hour earlier than normal because of our potluck). The event is going to be packed with excitement, fun and education.

We will be awarding five scholarships, one to a Hope College Geology student and four others to Geology students at Grand Valley State University.

The decorations and theme will be spectacular! The potluck is always a treat. Please bring a dish of your choice. If it's extra delicious you may want to bring an extra-large dish to make sure all your friends get a chance to try it.

Dr. Steven Chamberlain, noted New York mineralogist, chair of the world famous Rochester Mineralogical Symposium for over two decades and recent co-author of The Collector's Guide to the Minerals of New York State, will be speaking on "The Best of New York State Minerals." If you pay close attention it may come in handy as Steve will be leading a special collecting tour for our club later this summer. (dates to be determined) Steve will be showing us some of the museum pieces he has collected in favorite locals. Steve will be available for book signing afterwards if you have or will have a copy of his latest book.

Join us for a jam packed event.

Remember: **The Banquet starts at 6pm.** Bring plenty of food, and supply table service (plates, silverware, etc.) for your party.



*This Orthoceras plate will be auctioned off April 29.*

Club Calendar

May 1-3 (Fri-Sun)– Kalamazoo, MI Annual Show†  
 May 8-10 (Fri-Sun) – Columbia, MO Annual Show†  
 May 13 (Wed) – Board Meeting 7p, HMCC  
 May 15-17 (Fri-Sat) – Joplin, MO†  
 May 16-17 (Sat-Sun) – Wauwatosa, WI†  
 May 16-17 (Sat-Sun) – North Olmsted, OH†  
 May 23-24 (Sat-Sun) – Wheaton, IL MWF Convention†  
 May 27 (Wed) – General Meeting 7p, HMCC

Jun 10 (Wed) – Board Meeting 7p, HMCC  
 Jun 13 (Sat)– Wyoming, MI Indian Mounds Tailgate Sale†  
 Jun 20 (Sat) – Pipe Creek Junior Quarry, Marion, IN\*  
 Jun 24 (Wed) – General Meeting 7p, HMCC

Jul 15 (Wed) – Board Meeting 7p, HMCC  
 Jul 29 (Wed) – General Meeting 7p, HMCC  
 Jul 31-Aug 2 – Ishpeming, MI†

Aug 1 (Sat)– Ishpeming, MI Annual Show†  
 Aug 7-9 (Fri-Sun) – Houghton, MI Show†  
 Aug 8 (Sat) – Pendleton Quarry, Anderson, IN\*  
 Aug 12 (Wed) – Board Meeting 7p, HMCC  
 Aug 15 (Sat) - 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Tailgate Swap & Sell, Sam's Club  
 Aug 26 (Wed) – General Meeting 7p, GVSU Meijer Campus

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

*Italic listings* are non-Club events.

†Please refer to "Calendar Notes" on p3 for additional information.

\*Please refer to "Field Trips!" on p3 for additional information.

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For 2015, there are fifteen (15) positions, which have one vote each. There are sixteen (16) persons on the Board (two persons share one position, and one person holds two positions).

Club Calendar (continued from the column on the left.)

Sep 12 (Sat) – Corydon Quarry, Corydon, IN\*

Sep 18-20 (Fri-Sun) – Holland, MI Annual Show, Holland Civic Center

Sep 19-20 – Howell, MI Annual Show†

Sep 26-27 – Traverse City, MI Annual Show†

Oct 9-11 – Freeport, MI Annual Show†

Oct 14 (Wed) – Board Meeting 7p, HMCC

Oct 16-18 – Fort Wayne, IN Annual Show†

Oct 17-18 – Clio, MI Annual Show†

Oct 23-25 – Mason, MI Annual Show†

Oct 28 (Wed) - General Meeting 7p, HMCC

Nov 4 (Wed) – Board Meeting 7p, HMCC

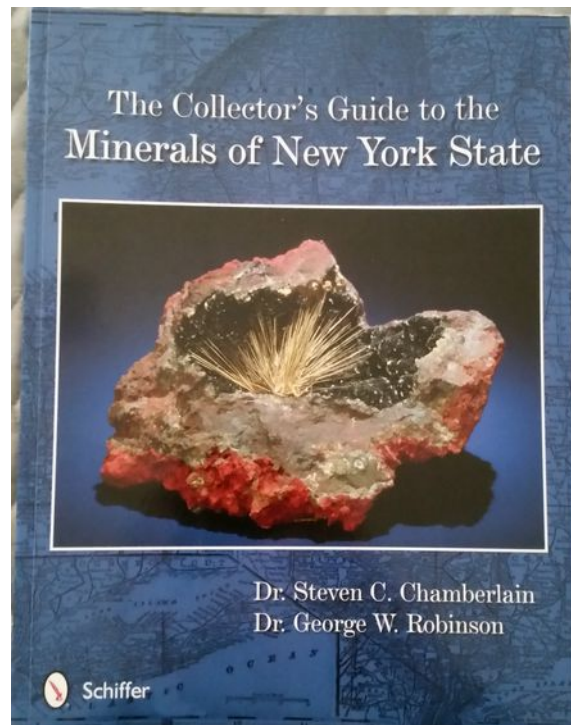
Nov 7 – Taylor, MI Auction†

Nov 9 – Bloomfield Hills, MI Auction†

Nov 18 (Wed) - General Meeting 7p, HMCC

Dec 2 (Wed) – Board Meeting 7p, HMCC

Dec 16 (Wed) - General Meeting 7p, HMCC



**YOU are the Club.**

**Write and article or story.**

**Send it to me.**

**See it published.**

## Field Trips!

- July 31st-August 2nd Ishpeming (digs on Friday and Sunday, show on Saturday) July 31, field trip to Republic Mine. August 1 & 2, Lindberg Quarry. More information can be found at [ishpemingrocks.org](http://ishpemingrocks.org).
- Jun 20 (Sat) – Pipe Creek Junior Quarry, Marion, IN\* - Safety equipment required, 16 years or older, contact Steve Miller to reserve your place.
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## Calendar Notes

- May 1-3 (Fri-Sun) – Kalamazoo, MI Kalamazoo Geological and Mineral Society Annual Show, Fri 4-8 pm; Sat 10 am - 6 pm; Sun 10 am - 5 pm Kalamazoo County Expo Center, 2900 Lake St., Kalamazoo. Contact: Jerry VanNocker, (269) 979-3348; [jerry@travelinginspain.com](mailto:jerry@travelinginspain.com); [kalamazoorockclub.org](http://kalamazoorockclub.org)
- May 8-10: (Fri-Sun) - Columbia, MO Central Missouri Rock & Lapidary Club Annual Show. Fri Noon - 7 pm; Sat 9 am - 5 pm; Sun 10 am - 4 pm Knights of Columbus Hall, 2525 North Stadium Blvd, Columbia. Contact: Bed Booker; (573) 356-5897
- May 15-17 (Fri-Sun) - Joplin, MO Tri-State Gem & Mineral Society Rock Swap. Fri & Sat 9 am - 6 pm; Sun 9 am - 5 pm Joplin Museum Complex, 504 Schifferdecker Ave, Joplin Contact: Chris Wiseman, (417) 623-1180
- May 16-17 (Sat-Sun) - Wauwatosa, WI Wisconsin Geological Society Annual Show. Sat & Sun 10 am - 5 pm Hart Park-Muellner Building, 7300 Chestnut St., Wauwatosa. Contact: Paul Schmidt, (414) 771-8668; [pvs@wi.rr.com](mailto:pvs@wi.rr.com); [www.wisgeologicalsociety.com](http://www.wisgeologicalsociety.com)
- May 16-17: (Sat-Sun) – North Olmsted, OH Parma Lapidary Club Annual Show. Sat & Sun 10 am - 5 pm. Soccer Sportsplex, 31515 Lorain Rd., North Olmsted Contact: Martha Lamparyk, (440) 926-3680; [parmalapidary@yahoo.com](mailto:parmalapidary@yahoo.com); [www.parmalapidary.com](http://www.parmalapidary.com)
- May 29-31: (Fri- Sun) - Wauseon, OH State Line Gem & Mineral Society Annual Show. Fri noon- 7 pm; Sat 10 am - 7 pm; Sun 11 am - 4 pm, Fulton County Fairgrounds, Jr. Fair Bldg., 8514 SR 108, Wauseon. Contact: Doris Braezicki (517) 263-1660; [rychard@tc3net.com](mailto:rychard@tc3net.com); [statelinegms.com](http://statelinegms.com)

For information on these later events, please go to the Midwest Federation Calendar page for detailed information The link is <http://www.amfed.org/mwf/Calendar/calendar.html>

- Jun 13 – Wyoming, MI Indian Mounds Tailgate Sale
- Jul 31-Aug 2 – Ishpeming, MI
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**Tulip City Gem and Mineral Club  
Board Meeting Minutes  
March 11, 2015**

Location: Howard Miller Community Center – East Activity Room

Attendees: Rebecca Cistaro, C. H. Falstad, Krystin Grenon, Elizabeth Hoekstra, Dave Nienhuis, Linda Plumert, Bob Sherwood, Julia Sherwood, Christine Silich, Rudy Silich, Rick Smith, Linda Winkelmann

Absent: Jackie Helder, Vondalee Knoll, Steve Miller

Guests: Ken Hoekstra, Chet Smith, Mark Cistaro

Bob called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

### **Minutes**

The minutes from the February 11, 2015 Board Meeting, and the February 25, 2015 General Meeting were reviewed. MOTION. C.H. moved, seconded by Rebecca, to accept the February 11, 2015 Board Meeting minutes as amended. The Motion PASSED.

MOTION. C.H. moved, seconded by Krystin, to accept the February 25, 2014 General Meeting minutes as amended. The Motion PASSED.

### **Officer Reports**

Treasurer – Julia presented the February financial report, which will be filed for audit.

Newsletter – Rudy stated that the current membership list will be sent with this edition of the newsletter. There was a discussion about the membership list in general, and about the mechanics of distributing it efficiently. There was a brief discussion about the the absence of the birthday/anniversary list in the newsletter (it has been omitted from the newsletter starting with the January edition). Privacy concerns regarding the publishing of somewhat sensitive personal data were raised, especially since the newsletter is posted on the Club website. It was decided that Christine will announce/recognize birthdays at the General Meeting.

Membership Coordinator – Christine reported that there were thirteen renewals since the last report.

Vice President – C.H. said that March program will be about edible rocks, and poisonous rocks. Also, our April speaker, Dr. Chamberlain, will sign his book if you bring it in. He will not be selling books at the banquet.

Field Trip Coordinator – The trip to GVSU, March 14 10a-12:30p is imminent. The Central Michigan Club is planning a trip to Paulding Quarry, OH in June. Paulding is known for trilobites.

Show Chair – Rebecca stated that she was working on flyers for the Show. There is still a vacancy for Tickets. The next Show meeting will be scheduled during the last half of May.

### **Unfinished Business**

Insurance, Cargo Trailer – There was a discussion about insurance. Ray Plumert will look into obtaining a rider to his homeowner's policy. Also, there may be a possibility of insuring the Club assets through a renter's insurance policy. Both options are being investigated.

Alternate Show Locations – Mark Cistaro inquired at three locations: West Shore Mall, Hope College (Haworth Inn), and the Holland Events Center. The West Shore Mall will be renovating into an 'open air' mall. The Haworth Inn did not yet respond. The Holland Events Center cost falls in the \$6,000 - \$8,000 range.

Position Duties – The remaining Board Position Duties were reviewed and updated.

### **New Business**

Meeting Dates - The Board and General Meeting Dates for the last four months of 2015 were set. The Board Meeting dates are August 12<sup>th</sup>, October 14<sup>th</sup>, November 4<sup>th</sup>, and December 2<sup>nd</sup>. The General Meeting dates are August 26<sup>th</sup>, October 28<sup>th</sup>, November 18<sup>th</sup>, and December 16<sup>th</sup>. The August 26<sup>th</sup> meeting is at the GVSU Meijer Campus near 16<sup>th</sup> and Waverly. All the other meetings are at the Howard Miller Community Center.

Banquet – Invitations have been sent (Indian Mounds, Kalamazoo, Central Michigan, and Blossomland). The banquet committee members are the same as last year – Linda Plumert, Radell Sparks, Jackie Helder, and Christine Silich.

Midwest Federation Convention – The Convention will be held in May in Wheaton, IL. Krystin Grenon will be attending the event in Linda's place. On a related note, Bob received correspondence from J.C. Moore, seeking out a Club that would be willing to host the MWF in a future year. Also, Bob will bring the latest AMFS newsletter to the General Meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rudy P. Silich

**Tulip City Gem and Mineral Club  
General Meeting Minutes  
March 25, 2015**

Attendees: Adults: 55 Juniors: 9

Location: Howard Miller Community Center

The meeting was called to order by Bob at 7:02pm.

Members 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting: Terry and Sandy Talsma

Guests: Dave and Mary Beute from Jenison, Aaron Spicer, Patty and Dan DeGroot, recently from Wisconsin.

Krystin won the door prize (petrified wood).

Bob reviewed the February Board Meeting.

Treasurer - Julia presented the Club account balances.

Show – Julia, on behalf of Rebecca, gave the Show Report. The positions for Tickets and Schools is still open. There may be a need to make additional cloth bags, and there is a need for additional rock material. There is an appeal for members to sign up to create a display for the Show. There is a need for members to help at the kid's education table. The next Show Meeting is Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

Vice President – C.H. displayed a book co-authored by Steve Chamberlain, our April Banquet speaker. C.H. has offered to make a group purchase of the book. Please contact him if you want to be part of this purchase.

Membership – Christine announced the April birthdays, talked about the potluck, and mentioned that the Kalamazoo Show is approaching.

Field Trip – Bob, on behalf of Steve, gave the Field Trip Report. Dan Altenburg from the Central Michigan club announced a number of field trips available to various IMI quarries in Indiana: Sellersburg on April 11, Pipe Creek, Pendleton (calcite crystals) in August, and Corydon (dolomite/fluorite) in September. You must be at least 16 years old, and safety apparel is required, along with a signed waiver. Contact Steve so that he may coordinate.

- John Donker announced that March 28<sup>th</sup> will be the Taylor, MI show., and that the Blossomland show is cancelled.
- Vondalee announced that raffle tickets for the fossil plate were available.
- Dan Altenburg donated a couple of years worth of Rock and Gem magazine.
- Jackie thanked those who brought snacks. She also asked that everyone label both their dishes AND lids.

Raffle – John Jillson, Chris Silich, and Janet Rybak were winners.

Break 7:30pm – 8:05pm

Program – Poisonous Rocks, by Bob Sinke.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rudy P. Silich

## JUNIOR ROCK CLUB PAGE

### Banquet Notice

Linda Winklemann and Rick Smith

Junior Club Advisors

### NOTE to JUNIORS ~

The April Scholarship Banquet is a family affair. There will not be a separate Junior Session. Every spring, the Club hosts this Banquet to celebrate all who love to learn about rocks, minerals and geologic landscapes. Scholarship Awards, funded by proceeds from the September Show, are given to deserving Geology students (selected by their Hope College and GVSU professors). It's a festive and educational occasion with guests from colleges, other Clubs and a special speaker. See you all on the 29th!!



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](http://www.tulipcity.org)  
The deadline for submissions is 5p the Thursday after the Board Meeting.

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, Zeeland, 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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