

# ROCK TRAILS



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month at 2:00 PM,  
at 201 W. Main St, Morenci, MI 49256

## PRESIDENT'S NOTE

Thank you all who were able to make the meeting. We were able to get loads done, the weather was nice, and it was nice to visit.

Our next meeting is October 3<sup>rd</sup> at Island Park again. I look forward to seeing you all. Artificious went well. Bill Schultz headed up the Geode/Set-up team with Henry and Curt. Judy was head of the Display team with Phyllis and Linda Miller. Thanks to all of you for your hard work and continued support. They sold approximately \$1125 in geodes and \$425 in club & member sales. Great Job!

September 23<sup>rd</sup> is set-up for the Clinton Fall Festival. The festival is September 24-26<sup>th</sup>. We will only have one tent there this year. We need to solidify volunteers to set-up, man the booth, and then break down. Judy has offered to set the jewelry up but doesn't feel she can work the show. Phyllis and Linda Miller will not be available either. Please reach out to Bill Schultz or myself to declare your availability.

Our last show commitment is the Appleumpkin in Tecumseh, MI. Set-up is October 8<sup>th</sup> with the festival being the 9-10<sup>th</sup>. We will also need volunteers for that.

I know this is a lot of work we're asking you to do. We do make the large majority of our money from these events. We appreciate all your time and participation.

Take Care,  
Glenda Gafner

## SECRETARY'S REPORT

The September meeting of the State Line Gem and Mineral Society was held at Island Park in Adrian on August 28, 2021 with 13 members present. President Glenda called the meeting to order at 2:32 PM and began with the pledge of allegiance. Richard B. gave the invocation.

Sherm made a motion to accept the secretary's report as printed in the newsletter, seconded by Charlene. The motion passed with all in favor.

Glenda thanked all who helped at the Jackson club's swap which led to a discussion on how many Mexican geodes were left for additional shows the club has planned. Bill estimated that we sold about a third of the geodes from our latest order and thought we would probably need to order more geodes for upcoming events. Bill made a motion to purchase 50 lbs. of Mexican geodes for each category of small, medium, large and extra large. This would be a total of 200 lbs. The motion was seconded by Doris and passed with all in favor.

Glenda reported that the field trip to Flint Ridge was very successful. Mr. Wyrick was very helpful and was able to dig for flint with his tractor equipment. Members found flint with lots of color variations and were happy with their finds. Glenda reported that 7 members went on the trip which brought the cost per person down to \$15.00 to hunt and \$6.00 per bucket. The Nethers farm cost \$7.50 to hunt and 75 cents per pound for the flint.

Judy reported that she ordered and received three ounces each of 22 gauge and 20 gauge Sterling silver wire used for wire wrapping jewelry. The cost was \$327.54 and Judy was reimbursed by the club. Judy will get together with Linda Miller and any other club member to wrap some of the cabs donated to the club by Henry and Sherm.

Judy reported that Kathy did a wonderful job on the club newsletter. She contacted Kathy to ask for a slight change in the way the newsletter was printed so that the last page could show the address for mailing. Most of the newsletters are received via email. The club is grateful to Kathy for volunteering to take over the editor position from Sandy who served in that position for many years. Thank you Sandy and Kathy.

Glenda noted that we needed to have volunteers to set up at the Fulton County Fair. Henry, Bud and Bill will be at the clubhouse at 10:30 am on Thursday to load everything they plan to take to the fair. Glenda suggested that we should have a clear jar to put grab bags into and let the kids point out which colored bag they want. A member would then get that bag with gloved hands to keep the area from being contaminated with the virus. Sherm said he would bring a clear bowl to hold the bags. Sherm said he could work the club booth from Friday to Wednesday. Charlene said she could work on Friday, and Chris and Bud said they could work after 4:00 pm on Friday to close. Bill said he talked to Eddie who plans to work Saturday and Sunday. Henry will fill in where needed.

Glenda reported that this year's Artalicious festival will only be one day. Set up will start at 7:00 am on September 18<sup>th</sup>. The festival will be from 11:00 am to 7:00 pm. We will only be setting up two tents this year.

The Clinton Fall Festival will be September 24, 25 and 26<sup>th</sup>. Set up will be in the morning on Thursday September 23<sup>rd</sup>. Bill and Henry will be cracking geodes.

The set up for Appleumpkin will be on Friday morning October 8<sup>th</sup>. The festival will be Saturday and Sunday October 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>.

Charlene will be our club representative at the Midwest Federation hosted by the Toledo club. Sherm reported that the Toledo club is selling tickets which include "early bird" tickets which allow a person to get into the show before the regular ticket sales allow. This year's show will be held on 9/10/2021 thru 9/12/2021 at the Pratt Pavilion Wood County Fairgrounds, 13800 West Poe Rd. Bowling Green, Ohio 43402. The website is <https://rockyreader.com/>

Glenda reported that there will be a rock swap at the Wayne County Fairgrounds. Contact her for more information.

Our next club meeting will be at the Island Park at 2:00 pm on October 3, 2021

There was discussion concerning our clubhouse. Doris noted that the mold smell at the entrance due to a leak in the ceiling was not healthy. The leak has apparently not been repaired so we need to get it resolved or find another clubhouse. Doris said she called a real estate agent and was told that generally people with rental property did not list their property through agencies. It is difficult to find a large enough meeting place with heat and bathroom facilities for club meetings and storage. Members are encouraged to keep vigilant for possible accommodations because meeting outside in the winter is not an option. Sherm said he had a couple of properties that he would check.

Doris mentioned that our bi-laws provide that the September meeting is when we start election nominations committee with one committee member from last year and two members appointed by the president. Bill volunteered as last year's member and Sherm volunteered to be on the committee. Bill will check with Eddie to see if he could serve as the third member.

Bud explained that the fair volunteers would be confined to the fairgrounds for most of the day and he thought the club should reimburse them for food. After some discussion, Bud made a motion to have the club pay a \$10.00 food allowance to any volunteer for any 5 hour shift worked. Bill seconded the motion which passed with all in favor.

Henry made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Sherm seconded the motion which passed with all in favor. Glenda adjourned the meeting at 4:00 pm.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

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Doris reported that she paid the rent and utilities for the clubhouse. She also paid for the geodes she ordered for the club as previously authorized and the bill for advertising on Facebook as well as the tent spaces for the Adrian Artalicious event to be held on September 18<sup>th</sup>. Doris paid the printer and postage expenses related to the printing of the club newsletter. She also bought extra forever stamps to avoid the upcoming price increase. Doris sent the deposit to the Fulton County Fair Office to secure the building for our show next year. She also sent the memorial donation for our member, Ed Reynolds, who passed away. Doris also reported that the club did very well with geode sales at the Jackson club's swap.

Phyllis made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, seconded by Chris which passed with all in favor.

## PROJECT IDEA



While vacationing in the UP a few weeks ago, I saw these in a restaurant in Grand Marais. They are translucent rock slabs surrounded by clear stained glass, and then framed in stained glass strips. They were beautiful with the light shining through them. I thought maybe some of our members might want to use this idea to make some of our own creations, although maybe just one panel to start. Maybe we can get our resident stained glass expert to give us some pointers. What do you think, Richard?

## HANDY HINT

Handy hint from the Pick N Shovel Newsletter, Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club, Lincoln, Nebraska. A turkey hunting vest is an efficient way to carry your finds. Unlike a satchel, which hangs from one shoulder, the vest spreads the weight of your finds evenly across your shoulders. There is a large pocket on the back which can hold larger finds, and smaller pockets on the front to hold those special finds.

## Pearly Prehnite Can Be Found from Australia to Michigan

Elena Lorenz (Junior Member)  
Indian Mounds Rock & Mineral Club (MI)  
From the February, 2021 Arrowhead News

Have you ever found a rock that looks like it's granite? Well, it could be prehnite, and then it would be a mineral, not a rock.

Prehnite is a mineral, occurring in light-green color with many round crystals. The luster of prehnite is vitreous, or pearly. The streak of this mineral is white. Prehnite is usually green but can be pink. The hardness level of prehnite is 6 to 6.5. The cleavage of prehnite is distinct [001]. The mineral composition is  $\text{Ca}_2\text{Al}_2\text{Si}_3\text{O}_{10}(\text{OH})_2$ .

Colonel H. Von Prehn discovered prehnite in 1788, at the Cape of Good Hope, South Africa. IMR&MC member Don VanDyke found my sample of prehnite on Thomsonite Hill, in Keweenaw Peninsula, Michigan.

Prehnite is a mixture of calcium and aluminum. The crystal form of prehnite is globular or spherical and reforms to stalactitical or cone shaped. It is green and is often found on other stones, and you ruin the specimen by trying to break it off. Shaping and polishing a prehnite specimen is easy, but requires a large machine. It is not easily broken, except with a machine or a chisel and hammer.

Prehnite ranges in color from brown, yellow and orange to greens and teals or even pinks. My prehnite specimen is teal green with a little yellowish color. Prehnite is most common in Australia, and some of the best specimens were found in Prospect and Mullaley, New South Wales. It is a wonderful gemstone, found almost all over the world.

Bibliography:  
"Prehnite", Wikipedia; January 23: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Prehnite>

## Bench Tips for September

Smart Solutions for Your Jewelry Making Problems



Amazon.com/author/bradfordsmith  
**JUST A DROP**

Hobby shops and model airplane stores carry small plastic dispenser bottles that are handy for putting a drop of flux, oil, or glue just where you want it. They have a length of small metal tubing coming out the top that lets you squeeze out very small drops.

I use one with a short length of tubing for oil when I'm sawing or when drilling harder metals like steel. Another bottle I found in a plastics store has a longer length of metal tubing on it. Plastics people use them for dispensing fast drying glues to join pieces of acrylic. The long metal tube let's you reach into tight places. Either of these is handy for flux at the soldering station.

### FOREDOM MAINTENANCE

If you have a Foredom flexshaft, it makes sense to check it over every so often to be sure it's running properly. But how to do that? You've probably lost the little booklet that came with the unit. Well, being the good company it is, Foredom has put together an extensive set of videos on how to everything.

The series covers set-up, lubrication, replacing a sheath, motor maintenance, and handpiece maintenance. Few if any special tools are needed. You can watch the videos at [www.foredom.net/flexibleshafthmachinemaintenance.aspx](http://www.foredom.net/flexibleshafthmachinemaintenance.aspx) particularly under "Foredom Basics" or the "Foredom Shafting..." categories.

Any repair parts needed are available on the Foredom site or from most jewelry supply catalogs. If you have any question about their products, a phone call or an email will get quick answers.

## September 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 Meeting 2 PM Island Park	30	31	1	2 Set-Up Fulton County Fair	3 Fulton County Fair	4 Fulton County Fair
5 Fulton County Fair	6 Fulton County Fair	7 Fulton County Fair	8 Fulton County Fair	9 Fulton County Fair	10 Toledo Gem Club Show	11 Cheney Quarry with Kalamazoo/ Toledo Gem Club Show
12 Toledo Gem Club Show	13	14	15	16	17	18 Artificial Set-up 7 am 11 am – 7 pm
19	20	21	22	23 Set-Up Clinton Fall Festival	24 Clinton Fall Festival	25 Clinton Fall Festival
26 Clinton Fall Festival	27	28	29	30	1	2



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					1	2 SE MICH Rock Super Swap, Belleville, MI
3 Meeting 2 pm Island Park	4	5	6	7	8 Set-up for Apple Umpkin	9 Apple Umpkin
10 Apple Umpkin	11 Columbus Day	12	13	14	15 Three Rivers Gem & Mineral Show, Fort Wayne, IN	16 Three Rivers Gem & Mineral Show, Fort Wayne, IN
17 Three Rivers Gem & Mineral Show, Fort Wayne, IN	18	19	20	21	22 Central MI Lapidary & Mineral Show, Mason, MI	23 Central MI Lapidary & Mineral Show, Mason, MI
24 Central MI Lapidary & Mineral Show, Mason, MI	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 Halloween						

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