



# 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

Welcome to October. Remember that this month the meeting will be on the fourth Wednesday (**October 24th**). Same time and location.

It is also one month away from the annual election of officers for KMGS. Time to think about maybe running for one of the positions of leadership in our organization. Anyone interested can contact one of the members of the nominating committee and throw your hat into the ring.

See you all on Wednesday, October 24th at 6:30pm

Tony Ilecki, President KMGS

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

Gwen Roller, Oct 4 Milt Wilson, Oct 11 Dave Elftman, Oct 24

Judi Shudarek, Oct 30 Russ Fuher, Oct 30

Our next meeting is on October 24th, 2018 at 6:30PM at the Pewaukee Public Library

## **NOTICE OF MEETING NIGHT CHANGES**

Due to conflicts with Pewaukee Library scheduling, the meeting dates for October and November have been changed to the fourth Wednesday of those months.

**October 2018 meeting will be held on October 24th at 6:30 PM**  
**November 2018 meeting will be held on November 28th at 6:30 PM**

Please make a note of these changes.

## **OCTOBER MEETING PREVIEW**

The October meeting should be an interesting one. Carol Ward, our delegate to the MWF annual meeting being hosted by the Lincoln Orbit Earth Science Society, will be giving a report on the MWF proceedings and the host show.

The program for the October meeting will be "Rockin' Arizona". The story of an Arizona trip taken by Mary Nettesheim this past summer. Maybe she will bring samples of what she found while trekking through the Arizona hills and mountains.

Refreshments will be provided by Mary Rettler & Nyssa Unger

## **SEPTEMBER MEETING WRAP-UP**

The September meeting started with the annual pot-luck dinner. The spread was fantastic with members bringing in an abundance of great entrees and deserts. The meal was enjoyed with plenty of conversation and tale telling. Many thanks to all the members who brought in their delicious dishes.

After the social portion, the business portion of the began. See the minutes for info on that portion of the evening.

## *September 19th, 2018 KMGS Monthly Meeting*

Meeting Called to Order by President Tony Ilecki 7:35 PM. After the Annual Potluck Dinner.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the 29 Members in attendance.

There were no new Guests in attendance.

Sec. John Rettler read the Minutes of the August Meeting. Larry Christopherson made motion to accept as read. Second by Liz Fuhrer . Motion Carried.

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

Show Committee Report: John Rettler reported that the show is about 56% of goal, 5000 Flyers are out and are available to all members. The end of the Early Bird Special is extended for 30 days, as reminders were sent out to all Vendors not yet paid.

The Tech Committee Report was presented by Richard Rosenberger. Send photos to Richard or Megan for posting on website The Rock Donation statement will be put on the website and Richard and Megan will decide what area will be best, and will report after applied. A reminder of adjustments of Meeting Dates at the Pewaukee Library have been posted in the Kettle Krier.

As a reminder the schedule is as follows:

(October 24<sup>th</sup>, – **The Fourth Wednesday**)

(November 28<sup>th</sup>, - **The Fourth Wednesday**)

(December 19<sup>th</sup>, – The third Wednesday)

(January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019 – The third Wednesday)

The Sunshine Committee – The Potluck was a huge success with lots of food and fellowship. Birthday wishes for: Megan McDonald, Larry Christopherson, Mary Rettler, Mike Andrysczyk, & Marion Wienke. Marlene & Tony celebrated their 48 Wedding anniversary, and best wished and luck to garret Schumacher who will have Knee Replacement on Oct 15<sup>th</sup>.

Program Committee Report: Carol Ward in October Mary Nettesheim will report on the “Rocking Arizona” Trip she took, and Carol and Bernice will report on the MWF Convention.

The “Education Committee” report by Mike Andrysczyk was that the Interfaith Group he was presenting to will only be meeting in March this year, so he has less shows than in the past. He will over the winter months work on the “Teacher Display Boxes”, to be distributed.

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***(Old Business)***

The KMGS Trailer will be arriving by the end of October who hope, the club will be updated as needed.

Reminder of the Meeting date changes for October being on the 24<sup>th</sup>, the Fourth Wednesday.

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Nominating Committee Appointments for the Election of Officers are: Dave Elftman, Megan McDonald, & Javier Benitez.

MWF election of Officers was transferred to Bernice McCloskey, as she is familiar with the members, and most are unopposed, so she will submit the ballot on behalf of KMGS.

***(New Business)***

Mary Nettesheim donated two buckets and box of materials for club sales and door prizes.

***(Announcements)***

September 29 & 30<sup>th</sup>, The Oshkosh Earth Science Club Show, will be held at the Sunny View Expo Center. Sat 10-5 and Sun 10-4.

October 5&7 The Rock River Valley show will be in Jefferson Fair Park.

October 20&21: The Chicago Heights Show - by the South Suburban Earth Science Club. 10am to 5pm both days, at Prairie stage College; 202 S. Halsted Street in Chicago IL.

Goodie Detail is Mary Rettler & Nyssa Unger. November will be Peter Graetz & Toni & Garrett Schumacher

Motion to adjourn by Debbie Elftman. Second by Liz Fuhrer. Motion Carried at 8:14 pm.

*John M Rettler - Secretary*

## THESE ROCKS WILL MAKE YOU HUNGRY FOR MORE

Is your collection of rock specimens really complete? Do you hunger for a bit more variety in your specimen display? Then maybe “meat rocks” are the answer to your dilemma.

According to a recent article in the Wall Street Journal, the collection of rocks, known as “meat rocks” is a big thing in China. “Meat rocks” are made of banded quartz and silica that suggest layers of lean meat and fatty tissue. High iron content can bring out a reddish color. The flowing waters of the rivers and hot springs puts fine finish to the rocks. The rocks are picked up on the shores of rivers after storms wash them down from the mountains of central China. Collectors have been known to display them on plates, and there is even a museum dedicated to them in Lushan, China. The fascination with these rocks is centuries old, but recently, collectors in China have written standards for what is considered a good specimen.

One example is a piece of jasper carved to look like a slice of braised pork belly given to a Qing Dynasty emperor about 300 years ago. This piece is on permanent display at Taipei’s National Palace Museum and in 2016 was on loan to the Asian Art Museum in San Francisco, CA. While this piece is carved, purist collectors prefer their rocks to be natural.

Will this subset of rock collecting take off with local rockhounds? Maybe, or maybe not. It is hoped however that if your collection includes “meat rocks”, none of them end up on the table at the annual pot-luck.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**September 29-30: OSHKOSH, WI** Oshkosh Earth Science Club Annual Show. Sat 9 am - 5 pm; Sun 10 am - 4 pm. Sunnyview Expo Center, 500 E. County Rd. Y, Oshkosh. Contact: Ann Voges, 615 Monroe St., Neenah 54956; (920) 725-1640; [hankemps@milwpc.com](mailto:hankemps@milwpc.com)

**October 6-7: SPRINGFIELD, IL** Lincoln Orbit Earth Science Society Annual Show. Sat 10 am - 6 pm; Sun 10 am - 5 pm. Orr Building, Illinois State Fairgrounds, 801 Sangamon Ave, Springfield. Contact: Ed Wagner, 9872 E. 1950 North Rd., Bloomington 61705; (309) 838-7782; [loesseditor@gmail.com](mailto:loesseditor@gmail.com)

**October 20-21: CHICAGO HEIGHTS, IL** South Suburban Earth Science Club Annual Show. 10 am - 5 pm both days. Prairie State College, 202 South Halsted St., Chicago Heights. Contact: Jan Podbielski, P O Box 911, Peotone 60468; (708) 625-5876; [jan@janskidesigns.com](mailto:jan@janskidesigns.com)

# THE LAST WORD

Welcome to October, the last month in which a rockhound can comfortably go out and search for more specimens. That is if it isn't spent raking leaves into piles, preparing the furnace for the heating season, repairing the snowblower, or winterizing lawnmowers and RV's. And don't forget that Halloween will be here at the end of this month. Yes, the end of summer can be one busy time. But maybe you can take a few minutes out of your schedule to send a short description of how you got started, or suggestions or tips for fellow rockhounds to the Krier for inclusion in a future issue. Call or email me if you have anything you think might be of interest to our readers.

## A THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

Remember, while a rolling stone gathers no moss, a rolling boulder can gather up quite a bit the surrounding landscape

Happy rockhounding!!!

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