



THE TULIP CITY CONGLOMERATE



Bulletin of the Tulip City Gem & Mineral Club, PO Box 2082, Holland, MI 49422

Website: www.Tulipcity.org

July 2017

Celebrating Fifty Years

Volume 50, Edition 7

July 29, 2017
Sherwood Residence
South Haven, MI

Ishpeming, MI
Aug 5, 2017 Annual Show

Keweenaw Peninsula Field Trips
Aug 8-11, 2017

Houghton, MI
Aug 11-13, 2017 Annual Show

Grand Rapids, MI
Aug 11-13
Midwest Faceters Guild

5th Annual Tailgate
Aug 12, 2017
Sam's Club Lot, Holland, MI

Board Meeting
7pm August 16, 2017
HMCC, Zeeland, MI

South Bend, IN
August 18, 2017 Annual Show

Total Solar Eclipse!
August 21, 2017

Show Meeting
7pm August 23, 2017, HMCC

Mountain Home, AR
Aug 25-26, 2017 Annual Show

Peoria, IL
Aug 26-27, 2017 Annual Show

CLUB PICNIC POTLUCK and Beach Rock Hunt

Saturday, July 29, 2017

Bob and Julia Sherwood Residence
966 Lake Street,
South Haven

Directions: I-196/US 31 Exit 26 (Pullman Road) Drive 1 mile west to Blue Star Hwy. stop sign. Turn north to the first street on the left, Lake Street, go nearly to the lake. 966 is on the left, with rocks everywhere.

Parking is limited so please drive to the house to drop off people, food and chairs. You will be directed to a parking area.

PLEASE observe the 5 MPH speed limit!

Arrive any time after 1 PM - Swimming, rock hunting, beach walking, sunning, plus getting acquainted.

4:30 PM – a brief Board Meeting

5:00 PM – a brief General Meeting

5:30PM – Picnic Supper

The Club will furnish coffee and lemonade

Bring another beverage if you wish

Bring a dish to share based on your group size

Bring your own table services; plates & utensils

9:08 PM – Sunset

There will be no Monthly Raffle or Rock Color Contest.

SHOW sign-up sheets will be out for you to volunteer to work at one of the “stations” OR sign up for a food donation.

This Edition

July Program: Potluck Picnic....	p1
Club Calendar/Board.....	p2
General Meeting Minutes	p2
Show Corner.....	p3
Member List (Members only)...	pp4-7
About Us.....	p8

Club Calendar**Aug 30 (Wed) – General Meeting, 7p, HMCC**

Sep 8-10 – Greenfield, IN Annual Show
 Sep 8-10 – Toldeo, OH Annual Show
Sep 15-17 – Holland, MI TCG&MC Show
 Sep 15-17 – Lincoln, MO Annual Show
 Sep 16-17 – Howell, MI Annual Show
 Sep 23-24 – Oshkosh, WI Annual Show
 Sep 30-Oct 1 – Traverse City, MI Annual Show

Oct 7-8 – Springfield, IL Annual Show
Oct 11 (Wed) Board Meeting, 7p, HMCC
 Oct 13-15 – Warren, MI Annual Show
 Oct 20-22 – Spencerville, IN, Mason, MI, Annual Shows
 Oct 20-22 – Fort Wayne, IN, Clio, MI Annual Shows
 Oct 21-22 – Des Moines, IA Annual Show
Oct 25 (Wed) – General Meeting, 7p, HMCC

Nov 15 (Wed) Board Meeting, 7p, HMCC
Nov 29 (Wed) – General Meeting, 7p, HMCC

Dec 6 (Wed) Board Meeting, 7p, HMCC
Dec 20 (Wed) – General Meeting, 7p, HMCC

HMCC = Howard Miller Community Center, 14 S Church St. Zeeland, MI
Italic listings are non-Club events. Major source of material is from:
<http://www.amfed.org/mwf/Calendar/>

2017 Officers and Board of Directors

President	C.H. Falstad	cfalstad@ameritech.net
Vice President	Julia Sherwood	bobandjulia@accn.org
Secretary	Dan DeGroot	degrootd@sbcglobal.net
Treasurer	Patti DeGroot	degrootd@sbcglobal.net
Fld Trip Coord.	Bob Sinke	bobsinke@comcast.net
Historian	Betty Hoekstra	kbhoek@att.net
Jr. Club Coord.	Rick Smith	smithr@hope.edu
Jr. Club Coord.	Linda Winkelmann	lindawinkelmann@att.net
Liaison	Jackie Helder	iambeadqueen@yahoo.com
Membership	Christine Silich	CSDS77@icloud.com
Newsletter Ed.	Rudy Silich	tulipcitygemnews@charter.net
Show Coord	Sue Goedert	sonbeams2000@yahoo.com
Social Coord.	Linda Plumert	rlplumert@gmail.com
Dir. at Large	Open	
Dir. at Large	Teresa DeMol	t.demol@yahoo.com
Past President	-Bob Sherwood	bobandjulia@accn.org

For 2017, there are fifteen (15) positions, which have one vote each.
 There are currently (16) persons on the Board (two persons share one position).

**Tulip City Gem & Mineral Club
 General Meeting
 June 28, 2017, 7 p.m.
 Howard Miller Community Center**

Attendance: Adults : 41 Juniors: 3
 Welcome; There were no New Members or
 Visitors .

Dismiss the Juniors

President's Remarks: C.H. Falstad

The appointee for the position of Director at Large (pending Board approval) that is open is Dan Nevins. He was introduced to the club. We look forward to working with him in the future.

There will be a contest with four \$100 prizes for exhibits at the Detroit show at McComb Community College on October 13 – 15th.

The summer picnic will be held on July 29th at The Sherwoods in South Haven.

Our Tailgate swap and sell will be held August 12th at Sams Club in Holland.

Treasurer – Patti DeGroot gave the Financial Report.

Show Chair - Sue Goedert reported on the Show. The next show planning meeting will be July 19 and again on August 23rd. We are looking for helpers and volunteers for the show.

Field Trips – Bob Sinke : A trip to Alpena for fossils will take place on July 8th. Bob Sherwood commented on the activities in the Upper Peninsula in August. Motels in the UP are filling fast. Get your reservations in ASAP. Fill out the signup sheet with cellphone numbers and where you will be staying. Wonderland Hotel and Triangle hotel. Also there is an RV park nearby.

The Republic mine charges \$10 per person to look at mine tailings of Jaspilite and Hematite.

Kona Dolomite is available at the Linberg quarry at half a cent per pound. Cars are weighed coming in and when leaving to account for weight of stone.

Membership Coordinator Chris Silich

Hospitality – Linda Plumert: Thanks for snacks in the past. New signup sheet for treats for August and for October. Please leave a phone number and type of treats you want to bring.

Julia Sherwood explained how the pretty rock contest works and how the raffle works.

Raffle drawing – Winners:

Peter Riemersma won a jar of agates,
 Ken VerBeeke won a stack of Lapidary Journals and also the prize for the best tan/brown rock,

Roger Nielsen won the Jaspilite bookends,
 Deb Smith won a slab of Mohawkite.

Any questions or comments from members
 Break for Refreshments:

Program for this evening: a showing of Grand Canyon National Park DVD.

Show Corner

We're under 2 months now until the show! Wrapping up a lot of final details, but there are lots of areas we can use your help. First of all, as always, we can use donations of clean, identified material for Club Sales. I believe we have enough fossils, but pretty much anything else. Any questions, check with Bob Sinke.

This year there will be some changes with the food. Shari Luttikhuisen is taking that over and we will be asking for more donations to try to keep the costs down while still providing a good service to our dealers and those that work at the show. There will be sign-ups at the picnic and at the August meeting. Please think of what you would like to bring.

This year for the Artisan Market, we are changing how things are labelled. There will be bags with a recipe card and a price tag, both numbered the same. Please take a bag for each item you will be putting in the Market and fill the card out with your name, phone #, description of the item and price, and then put the price on the tag. Bring to the Setup either Wednesday or Thursday of Show Week and Jackie Helder will be setting up the displays.

Signups for everything will start at the Picnic, July 29, at the Sherwoods. We really appreciate your help, and we can't do this without you!

Respectfully,

Sue Goedert



This is the crew that stuffed 400 bags with 10 different, awesome, specimens that will be available for purchase at the Show. From the left: Elizabeth, Christine, Rick, Bob, Rudy, Deb, Linda, Ray, Ken V, Toni, and Ken H. (Julia is taking the picture). As a reward, they were treated with Mystery Ice Cream made by Julia, but only AFTER they finished the job! (It was mango.)

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.

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.

Picnic picture taken from the internet at www.awarenessdays.co.uk

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.



Tulip City Conglomerate
Rudy Silich, Editor
416 West Mae Rose Ave
Holland, MI 49424