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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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IMPORTANT SHOW UPDATE

Due to the uncertainty of the COVID 19 situation in Wisconsin, and the probability of not having all the displays and vendors that make the KMGS Annual Show above average, the KMGS Board of Directors has made the decision to cancel the 2021 Annual Show. Fear not, however, because work has started on the 2022 show, and we are going to make sure it is worth the wait. See article on page 4 for show chairman's statement.

From the Presidents Corner

Hope this letter finds you well and safe.

Many of you may have already been informed about a few decisions the KMGS Board of Directors has made.

For those of you who have not, the Board has decided that it is in the best interest of the club members, vendors and others to cancel the 2021 show in March. We are currently working on plans for the 2022 show.

Also as you may know the club helped Karen Wilson dispose of Milt's rock collection. It took awhile, but it has finally been liquidated.

Our club has always stressed the fact that we need to encourage young children to appreciate geology, and to learn more about stones and fossils. Joe and I have a 6 year old grandson who LOVES rocks. He has quite a collection already and every time he comes over he gets to pick out a new pretty rock. He also likes to watch grandpa work in his lapidary shop. From this an idea evolved. The idea was, how about teaching Henry and a few of his friends how to make a cabochon. Little did Joe realize that he would be a teacher.

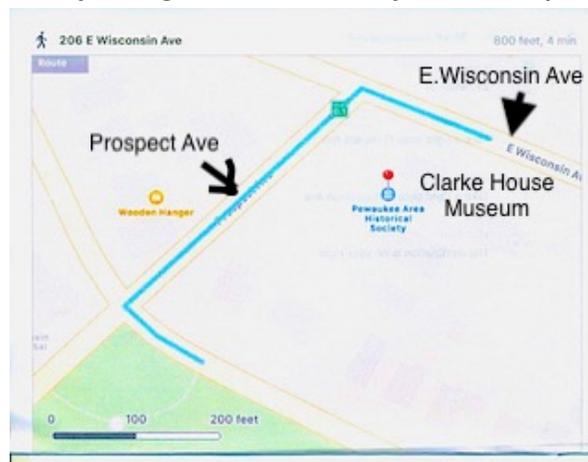
What better way to introduce our young people to geology and lapidary than teaching them how to work on stones and making a cabochon.

Look forward to seeing you at the February 6th meeting.

Laura Fischer, President, KMGS

MEETING UPDATE

Our next meeting will on February 6, 2021 at the Clark House Museum at 10:00AM. On tap will be a discussion about the recent cancellation of the 2021 Annual Show, a recap of the Wilson Collection Sale, and anything else that may come up. Program to be announced at the meeting.



Recap of the January 13th Board Meeting

There was no general membership meeting in January, so this will be a summary of the Board of Directors meeting held on January 13th at the rock storage site in John Rettler's office building.

Among the items discussed at this meeting was the status of the 59th annual show. While there was interest in putting on the show, response from some members indicated that there may be an issue in manning some of the necessary stations (tickets and kid's area come to mind). We also learned that the fluorescent display would not be available this year due to COVID19 concerns. When added to the uncertainty of site restrictions and concern over liability, it was determined that it was in the best interest of the club to not hold this year's event. The show chairman will be working with the vendors who have committed to this year's show to either refund or hold over the table fees for next year. Meanwhile, work has started on the 2022 edition of the KMGS show. With plenty of participation from our members in the planning, it should be better than ever.

Talk then moved on to the rocks and specimens that are part of the Wilson Collection. It was decided that John Rettler would talk to Karen Wilson about the disposition of what was left.

A 2021 budget was proposed by treasurer Tony Ilecki and after some discussion was adopted by the board. The details of the budget will be presented at the February meeting.

Tentative dates for future general membership meetings were agreed upon. Pending the availability of the Clark House Museum the dates will be: Saturday February 6th at 10:00AM, Saturday March 20th at 10:00AM, Saturday April 17th at 10:00AM and Saturday May 15th at 10:00AM. It is hoped that after May we will be able to return to our usual meeting place at the library, or meet at an outdoor location.

**May the clouds cover the sun on February 2nd.
6 more weeks of winter is not what we need.**

2021 Show Cancellation

It is with much frustration and great despair that we must inform you that the 59th. Annual show of the Kettle Moraine Geological Society for March of 2021 has been cancelled.

As result of the uncertainty revolving around the COVID-19 and the risks associated with potential involvement pertaining to large groups, the questions regarding the access, availability and effectiveness of any vaccine, and the public perception of any public events, the difficult decision to cancel or postpone our show has been made by the Board of directors of the KMGS.

We ARE planning on continuing with our plans for the March 12th & 13th of 2022 Annual Show as a celebration of the KMGS 60th year as scheduled.

We express our deepest regrets to all who were encouraging and planning on sharing this reunion with us. This is supposed to be a fun and enjoyable event or all.

However, with all the uncertainty and controversy surrounding the entire COVID-19 pandemic and related issues, we at the KMGS feel we owe it to our friends and guests in the Geological community at large, to take unprecedented caution and actions, not only for the good of our community, but to be an example of leadership for the public, businesses, and the youth we wish to endear to our hobby and preserve the wealth of education we provide.

We have sent our Vendors and Displayers a new contract for the 2022 show to be held March 12th & 13th at the traditional location at the Washington County Fair Park & Convention Center, near West Bend WI.

We also offered them the opportunity to receive their deposit back or to "hold" and guarantee their place at the 2022 show.

We hope you all understand this was not an easy decision for the KMGS Board as with 59 consecutive years of successful shows, and the relationships we built with our friends and the public, the best we can offer now, is a place at our 2022 show, or a refund while we extend the invitation for the next show.

We are inviting all our friends, supporters, guests, and associate clubs to attend our 2022 show as scheduled as we celebrate the dawn of a new era of geological education and entertainment, we have all become accustomed too.

Our best wishes for good health and wealth as we resume the operations of the KMGS and we look forward to another summer of Rockhounding and Lapidary experiences.

John M Rettler - Show Chairman

Sunshine Committee Corner

Here to share information about members for members. Please let us know what you wish to share.
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Welcome To Great American Pies Month

THIS MONTH'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

**Feb 8, Richard Hamann; Feb 19, Mary Nettesheim; Feb 20, Garrett Schumacher;
Feb 21, Winnie Mading**

OTHER DAYS OF NOTE IN FEBRUARY

Feb 1, No Politics Day & Baked Alaska Day; **Feb 2, Groundhog Day** & Nat'l Tater Tot Day; **Feb 4**, Nat'l Hemp Day; **Feb 5**, Nat'l Weatherman Day & Shower With a Friend Day; **Feb 6**, Board game Monopoly first goes on sale in 1935; **Feb 7**, Super Bowl LV; **Feb 8**, Boy Scouts founded in 1910; **Feb 9**, U.S. Weather Bureau created in 1870, Nat'l Pizza Day; **Feb 11**, Robert Fulton patents steamboat in 1809; **Feb 12**, Abraham Lincoln's B'day, Chinese New Year(Year of the Ox); **Feb 14, Valentine's Day**, Ferris Wheel patented in 1893; **Feb 15, President's Day**, USPS issues first adhesive postage stamp in 1842; **Feb 16, Fat Tuesday**, Nylon patented in 1937; **Feb 17, Ash Wednesday**; **Feb 18**, Nat'l Drink Wine Day; **Feb 19**, Cracker Jack introduces "prize inside" in 1913; **Feb 20**, John Glenn orbits the earth in 1962; **Feb 22, George Washington's B'Day**, First Woolworth 5 cent store opens in Utica, NY in 1879; **Feb 23**, Tootsie Roll rolled out in 1896; **Feb 24**, Nat'l Bartender Day; **Feb 25**, Nat'l Pistol Day, Sam Colt patents revolver in 1836; **Feb 27**, Nat'l Retro Day; **Feb 28**, Salem Witch Hunt begins in 1692, Nat'l Chili Day

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY
FEBRUARY 14

The date and place of the next KMGS meeting is Saturday, February 6, 2021 at the Clark House Museum in Pewaukee, WI.

UPDATE ON MILT WILSON'S COLLECTION

As of the beginning of January we can finally wrap up the saga of the "Milt Wilson Collection". Over the past month various people have come to browse, buy and take away their goodies. What was left was sold as a lot to one of our members, and it is now gone.

We wish to thank Jeanne Lyons, Marlene Ilecki, Cate Comdohr, Carol Ward, Joe and Laura Fischer and Tim and Gail Perrin for all their work in sorting, identifying and pricing all the items. And a special thanks to John Rettler for providing a warm, comfortable place to do it. I apologize if I have forgotten someone (my memory isn't what it used to be).

As of now, the only things left to do is tally up the sales, divvy up the proceeds and remove the tables and leaverites from the room. The tallying is being done even as the present paragraph is being written. Final results will be stated at the February 6th meeting. For those who have lent us your tables, call John Rettler to set up a time to retrieve them.

GROUNDHOG

DAY

February 2nd



THE LAST WORD

HAPPY FEBRUARY TO ALL

February, 2021 has rolled in. In this month; the ground hog will let us know if there will be 6 more weeks of winter, the Chinese bring us the year of the OX, lovers will spend way too much money on candy and flowers, and the historical events and birthdays that took place on the last day of February during a leap year are forgotten.

This issue of the Krier is smaller than usual for various reasons. 1.) The month is shorter , so why not the Krier; 2.) There was no meeting, therefore no minutes; 3.) There are no events to announce, and most importantly, 4.) No-one has sent any articles or letters to the editor with suggestions for inclusion in the Krier. The editor needs your input to keep the Krier fresh and full of good information. Let us know how you coped during the quarantine, let us in on your plans for summer rockhound trips, give us your tricks and tips for polishing, cutting and/or displaying specimens. Please give me something, I'm dyin' here.

Thought for the month

Be alert while rockhounding, the world needs more lerts.

Happy rockhounding!!!

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

Tony Ilecki
Editor

**Give your special someone a
heart shaped rock for Valentine
Day**

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 owned 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.