



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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NOTICE OF MEETING DATE CHANGE

Please note that the April meeting of KMGS has been cancelled due to the continuing social distance guidelines and a concern for the health of our members.

See you all on May 20, 2020 at the Pewaukee Public Library at 6:30PM.

From the Presidents Corner

Hope you are all well. Our show this year faced its biggest challenge ever. In the past years weather was our big worry. If it snowed too much people did not want to come and if the weather was too nice they wanted to be outside. This year we had to deal with something we never dreamed of, a pandemic. WOW! I hope this never happens again.

In light of the situation the show went better than we could have hoped for. We thought maybe it would be a ghost town all weekend. Instead we had a nice steady little crowd on Saturday and Sunday was half as many people. But that was OK, those that came were really excited to be there.

Now for some well earned recognition. First John & Mary Rettler, John was the show chairman and he had to really think fast as the situation kept changing. Mary was the organizer of workers. Tony Ilecki did a great job on the floor plan. All three of these people worked from the start of setup to the last of take down. It was great to see Mike & Susie Andrysczyk running the Education table. Deb & Dave Elftman manning the Club Sales area and Dick Rosenberger & Dick Hamann for a great fluorescent room. To all of you who worked on the show committee, the admissions table, Children's area, displayed, member vendors, helped setup or take down, thank you. To the members that came to the show and asked to help even if we had no available work at the time, thank you for your support. Finally, to the members that were unable to attend, know that you were missed and we look forward to seeing you next year.

Stay safe, stay healthy and keep on rocking,

Mary N.

MARCH MEETING MINUTES

Because of the Closure of the Pewaukee Public Library due to the ongoing Coronavirus threat, no meeting was held in March

PROGRAM PREVIEW

It was hoped that the April meeting would be able to be held on the scheduled date and time. With all the uncertainty about room availability, state social distance regulations and the concern about the health of our members, it was decided by the board that the April meeting be cancelled. The program for May will probably be just a recap of all the things the members have done since the Coronavirus locked us all in.

See you all at the Pewaukee Public Library, May 20, 2020 at 6:30PM if allowed

The 2020 58th Annual Kettle Moraine Geological Society (KMGS) Rock, Gem, Mineral and Earth Science Show was a success!

The 2020 Show is one for the history Books! The panic and fear of the COVID-19 Influenza (Corona Virus) flung its fury into the nation and the state and the Kettle Moraine Geological Society bore the brunt of the threat.

On Thursday the Governor “recommended” all public gatherings over 250 people be cancelled. One hour later we immediately had one large displayer cancel due to their “corporate policy”, along with three vendors and the 4-H canceled in fear of being exposed to or exposing the public to the perceived threat.

An in depth conference with the Washington County Fair Park and Convention Staff, and the West Bend Chamber of Commerce (the other group also holding their event at the facility over the weekend), being assured of the sanitation steps and procedures they used as dictated by the State Department of Health Services, helped set our minds at ease a bit.

We called several of the other vendors some with a great distance to travel and all were enthusiastic about attending the show as scheduled. After further discussions between some members, we determined that it was impossible to “stop a moving train” and while we unhooked a few cars – the Show would go on!

Some last-minute adjustments on Thursday night and early Friday regarding un-needed space, layout options, vendor placement and continuity and between vendors and the public in consideration to health concerns with overcrowding, the stage was set!

Friday set-up, table wrapping, sign and poster placement ushered in the vendors and displays, and the show shaped up to be a remarkable display of the KMGS and its members.

Saturday and Sunday the show was well attended all things considered. The door traffic was about 50% of previous years, but the vendors were making sales and the displays were garnering attention. We had more adults than anticipated, with fewer children, but all who attended were treated to an educational and enjoyable experience.

In the final analysis the show may not have been as profitable as previous years, but the message and exposure of the club, and what we represent; was well received. The attendees and vendors returned home satisfied. All things considered, this year’s show can be called a success.

A special thanks to our volunteers who helped with the set-up and donated their time over the weekend, and to the Wisconsin Geological Society for their assistance by providing Security over the event. My personal thanks to the Show Committee for their input and assistance in planning the show. Teamwork makes a big job smaller and small results bigger!

We can all be proud of the KMGS Show and how it reflects the mission of the club, The KMGS Show, its members, and our mission is a crown Jewel we should all be promoting and exposing to the public every chance we get! The plans for the March 13th & 14th, 2021 show are underway. The facilities are reserved, the plans are in motion and the vendors are already turning in their contracts for the 59th Annual KMGS Show!

Rock On!

John Rettler – 2020 Show Chairman / KMGS Secretary

Sunshine Committee Corner

Here to share information about members for members. Please let us know what you wish to share. Contact Marlene Ilecki, email: ileckimar@gmail.com, Phone:(414) 430-5788

The Sunshine committee sends best wishes from all of KMGS to members Dave and Debbie Elftman who are going through a family emergency at the time of publication.

Also, member Jeanne Lyons is recuperating from shoulder surgery. Reportedly she is doing well and staying warm in the Houston, Tx area.

Welcome to National Humor Month

THIS MONTH'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Apr 4, Brian Zahn; Apr 5, Linda Kazmarek; Apr 16, Ali Kahn; Apr 18, Janet Schmitt; Apr 20, Sadie Beacham; Apr 25, Olivia Beacham; Apr 26, Cheri Zahn

OTHER DAYS OF NOTE IN APRIL

April 1, April Fools Day; April 2, U.S. Mint is born in 1172; April 2, National Peanut Butter and Jelly Day; April 3, World Party Day; April 5, read a Roadmap Day; April 6, New Beer's Eve; April 7, National Beer Day (prohibition for beer repealed in 1933); April 8, Passover begins; April 10, Good Friday; April 11, 8 Track Tape Day; April 12, **Easter Sunday;** April 13, Dingus Day; April 16, National Librarian Day; April 17, National Haiku Day; April 18, San Francisco earthquake in 1906; April 19, Garlic Day, & Paul Revere's ride in 1775; April 20, Patriot Day; April 22, National Jelly Bean Day; April 25, World Penguin Day; April 29, National Zipper Day.



HAPPY EASTER



The next meeting of KMGS will be held at 6:30PM on May 20, 2020 at the Pewaukee Public Library if allowed

SOMETHING TO DO WHILE STUCK AT HOME

Due to the Coronavirus episode most of us are stuck in the house for the duration, and observing social distancing when we need to go out for things like food or toilet paper. This means no gatherings of three or more and then 6ft of separation is the rule. So what is one to do with all this extra time at home after all the closets and cabinets are cleaned, all the movies and TV programs are binge watched, and all the board games are exhausted?

Fear not, for I have a solution rockhounds. We all have a rock, mineral or other specimen that is special. One that you could call the favorite of your collection. With this in mind, I request that a little time be taken to pull out that special piece, take a digital photo of it, and write a short explanation of what it is, where and when you got it, and why it is the favorite item of your collection. Then send the photo (JPEG only please) and the story to me at tilecki@ymail.com for inclusion in a future issue of the Krier. I'm sure many of us have some great tales that are connected to some of our really good finds and that other members would be interested in reading about them.

So get crackin' and let's see what this club is all about.

Some Pics of the show courtesy of Mary Nettesheim



The gate gang preparing to let the crowds in.



Monica Daily enjoying running the sifter.



Janet Schmitt, Linda Brothen, and Megan McDonald behind the "Rocks You Can Find On the Lake Michigan Shore in Milwaukee" display



Megan McDonald shows off her wishing rock.



Dave and Debbie Eftman, the club sales supervisors



Cheri and Brian Zahn with the product of the day, hand sanitizer.

THE LAST WORD

Wow! What a month! March came in like a lamb, then stormed on through. First, the Coronavirus guidelines made the KMGS show an iffy proposition (fortunately the show did go on). Meanwhile, there was run on toilet paper and ramen noodles. Followed by the shutdown of all bars and restaurants for all but takeout and delivery. Then the shutdown of all unessential businesses (nice to know that liquor stores and car washes are essential). Don't forget the Governor's "stay at home" order. Even the sun has decided to social distance itself. And all of this is happening at time when most of us are ready to recover from a bad case of cabin fever. Well, we will all get through these tough times and hopefully end up stronger.

Meanwhile, the health care providers and first responders continue to serve despite the possibility of contracting COVID-19. Prayers and best wishes go out to them and their families during these times.

Stay healthy and we hope to see you all soon on the other side of this mess.

Thought for the month

Remember, even ugly rocks may have an inner beauty.
Happy rockhounding!!!

See you all at the Pewaukee Public Library, May 20, 2020 at 6:30PM

***Please* send all comments, submissions and ideas for articles to me at tilecki@ymail.com.**

Tony Ilecki
Editor

**HAVE A HAPPY
APRIL,
EASTER**

**DON'T GET FOOLED
STAY HEALTHY AND SAFE
AND DON'T FORGET TO VOTE**

AMERICAN FEDERATION OF MINERALOGICAL SOCIETIES CODE OF ETHICS FOR ROCK COLLECTING

I will respect both public and private property and will do no collecting on privately owned land without permission from the owner.

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I will keep informed on all laws, regulations or rules governing collecting on public lands and will observe them.

I will, to the best of my ability, ascertain the boundary lines of the property on which I plan to collect.

I will use no firearms or blasting materials in collecting areas.

I will cause no willful damage to property of any kind such as fences, signs, buildings, etc.

I will leave all gates as found.

I will build fires only in designated or safe places and will be certain they are completely extinguished before leaving the area.

I will discard no burning material – matches, cigarettes, etc.

I will fill all excavation holes that may be dangerous to livestock.

I will not contaminate wells, creeks, or other water supplies.

I will cause no willful damage to collecting material and will take home only what I can reasonably use.

I will practice conservation and undertake to use fully and well the materials I have collected and will recycle my surplus for the pleasure and benefit of others.

I will report to my club or Federation officers, Bureau of Land Management or other authorities, any deposit of petrified wood or other materials on public lands which should be protected for the enjoyment of future generations for public educational and scientific purposes.

I will appreciate and protect our heritage of natural resources.

I will observe the “Golden Rule”, will use Good Outdoor Manners and will, at all times, conduct myself in a manner which will add to the stature and Public Image of rockhounds everywhere.