



The Jaspilite

Fall 2012 Issue

Our Purpose:

To enjoy, to learn, to teach and conserve

The rocks, the gems, the fossils and ores,

To collect, to admire, to brag and to show

The material we've found, we'll trade for yours.

-Bob & Marian Markert
(founding members)

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From the President's Desk...

Another successful summer—Awesome Field Trips and another successful show! Thank you to all of the IRMC Members who helped with the show, field trips, raffle and auctions!!! There are so many members who really stepped up to the plate and gave the club their time, knowledge and specimens. It is you that creates this success!!!

Fall is in the air and those rocks we collected (or purchased) this summer are decorating your home, your yard and garden or perhaps they are waiting to be sorted, cut or polished. If you are really proud of these finds, bring them to the next meeting and show them to us!!! Fall is bragging season! And this fall and winter will be buying season as well.

This Fall and Winter we are adjusting the schedule to accommodate a "Members Only" sale on December 2. Instead of a Christmas party we will be holding our first fund raiser for a future Lapidary space for the Ishpeming Rock and Mineral Club. The Club has accumulated quite a collection over the years and we have many duplicate specimens that we would like to make available to club members. Several

Members are working on sorting and pricing these minerals for the upcoming sale.

To accommodate this sale, we will be moving elections to the November meeting. We will have several officer positions open this year. Please consider serving as an officer for a year or two. The future of this club is dependent on members serving as an officer for a period of time. These positions are not supposed to be for "life"—they were created in the spirit of service to the Ishpeming Rock and Mineral Club; so the club can survive. Without officers, we cannot stay organized.

Please consider service to this outstanding organization and come to the October meeting on the 21st. Let's continue the tradition of the Ishpeming Rock and Mineral Club as one of the most respected and admired clubs in the Midwest United States (we truly are)!

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Don't forget to check the website regularly for current updates.

(www.ishpemingrockandmineralclub.org)

Gem and Mineral Show News

2012 Show Wrap Up

What can I say, those of you who were there know it was great show and another great success for the club. Some stats from the weekend: Friday's field trip, 59 attendees and 30+ vehicles; Sunday's trip 62 attendees and 39 vehicles; Saturday evening 50+ attendees; all the dealer spaces sold; 21 raffle prizes; 24 live auction items; and we estimated upwards of 1500 attendees on Saturday. In my little survey of attendees there were 130 nights spent in the area, which was down from last year. If you stop and think what that means, the show brings in a good amount of money for area businesses.

I thank all who helped in any way. Without your help the show could not go on. A number of club members who signed up to work a couple of hours put in more time because they were having a good time. The field trips again proved to be great and a plus for the show. We ended up with only one ongoing activity but it did add to the show.

Elsewhere in the Jaspilite you will find a list of supporters of the show. If you know any of them or do business with them, please be sure to thank them because they are an important part of the show. Again I thank everyone who helped any way as it made my job easier.

-Ernie Johnson

Supporters of the 2012 Gem and Mineral Show

Ishpeming Downtown Development
Association
Marquette Country Convention & Visitors
Bureau
Country Village - Ishpeming
Cedar Motor Inn - Marquette Township
Kingsley North - Norway
Superior View Historic Photography &
Museum - Marquette
The Safety Store - Marquette Township
Bob Clark
Da Yoopers Tourist Trap - Ishpeming
James DeCaire
Ishpeming / Negaunee Chamber of
Commerce
Copper World - Calumet
Olive Sain
River Valley Bank - Marquette
Ishpeming Elks Club
Andriacchi's Store - Ishpeming
Gary Richards - Menasha, WI
Republic Mountain Lake LLC
A. Lindberg & Sons
U.S Ski and Snowboarding Hall of Fame
Andy Ware - Rio Tinto
Range Bank - Marquette Township

Kid's Corner at the Rock Show



The Kid's Corner at the Annual Rock & Mineral Show was a popular place not only for kids, but for teachers, parents and grandparents as well. People had the opportunity to "collect" thumbnail size specimens for twenty five cents apiece. Each specimen was accompanied by a label of what it was and where it came from. Workers at the Corner helped everyone learn a little bit more about the rocks. Thanks to Dawn, Vivian, Jacob, Madison, and Eric for helping out.

We also let any child under 16 sign up for a free rock tumbling kit which included a tumbler, grit and a book on how to start tumbling. Andrew Martesz was the winner. He is from Marquette and attends Superior Hills School. He was grinning from ear to ear when he heard that he had won. Hopefully he will become a future rock hound.

-Joyce Smith



Member-Only Sale December 2, 2012

The Ishpeming Rock and Mineral Club will be holding a members-only sale of excess specimens from the club's collection. The club's collection has been growing for years, and the time has come to thin out the duplicate and redundant specimens. While none of these are the specimens we currently have on display, some of them are nearly as good.

The sale will be held in lieu of the December Christmas party or program meeting, and will be held on December 2, 2012 in the Rock and Mineral Room at the Cliffs Shaft Mining Museum. Doors will open at 1:15 PM, and the sale will begin at 1:30 sharp. The sale format will be a mix of fixed price and silent auction. You MUST be a 2012 IRMC member to be admitted to the sale. Memberships will NOT be available the day of the sale.

The sale is intended to provide the club members with an opportunity to purchase quality mineral specimens from the club's collection at a reasonable price and to raise money for the club. In the spirit of fairness, we ask that members purchase specimens for their personal collections only - not for resale.

ROCKS 101

The fifth annual ROCKS 101 class was held on July 29th in the IRMC Rock and Mineral room at the Cliffs Shaft Mine Museum in Ishpeming. The nineteen participants, both children and adults, learned how and where to collect specimens in the area, what types are usually found and how to identify specimens by identification factors. The use of books and other rockhounds for identification was also stressed. After hands on activities using identification skills, the group "picked" out specimens from a "rock pile", identified them and got to bring them home. Hopefully the class instilled a love of collecting. We hope that they will become members of the club in the future.

--Joyce & Al Smith

2012-2013 Meeting and Activity Dates

Sunday, October 21

Program Meeting – “Hemlock Stratovolcano”
by Tom Waggoner

Sunday, November 18

Annual Officer Elections & Program Meeting -
“The A. E. Seaman Mineral Museum,
Its History and Collection”
by Dr. George W. Robinson

Sunday, December 2

“Members Only” Sale

Sunday, January 20

Program Meeting

Sunday, February 17

Program Meeting

Sunday, March 17

Program Meeting

Sunday, April 21

Silent Auction and
Program Meeting

Sunday, May 19

Program Meeting

All meetings are held at the Cliffs Shaft Museum in Ishpeming, Michigan. Doors open at 1:00 and the program begins at 1:30, followed by a silent auction, refreshments and the business meeting. Meetings are open to members, guests and the general public. Free admission!

Field trips will begin again in the spring – let us know where and what sort of trips YOU would like.

Please check the website at www.ishpemingrockandmineralclub.org regularly for updates on meetings, events, photos and summer field trips.

2013 Gem and Mineral Show

The weekend of August 3rd as been set for the club’s 2013 Gem and Mineral Show. It will be held at the Ishpeming Elks Club and the Elks Club has confirmed the date. The club has not as of yet set Friday’s field trip, from requests it will again be Lindbergs Quarry for Sunday. We will keep you up to date as the trips are finalized.

If anyone has any suggestions for ongoing activities during the show or any suggestions for marketing the show please let us know. We are also looking for suggestions for the Saturday evening speaker.

It’s only ten months away but time does go by fast, so mark your 2013 calendar when you get it.

MIDWEST FEDERATION NEWSLETTER

Many of you know that our club is a member of the Midwest Federation of Mineralogical and Geological Societies. Each month they publish a newsletter that contains many articles relating to our hobby. Our club gets a printed version of the newsletter but the best way for you the club member to get this information would be to go to their website.

I believe each of you will find something of interest in every newsletter.

<http://www.amfed.org/mwf>



The 38th Annual
ROCKHOUND SEMINAR
Hosted by MGAGS



(Michigan Geology and Gemcraft Society)

Never heard of MGAGS? MGAGS is a unique, statewide organization whose main activity each year is a "Rockhound Weekend", a seminar where you can experience hands-on workshops and other programs. Some will be about cutting and polishing stones. There will be classes with beading projects and dichroic glass, also demonstrations and programs about fossils and geodes, etc.

There will probably be a class where you can learn how to "set" stones, practice silversmithing, other jewelry-making and others perhaps a class on "wire-wrap" or gem trees -- all related to our great hobby.

The goal is to have about 20 different topics to choose from each day.

Some classes may have limited attendance. See website or call for details.

The schedule will be ready April 2013

TICKETS: Advance registration is only \$15.00 (adult) per day or \$25.00 for two days

At the door: \$18.00 (adult) for one day or \$30.00 for two days.

Students: \$5.00 per day.

LOCATION: Western Michigan University, Rood Hall
near West Michigan Ave. and Rankin Ave. (East of Howard St.),
Kalamazoo, Michigan

The dates: Saturday, June 8th (9am-5pm) and Sunday, June 9th (9am-4pm)



For further information:

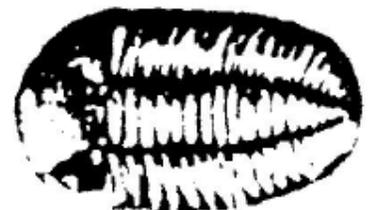
Email: info@mgags.org

Don Brown: 734-421-8159

Marve/Kitty: 231-740-5512

For schedules / Advance tickets and more
see www.mgags.org OR call Don or Marve
Ask about prepay for limited attendance classes
and request flyers. Schedule will be ready in April.

MGAGS welcomes new members!
Plan on attending and have a GREAT time!



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Live Auction Winners

<u>Item</u>	<u>Donated by</u>	<u>Highest Bidder</u>
Mining Stock Certificates	Copper World	Larry Ward
Maps – Homer Mine	Glen Kivela	Gary Richards
Vest & Rain Jacket	The Safety Store	Sue Midkiff
\$50 Gift Certificate	Kingsley North	Roger Nielson
Jasper/Hematite Bookends	DaYoopers Tourist	Glen Kivela
Magnetite -Republic Mine	Kevin Ponzio	Dennis Defferding
Micaceous Hematite	George Torreano	Jim Hird
30 X Microscope	Larry Ward	Ilona Anderson
Pyrite w/Quartz – Empire	George Balogh	Bob Clark
Calcite-Shullsburg Dist. WI	George Balogh	Dave Midkiff
Calcite-Pyrite-Marcasite IA	George Balogh	Ken Mazzoline
Wolframite – Portugal	George Balogh	Dave Midkiff
Galena & Fluorite – England	George Balogh	Ken Mazzoline
Galena MO	George Balogh	Melissa Gueits
Quartz Crystals AR	G. Richardson	Jim Hird
Sphalerite/Chalcopyrite MO	George Balogh	Gary Richards
Goethite Section 21	George Balogh	Bob Clark
Galena – Buick Mine MO	George Balogh	Ken Mazzoline
Meteorite – Argentina	?	Bob Clark
Sphalerite CO	George Balogh	Bev Trynoski
Gold – Ontario	George Balogh	Ken Mazzoline
Strontianite PA	George Balogh	Dave Midkiff
Copper Clock	Bob Clark	Jacob Mattson
Michigan Gold	?	Ken Mazzoline

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Raffle Prize Winners

<u>Item</u>	<u>Donated by</u>	<u>Winner</u>
\$100	IRMC	Larry Ward
Earrings Green Stone	Al & Joyce Smith	Gene Gaboury
Malachite - Congo	Al & Joyce Smith	Robin Schulkey
Wind Chimes	Bob Procnier	Jerney Geordona
BP Gas Card \$25	BP Country Mart	Chery Sterling
Blimpies Gift Cert	Blimpies Ishpeming	Sherry Sparks
Old Mine Photos	Superior View	Dennis Defferding
Rock Clock	Bob Clark	Brandon Toronjo
Rock & Minerals Book	Beverly Trynoski	Sue House
Rock & Minerals Book	Beverly Trynoski	John Crady
\$25 Gift Cert	Kingsley North	Rhett Lone
\$50 gift Cert	Kingsley North	Kristina Robinson
Pendant	Olive Sain	Tammie Chrisman
Soapstone Box	Olive Sain	Bella Corp
Copper Crystals	George & Evelyn Torrearo	Joyce Smith
Copper Ore Conglomerate	George & Evelyn Torrearo	Jerry Phillips
Hematite "Kidney Ore"	George & Evelyn Torrearo	Jim DeCaire
Geode - Illinois	Ernie Johnson	Peter Johnson
Rock Diary	Norm Gruber	Addison Thornton
Necklace Pendant	Superior Gem & Minerals	Unabelle Weaver
Picture Rocks	Norm Gruber	Joyce Smith

The Ishpeming Rock and Mineral Club

www.ishpemingrockandmineralclub.org

President	Beverly Trynoski
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	John Crady
	Charlie Richardson

The club meets at the Cliffs Shaft Mine Museum in Ishpeming at 1:30 p.m. on the third Sunday of the month, September through November and January through May. During the summer business meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. on the third Monday of the month.

Ideas and Contributions Needed

The Jaspilite is YOUR newsletter, so let us know what YOU want to see in the upcoming issues!

Collecting tips?

Lapidary how-to articles?

Mineral identification?

Color mineral photos? (Eye candy!)

Storage and display techniques?

Collecting trip reports?

Crystallography?

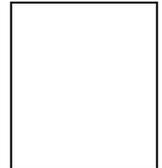
Your suggestions are welcomed!

If any of you have an area of expertise you'd like to share with our members, please consider writing an article or a story for the Jaspilite. Drop off a paper copy at a club meeting, send it by US Mail, or email it to:

editor@ishpemingrockandmineralclub.org

- we'll take care of editing it into a format suitable for publication!

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