

Charlie's Chatter

by Charlie Baumann

45 members and 4 guests were in attendance. Our guests were: Carolin Hirth, Lori Dawson, Barb Smiers, and Mark Benedict. Mark, Lori and Barb joined this evening – welcome!

If anyone has "naturally" occurring pictures on rocks, bring them to the May meeting for display and discussion.

Gary Bull donated the door prize - a beautiful Brazilian agate. Herb Merten was the winner of the door prize. The snacks were donated by Gary & Deb Bull and Don & Bonnie Reed.

Ann Bigger donated some old Rock and Mineral magazines, along with some shop towels to the club. Tom Fordyce donated a new Rock and Gem book to the club library. Thanks to all for their generosity.

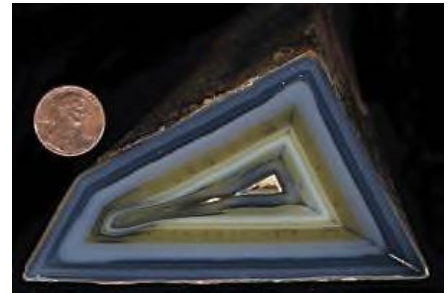
Tom Fordyce and Ken Schug gave a lab report. Tom said the 6" saw blade was out of round and needed to be replaced. Ken said that some of the polishing wheels need replacing. A motion was made and seconded to purchase a blade and wheels.

Tom is going to write and post lab rules. Tom also said that we need slabs for the Cab classes. Slabs should be a minimum of 1/4" thick. If anyone has any extra slabs, please bring them in.

Petoskey Stone Festival is May 29th (Memorial Day weekend) 10am - 4pm. The Rockhounds will sponsor a space again this year. Anyone interested in manning the space contact Lauren Vaughn or Russ Barron. More info can be found at our website. Go to links @ News and Notes, or Sponsors link page.

Deb Bull put on a most entertaining and informative short program on Crinoid fossils. She had a number of great examples and entertained questions after the program. Thanks Deb.

Upcoming Events



April 20th

5-Minute Program

"Quartz, Tourmaline, and Polyhedroid Agates"

by Sis Leake & Jim Lutfy

Main Program

"Are You Smarter Than a Fifth Grade Rockhound?"

trivia game

May 18th

5-Minute Program

"Bring Your Best Picture Rock"
with Don Reed

Main Program

"Tucson Show 2010"

by Don Reed

elsewhere:

April 30th – May 2nd

"Fantastical Fossil Gem & Mineral Show"

Kalamazoo County Expo Center

contact: Kitty Starbuck

269-649-1991

GTARMC Workshop User Guidelines

1. Find a buddy. You cannot use the workshop alone. There must be at least two members who've taken the cabochon class present when the machines are in use. Below is a list of those who've indicated they're interested in spending time in the workshop.

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2. Call the Heritage Center, Lori Puckett, specifically, to check the schedule and make sure there is nothing scheduled for the classroom adjacent to the workshop during the time you'd like to use it. Her number is: 995-0313.

3. Call one of the following 'keepers of the keys' and make arrangements to pick up the key.

<u>name</u>	<u>phone</u>
John Matz	223-7644
Ken Schug	276-7101
Russ Barron	645-1292

4. There is a \$2/per use fee for each individual, payable to the 'keeper of the key' when you return the key. This nominal charge helps offset the cost of maintaining the equipment for club members' use.

5. The larger slab saw is not to be used at present. Marshall Collins has offered to cut slabs from stones too large for the smaller saw for other club members. Marshall has a shop in Northport and can be reached at 386-5169.

Reminder: When using the GTARMC workshop during Heritage Center hours - adhere to the posted hours: M-F 10 am to 4:30 pm. Clean the workroom and be ready to leave *before* 4:30 so as not to keep the Center's staff or volunteers waiting.



The Grand Traverse Area Rock and Mineral Club (GTARMC) is open to the public. Promoting our hobby is our goal.

All regular meetings & classes are held at the Heritage Center (the old library) on Sixth Street in Traverse City on the Third Tuesday of each month, at 7pm, unless posted otherwise in the newsletter.

If you have received a complementary newsletter, we welcome you to attend our next meeting. You do not have to be a member to attend the meetings of the GTARMC.

The Grand Traverse Area Rock and Mineral Club is affiliated with the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies and the Midwest Federation of Mineralogical and Geological Societies.

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Adult \$15.00 / Jr. (8-17) \$5.00
Couple \$20.00
(children \$3 ea.)

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