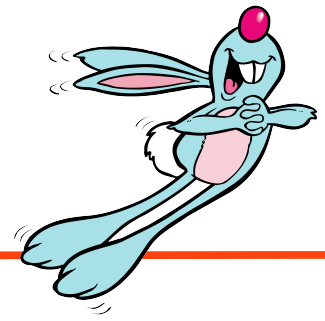


Rock Trails

March - April 2019



Editors Note:

Due to the fact that I am still experiencing problems with my computer and cannot access the program that I usually use to write the newsletter, I am sorry to say that this issue will not be up to my usual standards. However, I have endeavored to send you some of the news pertaining to the club. You will find here copies of the meeting minutes for the months of February and March. Also, the current membership list is included. I have someone working to get my computer back up and running and hopefully it will be done in time for the May issue. Thank you for your understanding!

A Note from the President:

Don't know about all of you, but I'm ready for some good weather and some good rock shows.

As far as our show, things are falling into place. Spaces are almost full and have to meet with Glenda to finish some details. Sounded like everyone had a good time on the field trip and sounds like they brought back a lot of rock. I guess Henry was getting worried about overload (first big trip with Glenda lol).

I see weather breaking soon and time to get into the saw room to cut a few rocks and just be outside. Can't wait!

Have been going to our sister club in Toledo to do metal smithing classes and at the last meeting they discussed starting a Facetime class and would open it up to our club, so anyone interested give me a call for the details.

Sherm

From the Treasurer:

During the meeting, Henry asked that we share the dates of events in which State Line Gem & Mineral Society participates. What a good idea! We do review the information at the meetings leading up to the events, but not all our members are able to make it to every meeting. So, here is a list of the various activities of the club. For our newer members, we just take one thing at a time. I realize it can be a bit overwhelming, but we are a friendly group and encourage you to participate when you can. I did update the Events information on our Facebook page, so you can find the information there also.

EVENTS for 2019

May 31, June 01, 02 Set up May 29	State Line Gem & Mineral Society Show	Wauseon, OH
Aug 29- Sept 5 Set up Aug 28	Fulton County Fair	Wauseon, OH
Sept 20-21	Art-a-licious	Adrian, MI

Sept 27, 28, 29 Set up Sept 26	Clinton Fall Festival	Clinton, MI
Oct 12-14 Set up Oct 11	Applelumpkin	Tecumseh, MI

There are a few special meetings each year. January is our Installation Banquet- either a Pot Luck or held at a local restaurant- presidents choice. We have a member silent auction at our meetings in March and November. Items for sale include rocks from the club and miscellaneous member donated creations. (Usually Richard includes some stained glass.) In December members bring COOKIES! The past few years we have had a Kids Craft Day in December which is fun. We also have informal lunch or dinner gatherings at different times.

Ongoing- Richard Brzezicki is at the clubhouse on Thursdays 1:00 pm- 6:00 pm. It is best to check with him first before you go. Cell (269) 267-7666

Wire Wrapping Sessions at Hobby Lobby in Adrian on Fridays 11:00 am- 3:00 pm. Linda Miller ((419) 923-2090 and Judy Snyder (517) 902-3990 (check to verify there will be a meeting)

Doris Brzezicki

Upcoming Events:

April 4-6, 2019

Indian Mounds Rock and Mineral Club's 44th Annual Gem and Mineral Show
Rogers Plaza Town Center
972 – 28th St
Wyoming, MI

May 18-19, 2019

Blossomland Gem and Mineral Society Annual Show
Lake Michigan Catholic Elementary School
3165 Washington Ave
St. Joseph, MI

May 18-19, 2019

Parma Lapidary Club Annual show
Soccer Sports Plex
31515 Lorain Ave
N. Olmsted, OH

May 31 – June 3, 2019

State Line Gem and Mineral Society Annual Show and MSHA Training by Joel Vicary
Fulton County Fairgrounds
Junior Fair Building
1814 SR 108
Wauseon, OH

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Secretary's Report February 2019

The February 3, 2019 meeting of the State Line Gem and Mineral Society was called to order by president Sherm at 2:11 PM. Eddie gave the invocation and all present joined in with the pledge of allegiance.

Secretary's Report - Doris made a motion to accept the secretary's report as printed in the newsletter, seconded by Phyllis. The motion passed with all in favor.

Treasurer's Report – Doris reported that she paid the rent, utilities, and the Ohio sales tax on our Ohio sales. She also filed the federal form 990N (nonprofit status) to continue our nonprofit status as a club. She reimbursed Glenda for the dinosaur costume previously approved by the club. Linda Miller made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, seconded by Jan. The motion passed with all in favor.

Sherm reported that the Clinton Schools science night was postponed to March 20, 2019 because of the school closing due to extremely cold weather conditions in February. Sherm asks that any one who would like to volunteer to meet and greet students and parents in Clinton for science night contact him to coordinate with displays. He said the kids have lots of questions about the rocks and he found the experience to be very enjoyable.

Doris noted that the deadline to send in applications to be represented at the Midwest Federation Convention was March 4, 2019. She recalled that Glenda and Heidi had planned on being our representatives but was not sure if any arrangements had been made yet. Sherm said he would check with Glenda when she returned from her Arizona trip.

Sherm reported that he was able to get a commitment from a new bead dealer to come to our Wauseon show. There was some discussion about who was or was not returning and speculation about how well things were shaping up.

New Business – Doris reported that she found some carved onyx turtles while she was in Florida. She called Judy who had asked Doris to keep an eye out for good deals and sent her pictures of the turtles. Judy thought the stone turtles could be a good money maker for the club and that we could sell at least 20 of them by enhancing them with slabs or other stones. Phyllis made a motion to reimburse Doris for the 20 stone turtles, seconded by Judy. The motion passed with all in favor. Judy then said that the club needs to schedule another work day to glue the turtles on to slabs and Jan mentioned that we will also need to sew and stuff more grab bags before the Jackson show on March 15th, 16th and 17th. More discussion revealed that a good work day would be Wednesday February 13th which would co-inside with a fund raising lunch in Morenci. Linda Miller, Jan, Phyllis and Bill, Judy and Richard and Bill Schultz all volunteered to be at the clubhouse at 10:00 AM on February 13th.

Sherm asked Bill Schultz how many Mexican geodes we had on hand, and Bill said he would check after the meeting. *(Bill checked after the meeting and found we were quite low on those geodes and recommended that we purchase an order of small and an order of medium sized geodes.)* Sherm reminded us that at the Jackson show, we were only allowed 3 people behind the demonstration tables which included the 2 people cracking geodes, and the one person covering grab bag sales and demonstrating cabbing. Doris noted that our club members who volunteer to help at the Jackson show would have to pay admission in Jackson

but would be reimbursed by our club for their admission expenses. Richard B. explained that to keep within the 3 person limit, any extra volunteers could sit at the food tables. Linda Miller suggested that they could also walk around and do some shopping for rocks. Volunteers include Linda and Curt Miller, Phyllis and Bill Sipes, Doris and Richard Brzezicki. The Jackson show times will be Friday March 15th from 10:00 AM to 7:00PM, Saturday March 16th from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM and Sunday March 17th from 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Sherm said that we could set a time to load up our geodes and equipment at our March 3rd meeting.

All the club members introduced themselves to our two guests, Jenna and Becka and we invited Becka to show us the rock collection she had brought with her. I was impressed with Becka's knowledge of the various rocks she had collected.

Linda Miller made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Doris and approved with all in favor. The meeting was adjourned and we all sang "Happy Birthday" to Bill Schultz (*and Judy who's birthday is coming up soon*) who brought a birthday cake that Mary made for us to enjoy. Charlie brought deviled eggs, cookies and a cherry/pineapple dump cake for us to enjoy as well. Carl also brought doughnuts. Thanks to all who keep our sweet tooth happy.

Respectfully submitted by Richard Brzezicki



Secretary's Report March 2019

The March 3, 2019 meeting of the State Line Gem and Mineral Society was called to order by president Sherm at 2:17 PM. Eddie gave the invocation, followed by all present joining in with the pledge of allegiance.

Judy noted that editor Sandy is experiencing computer problems so there was no newsletter this month. She expects to do a two month newsletter next month. Secretary Richard read the secretary's report from the February meeting. Doris made a motion to accept the secretary's report as read, seconded by Eddie. The motion passed with all in favor.

Treasurer's Report: Doris stated that she ordered and paid for the Mexican geodes approved last month. She also paid rent on the clubhouse, utilities, postage stamps, and reimbursed Jan for grab bag supplies. She received payments for club member dues and dealer checks for our Wauseon show. We have sufficient funds in the checking account to pay for anticipated expenses associated with club operations. Henry made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, seconded by Carl and passed with all in favor.

Old Business: There was discussion about the upcoming Jackson Show. It was decided that we need a work day in Morenci to fill grab bags and weigh and price Mexican geodes. In view of the short time remaining before the Jackson show, the work day was set for March 6, 2019 at 10:00 AM. Jan, Judy and Richard Snyder, Bill Schultz, Doris and Richard Brzezicki plan to participate. The Jackson show will be March 15th, 16th and 17th. Loading of the geode cracker, geodes, the Genie with dopping pot and sticks as well as the grab bags and lion will be on March 14th at 10:00 AM at the clubhouse in Morenci. Bill Schultz, Henry and Richard Snyder will help with the loading. Eddie and Ray will be take over loading and unloading supplies on the return trip to Morenci at the end of the show. Glenda recognized our guests from the Jackson club, Thurman and Sue and Steven and Sue.

Sherm asked if Glenda had any plans for future field trips. She asked for input from members as to where they would like to go for possible trips. Any trips to Canada would require a passport or a Michigan enhanced driver's license in order to be able to return to the United States. Glenda thought August would be a good time to visit Flint Ridge Ohio for Ohio flint. She also plans to go to Indiana in June to coincide with the Bedford rock and gem show on June 21st, 22nd and 23rd. Glenda will make motel reservations for members who contact her in advance. She also welcomes suggestions for future field trips.

Glenda reported that she and Heidi would not be attending the Midwest Federation Conference as club representatives this year. Since there were no other volunteers, we will pass on sending representatives.

Glenda brought the new name tags for members who have paid for them. She will distribute them after the meeting. There are also membership cards available for the Midwest Federation.

This year's Wauseon show will be May 31st, June 1st and June 2nd. Glenda asked if Linda Miller was still planning to be in charge of the kitchen. Doris stated that she talked with Linda last Friday at the wire wrapping session at Hobby Lobby. Linda said she would do the kitchen

but did not want to do the dealer dinner. Pat Baier-Hay said she would be in charge of the dealer dinner and planned a German theme. She thought a pot luck would be good. Members could bring some of their favorite dishes. Doris plans on bringing a torte (fancy cake). There is still time for members to decide what they would like to bring. May 29th will be set up at the Fulton County Fairgrounds. This will include any cleanup which may be necessary and setting up of tables and chairs. Volunteers will be needed. Vendors (dealers) will be able to set up on Thursday May 30th and the welcome dinner will be that evening. Bill Schultz reported that he and his wife will again host a picnic at his house on Saturday June 1st. Dealers and club members are all welcome.

Doris asked how many dealers were coming to our show this year. Sherm said that he is still working on getting dealers for the show. Glenda said that she got Shellie Carder to come back to our show. Shellie will be doing wire wrapping demonstrations. She will also offer classes to tweak experienced wire wrapping students' talents. The cost will be \$30.00 for club members and \$45.00 for non members. There will be a limit of 8 students, so contact Glenda if you want to attend. Sherm stated that he contacted Steve Laut to demonstrate flint knapping at our show.

Sherm shared some post cards he obtained from the Toledo club in lieu of show flyers. He thought the smaller cards would be easier to distribute to dealers and to post on a refrigerator. They also look very professional in full color. The cards are available from Vistaprint on line at about 6 cents each. Doris made a motion to authorize up to \$300.00 (or less) for post cards advertising our show, seconded by Bill Schultz and passed with all in favor. Cathy volunteered to work on line to create our club's version of the post cards. There was discussion as to the effectiveness of the large posters we have distributed in past years. Several members stated that the public looked for those posters and they were effective. Sherm thought that Vistaprint may do the posters cheaper than where we ordered them previously. He will check into prices. Doris made a motion to authorize up to \$200.00 to order advertising posters once the proper vendor is determined. The motion was seconded by Cathy and passed with all in favor.

Doris stated that the scholarship application was not on the club's website or on Facebook. It also needs to be updated for this year. There was discussion about last year's applications not being available.

Sherm reported that Kathy finished the audit from last year and thanked Kathy for her diligence in completing the audit.

Doris mentioned that our editor, Sandy would love to have some information and pictures about some of the services we provide, like the science night at Clinton Schools. Sherri and her brother will be glad to take pictures and share information with Sandy.

Doris said that she filled out the club's application for the Clinton Fall Festival and submitted it. She noted that the Art-A-Licious festival is not taking applications yet.

Sherm noted that we were having a silent auction today and asked if there were any motions to adjourn. Jan made a motion to adjourn seconded by Henry and passed with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Richard Brzezicki