



# KETTLE KRIER

President: Tony Ilecki      Vice President: Richard Hamann  
Secretary: John Rettler      Treasurer: Carol Ward

## A Message From the President

Welcome to April. Our 55th annual show is now behind us and I would like to thank all of our members for their hard work in making it a success. The displays and demonstrations that were a big part of this show were fantastic and I'm sure were responsible for the positive feedback that came from the many attendees. A special thanks goes out to the committee for all their hard work in setting it up. Be sure to attend the April meeting (April 19th at 6:30) for a full report and discussion.

Meanwhile, preparations for the summer picnic are in progress and Janet Schmitt is trying to set up a date in early August at Nixon Park in Hartland. I look forward to this event as previous picnics were well attended and great fun.

Finally, I would like to ask members if anyone is interested in heading up committees that we seem to be in need of. These include a Field Trip Committee and Sunshine Committee. Anyone interested can contact me at the meeting, by phone, or email.

Have a great April and I hope to see you at the meeting.

## Recap of March Meeting

Meeting Called to Order by President Tony Ilecki at 6:33 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance recited by 32 members in attendance. We had 5 guests in attendance: Joseph & Laura Fischer, Warren Wiedmeyer, Mary Little & Bob Libscomb

Sec. John Rettler read the Minutes of the February Meeting. Debbie Elftman made motion to accept as read. Second by Dave Elftman. Motion Carried.

Treasurers Report was read by Treasurer Carol Ward. Motion by Winnie Mading to accept as read. Second by Monica Daley. Motion Carried.

Show Committee Report: John Rettler gave a preliminary report stating that we had a successful show and the results appear to be close to the 2016 show. More and final details will be presented at the April Meeting. We had much positive feedback from Vendors, Guests and Members, and it appears the Show was a success.

The Tech Committee Report was presented by Richard Rosenberg. Members are encouraged to post pictures and notices on Facebook and Social Media. If you forward them to Richard he will put them on the Club Website. John Rettler suggested that any "Still" pics or video's the members have of the show should be sent to Richard or Ed

Sanford to be edited into the Drone Video from the show to be part of our future promotions.

President Tony Ilecki requested any comments or short articles about the show be forwarded to him for the Kettle Krier.

***Announcements:***

Waukesha County Expo Show is March 18 & 19<sup>th</sup>.

Badger Lapidary Show is March 25 & 26<sup>th</sup>.

Badger Knife Club Annual Show in Janesville is March 25 & 26<sup>th</sup>.

Cedar Rapids Iowa Show is March 25 & 26<sup>th</sup>.

The Curry Auction in Belvidere IL is April 15<sup>th</sup>.

***Old Business:***

Mary Nettesheim gave an update on Jim Boyd. His Museum will be open from time to time depending upon his health, and she will keep us informed for a potential field trip.

The KMGS Display and participation at the “Green Alliance Sustainability Fair” in Delafield in August was revisited for additional details.

***New Business:***

Janet Schmitt suggested that a Field Trip to the UW Madison Museum might be better suited for fall; due to busy summer schedules, and will investigate available dates.

Dave Elftman brought up that we discuss and perhaps re-evaluate the distribution of the Post Cards with the Kettle Krier again being distributed. To find out who prefers which, in light of the costs associated with the printing and mailing the monthly Post Cards. After a brief discussion; including e-mail notifications or an increased membership fee to offset the costs for those who prefer the monthly postcard, it was decided to table the matter; as Debbie agreed to get a more accurate cost of the service to be decided upon next month.

In exchange for the delay of a decision; John Rettler made the motion to continue to fund the printing and mailing of the post cards through the rest of the year. So no change would be made until the beginning of next year. The motion was seconded by Winnie Mading and the motion carried.

Janet Schmitt asked about holding a Summer Picnic again. After a brief discussion it was decided that she will research and investigate availability of dates, preferably the first Saturday in August, at Nixon Park in Hartland, and will report next month.

President Ilecki reported that a Field Trip with Bill Schoenfuss for Wisconsin Moonstone; may be in jeopardy, as his access to the land we hunted on has been sold. If he is able to take us on a tour; it will be a “quick notice and go” situation, and we should all stand by for details “if” they come available.

April Meeting program will be Janet reporting back on the Tucson Show if she is available. If not Winnie will be continuing the series on The Nature and Geology of the Natural Parks

Debbie Elftman brought up the prospect for purchasing or acquiring “stock” for next year’s show. Up to now most of the materials were donated by club members; but that has been less frequent.

Members who have stock available for the Club Sales; or are “holding Inventory; should write it

down and get it to the Club President for inventory purposes. We will discuss this in more details as the year goes on.

April Goodie Detail is Tim & Gail Perrin and Tony & Marlene Ilecki.

Motion to adjourn by Dave Elftman. Second by Winnie Mading. Motion Carried at 7:17 pm.

*John M Rettler - Secretary*

**The next meeting will be on April 19, 2017, 6:30PM at the Pewaukee Library.**

## A WORD FROM THE SHOW COMMITTEE

The details of the 2017 KMGS 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Show are still being totaled and evaluated. But we would like to take this time to simply say that based upon the feedback from Vendors, Visitors, Committee Volunteers and Members, the show was a great success! It was a great Team effort and the results are due to the entire Committee and members working together. Our job was made easier by those who offered their assistance as much as it was from those who selflessly and tirelessly shared in the labors related to not only contributing to the show, but sharing the duties presented by the committee to be implemented and associated with putting on the event. Whatever the result end up being; it is a wonderful reflection of the cooperation and spirit of our Club Membership. We are happy to be associated with you all as we venture forward to expand the scope of KMGS and encourage the participation in the Study of Geology and Earth Sciences. Congratulations and Thank You to all involved!

John & Mary Rettler

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**APRIL 1-2—DES PLAINES, ILLINOIS:** Retail show; The Des Plaines Valley Geological Society, Des Plaines Park Dist Leisure Center; 2222 Birch St; Sat. 9:30-5, Sun. 10-4; Adults \$3, Seniors \$2, Students \$1, Children under 12 free; There will be live demonstrations, educational exhibits, raffle, silent auction, gold panning and fine gem, mineral, fossil and jewelry dealers. ; contact Lois Zima, Des Plaines, IL, (847)-298-4653

**April 15, 2017 Belvedere IL:** Curry lapidary auction

**APRIL 22-23—EAU CLAIRE, WISCONSIN:** Annual show; Chippewa Valley Gem & Mineral Society, Eau Claire County Exposition Center; 5530 Fairview Drive; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-4; Free Admission; 54th Annual Chippewa Valley Gem & Mineral Society Show & Sale - kids' activities and crafts, demonstrations, shopping, silent auction, fluorescent mineral displays, rock collections, rock spheres demonstration, wire wrap jewelry, rock cutting and cabbing, jewelry and gemstones, mineral specimens, agate and geodes, fossils and petrified wood, beads and supplies, copper and silver finds, crystal and amethyst, books and rough rock. ; contact Paul Tubbs, 619 Van Buren Street, Eau Claire, WI 54703-6061, (715)-834-5747; e-mail: [bizpam1@charter.net](mailto:bizpam1@charter.net)

**MAY 6-7—BRAINERD, MINNESOTA:** Annual show; Cuyuna Rock, Gem, and Mineral Society, Crow Wing County Fairgrounds; 2000 S.E. 13th St.; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-4; Admission \$1, Students under 16 free; 15th Annual Hosting the 77th Convention of the Midwest Federation of Mineralogical and Geological Societies. Indoor and outdoor vendors, exhibits, crafts, art, jewelry, demonstrations, displays, rock cutting, knappers, Ask the Wizard of Rocks, kids' korner, crystals, prizes for kids, door Prizes, Free Lake Superior agate given to first 1000 attendees.; contact Sharon Smith, 2630 Beauty Lake Rd. S.W., Nisswa, MN 56468, (218)-343-7037; e-mail: [Sharon@agatesrock.com](mailto:Sharon@agatesrock.com); Web site: [www.cyunarockclub.org](http://www.cyunarockclub.org)

## Some Pics From the Show



## THE LAST WORD

“The time has come,” the Walrus said, “to speak of many things. Of geodes and agates, of jaspers and lakers, all unearthed by the waves in the spring.” Is this what the Walrus might have said on his walk on the beach had he been a rockhound? With the weather warming up and the ice finally gone, it is a good time to check out the return of the green on trees and in fields. And, before the land is covered with grass and other flora, check to see what has heaved out of the ground over the winter. Just short time to do this too, as lawn mowing and other warm weather chores are just around the corner.

Your comments on this newsletter are welcome. Send them to me at [tilecki@ymail.com](mailto:tilecki@ymail.com) or phone me at (414) 881-3411.

See you at the April meeting, Wednesday April 19, 2017 at the Pewaukee Library, 6:30PM.

Until next time, happy rockhounding!!

TONY ILECKI

Editor