



THE JASPILITE

SPRING 2013 ISSUE

A MESSAGE FROM THE PREZ

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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Greetings one and all! Spring is here or so I'm told, though apparently Mother Nature was the last to get the memo. It's a new season filled with promise and opportunities for furthering our passion for collecting and displaying our favorite rocks and minerals. Summer, fleeting as it is, will soon be here and we'll all be hurrying here and there, cramming as much living into each day as we can.

Before we all scatter to the winds I'd like to take a moment to reflect on our recent successes and tell you a bit about what we have planned. The past several months have been an active time with the Club hosting a booth at Kaleidoscope, the annual children' cabin fever event held at the Superior Dome. During that event we had the opportunity to share our love of rocks and minerals with 400-plus children and their families.

Also in recent months our Community Education Coordinators Al and Joyce Smith have done numerous presentations on rocks and minerals, along with Leo La Fond representing the Cliffs Shaft and sharing the history of mining in the area, at area schools. We have a rich and proud heritage of

mining and mineral exploration in this area and it's important that we expose our children and grandchildren to it. With the resurgence of various metals mining projects in the Upper Peninsula some of these children may go on to make their living in these undertakings as did their fathers and their father's fathers before them.

In an attempt to better communicate with a new generation of rockhounds we have instituted a Face Book page where we can post information on club activities and events. In a world where technology and communications are developing at an accelerating pace anything we can do to get our message out there will help further our mission and our goals. I learned today that texting is becoming passé and instant messaging forms are replacing it. It figures though, as I had just learned to text with my grandchildren. Old dogs and new tricks you know.

August will see our 38th Annual Gem and Mineral Show, and our Vice President and Show Chairman Ernie

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GEM AND MINERAL SHOW 2013

By the time you receive this Jaspilite the show will be on top of us. Are you ready???

To date we have 12 inside dealers and 31 outside spaces all paid. From the calls and e-mails there should be five to six more outside spaces taken by the day of the show. We are in need of raffle prizes as well as door prizes. Now would be time to look at those extra mineral specimen you may have and donating them to the silent auction. With good specimens it increases the bidding and the income from the silent auction tables.

Now comes one of the most important items of the show: HELP. Volunteers are needed to help set up Friday night starting at 6pm for about 2 hours. Then during the day Saturday in two hour shifts inside starting at 9:30, 11:30, 1:30 & 3:30. Starting at 4:30 we will be setting up for the evening activities. We also need someone who can be at the Elks Club early Saturday, 7:00 am, to help assign spaces to the outside dealers. It should take about 2 hours. If you have not been called to help, please call me. The more help we have the less time any one has to work. Now is the time to pick where and when you would like to work. The front table and the silent auction are the two areas where the most help is needed.

Saturday evening should be a fun time for all who attend, but here again we will need some help to make everything go smoothly. We need someone to record both live auction and raffle winners. Also, don't forget that we are asking all members to bring a dozen or so cookies or bars for the social hour at the completion of the activities Saturday evening.

Don't forget your raffle tickets; make sure you get them turned in. If you have any unsold tickets please turn them in, as last year we sold all the unsold tickets we had at the show. The raffle is one of the major sources of income for the club.

Don't forget the field trips! Any member who helps does not have to pay!! The field trips provide an opportunity to meet and get to know other rock hounds.

Again this year I am working with the Renaissance Festival on advertising. By combining our resources we are hoping to get more and bigger ads for the same amount of money.

The club's web site has generated a lot of interest in the club and the show. I do know that there are individuals staying from Marquette to Ishpeming, both motels and camping.

Saturday can be a long day but when you are having fun, meeting new people, viewing what dealers have and maybe even buying some rocks/minerals, time goes fast.

Remember, it is your show and with your help it will be another great success.

If we have a great day we should have a great show. Don't miss it!!!

Ernie Johnson



Future rockhounds at Kaleidoscope 2013

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Johnson has been hard at work on it for months. Vendor booths are filling rapidly so if you have been thinking about putting some stuff up for sale now is the time to sign up before it's too late. We'll have some old favorites returning from previous years and some new entrepreneurs as well so there'll be something for everyone. There'll be field trips to the Republic Mine and Lindberg's Quarry in conjunction with the show as well.

Speaking of field trips, because of uncertainty due to the unseasonable spring weather we've been slow to schedule trips. There's the issue of snow and high runoff levels making it unsafe if not impossible to access collecting sites. Consequently we've chosen the Republic Mine as our May trip and the South Jackson Pit as our June trip. We're still working on the rest of the season schedule while seeking permission from property owners. All the field trip pertinent information will be posted on our website and Facebook page as it becomes available.

This year is the 60th anniversary of the Club and we're looking at the possibility of developing some commemorative t-shirts. We're working on designs and developing project costs. We'll be presenting some options for the members' approval at the May meeting. The shirts will be available at the August Gem and Mineral Show.

Let's make our 60th a banner year. Come help us celebrate by attend a meeting, going on a field trip and coming to the Show in August. Always remember you are the Club and our successes are yours. Rock on!

Respectfully,

Charlie Richardson

UPCOMING EVENTS

SATURDAY, JUNE 8, 2013

Field trip to the Cliff Mine.

Meet at the Cliff mine, approximately 6 miles past Ahmeek on Cliff drive, at 10:00 am, or at the information center in Ahmeek at 9:30 if you don't know where the mine is. You must be a member of the Ishpeming or Copper Country club to participate. Fee \$25 to offset bulldozing costs.

SATURDAY, JUNE 15, 2013

Field trip to the South Jackson Mine
in Negaunee, MI

SATURDAY, JULY 20, 2013

Field trip - site to be announced.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 2, 2013

Gem & Mineral Show field trip to the Republic
Mine in Republic, MI

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3, 2013

38th Annual Upper Peninsula Gem and Mineral
Show at the Elks Club, Ishpeming, MI

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4, 2013

Lindberg's Quarry in Sands Township
Leave at 12:30 pm from the Negaunee Township
Hall

SEPTEMBER, 2013

Field trip - date and location to be determined.)

KALEIDOSCOPE FUN FOR ALL!

The 2013 Kaleidoscope was a great success for the Rock Club. Kids of all ages enjoyed seeing rock specimens, digging in the sand tub for polished rocks, receiving some free samples and getting answers to questions about minerals and the IRMC. The numbers were great and we were busy all afternoon. Thanks to Ernie, Bob, Norm, Charlie, Dawn, Bev, Trinity, and Sarah for all of their help in setting up, providing specimens, answering questions, working the different areas, and then taking down all of the display. It's hard work but everyone who does it enjoys getting out the word to the public about our fun hobby. Thanks to Leo LaFond for bringing his artifacts from the Cliffs Shaft Mining Museum, also.

Dominique Neuffer, a fourth grader from Ishpeming was the winner of our egg carton rock collection. She entered the closest estimate of the number of Apache Tears in the jar. Dominique was very excited to get her collection. Her mom said that she has collected rocks for a long time. The whole family was anxious to spend some time looking through the collection. Congratulations, Dominique!



SAVE YOUR CANCELLED STAMPS!

The Midwest Federation of Mineralogical and Geological Societies is collecting cancelled stamps. The 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. Our club can participate by collecting stamps and selling these bookmarks at our 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.

AMERICAN FEDERATION OF MINERALOGICAL SOCIETIES ALL AMERICAN CLUB AWARDS

The All American Club Award was established to encourage clubs to share their activities and expertise with other clubs within their respective regions and with the clubs of the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies. This was done by the seven regional federations and the AFMS in 1967. It was also meant to provide an organized approach to an historical record of a club's activities, and provide a means for national recognition of these exceptional clubs.

Just a reminder, if you put on a program of some type pertaining to minerals on behalf of the club please let Ernie know. He just needs to know the date, place, and who and how many attended. He is in the process of collecting all the other data required for the award.

If you have any questions please contact Ernie Johnson.

2013 EARTH SCIENCE AWARDS

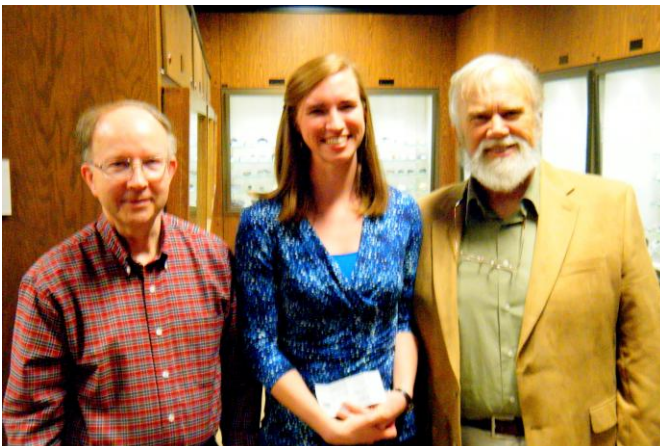
Every year the Ishpeming Rock and Mineral Club recognizes outstanding students in the Earth Sciences, one from Northern Michigan University and one from Michigan Technological University. Each scholar selected receives a \$500 award to further his or her education.

This year's recipient from NMU is Libby Woodford. Libby graduates from Northern this May with a BS in Earth Science and will be pursuing a second bachelor's degree in Geoscience at the University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee. She was nominated as Outstanding Graduating Senior of 2013, and has served as president of the NMU Rock and Mineral Club and was a member of Gamma Theta Upsilon geographical honors society.

From MTU, this year's honoree is Audrey Hutton. Audrey is a third year Geological Engineering student from Warren, Michigan. While at Tech, she has served as president of the Research Scholars Program and as an active member of the Honors Institute and Tau Beta Pi Engineering Honors Society, as well as playing on the varsity tennis team.

Congratulations Libby and Audrey!

Pictured below are Dr. George Robinson, Audrey Hutton, and IRMC President Charlie Richardson.



A budding rockhound at Kaleidoscope 2013

38th ANNUAL UPPER PENINSULA Gem & Mineral Show

Saturday, August 3, 2013 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
(All times eastern Daylight savings Time)

Ishpeming Elks Club Hall
597 Lakeshore Drive, Ishpeming, Michigan

Dealers

Silent Auction

Crackerbarrel

Displays

Kids Area

Working Demonstrations throughout the day

• **FREE Admission** • **Door Prizes** •

Field trips Friday and Sunday

Space available for all who sell or swap:
outside \$25, inside \$50 per 8 lineal feet.

ISHPEMING ROCK AND MINERAL CLUB

Summer 2013 Field Trips

The following Field Trips are planned and scheduled for the Summer of 2013. 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 June 22 and August 4), the group will meet at 9:00 am at the Ace Hardware / ShopKo Hometown parking lot (in the Country Village in Ishpeming) and depart at 9:30 am, **promptly**.

To assure all member's safety, we 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 2013.

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

* Saturday, May 18, 2013 – The Republic Mine in Republic, MI

* Saturday, June 8, 2013 – Cliff Mine in Keweenaw County

Meet at the Cliff mine, approximately 6 miles past Ahmeek on Cliff drive, at 10:00 am, or at the information center in Ahmeek at 9:30 if you don't know where the mine is. You must be a member of the Ishpeming or Copper Country club to participate. Fee \$25 to offset bulldozing costs.

* Saturday, June 15, 2013 – The South Jackson Mine in Negaunee, MI

* Saturday, July 20, 2013 – TBA (to be announced)

* Saturday, in September 2013 – Date & Location TBA

2013 Gem & Mineral Show Field Trips

* Friday, August 2, 2013 – The Republic Mine in Republic, MI

* Sunday, August 4, 2013 – Lindberg's Quarry in Negaunee/Sands

Leave at 12:30 pm from the Negaunee Township Hall

Ishpeming Rock & Mineral Club

Rules, Regulations & Policies for Field Trip Outings 2013

To insure that we all have a fun and prosperous day of collecting, we need to follow a few rules. Land Owners have graciously opened their site 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). **Smoking is not permitted at collecting sites.**
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!

The Ishpeming Rock and Mineral Club

www.ishpemingrockandmineralclub.org

President	Charlie Richardson
Vice President	Ernest Johnson
Secretary	Dawn Hoffman
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	John Crady
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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. During the summer business meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. on the third Monday of the month.

The Ishpeming Rock and Mineral Club Presents

ROCKS 101

A great family activity!

Sunday, July 28, 2013

1:00 - 3:30

Cliffs Shaft Mine Museum

Ishpeming, MI

- Introduction to rock collecting
- Learn how and where to collect specimens
- Learn how to identify minerals
- Hands on experience with actual specimens
- Receive a collection that you identify in the class

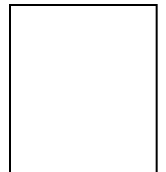
BEGINNING ROCKHOUNDS AGES 8 AND UP ARE
WELCOME.

CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT.

Space is limited. Participants must pre-register
before Friday, July 26th by calling 225-0408.

FREE ADMISSION!!!!

Ishpeming Rock and Mineral Club
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