

ROCK TRAILS



LIVE PETOSKEY CORAL

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Photo of live petoskey coral from RockTumbler.com

President's Letter

The Fun Never Ends

Our next meeting will be September 11, 2022 at the clubhouse. The Toledo Club will be having their show at the fairgrounds in Bowling Green, Ohio that weekend. Be sure to attend Friday or Saturday. We will have many stories to share from our participation at the Fulton County Fair.

If you can't attend the Sunday meeting and have something for discussion or other concerns of the club be sure to contact any club officer to make your thoughts part of the agenda.

We will be present at three more community festivals cracking geodes this month and early October. I like how we have streamlined our involvement over the years at these events. We've picked the best shows with a large audience and great sales potential. We handle an adequate amount of material with minimal personnel, which isn't always good. Sometimes we need more people to make things run more smoothly. If you have never attended a community festival in behalf of the club, I encourage you to do so. Invite a family member or friend who is a good socializer, or if someone is socially challenged. There is no better therapy than cracking geodes for the festival-goers and witness their delight and joy.

Best regards,
Eddie

Secretary's Report

The August 7th meeting of the Stateline Gem and Mineral Society was held at Bill and Mary Schultz's home who hosted a taco bar luncheon, deserts and refreshments at 1:00 PM.

The business of the club commenced after the dinner. Bill Schultz mounted a small U.S. flag on his fireplace after which we recited the pledge of allegiance. Then Richard Brzezicki led us in an invocation. There were eleven members present. The secretary report of the last meeting from June was voted on and approved.

Doris Brzezicki gave a detailed treasurer's report from the show and current financial standing of the club. Her report was voted on and approved. Doris made a motion to donate the \$30 registration fee to the Michigan Gem and Mineral Society 2nd annual rock swap on August 20. Judy Snyder would not be able to attend representing club sales. Richard Snyder, her husband was hospitalized at the time. Henry Porter and Ed Jarzembksi will be there cracking geodes. The motion passed.

Bill Schultz gave an inventory of geodes and motioned that the club order 2000. Motion passed. He also organized a schedule for our participation at the Fulton County Fair. Set up at 11:AM on September 1st, through Thursday night for tear down. The club will be taking over Glenda Gafner's space as she will not be a vendor at the fair.

The other three events we participated in the fall are in Adrian, Tecumseh, and Clinton. It was agreed on by the membership present to make no individual commitments until those dates come closer and more of the membership can be involved.

The scholarship fund came up for discussion. At our June show we gave four students \$500 each. It was suggested we give \$1000 to two students of which Bud Taylor made a motion. There was more discussion and Ed Jarzembksi read two thank you cards he received from D J. Newman and Kaden Playford, scholarship winners. Bud Taylor withdrew his motion stating we can review this matter again next year. Kathy Boyers who was part of the scholarship committee thought we could get our applications out earlier and have more time to screen candidates. The club agreed.

The meeting was lengthy and adjourned close to 5:00. Chris Taylor won the door prize, a quartz crystal cluster. Congratulations, Chris.

Thank you Bill and Mary Schultz for hosting our meeting.

Respectfully submitted
Edmund Jarzembksi
Secretary Pro Tem

PETOSKEY STONE

Well before dinosaurs roamed the earth, over 350 million years ago during the Devonian period, the land we know as Michigan was located near the equator. Covered by a warm, shallow, saltwater sea, the colonial coral hexagonaria percarinata thrived with other marine life in tropical reefs. The earth's plates moved and pushed Michigan north to the 45th parallel and above sea level, which created dry land formations. More recently, about two million years ago, glacial action scraped the earth and spread the fossils across the northern Lower Peninsula, depositing major concentrations in the Petoskey area.

The prehistoric fossil, unique to the Traverse Group rock strata, is called the Petoskey Stone and it became Michigan's official state stone in 1965. Pet-O-Sega, which means "Rays of the Rising Sun" in the Ottawa language, was the birth name given in 1787 to the son of a French fur trader and his Indian wife. Pet-O-Sega grew up in an area northwest of present-day Harbor Springs, became a respected landowner and businessman and, like his father, was recognized as an Ottawa Indian Chief. In 1873 the settlement on the Bear River was named Petoskey in his honor.

**Read more at: <https://www.petoskeyarea.com/media/petoskey-stone/>
From MMS conglomerate**

Bench Tips

Smart Solutions for Your Jewelry Making Problems

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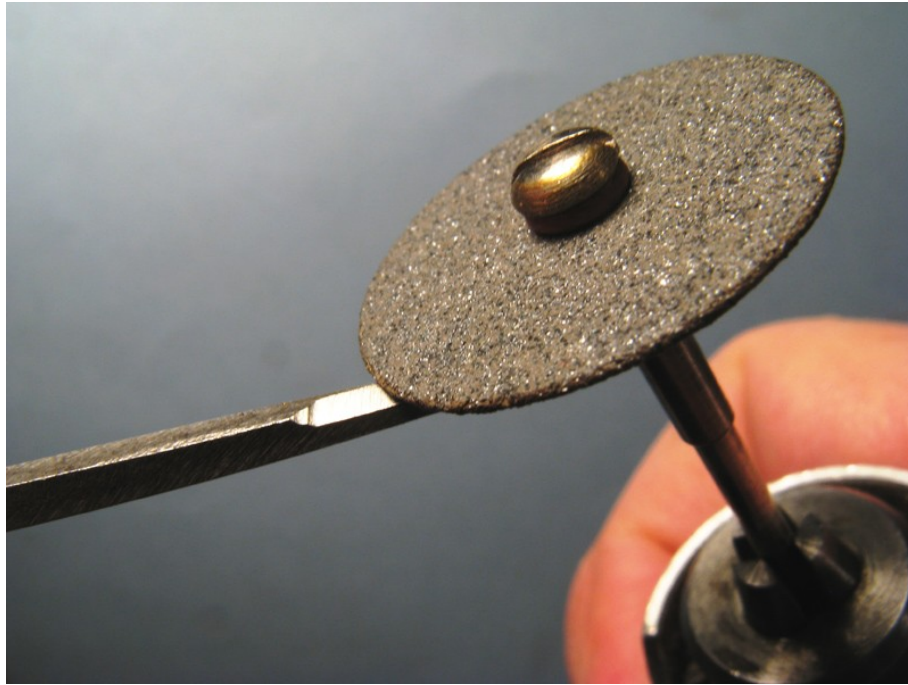


SMALL PARTS CONTAINERS

I'm always on the lookout for small containers to use for holding all those little parts and tools we deal with in making jewelry, especially since I'm always traveling to classes and workshops.

My latest find are some plastic vials about 15 mm in diameter and 75 mm long. Best part is they are free. The vials are used in the doctor's office to draw blood samples. They cannot be used after their expiration date and are thrown out. On my last doctors visit, I asked the nurse if they had any expired vials. She replied "How many do you want?" and tried to give me 400 of them. (We settled on 200).

The ones shown above are called "Vacutainers", but there are probably many other names. They're clear plastic with a rubber stopper and a paper label all ready to write on. I find them really handy for small parts like jump rings, prong settings, small drills, nuts & bolts, faceted stones, and precious metal filings.



FINISHING PIERCED PATTERNS

After sawing patterns there's always a little cleanup to do, and the smaller cutouts can be a challenge. Needle files (7-8 inches) can get into the larger areas, and escapement files (4 inches) can get into some of the corners.

But I often find myself wanting even smaller files. I couldn't find them, even at a watchmaker tools supply company, so I had to try something else. I ended up grinding down the tip of a small 4" barrette file using a separating disk (or cutoff wheel) in your Dremel or Foredom.

Be sure to wear your safety glasses when using this tool. A flake of steel in your eye makes for a bad day.



11th Annual Tailgate Sale and Swap

Jewelry, Rocks, Minerals, Lapidary, Equipment,
Crafts and other nifty items.

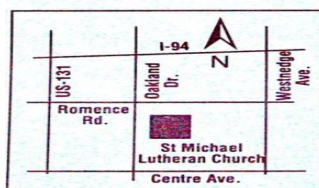
Saturday September 17, 2022 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Participants are invited to buy and sell anything & everything; rock-related items or not, if it sells, bring it!

Sellers should bring their own tables. KGMS will not require a booth cost this year but a donation to the Society would be appreciated; a KGMS representative will be present to take donations.

Buyers, plan on lots of bargain-priced items: specimens, crystals, slabs, rough, fossils, equipment, jewelry & more!

24 Sellers last year!



7211 Oakland Drive
1.5 Mile South of I-94
(South of Oakland Dr. &
Romence Road
Intersection)

Directions: Held outside in the parking lot
of St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7211
Oakland Drive, Portage, Mi - 1.5 Mile

South of I-94.

Questions: Call Bruce Atherton (269) 251-3858 and leave message or email fireball9207@charter.net

Livingston Gem and Mineral Society presents The Rockhound's Dream Show 2022



*Minerals, Gems,
Rocks, Jewelry
and Kids Table!*



47th Annual Show - Sept. 17- 18

Hartland Education Center
9525 E. Highland Rd.
Howell, MI 48843



Come Enjoy the Fun!

September 17th - 10am-6pm
September 18th - 10am-4pm

Hartland Education
Support Service Center
9525 E. Highland Rd.
Howell, MI 48843



**Concessions
Available**

Admission:
\$5 Adults, 12-18 \$1,
under 12 Free

Silent Auctions & Drawings

ROCKS - CRYSTALS - JEWELRY - SPECIMENS/FOSSILS - DECORATIVE ITEMS

**Diverse Vendors
Lapidary Displays
Fluorescent Rocks
Jewelry Creations**

**Michigan Specimens
Club Table
Kids' Table
Rock Slabs**

Tour the LGMS Workshop for Demos

livingstongems.com

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SEPTEMBER 2022

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| | | | | 1 FULTON CO | 2 FULTON CO | 3 FULTON CO |
| | | | | FAIR | FAIR | FAIR |
| | | | | SET-UP | 9:30 AM- | 9:30 AM- |
| | | | | 11 AM | 9:30 PM | 9:30 PM |
| | | | | | | |
| 4 FULTON CO | 5 FULTON CO | 6 FULTON CO | 7 FULTON CO | 8 FULTON CO | 9 TOLEDO | 10 TOLEDO |
| FAIR | FAIR | FAIR | FAIR | FAIR | GEM SHOW | GEM SHOW |
| NOON- | 9:30 AM- | NOON- | 11 AM- | NOON- | FAIRGROUND | FAIRGROUND |
| 9:30 PM | 9:30 PM | 9:30 PM | 9:30 PM | 9:30 PM | BOWLING GREEN | BOWLING GREEN |
| | | | | | | |
| 11 STATELINE | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 Tailgate |
| MEETING | | | | | | Sale & Swap |
| AT CLUBHOUSE | | | | | | Portage |
| 2 PM | | | | | | SEE FLYER |
| | | | | | | |
| 18 ROCKHOUND | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 BROWN CO |
| DREAM | | | | | | SHOW |
| SHOW | | | | | | FAIRGROUND |
| SEE FLYER | | | | | | NASHVILLE IN |
| | | | | | | |
| 25 BROWN CO | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | |
| SHOW | | | | | | |
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