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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 and like us on facebook.

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Reading the "How I Got Started" articles in recent issues, I noticed a common theme among the different reasons for becoming members of KMGS. The desire to learn more about geology and how to identify specimens from people who are willing to share their knowledge. In fact, it was one of the main reasons for my joining the club 5 years ago, and the education I have gotten from older members has been priceless.

KMGS is blessed by having members who are knowledgeable and are willing to pass on their knowledge and passion for the hobby known as rockhounding. Events such as the Hartland Library program, the 4H presentation in West Bend, the set up at the Germantown 4th of July festivities, and of course, our annual show bring awareness of our group and hobby to a lot of people, and some may wish to join us. Let's keep up the tradition.

Tony Ilecki, President KMGS

AND A HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THESE MEMBERS BORN IN THIS MONTH

Richard Rosenberger, July 7 Peter Graetz, July 15
 Bernice McCloskey, July 18 Carol Ward, July 22

Our next meeting is on July 18 , 2018 at 6:30PM at the Pewaukee Public Library

May 16th, 2018 KMGS Monthly Meeting

Meeting Called to Order by Vice-President Richard Hamann at 6:35 PM.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the 24 Members in attendance.

Guests in attendance were: Travis Dubmicki, and Nanci & Donald Shervey.

Sec. John Rettler read the Minutes of the May Meeting. Winnie Mading made motion to accept as read. Second by Javair Benitez. Motion Carried.

Treasurers Report was read by Treas. Carol Ward. Motion by Mike Andrysczyk to accept as read. Second by Kathy Pabst. Motion Carried.

Show Committee Report: John Rettler reported that the show committee will be meeting before the next regular club meeting. Anybody wishing to be included, contact John for details. 150 flyers have been sent to the nine vendors who are paid under the "Early Bird Special" and the show is progressing.

There was no Sunshine Committee report as no sunshine was reported.

The "Program Committee" report was given by Carol Ward. As there were no volunteers she will be contacting some of the membership to find a presenter. Tentatively Joe Woger will present on Dinosaurs in August.

The "Education Committee" Mike Andrysczyk and Doug Liepins will be producing some display boxes for a few teachers at local schools, and will be assembling both materials and display boxes for teachers to use to teach geology and mineralogy.

The Tech Committee Report was presented by Richard Rosenberger. No major issues or advancements to report, other than a new roster will be sent out soon.

Vice President noted that the board will be in contact with Tim Perrin when Tony Ilecki is back from vacation to inspect the donated lapidary equipment from Nick Smith, and discuss a trailer for the club to store equipment and supplies if it is feasible.

(Old Business)

Janet Schmitt, Richard Rosenberger and Mike Andrysczyk reported that the Hartland Library Mini-show will on June 14th. Was well attended and there was a lot of interest from the youths and adults alike.

(New Business)

Janet Schmitt Reported that The KMGS Summer Picnic will be on Saturday August 4th at Nixon Park in Hartland from Noon until 4 p.m. the 25th. The event will be announced in the Kettle Krier.

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Janet Schmitt also noted she “may” be arranging a Grant Park Rock Hunt outing, and asked that it be put into the Kettle Krier and anyone interested in going should contact her.

Janet also has some geology books from the Chuck Howland Collection for members to read and circulate.

Doug Liepins volunteered to take all the old journals and put them to use.

Janet Schmitt also noted that due to her busy schedule, she has tabled the idea of a field trip to the UW Museum of Geology until fall. More on that later when details emerge.

KMGS will once again be displaying at the Germantown Community 4th of July at the Germantown Fireman’s Park. Anyone wishing to attend is welcome, but should be there before 8:30 am or you will not get past the parade or find a place to park.

Goodie Detail for June was Kathy Pabst & Carol Ward.
Goodie Detail July will be Russ Fuhrer and Donna Cook.

(Announcements)

July 20 & 21, The Lakeland Gem & Mineral Club annual show is in Minocqua at the High School

Door prizes were donated by Janet Schmitt

Peter Graetz presented a history of Wisconsin natives with artifacts on display.

Motion to adjourn by Peter Graetz. Second by Winnie Mading. Motion Carried at 7:14 pm.

John M Rettler - Secretary

Join Janet Schmitt For A Walk Along the Lakeshore

Janet Schmitt will be heading up a nearby field trip to the Grant Park Lake Michigan shoreline on Sunday, July 15, 2018, starting at noon. Major rain or storms will cancel, but light drizzle may leave the shore less crowded.

DIRECTIONS > Exit at College Ave. + go east ALL the way to Lake Drive, take a right onto Lake Dr., go to 4 way stop at Park St, go left + drive in to Soccer field #4, take that left turn heading to Picnic areas 5-5A-6. Drive way into the east end parking. Head down to the beach by the staircase in the woods trail/left of far parking area. = about 55 steps/some broken handrails) You will find me somewhere along the beach. I will be watching for you! I will probably be there until 3 or so. Keep in mind Sundays may be crowded, so we can always head farther down the beach.

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BRING: A bag (best not a thin plastic), a bucket, or anything to put your treasures in, a scoop or trowel if you want to dig. Gloves are recommended, and It is strongly suggested to wear something on your feet that you don't mind getting wet. I hunt well tumbled beach glass BUT there is always pieces of newly sharp broken glass.

There are always numerous things to found on the beach, from driftwood to maybe a fossil if you look hard enough. An added plus this year is that the Milwaukee County Parks Traveling Beer Garden will be Grant Park that day, giving us a chance to relax with root beer or beer after walking the beach.

KMGS GOES TO THE LIBRARY

On Thursday June 14, 2018, a small contingent of KMGS members invaded the Hartland Public Library with a presentation of what rockhounding is all about.

Mike Andrysczyk awed both the kids and adults with his descriptions of how rocks were formed long ago, and identifying rocks that he gave out to them. Janet Schmitt, who arranged the presentation, had a table of the various rocks and things that can be found on local beaches along Lake Michigan. Marlene Ilecki and Jeanne Lyons showed how rough rocks can be made into beautiful jewelry. Tony Ilecki explained how rocks were “tumbled” to polish them to gleaming shine. Richard Rosenberger showed the florescence that some rocks exhibit when exposed to ultra violet light.

Quite a few parents and children attended the event, and all of them seemed to enjoy the experience. I know that all of us who were there to show off our goodies had a great time. Looking forward to next year.



The Location of the event



Janet Schmitt shows what can be found on local beaches and



FRONT: Mike Andrysczyk explains rock formation
BACK: Richard Rosenberger and the florescent rocks.

GERMANTOWN FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION

Once again, KMGS has been invited to participate in the Germantown 4th of July celebration. The sifter will be there as well as the Mike Andrysczyk Rock Show and Joe Woger. Set up will start at about 7:30AM for those who would like to help out.

KMGS ANNUAL PICNIC

This year, our picnic will be held on Saturday, August 4th, 2018 at Nixon Park in Hartland. We have rented the shelter near the playground so rain will not be a problem. As always, it is a BYOF&B (bring your own food and beverages).

Please note that we do not have a beer permit. There will be grill going for hamburgers and brats, etc. In past years, many of us have brought a “dish to pass” item which makes for a nice variety of eats.

Part of the fun of the picnic is to bring any recent finds (including those found at Grant Park) for show and tell and tales of recent travels. Here are some pics of last year’s event.

So, keep the date open and we hope to see you there.



HOW I GOT STARTED

This month our treasurer Carol Ward tells us how and why she became a member of KMGS.

Growing up on a farm, every spring the entire family would spend the day out in the field picking up rocks. This was done so the my dad could work the land and plant corn. My brothers and I would climb a big boulder that was in the middle of the field until one day when my dad dynamited it. I was always fascinated with pretty rocks. Little did I know that I would still be picking up rocks as an adult. The difference is, now it’s fun! When we went to Colorado we would look for rocks, but didn’t know where to go or what to look for. That was when I decided to join KMGS to further my knowledge.

Carol Ward

UPCOMING EVENTS

JULY 4th Germantown, WI KMGS will be at the Germantown 4th of July Celebration at Fireman's Park to promote the earth sciences and of course KMGS. Festivities start at 11:00AM with fireworks at dusk.

JULY 14-15: FREDERIC, WI Indianhead Gem & Mineral Society Annual Show. Sat 9 am - 5 pm, Sun 10 am - 4 pm. Frederic High School, Frederic. Contact: Roy Wickman, 1127 - 7th St., Alemnena 54805; (715) 357-3223.

JULY 20-21: MINOCQUA, WI Lakeland Gem & Mineral Club Annual Show, Fri 10 am - 6 pm; Sat 9 am - 5 pm. Lakeland Union High School, 9573 Highway 70 West, Minocqua. Contact: Ron Zimmer, 9280 Timberline Dr., Minocqua 54548; (715) 614-1080; rzimmer@charter.net

AUGUST 4th: Hartland, WI KMGS Annual Picnic at Nixon Park in Hartland. Picnic starts at NOON rain or shine.

August 25: MT PLEASANT, WI Racine Geological Society Annual Show. 10 am - 5 pm. Bartlett Youth Foundation, 1120 N. Stuart Rd., Mt. Pleasant. Contact: John Lowman, 3223 Spruce St., Racine 53403; (262) 989-9193; lowman.john@sbcglobal.net

THE LAST WORD

Happy birthday United States of America!! It is time to celebrate 242 years of independence. Let the parades, picnics and fireworks begin. During the festivities, do not forget the courage and determination of our founding fathers and the grit of the revolutionary army that allowed the revolution to succeed.

GOD BLESS AMERICA

And, one final happy birthday to one of the founding members of KMGS. Bernice McCloskey will add one more year on July 18, the same day as our monthly meeting. ROCK ON Bernice

Finally, a thought for the month: **Four quartz specimens do not make one gallon specimen.**

Happy rockhounding!!!

Tony Ilecki
Editor

