

ROCK TRAILS



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President's Tidings



Well another year has gone by and what a year! Looking back, there were great shows, field trips, get togethers, and some great wire wrapping at Hobby Lobby with Linda and Carl. There were a lot of ideas exchanged and nice things made. Thanks, guys, for giving up your time and sharing with others. This is what makes the club.

Field trip directed by Glenda to Nether farm with a few of our good friends from the Jackson club. I didn't get a chance to go but heard everyone had a good time!

The kids party at the club house was a success and the kids had a lot of fun. Thanks, Linda, Doris, Jan, Richard, and Carl, for doing that! Our Christmas party had a great turnout with about 30 showing up it was a nice time just to get together.

So, what for the new year? What do we want to do for 2019? In the plans is a trip and field trips to Cortsite and Tustin headed by Glenda. This sounds like quite a trip! Bill, Carl and I went 2 years ago. What a trip and experience! It's like letting a kid loose in a candy store. There are things there that you can't imagine.

Linda and Judy and whoever wants to do wire wrapping will be at Hobby Lobby again. They will be there to help ones that need a little help with their project and not as instructors. This is a get together as a group to do wire wrapping, so bring your own project to do and share. It will be on Fri from 9 to 3.

I was coming back from a meeting in Toledo a few days ago and realized what a great time of the year this is. Came back the long way by way of 20 and 109. What a nice site all the decorations and lites through the country side. I really got caught up in the moment. I haven't done that in years.

Well, I guess that is enough rambling and hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season.

Sherm



From the Editor

I am sorry that I was unable to put together the January issue for this year. Unfortunately, I was under the weather for about 3 weeks. Now that I am feeling better, I have decided to combine this month's newsletter into both January and February issues. Therefore, it is a bit larger than usual. I hope you enjoy it and that the rest of 2019 is a good year for all!

Sandy

Secretary's Scoop

December 2018 Report



The December 2, 2018 meeting of the State Line Gem and Mineral Society was called to order by president Sherm at 2:08 PM. Eddie gave the invocation followed by the pledge of allegiance with all present. Doris made a motion to accept the secretary's report as printed in last month's newsletter, seconded by Phyllis and passed with all in favor.

Treasurer's report – Doris paid the rent and utilities. She also reported on our very successful silent auction after our November meeting. The club is receiving funds from vendors and there were some member sales. Phyllis made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, seconded by Judy. The motion passed with all in favor.

Old business – There was discussion about the way to handle election of officers recommended by the nominating committee. The committee recommended that all officers should remain the same with the exception of the third year board of directors who would be replaced by Bill Schultz. There were no other contenders or nominations. Doris made a motion to have the club vote once to accept all nominees as recommended by the nomination committee. The motion was seconded by Judy. The nominees included; Sherm Kardatzke for president, Glenda Gafner for vice-president, Doris Brzezicki for treasurer, Richard Brzezicki for secretary, Bill Schultz first year director, Curt Miller second year director, Jan Hauter third year director. All of the above were voted into office by the members present at the December meeting by passing the motion.

Doris reported that she received receipts from our scholarship recipients to verify funds were spent on school related expenses. However, she would like to match them up to the applications to which she does not have access.

Glenda reported that she was able to purchase the dinosaur costume approved at a previous meeting.

There was discussion about the kid's Christmas party scheduled for December 15, 2018 at the clubhouse at noon. Linda Miller will bring hot dogs. Richard and Doris will bring hot dog buns and potato chips. Heidi will bring veggies and dip. Carl will bring cookies. Glenda will coordinate the kid's activities.

Sherm stated that he checked with the Family Kitchen restaurant to verify that the Christmas dinner for members would be at 1:00 PM. (*Later, Glenda mentioned that she contacted the restaurant and there may have been a time conflict for 1:00PM and the dinner should be moved to 1:30 PM.*)

Sherm reported that we have a newly revised vendor contract. There was discussion as to whether the new contract included any mention of additional charges if any tape or scratches were put on the

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newly painted walls. Such language was not included so Sherm will consider making another revision.



Glenda reported that the name badges were not completed yet and had a projected date of completion of December 16, 2018.

Glenda reported that she found some great deals on jewelry and craft books and brought some to share with Linda Miller for the club library or any interested member.

Sherm mentioned that our January meeting would include a POT LUCK and invited all members who can to bring a dish to share.

Linda Miller moved to adjourn the meeting seconded by Glenda and the motion passed with all in favor.

The cookie exchange was well received and many yummy treats were enjoyed by all.

Please add our newest member to your member list:

Charlene Hacker, 2261 Woodridge Dr., Adrian, MI. 49221 phone (517) 270-8061 email psikic101@aol.com

Also, Sherm Kardatzke and Linda's new address is – 1355 West Maumee St. Adrian, MI. 49221

Respectfully submitted by Richard Brzezicki

January 2019 Report

The January 6, 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 and everyone joined in with the pledge of allegiance.

Secretary's Report: Richard read the secretary's report from the December meeting. Phyllis made a motion to accept the report as read seconded by Doris. The motion passed with all in favor.

Treasurer's report: Doris paid the rent, Consumers Power, Midwest Federation dues, Ohio tax for our earnings at the Fulton County Fair, the Square Chip Reader (previously authorized) and reported on income from club dues and sales. Judy made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, seconded by Glenda and passed with all in favor.

Doris submitted a proposed budget for 2019 and circulated a copy for all members to review. Dottie asked when dues were due and Doris explained that dues were due now but last year's members would remain members until March. She typically sends out reminders to members who have not paid dues yet and if there are still members who have not paid dues, she will telephone them to see if

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they want to continue their membership. Members who have not paid by March or have not indicated a desire to continue membership will be dropped from the member list and will not receive newsletters. A membership list will be published in the newsletter after the March meeting. Doris read the expenses/income list for the previous year and thanked all the members who worked so hard to make it a record breaking success.

After the members had a chance to review the proposed budget, Doris asked if there were any questions, comments, or suggestions. Heidi made a motion to accept the proposed budget, seconded by Jan, and passed with all in favor. Doris then asked Glenda if she had finished her audit from 2017 and Glenda said she had not. Doris noted that it does need to be completed and since she had everything printed out in her computer Quicken program, it should not be too difficult to complete. Doris also asked for a volunteer to do the 2018 audit, and Kathy volunteered.

Old Business: Glenda reported that she had texted the order for name tags to the wrong address so the name tags have not been ordered. She does plan to order them before she leaves for Arizona. Glenda asked how the Christmas parties were and members reported that the dinner at the Family Kitchen went well and the kid's party went well. Glenda suggested that we should have more dinner get-togethers for fun and not just to work all the time.

New Business: Glenda mentioned that there was still room for the Arizona field trip. She is leaving at 6:00 AM on January 18th so check with her if you are interested. She reminded us that she will be going to the rock show in Bedford Indiana which is held on June 22nd 23rd and 24th this year. If you want Glenda to make motel reservations for you let her know in advance so she can make the arrangements. She plans to leave early and go to Kentucky then work her way up to Indiana. Bill Schultz reported that we could still use some \$5.00 size Indiana geodes for club sales. Glenda also plans to go to Flint Ridge Ohio for flint and thought a Canada trip could be a possibility. You would need a passport or an enhanced Michigan driver's license to re-enter the United States from Canada.

Doris reported that she had the receipts from our scholarship recipients showing they spent the money on school related expenses, however, she did not have any of the applications to put the receipts with. Judy asked why the applications were needed, and Richard explained that one of the reasons we have our 501(c)3 tax exempt status was because we award the scholarship. Therefore we could be subject to an audit from the IRS at any time and it would be nice to have all of our information available. Judy said she gave her copy of the application to Linda Wielfaert to give to Glenda but she may be able to find another copy.

Doris reported that the Midwest Federation Convention will be March 23rd and 24th in Iowa. It will be hosted by the Cedar Valley Rock and Mineral Society. Glenda and Heidi will consider being our representatives.

Judy and Doris collaborated on a list of things needed at our various shows. Judy thought it might be a good idea to have something like a bulletin board to post such a check list to aid in loading everything needed for the shows we do.

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Henry requested a written list of all our club's activities for the whole year. Glenda said she would post a list on Facebook.

Charlie reported that he now has a new address; 530 James St., Adrian, MI 49221. His phone is still the same.

Sherm reported that the dealer applications for our show this year have been mailed.

Henry made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Dottie and passed with all in favor.

Please welcome and add our new members to your member list:

Kristal Pushman, 6602 Dorr St., Toledo, OH 43615 phone (419) 376-2799 email Kistalp@gmail.com

Jose Lopez Jr. , 503 W. Cummins St., Tecumseh, MI 49286 phone (517) 423-2840

Note: We started our wire wrapping classes at Hobby Lobby Fridays from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Please check the State Line Facebook page for any changes in scheduling. Also a reminder, when you are in the Hobby Lobby work room in the back, please do not bring any unpurchased materials into the workroom for comparison or advice to avoid any appearance of impropriety (It's also a Hobby Lobby requirement to use the facility).

Treasurer's Statement

2019 Dues for membership in the State Line Gem & Mineral Society are now due.

The Dues are: Family Membership (Husband and Wife and Children under 18 years of age, all living under one roof)- \$15.00, Individual Adult Membership (All individuals over 18 years of age) - \$10.00. The above memberships are defined in Article II, Section 2 of the Constitution. One half of the dues specified above shall apply to new members joining in the fourth quarter of the current year.



After the regular February meeting, all members whose dues remain unpaid shall receive a statement from the Treasurer. A Delinquent Member shall be that member whose dues are not paid by March 15th of the current year. Thereupon, voting privileges shall be revoked and publications discontinued. Full privileges shall be restored immediately upon payment of delinquent dues.

So, simply stated, what all the above information says is: Please pay your dues by the February 2019 meeting so I don't have to remind you to pay them, and if you don't pay them by March 15, you will be delinquent and won't receive the newsletter until you do pay dues.

Doris Brzezicki, Treasurer

Adventures of a Rockhound



This close to the end of the year 2018 I tend to look back and remember all of the good experiences I have had with friends and family. Some of our younger State Line members have had more energy to travel and collect but we surely cannot count out our more experienced club members either. Our "work days" included Phyllis Sipes and Linda Miller bringing their sewing machines to the clubhouse to sew grab bags for our ever popular grab bag lion. Eddie was also there to cut up cloth rectangles to be sown. Then Dottie Pickle, Mary and Bill Schultz, Judy and Richard Snyder, Jan Hauter and Doris Brzezicki had the joy of pulling the yarn ties through the completed bags so that they could be filled with rocks and trinkets for the kids. Members were able to create and fill over 300 grab bags which is a worthy accomplishment. Our efforts paid off as we attended

various events and delighted kids of all ages with our regal lion. We started the year off at the Jackson gem and mineral show. Due to limited space, we had to make do with only 3 volunteers at a time to cover lion sales, demonstrating cabbing and geode cracking. We still had fun and were very popular with the many customers attending the show. Our own show in Wauseon was also a lot of work and a lot of fun. Heidi was our own geode whisperer and picked out several of the Mexican geodes with amethyst crystals in them. However, Eddie was our go-getter sales person when it came to geode sales.



The club was really busy after our Wauseon show with Art-A-Licious, Clinton Fall Festival and Appleumpkin. Another work day followed the shows to get the clubhouse in better shape and organize a few things. The November meeting included our silent (or maybe not so silent) auction and the December meeting included our annual cookie exchange. I cheated a little bit by bringing a whole tray of mice to help eat the cookies but those chocolate covered cherry mice all seemed to disappear before they could get to the cookies.

I thought I would try to assemble a few photos to share with some of our members who were not able to attend all of the functions the club enjoys. I wish everyone the happiest of holidays and the best in the new year.

Richard Brzezicki

Five Strange Rocks of New England

Man-Eating Stone of Glastonbery

Between 1945 and 1950, five people disappeared on Glastonbery Mountain, four without a trace: Middie Rivers (1945); Paula Jean Weldon (1946); James Tedford (1949); Paul Jephson (1950); and Frieda Langer (1950).



Rivers was an experienced hunter who knew the area. Weldon was a Bennington College sophomore who disappeared while hiking the Long Trail. James Tedford was a veteran who vanished on a bus exactly three years after Paula Weldon disappeared. Jephson was an eight-year-old boy who disappeared from the family truck while his mother fed some pigs. Langer disappeared on a hike near the Somerset Reservoir; her body was found seven months later in an area that had been carefully searched.

In 2009, a writer named Joseph Citro suggested in his book, *The Vermont Monster Guide*, an explanation: The man-eating stone of Glastonbery Mountain. In it, he wrote, "No one alive has seen this dangerous anomaly on Glastonbury Mountain. Native Americans knew of it, and warned people away. We can only imagine it as a sizable rock, large enough to stand on. But when someone stands upon it, the rock becomes less solid, and, like a living thing, swallows the unfortunate trespasser. A number of disappearances have been reported on Glastonbury Mountain. Could all these vanished folks have stepped inadvertently on this hungry stone?"

Citro dubbed the area, part of the Green Mountains, the Bennington Triangle.

Dighton Rock



Dighton Rock has been mystifying people since before America was colonized. The rock is an 11-foot-high boulder covered with ancient petroglyphs of an unknown origin. It was once on the shore of the Taunton River, but it's now been given its own museum (operated by appointment only) in Berkley, Mass., which was once part of Dighton, Mass.

Visitors to the strange rock will be in good company as Cotton Mather, George Washington and dozens of scientists have attempted to decode the meaning behind the writing on it.

Some theories: A message left by Norse explorers, Native American symbols and a message from God. So far there's no consensus as to the rock's significance, and its meaning remains a mystery.

Lake Winnepesaukee Mystery Stone

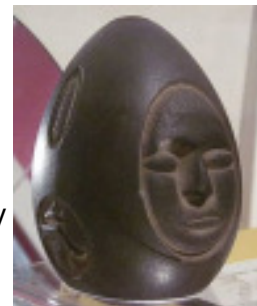
Seneca Ladd was many things: Piano maker, carriage maker, mill owner, banker (He was one of the founders of the Meredith Village Savings Bank), amateur meteorologist, and geologist.

His legacy is well remembered in New Hampshire's Lakes Region. But his most unusual accomplishment remains a mystery. One day while workmen were digging on his property in Meredith sometime in 1872 or earlier they uncovered an egg-shaped object buried at a depth of two feet and encased in clay.

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The object, by far the smallest of our mystery stones, is a carved stone bearing markings that remain unidentified. Ladd himself thought his “egg” was Native American in its origins and he displayed it for the curious for much of his life. The egg still baffles scientists as to what exactly it is. Ladd’s daughter gave the object to the New Hampshire Historical Society in 1927, which displays it in its Museum of New Hampshire History in Concord.



Quidnessett Rock



Quidnessett Rock, also known as the Narragansett Runestone, is a strange rock in North Kingstown, R.I., with a somewhat shaky pedigree.

The 2.5 ton rock was first called to the attention of Rhode Island historians around 1984. The rock bears a series of unusual markings that some claim are reminiscent of markings made by the religious sect known as the The Knights Templar. This faction claims the stone is a marker, probably documenting a land claim that dates to before the arrival of Christopher Columbus.

However, Edward Brown of Providence has come forward to clarify that he and his brother made the markings on the rock as young boys in 1964, though not as a hoax. They did it just for fun, he says.

To others, the rock is a nuisance. A resident of Pojac Point in North Kingstown caused a kerfuffle when he lifted the rock and dropped it farther out to sea to slow the onslaught of visitors who were making pilgrimages to the stone. When he was caught he retrieved the stone, which is now on permanent display in Updike Park in the Village of Wickford. It makes as good an excuse as any for a trip to the charming village.

Devil’s Footprint

Next to the meeting house in North Manchester, Maine, lies a cemetery surrounded by a wall with a strange rock in it. The rock, in the corner of the wall, has three imprints said to be the devil’s footprints. One looks like a cloven hoof, the other two look human. Someone conveniently spray painted them red.



There is a story that goes with the rock, which may or may not be true (probably not). Years ago, a crew of construction workers was clearing a path for Scribner Hill Road when they came upon a boulder that could not be moved. One of the workmen exclaimed he’d sell his soul to the devil to move the rock. The next day, the rock was moved and the construction worker gone. The devil left his footprints on the rock as a reminder of the deal.

The North Manchester Meeting House, built in 1793, is still used as a church.

Bench Tips

by Brad Smith

STIFFENING EARRING POSTS



Soldering an earring post will always soften the wire a bit. The easiest way I've found to harden it is to grip it with pliers and twist it a couple half turns. This work hardens the wire and also tests your soldered joint.

SOLVENT DISPENSER

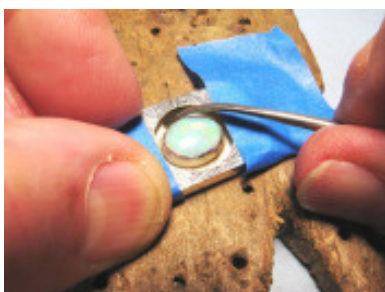
Frequently I need to fill a small bottle with alcohol, like the bottle of an alcohol lamp or a nail polish bottle that I use for the yellow ochre anti-flux. Often I can't find a small funnel and end up spilling almost as much as I get into the bottle. It's wasteful, and the fumes aren't too good for you either.

A neat and inexpensive solution is to use a lab dispensing bottle to store small quantities of the solvents most frequently used. The bottles have a wide mouth for filling and a fine tip for dispensing. You can get a small stream or just a drop or two. With the bottle's fine tip I don't spill a drop.

A Google search will turn up many suppliers. One I've used is Carolina Biological Supply Company at www.carolina.com. The bottle is Catalog # 716580 Unitary Wash Bottle, Low-Density Polyethylene, 125 mL US\$ 5. They have several sizes and other bottles labeled for specific solvents.



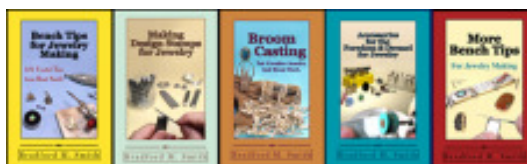
PROTECTING FINISHED SURFACES



I figure that any accidental scratch I make on a piece means about 15 minutes of extra sanding and polishing. So after finishing major surfaces I typically cover them with some masking tape to avoid any scratches when doing final work like cleanups and setting of stones. The blue masking tape used by painters works particularly well because it doesn't leave a sticky residue.

PICKLE PRECAUTIONS

A hot pickle pot gives off fumes that bother me in my home workshop. I get around that by using my pickle cold. I mix it a little stronger than for a hot pot so that it works almost as quickly. I keep it in a large-mouth plastic bottle and cap it off whenever I'm done using it.



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Upcoming Events

Sunday, Feb. 3, 2019
State Line Gem & Mineral Society
 monthly meeting
2:00 p.m.
 201 W. Main St.
 Morenci, MI 49256



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

March 15, 16, 17	Michigan Gem & Mineral Society Show	Jackson, MI
May 31, June 01, 02	State Line Gem & Mineral Society Show	Wauseon, OH Set up May 29
Aug 29- Sept 5	Fulton County Fair	Wauseon, OH Set up Aug 28
Sept 20-21	Art-a-licious	Adrian, MI
Sept 27, 28, 29	Clinton Fall Festival	Clinton, MI Set up Sept 26
Oct 12-14	Applelumpkin	Tecumseh, MI Set up Oct 11

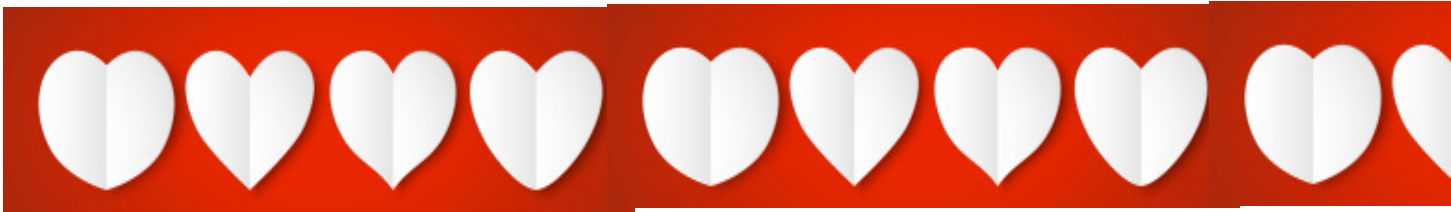
There are a few special meetings each year. January is our Installation Banquet- either a Pot Luck or held at a local restaurant- President's choice. We have a member silent auction at our meetings in March and November. Items for sale include rocks from the club and miscellaneous member donated creations. (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



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