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Feb 27, 2019
General Meeting
7pm HMCC

Mar 1-3, 2019
Richmond, IN
Annual Show

Mar 9-10, 2019
West Bend, WI
Livonia, MI
Macomb, IL
Annual Shows

Mar 13, 2019
Board Meeting
7pm HMCC

Mar 14, 2019
Mineral Study Group
7p – 8:30p
Grand Rapids
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Mar 23-24
Wheaton, IL
Annual Show

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Katt & Sherwood
Field Trip
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Apr 6, 2019
Wheaton College, IL
Geology Dept Liquidation

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General Meeting
7 pm February 27, 2019
Quartz Crystals

If you like Quartz Crystals, this is the meeting for you!

Mike Rakovitz and Vickie Hartung are two of the 25 people who went along on the Spring Break Field Trip to Arkansas last year. They are going to tell us all about the Field Trip to Mt. Ida to collect Quartz crystals and plates. There were a few different collecting sites, and lots of club members to share this fun experience with. They have promised loads of pictures, and you may learn some interesting geology facts as well. Learn what is like to collect your own quartz specimens, what they look like coming out of the soil, and how to clean them up. There will be time at the end of the presentation for questions, and also for stories from other club members who joined them on the trip. See you there!



Let me see your Quartz!

The rock/specimen contest in January will be all about Quartz crystals. Bring them out of the garage, clean them up, and show them off. Any crystalline Quartz will be allowed, Smokey, Amethyst, Citrine, etc. Each member at the meeting will have an opportunity to have 1 vote, and the winner will receive a modest prize.

Club Calendar 2019

Mar 27 (Wed) – General Meeting, 7p, HMCC
 Apr 10 (Wed) – Board Meeting, 7p, HMCC
 Apr 24 (Wed) – Pot Luck Banquet/Meeting, 7p, HMCC
 May 15 (Wed) – Board Meeting, 7p, HMCC
 May 29 (Wed) – General Meeting, 7p, HMCC
 Jun 12 (Wed) – Board Meeting, 7p, HMCC
 Jun 26 (Wed) – General Meeting, 7p, HMCC
 Jul 27 (Sat) – Picnic (Target Date - Tentative)
 Aug 14 (Wed) – Board Meeting, 7p, HMCC
 Aug 28 (Wed) – General Meeting, 7p, HMCC
 Sep 13-15 – TCG&MC Show
 Oct 16 (Wed) – Board Meeting, 7p, HMCC
 Oct 30 (Wed) – General Meeting, 7p, HMCC
 Nov 6 (Wed) – Board Meeting, 7p, HMCC
 Nov 20 (Wed) – General Meeting, 7p, HMCC
 Dec 4 (Wed) – Board Meeting, 7p, HMCC
 Dec 18 (Wed) – General Meeting, 7p, HMCC

HMCC = Howard Miller Community Center, 14 S Church St. Zeeland, MI

Bold listings are Club events. *Italic listings* are non-Club events.

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

Check out the Facebook Group:

<https://www.facebook.com/tulipcityclub/>



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For 2019, there are fifteen (15) positions, which have one vote each. There are currently (15) persons on the Board (two persons share one position). One position is open.

Baby, It's STILL Cold Outside

Please note the Howard Miller – Zeeland Public Library's weather closing schedule in the event of inclement weather. The TCGMC will follow the library's closing policy and schedule in the event of potentially severe weather. Contact the library at 616-772-0874.

Wheaton College Geology Department Sale

Jeff Greenberg, PhD, Professor Emeritus of Geology. at Wheaton College, Wheaton, IL issued a press release announcing a large sale of minerals. Please see page 7.

Renewal Time!

If you have not paid your membership dues for 2019, you are late. Please renew! Individual memberships are \$15, family memberships are \$20. If you wish to receive this newsletter by US mail, please add \$5. (Receiving the newsletter by email is free.)

If you have not yet renewed, this is the LAST newsletter you will receive.

Please make sure you are on my list.

Renew now!

A membership form is on page 6.

Septaria Egg

If you saw the pictures of the Septaria Egg in our January newsletter, you will be amazed at how stunning and unique this Egg is when you see it in person at our February. You don't want to miss the opportunity to win this!

The drawing will be held at our banquet meeting in April. You don't need to be present to win; if your ticket is drawn, we will find you! Tickets are available at each meeting through April (1 for \$5, 5 for \$20, 13 for \$50). All proceeds go to the GVSU Norman and Helen Gibson Geology Field Study Scholarship.

March Basement Trips

Saturday, March 30, 2019

10:00 am – Visit the home of Gary & Susan Katt to see their rock collection and workshop.

Address and directions will be in the March newsletter.

11:30 am – Depart for a group lunch at The Thirsty Perch in South Haven.

1:00 pm – Visit the home of Bob and Julia Sherwood to see their rock collections, especially examples of what you might find on Field Trips later this year. Address and directions will be in the March newsletter.

West Michigan MWF Mineral Study Group Potassium Minerals (A thru M) by Kreigh Tomaszewski

The next monthly meeting of the West Michigan MWF Mineral Study Group will be held on Thursday, March 14, 2019, from 7 pm to 8:30 pm, at the home of Kreigh Tomaszewski, 653 Burton St. S.E., Grand Rapids, MI 49507. This is a one-time change from our usual 2nd Tuesday meetings. We will be studying minerals that contain potassium beginning with the letters A thru M (a repeat of February's topic that got snowed out). 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.

Wheaton College Geology Department Liquidation

The geology and environmental science department at Wheaton College will host their *largest sale ever* of rocks, mineral specimens, fossils, maps, geological instruments, designer-display pieces, and related items.

The sale officially runs from 9am to 7pm on Saturday, April 6th, 2019; taking place in the lower level of Wheaton College's Meyer Science Building. Parking is available in lots on the east of the building, to the south in the Graham Center lot, and at various other locations around the campus.



Because of the snowy weather that caused the cancellation of the January General Meeting, things are a little bit deja vu around here! Again.



Origin:
Madagascar
Material:
Septarian
Geode

The black
crystals are:
Argonite

SEPTARIAN EGG RAFFLE

opportunities: January 30, February 27, March 27

The winner will be announced at our annual Banquet **April 24**

**Tulip City Gem and Mineral Club
December Board Meeting Minutes
Howard Miller Community Center Zeeland
January 16, 2019, 7:00 PM**

C.H. called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and declared quorum present.

Agenda, having been previously presented by C.H.; a motion to approve the agenda by Betty, Seconded by Shari; Motion approved.

October

Motion to approve the Board minutes of December 5, 2018 by Rudy; Seconded by Bob Sherwood; Motion passed:

Motion to approve the general meeting minutes of December 26, 2018 by Rick; Seconded by Shari; Motion Passed;

Board reports

President – C.H. Falstad reported about Julia's stepping forward to take on the vacant role of Field Trip Chair; noted we still need a Secretary; Large box of nearly 40 lbs of rocks donated by members shipped to Southern Nevada Gem & Mineral Society. Return box will be forthcoming. Wheaton College is selling their rock collection on April 6th. Still looking for "loan" location for TCGMC's Big Red Lighthouse. Chris will check Tulip Time office and Arts Center

Treasurer's Report – Julia (treasurer for the month of December) presented for December 2018 report; still looking for someone to do audit; C.H. to check on some people he knows.

Immediate Past President – Bob Sherwood Book "Totality" on eclipse in memory of Wes Kent to have book plate and letter to next of kin (son and brother).

Vice President – Shari Luttkhuizen General Meeting – Arkansas Quartz crystals from 2018 field trip; Mike Rakovitz and Vicky Hartung will make PowerPoint presentation of collection from Arkansas, handout crystals to everyone. Already done for White River club. Quartz display contest night. Raffle. Rhonda –start raffle for Septaria Egg donation and to bring in for General Meeting.

Editor – Rudy Silich news due by Saturday at 6:00 PM

Field Trip Coordinator – Julia Sherwood Off and running .basement field trip Saturday February 3, AFTER the general meeting, Steve and Jodi Miller (one final hurrah before moving to NC), PM side Feb 3? Field trip to Grand Valley, March basement field trip mystery? Aiming for March 23rd, Memorial Day weekend 4 day trip Leaving Saturday, May 25, going to northern KY and southern IL two museums (one day), collect, drive home on Memorial Day, extended day(s) man who runs Clement Museum / Rosiclare concentrates mining equipment (southern IL); five reclaimed fluorite mines on Tuesday. August show in Ispeming, rock swap meeting at the Quincy mine, rock pile.

Historian – Betty Hoekstra missing historian files should be back by the end of the month.

Junior Leaders – Linda Winkelmann (absent) and Rick Smith; Michigan fossils to be presented by Linda, Kurt to have examples; Craft for December was big hit, so doing Petoskey polish starting in February.

Liaison – Rhonda Gehringer (absent)

Membership Coordinator – Chris Silich no report;

Show Chair – Sue Goedert (absent)-
Social Coordinator – Linda Plumert no report;
Directors-at-Large – Amy Dickinson: students selected for 2019 programs to present 3 concepts (possible Then & Nowas one concepts), potential business card drafts; quote for cards; 1000 cards \$25, 3000 cards for \$60 should be ready for February; Tim Brandt: no report;

Recurring business:

Rock Exchange – Southern Nevada Gem and Mineral Club direction for specimens received
Ad hoc special donations recommendations
Septarian Egg Banquet Auction
Prys quartz plate returned by and case use at show

Lapidary books: sell at show club sales
Copper quartz prenite plate: to be sold in live auction February General meeting

Four lapidary equipment sold in live auction February General meeting

Julia moved to accept the above ad hoc recommendations; Amy Seconded; motion passed;

CD comes due next week – recommendation to keep in 19 month CD, to yield 2.5%; Kurt made a motion to roll over to 19 month bank CD; Bob Seconded; Motion passed.

Location for Lighthouse (to be moved from Visitors' Bureau) possible home at the

New Business:

How the TCGMC assists or supports family of recently passed members (left from last month): In discussion we determined it is difficult to have blanket policy, may need to appoint a committee to handle individual situations. Request could go to President to see how to direct a request or give general council, but each case is likely to be handled individually.

Budget committee 2019 budget recommendations; Budget presented by Kurt. Kurt made a motion to approve budget; Seconded by Betty; Motion passed;

Correspondence:

Prof. Jeff Greenberg, Wheaton College
Julia - AMFS letter thanking us for \$400 donation

Items from visiting members:

Top out CD to set a maximum – topic for next board meeting.

Suggest use extra monies for scholarship allotments for future.

Adjourn meeting at 8:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
C.H. Falstad

**TULIP CITY GEM AND MINERAL CLUB RENEWAL FORM**

DUES DEADLINE: - December 31, 2018

Mail to: **Christine Silich**
416 West Mae Rose Ave
Holland, MI 49424**Make check payable to TCG&M Club**Check membership type: ☐ Individual - \$15 ☐ - Family - \$20
Newsletter delivery: ☐ via email - Free! ☐ - Postal – Add \$5

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Note: Members who signed up at the 2018 September Show are paid through 2019!

Junior Rock Club Page

CAN WE FIND DINOSAUR FOSSILS IN MICHIGAN?

February 27, 2019 - "Can We Find Dinosaur Fossils in Michigan?" Program will occur as usual during the General meeting. (See overview "teaser" in the January newsletter.) The Geologic Timeline is like a chapter book illustrating Earth's history. It shows us how rock layers relate to the development of life (and fossils). Are different kinds of fossils found in Michigan's UP and in the Mitten? Why? How old are the animal and plant fossils that you have found?

March 27 - Craft night "Petoskey Polish" will begin at 6:30 pm (prior to General meeting at 7pm).

April 24 - Juniors will attend the Scholarship Banquet (potluck) with their families. Bill Heyworth, a longtime Show vendor, will present on "Ice Age Mammals" to adults and kids alike.

Hope you can attend this interesting series on Fossils in Michigan!

Linda Winkelmann and Rick Smith
Junior Program Leaders

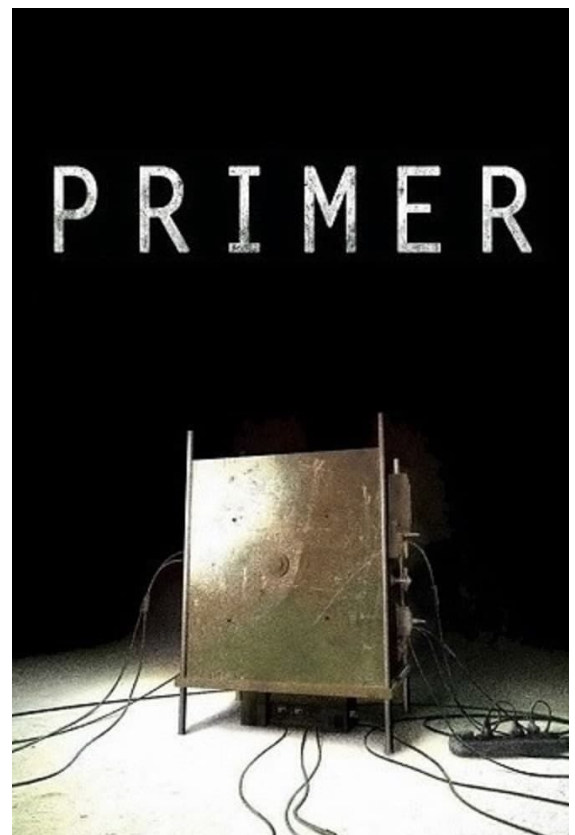
MICHIGAN GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY
Proudly Presents:
"IGNEOUS IS BLISS"
MARCH 15-16-17 2019
FRI 10AM - 7PM Jackson Co. Fairgrounds
SAT 10AM - 6PM 200 W. Ganson St
SUN 11AM - 5PM Jackson, MI 49202



Adult \$4
Senior \$2
Student \$1
5 & under FREE
Girl/Boy Scouts in uniform FREE
Veterans with ID FREE on Friday - March 15th only

www.mgmsrockclub.com
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**Gems - Rocks - Beads - Raffle - Fossils - Exhibits -
Jewelry - Lapidary Supplies - Minerals - Door Prizes -
HUGE Silent Auction - Demonstrators**



Another time loop/travel movie.

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.

Groundhog Day, Bill Murray and an irritated Punxsutawny Phil

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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