



# 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.

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## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

June is here and the traditional hiatus of monthly club meetings has begun. But have faith my fellow rockhounds, KMGS will still be meeting on the third Wednesday of June, July and August. While many of you may not be able to make these meetings due to vacations and rockhounding trips, those who attend these meetings can share their experiences of recent trips and enjoy the comradery fellow rockhounds. Who knows, something interesting might happen. I hope to see a few of you at these meetings.

Meanwhile I noticed that the MWF is requesting delegates from the clubs to attend the Oct 6th & 7th Annual Meeting in Springfield, IL. Anyone interested can see me at any meeting or email me for more information.

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

Ed McCullough, June 2      Nyssa Unger, June 13  
 Monica Daily, June 26      Susan Tobias, June 27

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

## *May 16th, 2018 KMGS Monthly Meeting*

Meeting Called to Order by President Tony Ilecki at 6:35 PM.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the 30 Members in attendance.

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

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

Show Committee Report: John Rettler reported that the show committee will be meeting before the next regular club meeting. Flyers will be going out in June, so with 7 vendors already signed up, any members who want to be on the flyer, need to send in their contracts before June 1<sup>st</sup>.

There was discussion on forming an "Education Committee" to better deliver the KMGS mission to the public. The Committee will be Doug Leipens, Javaier Benitez, Cherri Zahn and Mike Andrysczyk will serve as Committee Chairman.

The Tech Committee Report was presented by Richard Rosenberger. Facebook as a similar program as Amazon Smile. Social Media continues to be a resource for members to use and promote the KMGS.

Sunshine Committee: - Marlene Ilecki, Nyssa Unger and Mary Rettler organized the members to sing Happy Birthday to the members who had a birthday in May.

The "Program Committee" report was given by Carol Ward.

### ***(Old Business)***

Janet Schmitt reported that the Hartland Library Mini-show will be on June 14<sup>th</sup>. A signup up sheet was circulated for those who intend to display.

### ***(New Business)***

Janet Schmitt Reported that The KMGS Summer Picnic will be either on Saturday August 4<sup>th</sup> or the 25<sup>th</sup>. The confirmed date will be announced at the June meeting, the website and the Kettle Krier.

Janet Schmitt also Reported Former member Bill Downing has a 16" or 18" slab saw for sale. (They may also return to the club as members again as well).

Janet Schmitt Reported she "may" be arranging a Grant Park Rock Hunt outing

President Tony Ilecki announced that he and Tim Perrin have concluded that the Board will look at the Donated Equipment from Nick Smith, after the June Meeting due to time constraints.

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***(Announcements)***

WGS (Wisconsin Geological Society) will hold its show at Hart Park on May 19 & 20<sup>th</sup>.

March 26& 27 – The Chicagoland Gem & Mineral Association will hold its show at St. Charles Illinois.  
At the Kane County Fair Grounds.

Goodie Detail – for June will be Kathy Pabst & Carol Ward.

Door prizes were donated by Brian and Cherri Zahn who brought an assortment of Strawberry Druzy & Some nice specimens by Donna Cook.

(19) Motion to adjourn by Russ Fuhrer. Second by Gail Perrin. at 7:19pm. Motion Carried.

*John M Rettler - Secretary*

## **HOW I GOT STARTED**

This month Jeanne Lyons tells us how and why she became a member of KMGS.

When I retired from teaching I searched for a new focus for my life after years of working. After purchasing wonderful pieces of jewelry over the years, I was inspired to try to create my own. Every year while visiting my sister in the foothills of the Colorado Rockies, we take shopping trips to Estes Park in the mountains. I was enchanted by all the amazing jewelry and stones that I saw. After purchasing a few beautiful cabochons, I started the journey of creating jewelry out of the natural beauty of the stones. The journey continues as I joined the Kettle Moraine Geological Society (KMGS) to learn more about how the rocks were formed and how and where to collect them from nature instead of buying them. While I still consider myself a amateur when it comes to identifying and shaping the rough material, the knowledge I am gaining during my association with KMGS members is growing and is allowing me to relate the “story of the stones” to people who are interested.

## SUMMER READING PROGRAM UPDATE

Janet Schmitt reminds us that the Hartland Public Library "Summer Reading Program" is coming up soon, and hopes that you are fine tuning your displays and presentations. **The date is Thursday, June 14th. Set up for the program will be at 2:30PM with the program running from 3:00PM to 4:00PM.** Janet will be contacting those who have signed up prior to the date with more details.

This program is way to show the many facets of the rockhounding hobby, from collecting specimens to polishing stones and making works of art from the rocks you can find on the ground. From past experience, it is a fun way to engage people and inform them of the fun and educational benefit of the rockhounding hobby.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Nothing very close to us in the next two months, but for those who like to travel, here is a list of Wisconsin shows for June and July.

**JUNE 2-3: ONALASKA STATE, WI** Coulee Rock Club Annual Show. Sat 10 am – 5 pm; Sun 10 pm – 4 pm. Onalaska Omni Center, 255 Riders Club Rd, Onalaska, WI. Contact: Allison Conrad, 33435 Burns Valley Rd, La Crescent MN 55947; (507) 895-8109; [rockinbabe@acegroup.cc](mailto:rockinbabe@acegroup.cc)

**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., Alemena 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](mailto:rzimmer@charter.net)

# THE LAST WORD

June is a very active month. It is the end of the school year. It is a popular month for lovers. It is the start of the vacation season. The water in the lakes is beginning to be warm enough to swim. It is the first month of the year with two birthstones (pearl and alexandrite). And, it is usually the month you find out your AC unit is in need of repair (although most of us found that out in May this year).

With all that going on may I remind you that it is also the month that was chosen for Father's Day. Make Dad happy this year with trip out to your favorite (and secret) collecting site. Imagine the joy he will have picking up fossils, agates, geodes or whatever happens to be at the site. Just remember that Dad also likes beverages and bring a cooler full of beer along. A great way to bond with pop.

And finally, a thought for the month: **One can never have enough** (insert mineral name here) **specimens.**

Happy rockhounding!!!

Tony Ilecki  
Editor