



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 usually held at the Pewaukee Public Library on the third Wednesday of each month at 6:30 PM, but due to present circumstances, check for places and dates. Guests are always welcome. Persons interested in becoming members can obtain an application form from any of the officers.

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ELECTION UPDATE (PLEASE READ)

You should have received your election package in the mail. **If you have not received your ballot, please call me (Tony Ilecki) at (414) 881-3411.** The proposed slate of officers is included, along with a section for write-ins if you choose. Mailed ballots must be received by December 11th, or you can bring them to the December 12th meeting. The ballots will be counted at the meeting and the results will be announced.

And on another note, Annual dues are due at the December meeting. If you cannot attend you can mail your dues to:

KMGS
P.O. BOX 621
Menomonee Falls, WI 53052-0621

November Minutes

Since the the November meeting was cancelled, there are no minutes available.

Our next scheduled meeting will be Dec 12, 2020 at the Clark House Museum

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello to my fellow KMGS rockers,

How's your progress on your display? If you have come up with an idea for a display or have one started please drop Tony a line to share in next months newsletter. I am going to do one case of Cave-in-rock, IL minerals and another case of minerals from China. These are 2 of my favorite locations for Fluorite and Calcite.

Now I have to share that when I was younger I had the same Christmas wish for many years. It was to wake up and look out the back window and see a pony tied up in the backyard. Well, let's just say that by the time I hit 21 I realized two things. First there was never going to be a Christmas pony and second, it was a good thing at that age there was not a pony in the backyard because I would have been too big for it.

So my question is what would your "rock" Christmas wish be for this year. What would you want to find under your tree? If your into lapidary would it be some unusual agate to cut & polish, a new piece of equipment or a gem stone? If you collect fossils, what creature would it be? If a mineral collector what would the killer specimen look like and where did it come from?

My wish would be for a 6-8 full round of petrified wood from Turkey. They have beautiful wood with fantastically preserved wood grain. Very hard to get a hold of.

So put your thinking caps on and let your imaginations run wild. Who knows, it might just appear under the Christmas tree. If you like, again send a line to Tony so he can share it. It would be fun to see what's on everyone's wish list.

I know it s a little early for this but I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a healthy New Year.

Mary

NOTICE OF DECEMBER MEETING

The December meeting of KMGS will be held at 10:00AM on Saturday, December 12, 2020 at the Clark House Museum, 206 E Wisconsin Ave - Pewaukee, WI 53072, located one block north of the Pewaukee Library. **Face masks are required and "social distancing" will be observed as well as possible.** Parking will be on Wisconsin Ave or Prospect Ave or at the library parking lot. We will be meeting here until the library opens their meeting rooms.

The elections will be held at this meeting. The slate of candidates and ballots have been mailed to each member with a stamped return envelope. Mailed ballots must be received by KMGS no later than December 11, 2020, so mail early, or you can bring your ballot to the meeting. Check your email regularly for updates and/or changes.

Due to COVID 19 concerns, there will be no Christmas cookies or other goodies at this meeting.

SPECIAL NOTE: Annual dues are due at the December meeting. If you wish to mail your dues you can send them to:
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Our program for December be a talk about the care and cleaning of opals by Tim Perrin since the November meeting was cancelled.

The story of John Rettler's "My Relationship With Rocks" continues with
part 5

My Relationship With Rocks. By John M. Rettler

Part 5 of 6. The KMGS

One day I was driving my way towards home after a client visit and passed by a VFW Hall with a sign by the driveway which read "Rock Show Today \$2 Admission".

Knowing this community was not the home of Rock-n-Roll, nor was it known for any historic rock formation other than some large quarry operations which was a major cornerstone of the community, my interest was piqued.

I stopped in and found what seemed to be a boundless array of geological displays and specimens for examination and purchase. I perused the rows of tables and was intrigued by both the displays and the knowledge of the patrons and merchants eager to engage in conversation about their hobby and wares.

A jolly fellow and I struck up a conversation as he thought he recognized me. His name was Larry Christopherson, and he was the retired Town Constable of a neighboring Township near my home. He no doubt recognized me from my minor years when he had removed me from the beer tents at the local Fireman's picnics for being underage.

But soon the topic turned to rocks and geology and he informed me he was one of the officers of the Kettle Moraine Geological Society (KMGS), and he invited me to attend one of their meetings to see if I would enjoy the hobby and camaraderie as he did.

Bait - Hook - Set! I knew if the meeting was as interesting as the show I was attending, I could not help but be ensnared by the education and knowledge of those I aspired to become. The next monthly meeting was just a week or so away and I made my way to the Pewaukee Public Library to attend what would be the first of many gatherings of the KMGS.

The rest is history. Today Mary and I are not only proud members of KMGS, but I serve as an officer and sit on the prestigious Board of Directors of the club I stumbled upon so many years ago.

I am also the Show Chairman, who, aside from working with a team of committee members to navigate the duties and responsibilities of one of, if not, THE largest annual Rock, Gem, Mineral and Earth Science shows in the state, gets to assist in delivering knowledge to others, just as the KMGS did for me when Larry introduced me to it.

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In fact, since its founding in 1960, the KMGS mission statement has been, and remains in part: “for the purpose of gathering and disseminating knowledge of geology and the earth sciences.” The dissemination of knowledge being so true to form, my association with the KMGS fills the thirst for knowledge which began as a child, grew as it assisted me through my careers, and continued today.

I owe the KMGS for much satisfaction well beyond the education it has provided me. The friends I made through the KMGS have become true inspirations with some, resources for learning with others and some just social companions, and friends with others.

I will do my best for the KMGS to pass along to others what it has given me, and hope its first 60 years is just the beginning.

(Editor’s Note: Stay tuned for the conclusion of this this series next month.)



**Merry
Christmas**



Update on the Milt Wilson Collection

Sorting and pricing of the Milt Wilson collection is going well. 99.9% is done. All that is left is to find some tables to set out the items for display. A large thank you to Jeannie Lyons, Josef and Laura Fischer, Cate Comdohr, Carol Ward, Tim and Gail Perrin and Marlene llecki who spent a “few” hours sorting, identifying and pricing the large amount of product. A special thanks to John and Mary Rettler for obtaining the rooms we are using and transporting the large volume of rocks, cabs and other items to the location.

While there is a plan to have members come and browse (and buy) the items, a time and place has not been decided at press time. It is hoped to have a weekend date set up before Christmas and possibly have appointments set up for those who cannot make the dates. Stay tuned and check your email for further details.

Until such time as we know what is happening, on the next page are a few pics of what we have available. There are also many slabs of various agates and jaspers we do not have photos of that are priced to sell, and other rough that is reasonably priced.



Agate Eyes
Buy set or individual



Cabs - Price as Marked



Cabs, Cabs and more Cabs
Price as marked on cab



Cabs
Buy as set or individual pricing



Cabs
Buy as set or individual pricing

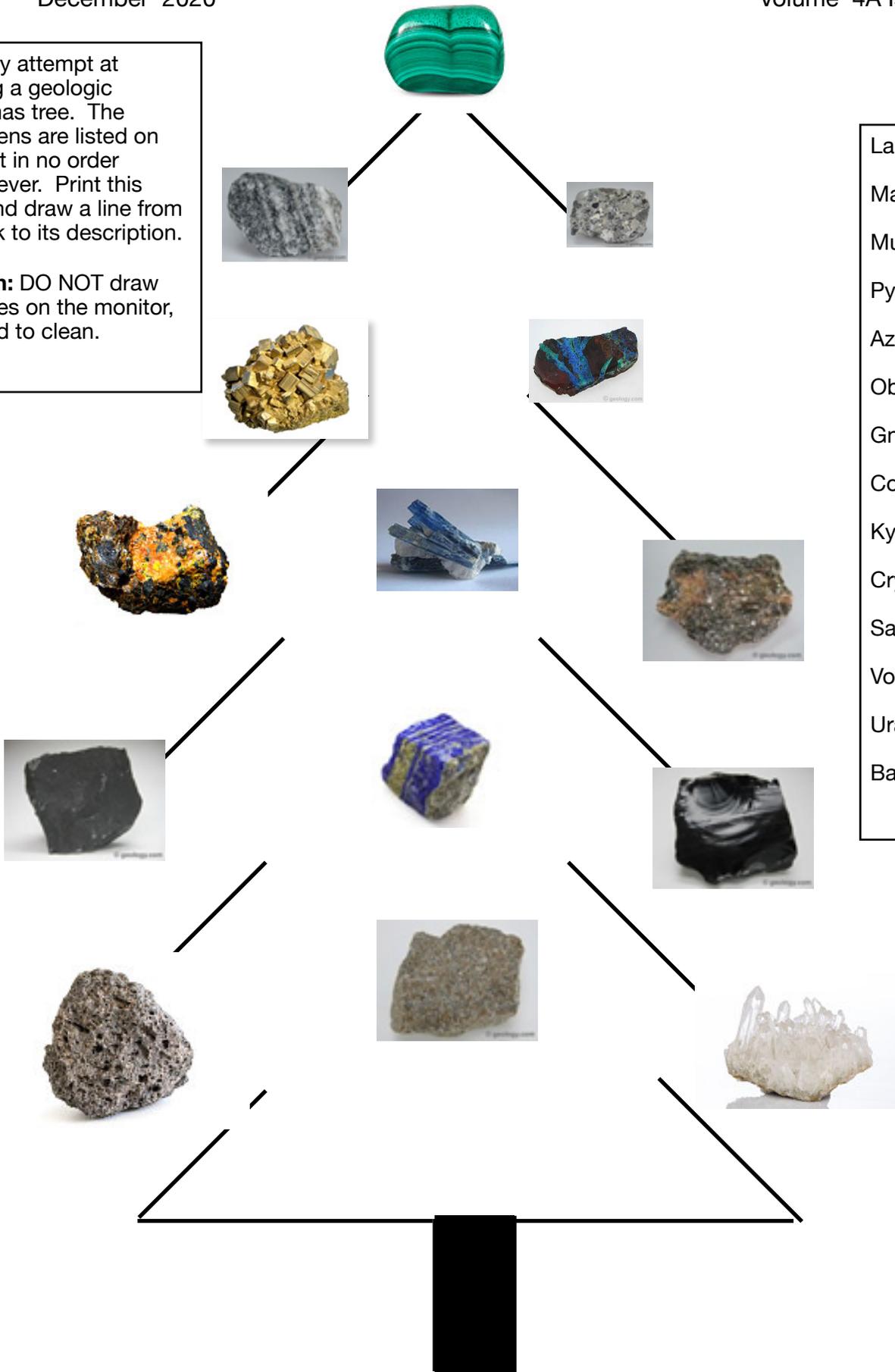


Rough Rock - Free to a good home.
(NOTE: Bins NOT included)

My sorry attempt at drawing a geologic Christmas tree. The specimens are listed on the right in no order whatsoever. Print this page and draw a line from the rock to its description.

Caution: DO NOT draw your lines on the monitor, it is hard to clean.

- Lapis Lazuli
- Malachite
- Muscovite Schist
- Pyrite (Fools Gold)
- Azurite
- Obsidian
- Gneiss
- Conglomerate
- Kyanite
- Crystal Mineral
- Sandstone
- Volcanic Pumice
- Uranium rock
- Basalt



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

Welcome to Bingo Birthday Month (Year 1530 in Italy) and National Tie Month

THIS MONTH'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Dec 1, Maureen Conley; **Dec 2**, James Mading; **Dec 3**, Cliff Gence; **Dec 8**, Robert Turek; **Dec 13**, Debbi Elftman;
Dec 18, Liz Fuher; **Dec 27**, Scott McCardle; **Dec 30**, Toni Schumacher

OTHER DAYS OF NOTE IN NOVEMBER

Dec 1, National Pie Day; **Dec 2**, Toilet paper roll patented in 1891, National Fritter Day; **Dec 4**, National Bartender Day, National Cookie Day; **Dec 5**, Prohibition Repealed (21st Amendment) 1933; **Dec 6**, National Miner's Day, St. Nicholas day; **Dec 7**, Bombing of Pearl Harbor (1941), National Cotton Candy Day; **Dec 8**, National Brownie Day; **Dec 9**, National Pasta Day; **Dec 10**, Wyoming allowed women to vote (1869), National Lager Day; **Dec 12**, Gingerbread House Day; **Dec 13**, National Violin Day, Clip-on tie introduced(1928); **Dec 14**, Roast Chestnuts Day; **Dec 15**, Bill of Rights enacted (1791), Cat Herder's Day; **Dec 16**, Boston Tea Party occurred (1773); **DEC 17**, First flight by Wright Bros. (1903), National Maple Syrup Day; **Dec 19**, "A Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens Published (1843); **Dec 20**, National Sangria Day; **Dec 21**, Winter Solstice, National Flashlight Day; **Dec 23**, Transistor Invented (1947), National Pfeffernuse Day; **Dec 24**, **CHRISTMAS EVE**, "Silent Night" Composed by Franz Gruber (1818);

Dec 25, CHRISTMAS DAY

Dec 26, Coffee Percolator Invented(1865), Candy Cane Day; **Dec 28**, Pledge of Allegiance adopted into Flag Code(1945), Chewing Gum Patented(1869); **Dec 30**, Bacon Day; **Dec 31**, **New Year's Eve**

NEWS OF OUR MEMBERS

Laura Fischer has graciously agreed to run for the president of KMGS and her name is on the ballot as part of the recommended slate of officers. Laura has been a member of KMGS since 2018 and has been active in many of the activities of the club.

The Elftmans have passed through their contact with COVID19 and are recovering nicely. Hope to see them back soon.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

THE LAST WORD

December, the month of Christmas and the end of the year. It is the time to send Santa your letter about the rock specimens you wish to see under your tree this year. Don't get too greedy though, the sleigh does have gross vehicle weight limit. You wouldn't want it to have a broken runner, and think of the poor reindeer that pull it. Really, I think the one thing we should all ask Santa for is an effective vaccine for COVID19. And don't forget to leave pretzels and beer near the tree to refresh Santa during his run, and put some ferns, grass and water on the roof for the reindeer.

As for the other part of December, the year's end, saying goodbye to 2020 will be a pleasure. The last year seemed to be one thing happening after another. COVID19, lockdowns, mask mandates, business restrictions, school closings, all made for a not so great year. For example, since McDonalds closed their indoor sales, I have not been able to get a Big Mac during my daily bicycle ride. I look forward to the end of the month and have a positive attitude toward the possibilities of the year 2021. I encourage all members to send in your thoughts about the old year and your hopes for 2021 to the Krier editor for possible inclusion in January's issue.

Thought for the month

**Note for future reference: Using rock specimens as tree ornaments only bends, and sometimes breaks your tree.
Happy rockhounding!!!**

See you all at the Pewaukee Public Library, one of these months

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

Tony Ilecki
Editor



HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS



STAY HEALTHY AND SAFE

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 owed land without permission from the owner.

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.