



# The Jaspilite

Spring 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...

Spring is here and we all know what that means-- Rock Hounding season is upon us! We have several Field Trips planned (thank you Bob Clark and Dan Fountain) and more to be finalized. The list is on our website [www.ishpemingrockandmineralclub.org](http://www.ishpemingrockandmineralclub.org) Please check out the website for updates throughout the summer.

At our February meeting we announced our Scholarship Recipients for 2011. Congratulations to Evan Weber, the winner of the 2011 Scholarship from Northern Michigan University. Evan visited our March meeting to meet and thank the club. Our Michigan Technological University Scholarship winner for 2011 is once again, Travis Olds. Travis is familiar to many of us since he has been a previous scholarship winner and has attended our meetings and participated in many of our Field Trips. Travis graduated this year and he will be continuing his studies in the Earth Science Field. His accomplishments in the Earth Science Field have been nothing less than outstanding!

If you were not able to attend our

April meeting, you missed an awesome Silent Auction! Big thanks go out to Joyce and Al Smith for planning and setting up the auction. We will have a silent auction running all day at the upcoming **2012 Upper Peninsula Gem and Mineral Show** on Saturday, August 4. Ernie has been working hard on this year's show and Bob Proconier has taken on the responsibility of being our Raffle Ticket Chairman again this year. Bob will be sending tickets out to current club members (who have not picked them up at the meetings). Thanks Bob and Ernie!

Please join us at our May program meeting, our summer business meetings and check the website regularly for current updates [www.ishpemingrockandmineralclub.org](http://www.ishpemingrockandmineralclub.org) Remember, the Jaspilite will not be mailed out after this issue, so if you have an e-mail address, please get it to us ASAP.

Remember, everything is twice as much fun if you get involved. I will see you among the rock piles very soon!

Bev

# Gem and Mineral Show 2012

August 3 - 5, 2012

By the time that you read this show update it will be about 2½ months and counting to a great mineral weekend. So if you have not marked your calendar, now is the time to do it so you will not miss a great weekend looking at minerals, visiting with fellow rock hounds and maybe even purchasing a few specimens.

A short status update: 10 inside spaces have been sold as well as 10 outside spaces. Most of the outside spaces will be sold just prior to and on the day of the show. The ongoing demos at this time are Micro minerals, wire wrapping and flint knapping. I look at demos as additional enhancements to get people to come and then to stay. They, along with the silent auction, kid's area, and dealers should provide the attendees with a lot to see and do. If you know of some activity that would help please let me know.

The field trips are all set, with Friday's to Republic Mine and Sunday's to the Lindberg quarry. Remember your safety glasses!

As always we need additional door prizes, silent auction specimens and raffle items. With good silent auction specimens and raffle items the club makes money.

Saturday evening is set with a program on Minerals of Marquette County, live auction and the raffle. We have some very nice specimens that will be on the auction block but you will have to be there to find out what they are.

Now the last item is workers. If you can help on the field trips either Friday or Sunday it would help. By helping on the field trips there is no cost to you. Help will be needed in setting up Friday evening, 6:00pm to about 7:30 and Saturday starting about 7:45am to 9:00am to work with the outside dealers and arranging them in rows. Also to make sure

openings are left to get people and cars through. Help will also be needed to put up the signs on the highway starting about 8:00am - about a one hour job - and then around 4:00pm to take them down.

Then from 9:00am to 4:30pm volunteers are needed in 2-hour (or more) shifts during the show. By keeping the shifts to two hours to 4 hours, everyone has the opportunity to enjoy the show. The three functions that need workers during the day are registration table, silent auction and the kid's table. Then at 4:30 the room has to be set up for evening activities, which will take about 1 hour. In the evening help will be needed with the raffle.

Prior to the day of the show we will need members to put up flyers and/or posters. There is a list of activities on the next page. Please review and give me a call or e-mail me as to when you can help. If I don't hear from you will be called. If you would like some flyers or handouts please call me.

If you have any questions on anything concerning the show please contact me.

Remember this is your show - let's make it great one!

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## Club Raffle Tickets

The raffle tickets are in and will be available at the May meeting. If you are not at the meeting tickets will be sent to you. The Club asks that all members sell ten tickets as the funds raised help with club activities.

## Volunteers needed for Gem and Mineral Show

Following are the show activities that need to be covered during the three days of activities. Please let Ernie know where and when you will want to work. If you do not sign up you will be called to help. It takes everyone to make the show a success.

### About three to four weeks prior to show:

Distribute flyers/posters to businesses in Ishpeming, Negaunee and Marquette.

### Friday August 3:

Field trip

Friday night set up

6:00pm - 7:30pm

### Saturday August 4:

Put up signs at highway

Morning of show

Assigning spaces to outside dealers

7:00am - 9:30am

Registration Table

9am - 11am

11am- 1pm

1pm- 3pm

3pm - 4:30pm

Silent auction

9am - 11 am

11am - 1pm

1pm - 3pm

3pm - 4:30pm

Clean up and set up for Saturday evening

4:30pm - 5:30pm

Kids table

9am - 11am

11am - 1pm

1pm - 3pm

3pm - 4:30pm

Clean up after Saturday evening activities

9:30pm - ?

Take down signs at highway

Evening of show

### Sunday August 5:

Field Trip

## JASPILITE Goes Paperless!

This Jaspilite issue, Spring 2012, is be the last issue that will be mailed to our members. To save time, money and resources, we will be distributing future issues of the Jaspilite via email. Only current members, with dues paid for 2012 will receive the Jaspilite.

Our members have busy lives and we cannot find the volunteers to commit their time and energy to the full paper publication and mailing of the Jaspilite. If you are not able to receive email, we ask that you contact a member who can and see if they can print you a copy. We can try to find a volunteer to send you a copy if needed as well. A limited number of hard copies will be available at club meetings.

## Library Notes

With no program meetings until September the library books will not be available unless you attend the business meeting. If you cannot attend a business meeting but would like a book on a given subject or area please give me a call and I will see if there is one in the library. If we have it, I can either mail it or arrange to somehow get it to you. If it has to be mailed you will be charged for the postage.

Ernie Johnson

## The Midwest Federation of Mineralogical and Geological Societies Needs Cancelled Stamps!

Your cancelled stamps are sorted and arranged very attractively on bookmarks which are sold for \$1.00 each at Federation conventions, shows, and other events. The money goes into the MWF Endowment Fund.

Your club can participate by collecting stamps and selling these bookmarks at your show.

Cancelled stamps need to be:

Interesting, whether or not the subject is related to the earth sciences;

Neat and clean, with no torn corners or tape;

Sorted or not, as you like;

Removed from the envelope, or trimmed to no more than ¼ inch of paper around the stamp.

Please save your cancelled stamps and turn them in to Ernie Johnson at any club meeting.

# Ishpeming Rock & Mineral Club

## Rules, Regulations & Policies for Field Trip Outings 2012

To ensure that we all have a fun and prosperous day of collecting, we need to follow a few rules. Land Owners have graciously opened their sites to us so we can collect beautiful and rare specimens. Please respect their property.

By signing up to attend this Field Trip you are agreeing to the following rules and regulations. Please read these carefully and in their entirety **before** signing the Field Trip release form and/or attending this event.

1. All Field Trip attendees must sign the Ishpeming Rock and Mineral Club's Field Trip Release form.
2. All Field Trip attendees must stay with the Ishpeming Rock & Mineral Group in the designated collecting area. Attendees are not permitted to collect or wander in any areas away from the Ishpeming Rock & Mineral Club Field Trip Coordinator(s).
3. When the field trip leader announces that it is time to pack up and leave, we need to finish up and be out in 10 minutes. You must leave with the group or with the Field Trip Coordinator. If you do not leave on time and get locked into an area, site or grounds, you will be charged a fee (\$250.00) for someone to go back out and rescue you.
4. Only hand tools are allowed at the Field Trip collecting sites. Absolutely no climbing on walls, gates, machinery or entering any buildings that may be in the field trip area. Stay with the group!
5. All Field Trip Participants must wear safety glasses. Be aware of your surroundings—if someone near you (or not so near you) is trying to break rock, chips can fly up and land anywhere.
6. Respect the Land Owners and their Land. Do not bring or consume alcoholic beverages on these trips and clean up after yourself (no littering or dumping of garbage).
7. If a specimen or rock cannot be lifted by one or two people safely – without the help of a tool, then we cannot collect it or take it from the site.
8. Children must be 7 years old (or older) and all children under 15 years of age must be accompanied one on one by an adult.
9. Appropriate clothing must be worn—closed toed shoes or boots, long pants and shirts must be worn at all times.

Plan ahead – bring your own supplies, tools, bug dope, sunscreen and refreshments. Pick up all trash and take it with you out of the site.

Happy Rock Hunting!

*Attend and Discover, Find and Collect!*

## ISHPEMING ROCK AND MINERAL CLUB

### Summer 2012 Field Trips

The following Field Trips are planned and scheduled for the Summer of 2012. The IRMC is asking for a \$5.00 per person donation for the May, June, July and September Field Trips and a \$10.00 per person donation for the August Field Trips.

Unless otherwise specified (see August 5), the group will meet at 9:00 a.m. at the Ace Hardware / ShopKo Hometown parking lot (in the Country Village in Ishpeming) and depart promptly at 9:30 a.m.

To assure the safety of all members, we have included the IRMC Field Trip rules. Please review these rules ahead of time and follow these rules at all times on the field trip. Some rules have changed for 2012

Children must be accompanied by an adult – one on one. Children under seven years old are not permitted (per land owners' requests).

- \* Saturday, May 12, 2012 -- The Republic Mine in Republic, MI
- \* Saturday, June 9, 2012 – The Champion Mine in Champion, MI
- \* Saturday, July 21, 2012 – TBA (to be announced)
- \* Saturday, September 8, 2012 – TBA

### 2012 Gem & Mineral Show Field Trips

- \* Friday, August 3, 2012 -- The Republic Mine in Republic, MI
- \* Sunday, August 5, 2012 -- Lindberg's Quarry in Sands Township

Leave at 12:30 p.m. from the Negaunee Township Hall

The Ishpeming Rock and Mineral Club  
www.ishpemingrockandmineralclub.org

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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.

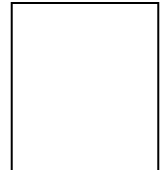
### Ideas and Contributions Needed

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](mailto:editor@ishpemingrockandmineralclub.org) - we'll take care of editing it into a format suitable for publication!

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