



# THE KETTLE KRIER

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The Kettle Moraine Geological Society (**KMGS**) was organized in 1960 for the purpose of gathering and disseminating knowledge of geology and the earth sciences

Our meetings are held at the Pewaukee Public Library on the third Wednesday of each month at 6:30 PM. Guests are always welcome. Persons interested in becoming members can obtain an application form from any of the officers.

Visit our website at [www.kmgsrocks.com](http://www.kmgsrocks.com) and like us on facebook.

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## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

February, the shortest month of the year, is upon us. If you are like me, it also brings about the start of "cabin fever". One of the things that helps to ease this malady is the preparation for the KMGS annual show in March. Time to dust off the displays and get them ready to show the public what we are all about. If the club displays are anything like last year, this year will again bring a fantastic show.

This is the time of year that I like to start thinking about getting back to the outdoors and getting dirty. So I ask that our members put on their thinking caps and come up with some field trip suggestions. Short day trips that we can take together will help our group get to know each other better and maybe generate stories to be told to our kids and grandkids.

Tony Ilecki

### AND A HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THESE MEMBERS BORN IN THIS MONTH

Feb 8, Richard Hamann

Feb 19, Mary Nettesheim

Feb 20, Garrett Schumacher

Feb 21, Winnie Mading

**Our next meeting is on Feb 21, 2018 at 6:30PM at the Pewaukee Public Library**

## ***Minutes of January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018 KMGS Monthly Meeting***

- (1) Meeting Called to Order by President Tony Ilecki at 6:39 PM.
- (2) The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the 28 Members and Guests in attendance.
- (3) New Member Javier Benitez was welcomed.
- (4) Sec. John Rettler read the Minutes of the December Meeting. Dave Elftman made motion to accept as read. Second by Jeannie Lyons. Motion Carried.
- (5) Treasurers Report was read by Treas. Carol Ward. Motion by Debbie Elftman to accept as read. Second by Jeannie Lyons Motion Carried.
- (6) The Tech Committee Report was presented by Richard Rosenberger.  
New 2018 Roster is being updated and will be sent out after the meeting.  
Web Page was updated with Show Vendors and Exhibitor.  
Members are encouraged to use Face Book to promote the show.
- (7) Show Committee Report: John Rettler reported that 100% of the Vendors have returned contracts and deposits for the show. We have purchased an additional Banner to be displayed at the show. We have over 6000 flyers in distribution, with 100 flyers and 10 posters being mailed to each “non-member” vendor as well as displayers. We will be promoting the show with flyers and the video of the 2017 show to all media outlets in the SE Wisconsin. We are in need of volunteers. But on track.
- (8) Sunshine Fund – Please get your DOB’s to Richard at Tech for the Kettle Krier

### ***Old Business***

- (9) 4-H open house on Jan 27<sup>th</sup>, 20 kids and adults signed up, and everybody is invited to attend.
- (10) Motion was made by Debbie Elftman and seconded by Marlene Ilecki to vote to accept the separation of Bylaws from the Constitution of the KMGS and the changes which have been presented at the last three meetings. A voice vote was taken by the membership and the motion carried by unanimous vote. A second vote must be taken at the February meeting before the changes are in effect.

### ***New Business:***

- (11) Mike Andrysczyk announced that he was now going to be speaking on earth sciences and promoting the club at the junior high students at Greenfield School System this year.
- (12) Janet Schmitt noted that she arranged for a “Mini-Show” at the Hartland Community Center on June 14<sup>th</sup>.
- (13) At the February meeting bring show specimens to be identified and priced for the show, and some may be asked to assist in filling canisters for the sifter and education table.
- (14) Janet Schmitt donated some fine specimens for door prizes.
- (15) Goodie Detail for February is Tim & Gail Perrin & Janet Schmitt. March will be Kate Comdohr & Megan McDonald.
- (16) Show and Tell specimens were presented by Garret & Toni Schumacher, and Monica Daley.
- (17) Motion to adjourn by Ed Sanford. Second by Jeannie Lyons at 7:19 pm. Motion Carried.

*John M Rettler - Secretary*

## KMGS PRESENTS THE FIELD OF GEOLOGY AND THE EARTH SCIENCES TO WASHINGTON COUNTY 4H era

On Saturday, January 27, 2018, a small group of KMGS members traveled to West Bend, Wisconsin to put on a small show about rocks and the earth sciences for the 4H Clubs of Washington County. The purpose of the trip was to introduce the 4Hers to rocks and what is and can be done with them. To that end, a series of stations was set up and presentations made to small groups of youngsters.

John Rettler took his groups on a virtual tour of the Stratica Salt Mine and Museum in Hutchinson, Kansas. Mike Andrysczyk did his usual great job of explaining the types of rocks and when and how they were formed. Joe Woger fascinated his audience with stories of dinosaurs and his display of dinosaur bones and other fossils. Richard Hamann introduced his groups to the “dark side” of fluorescent rocks, explaining how and why some rocks “glow” under ultra violet light. Tim Perrin showed how the large boulders can be cracked and made into smaller rocks that can be handled more easily and used for various landscape and construction purposes. Tony llecki demonstrated rock tumbling, the art of taking small rough stones and making them rounded and shiny. Milt Wilson showed how many small rocks can be cut, shaped and polished to make beautiful “cabochons”. Finally, Marlene llecki presented a “make and take”, demonstrating how the cabochons could be wrapped with wire to make beautiful jewelry.

Making the rounds and helping where needed were Gail Perrin, Mary Rettler, Jeannie Lyons and Carol Ward. Without their help things would not have gone as smoothly as they did.

The day seemed a big success and we all hope that it sparked just a wee bit of interest in the field and hobby of geology. There may just be a few new rockhounds to join us in the future.

May the stone in your boot be a beautiful Lake Superior agate



Mike Andrysczyk talks rocks



Milt Wilson explaining cabochons



Tim Perrin make little rocks out of big ones

## TUCSON BOUND?

It is rumored that a few of our members have made it to the warm climes of Tucson, Arizona for the big gem show held every February. Maybe we can convince them to share the insiders view of the show with us at one of our meetings when they return.

Ed.

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## CALL FOR PAPERS

It's been a few years now, but once again it is time for "**How I got started in the Rockhounding Hobby**". All that is needed is for all of you members to write a short description of how and why you got into the hobby and/or joined KMGS. Submit your story to the editor at [tilecki@ymail.com](mailto:tilecki@ymail.com) or phone him at (414)881-3411

Ed.

## PROGRAM NOTES

One part of our Charter is to educate, and education begins with our own members. Our club has an abundance of skill and knowledge to be shared and it's a shame not to pass it on. In order to attract and maintain new members and generate more excitement within our club at our monthly meetings, we would like to invite any and all members to present a short program in their area of expertise. We have several members who have already shared their knowledge or have agreed to in the future.

This will be great chance for new and old members to get to know each other. Plus you don't need public speaking experience as it's just us as friends and club members.

Please consider and call either:

Carol Ward 414-771-6744  
Bernice McCloskey 414-327-3241

Carol Ward

## From the Show Committee

Hey! Rockhounds! We are in the home stretch!

The 56<sup>th</sup> Annual KMGS Show on March 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> will be here before you know it!

This year's show is shaping up to represent and continue our traditions and reputation in true KMGS fashion, as the expansion in the displays and demonstrations KMGS is becoming known for growing in size and quality! The additions of the Fluorescent Display and assortment of vendors, displays, exhibitors and demonstrators will propel the KMGS to new levels!

NOW is the time to get flyers and promotions out to everybody we know and tell them to pass the word. If you need flyers, I will get them to you! If you use Social Media, E-mail, Instagram, or any form of communication be sure to post and repost the flyers, and video of the 2017 show and encourage everybody you know and don't know to attend.

I wish to thank in advance the Show Committee for their cooperation and contributions to making the workload of planning and setting up the show easier, as many hands makes light work.

We still will need and hope for volunteers from beyond the club membership, so if you know anyone who is willing and capable of helping out, we welcome their involvement. If students or scouts or even teachers who need community service hours for any certifications, we will be happy to exchange their time for our endorsements.

We will have a sign-up sheet at the next meeting for members and non-members alike to pick a time slot or day they can assist. Let's all pull together for a final push in promotions and we are sure to have a show we can all be proud of! Until then....  
**ROCK ON!**

## UPCOMMING EVENTS

**FEB 16-18—INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA:** Annual show; Indiana State Museum and Historic Sites, Indiana State Museum ; 650 West Washington Street; Fri. 10-5; Adults \$14.95, Seniors \$13.95, Students \$12.95, Children \$9.95; GeoFest, the 16th Annual Indiana State Museum Fossil, Gem and Mineral Show. Retail show will include dealers, regional clubs, and adult and kid's activities in a beautiful museum building. ; contact Peggy Fisherkeller, 650 West Washington Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204, (317)-232-7172; e-mail: [pfisherkeller@indianamuseum.org](mailto:pfisherkeller@indianamuseum.org)

**FEB 16-18—KIRKWOOD, MISSOURI:** Annual show; Cabin Fever Productions, Inc., Kirkwood Community Center; 111 South Geyer Road; Fri. 4-9, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-4; Adults \$3, Seniors/Students \$2, Children 12 & Under: Free; Rocks, minerals and fossils for everyone from novice to expert collectors. Finished jewelry, loose gems and beads add sparkle to your cold, dull winter. Unusual and unique finds, including a variety of metaphysical items. Great outing for the kids!; contact Bruce Vick, 1801 Barbary Way, Swansea, IL 62226, (618)-973-7222; e-mail: [cabinfeverprod@aol.com](mailto:cabinfeverprod@aol.com); Web site: [www.cabinfeverprod.com](http://www.cabinfeverprod.com)

**MAR 10-11: WEST BEND, WI** Kettle Moraine Geological Society Annual Show. Sat 10 am - 5 pm; Sun 10 am - 4 pm. Washington County Fair Park & Convention Center, 3000 Hwy PV, West Bend. Contact: John Rettler, W 477 Hwy 100, Rubicon 53078; (262) 345-5020; [johnrettler@gmail.com](mailto:johnrettler@gmail.com)

**MAR 23-24: CEDAR RAPIDS, IA** Cedar Valley Rocks & Mineral Society Annual Show. Sat 8:30 am - 6 pm; Sun 9:30 am - 5 pm. Hawkeye Downs Expo Center, 4400 - 6th St., SW, Cedar Rapids. Contact: Marvin Houg, 1820 - 30th St. SE, Cedar Rapids; (319) 364-2868; [m-houg@yahoo.com](mailto:m-houg@yahoo.com)

**MAR 24-25: JANESVILLE, WI** Badger Lapidary & Geological Society Annual Show. Sat 9 am - 5 pm; Sun 9 am - 4 pm. Craig Center Building, Rock County Fairgrounds, 1301 Craig Ave, Janesville. Contact: Debbie Wehinger, 708 W 2nd Ave, Brodhead 53520; (608) 897-2608; [jdrules3@gmail.com](mailto:jdrules3@gmail.com)

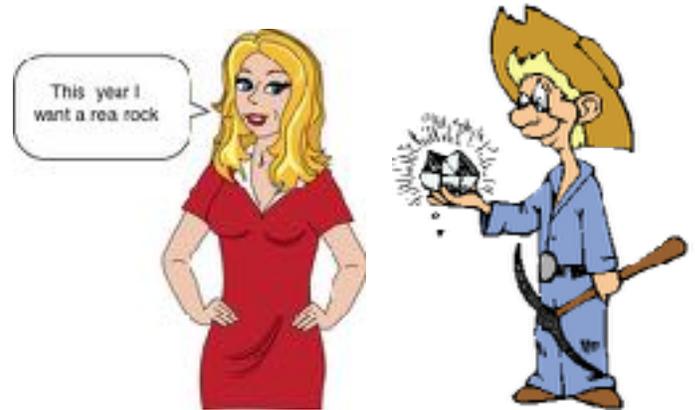
## The Last Word

February, just about half way through winter. As of this writing we are still waiting for the "BIG DUMP" of snow. I, for one wouldn't mind if it didn't show up this year. The time we would normally spend moving the white stuff around into big piles can be spent fine tuning displays for the 56th Annual KMGS Rock Show in March.

This month brings a change to the format of the Krier. Please let me know what you think of it. Send comments and/or suggestions to me at [tilecki@ymail.com](mailto:tilecki@ymail.com).

Don't forget Valentine Day on the 14th of this month. The love of your life would appreciate a gift of a fine specimen from your collection.

Tony Ilecki  
Editor



**Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday February 21, 2018 at the Pewaukee Public Library. Meeting starts at 6:30PM. Refreshments will be provided by Tim and Gail Perrin, and Janet Schmitt. Instead of a program, you are asked to bring in any specimens that need ID or pricing for the Club Sales table at the March show. Also we may need to fill canisters for the sifter and the education table.**

**SEE YOU ALL THERE**