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Ishpeming Rock and Mineral Club  
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Welcome Friends,

We have a busy summer ahead of us. It's show time! There is a lot of work to be done and everyone's help is appreciated. Be sure to contact Ernie or Kathy if you can lend a hand. Even an hour or two can help us a lot in getting ready for the show. Here's to another fun packed edition of the Jaspilite!

Kappy reading,

Pam

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### Meeting Schedules

Business Meetings: 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of Month, 7:00pm @Jacobetti Veterans Facility,  
425 Fisher St. Marquette, MI 49855

Program Meetings: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Month, 2:00pm @ Marquette Township Hall,  
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### Purpose Statement

To enjoy, to learn, to teach and to conserve  
The rocks, the gems, the fossils and ores,  
To collect, to admire, to brag and to show  
The material we've found, we'll trade for yours.

Bob and Marian Mankert

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### The JASPILITE

The Official publication of the Ishpeming Rock and Mineral Club is published quarterly in January, April, July and October. NOTE: The above logo and club name are registered.

# Attention!

Dear Readers,

It has been my pleasure to bring you the Gaspile for the last year. It has been fun to read the other newsletters and see what people are doing. I have tried to bring to each of you a new understanding of the mineral world over the last year. I hope that it has been fun and informational.

Due to personal reasons though, I regret that I will not be able to continue on as editor. I found a lot of personal satisfaction in producing the newsletter for you and will miss it greatly. I hope that someone will step forward and take on this task. It does not have to be as involved as I have made it. But the club does need a newsletter. Please give it consideration.

I want to also apologize for the tardiness of this issue. It is not the quality I normally put out. But due to health reasons, I was not able to do the normal job.

I thank you for all your wonderful comments over the past year.

Pam Basal



## From The President's Desk

From The Presidents desk  
( kitchen table)

It dose not seen possible that three months have gone past since the last Jaspilite, but I guess if you are having fun and enjoying life time does go fast. Here I am again trying to meet the dead line, before our editor sends me a little reminder note that if I want to put something in the JASPILITE now is the time to do it. I hope every one took time out of their busy schedule to get out and enjoy our short but beautiful summer here in the U.P. That your outing included at least one collecting trip and may be a mineral show. That you collected something or saw something that you can bring to a meeting so we can all enjoy and learn. The clubs field trips that were put together by Mike Basal, provided an opportunity and a chance to get into otherwise closed areas. Those that took advantage of these opportunities where in a position to collect some very nice specimens and to see an area that you normally would not be able to. I thank Mike for his work in setting up these trips for the club, as it took a lot of leg work and letter writing to get permission to enter the different properties. A passing note, Mike stated at the last meeting the Humboldt processing area that we collected at is no more. It make it more important, that if you have a chance to join in a trip to collect in a area that is normally is not allowed, that you take advantage of it. Because it could be gone tomorrow. Things to think about, the club needs someone to over see refreshments for the club. As of now we do not have any one, so the program meeting from this point on will no coffee and goodies available. The election of officers are coming up, so I ask you to think about a position and if you are asked please consider it. None of the positions require a great amount of work and if every one takes a turn it is easier on every one. Then every one is in a position to understand how the club works. We need to know the type of programs that you would like the set at our program meetings. If know of a something that you think could be a possible program for the club, please let one of the officers known. I think I have said enough and I hope you have read this far and it has made sense. Get out and enjoy the fall weather because before we know it the white stuff will be falling form the sky and the snow birds will be flying south. Enjoy yourself, the great outdoors and the world around you!!

Ernie

*Ernie Johnson, President*

Bit of History note:

August 19, 1848- The New York H4ealrd reported the discovery of Gold in California.



HELP HELP HELP

We need someone to over see the refreshment committee starting in September. It does not require a lot of time, just a couple of hours a month. It will provide an opportunity to meet fellow club members and become involved in a small way in the activities of the club. If we are not successful in getting a volunteer, changes will have to be made, as to when or if refreshments are available at meetings.



1999-2000 IRMC Scholarship Award

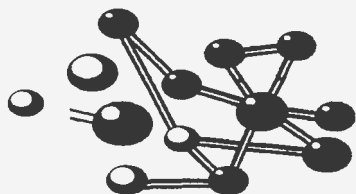
At the program meeting on September 19, 1999 the name of Ms. Carey Crankshaw was presented as the 1999-2000 NMU candidate for the IRMC's scholarship to a student in the Earth Science Area from NMU. She is a junior majoring in Physical Geography (Earth Science) and has a cumulative GPA of 3.27. She was selected by the Earth Science Department at NMU as their candidate for the IRMC Scholarship. The club at the meeting approved her as IMRC 1999-2000 recipient of our Scholarship. She will be presented an award of \$300.00 at an up coming program meeting

Ernest Johnson President



SHOWS

Table with 2 columns: Date and Event. Lists various gem and mineral shows across different states and dates.



## Mystery Mineral

Remember, research the mineral before coming to the program meetings. This way your chances of winning are better.

**November-** Our mystery mineral for November is not a turkey but rather an attractive mineral that can be obtained from many locations. Our mineral for this month is actually a group name comprising a number of chemically and structurally similar minerals. It is a calcium phosphate with the following composition:  $\text{Ca}_5(\text{PO}_4)_3(\text{F}, \text{Cl}, \text{OH})$ . It forms in well developed hexagonal crystals that are usually short to long prisms. It may also be massive with a granular to compact structure. It is a brittle mineral with one well developed cleavage. The specific gravity is 3.17-3.23 and the hardness is 5 on Moh's scale. The streak is white and the color may be green, yellow, flesh red, brown or even colorless. It can be transparent to opaque. On an interesting note, most coprolites are composed of this mineral. It occurs in different types of rocks but most commonly in metamorphic, crystalline rocks, especially in granular limestone but also in gneiss, syenite, mica schist and iron formation. Gemmy, transparent, yellow crystals from Cerro Mercado in Durango, Mexico have been abundant in years past. Tabular crystals with wolfraunite from Panasqueira, Portugal, make very attractive specimens. Purple crystals from locations in Maine are highly prized by collectors. In the U.P. this mineral can be found at many locations. Crystals can be collected from many of the iron mines in Marquette, Baraga, Dickinson and Iron Counties. The crystals however are generally 1mm or less. The crystals from our area are usually tabular with large pinacoid and short prism faces. The color may be brown, red, yellow-brown or even colorless. Good Luck!

**December-** December's mystery mineral will not be as common as November's unknown. If it were not for one important world-wide location. This mineral would generally be thought of as obscure and unimportant. This one location however has produced fabulous examples of this mineral and this rescued it from the mineral doldrums. Chemically, it is a manganese sodium silicate –  $\text{Mn}_2\text{NaSi}_3\text{O}_8(\text{OH})$ . Crystals have triclinic symmetry which may appear monoclinic. It usually forms thick, tabular or prismatic crystals that are often in aggregates. The hardness is 4-5.5 with specific gravity of 3.41. It has two perfect cleavages. Crystals from our famous location are pink to orange and usually transparent. Crystals may however be colorless and transparent. The luster is vitreous and pearly on cleavages. Crystals from our famous location can be quite large (several inches) and are associated with analcime and aegerine in a nepheline syenite. I guess it wouldn't be fair to leave you in the dark regarding the famous location so I will reveal it (early Christmas present). The location is Mt. St. Hilaire in Quebec, Canada. Now, everybody should get this. I should mention that this mineral has not been found in Michigan although we have it in New Mexico (Point of Rocks).

**January-** First mystery mineral of the Millenium! You could be the first person to guess the mystery mineral in this millenium – what an honor! To be the egalitarian about this I have selected a common mineral although it is not found in collector quality specimens. Chemically, it is a magnesium, aluminum oxide ( $MgAl_2O_4$ ). Simple enough, right? It is a cubic mineral that forms usually as octahedrons that are sometimes modified. It may also be massive, coarse granular or as rounded grains. The hardness is  $7\frac{1}{2}$  – 8 with a specific gravity of 3.5 It does not have any cleavage and fracture conchoidal. It is brittle. The color may be various shades of red, blue, green, brown and commonly black. The streak is white. It occurs as a common metamorphic mineral in crystalline limestones, gneiss and serpentine, and also as an accessory mineral in basic igneous rocks and in placer deposits. In recent years. Excellent specimens of pleonaste (iron rich variety) have come from the Gon Deposit in the Aldan region of Russia. The Parker mine in Quebec, Canada also produces very fine black crystals associated with forsterite. Exceptionally large and noteworthy crystals have come from several locations in New York state. Gem quality crystals have been found in residual or detrital deposits in Burma (Myanmar) and Ceylon (SriLanka). Beautiful red crystals from Mogok, Burma are known as Balas-ruby. It has been found in a few grains in a well in Huron County, Michigan and a chromian variety has been identified from the Ropes Mine in very small grains associated with green talc and dolomite. Best of luck with the millenium mystery mineral.

Answers for:

September- Arophyllite (guessed by Floyd Weaver )

October- (guessed by )

### The Ten Rockmandments

- 1.) Thou shalt not touch thy neighbor's minerals unless he places them in thy hands.
- 2.) Thou shalt not estimate the strength of crystals by punching, squeezing or biting.
- 3.) Thou shalt not drop the neighbor's fossil for many do not bounce properly.
- 4.) Thou shalt not place thy neighbor's specimen in thine own pocket.
- 5.) Thou shalt not argue the name of that mineral too violently- sometimes, thou could be wrong.
- 6.) Thou shalt not test thy neighbor's agates for hardness by rubbing them together.
- 7.) Thou shalt not climb above thy neighbor when on a field trip, lest thou arrt willing to spend the remainder of the day digging him out.
- 8.) Thou shalt protect thine eyes, hand and feet, so that thou can enjoy many more field trips.
- 9.) Thou shalt not encroach upon thy neighbor's digging, lest his hammer be dropped on thy toe.
- 10.) Thou shalt not complain about or denounce thy club officers, under the penalty of being elected one thyself.



# MEETINGS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Speaker/Activity</u>	<u>Refreshments</u>	<u>Door Prizes</u>
10-14-99	Business Meeting	Ray DeMark	
10-17-99	Program Meeting		Ray DeMark
11-11-99	Business Meeting	Olive Sain	
11-21-99	Program Meeting		Olive Sain
1-14-00	Business Meeting		
1-16-0	Program Meeting		
2-11-00	Business Meeting		
2-21-00	Program Meeting		



## **Happy Birthday & Anniversary!**

For all of those who celebrate these wonderful occasions for this issue, we wish you many, many more.

## **2000 SHOW 2000**

This may not be the time to talk about the 2000 show, but the planning for next year show, needs to start right after the current show ends. So that the planning can begin and continue forward, someone or a couple of individuals need to step forward to assume the role of chairperson(s). If any one needs information on what is involved please contact me.

ERNIE JOHNSON

## **How to Become A ROCKHOUND!**

First you must have a basic curiosity.  
Second, buy yourself a sack of marbles.  
Then every time you pick up a rock, drop a marble.  
When you have lost all your marbles....

**You are a ROCKHOUND!**



# Meeting Minutes

**August Business Meeting-** Meeting called to order by Pres. Ernie Johnson. One visitor- Alfred Tousignat. His membership application is pending. Welcome Alfred. Secretary Kathy couldn't find her minutes. Treasurer's report accepted. No correspondence. Ropes Gold Mine field trip Aug 22. Ernie gave summary of the show. Mike Basal comments as a dealer. Not all show goers realized that there were vendors and demonstrations inside. We might try to design a route that takes people inside first, then outside. The hall is verbally held for 2000, the club's 25<sup>th</sup> year. We need to update our flyers and brochures. We need to decide if we should increase the member cost to the Christmas dinner or cut back on the menu.

**September Business Meeting-** 15 members and 1 child present. Members included John and Anna Koontz from Pennsylvania. Pres. Ernie Johnson called the meeting to order. Secretary and Treasurers report reads and accepted. 3 bills presented. Bills paid. No correspondence by regular mail. Mike presented some from club website. New club stationary needed. Pride quotes \$43.75 for black and \$63.75 for color. Bruce is absent tonight to discuss color tour and safety deposit key. New Business- IRMC Badges. Helen states that there are three old ones left. Then we'll need to make a new batch. Price will raise from \$4.00 to \$5.00 due to inflation. We need to form a committee for the election of officers for October. The Jaspilite will have then notice of the Christmas dinner (Dec.5) 2:00pm. Cost to members should rise to \$7.00. Full price for non-members. Mike says this is the end of the year where we should relax, lets not skimp on the menu. The \$300.00 scholarships will be given by the club again this year. Spring and fall semesters at NMU and MTU. We need to send our \$50.00 to Jacobetti and \$100.00 to Seaman. Helen would like to set up an annual budget - to set aside \$500.00 for the show. Field trip Sunday to the Champion Mine. Ernie leads. Usual time and place. We need a new liaison officer- Bob Beauvias? Terry and Gary Richards (Appleton club) would like to help us- as that club isn't real active. Also they do a Montreal talk that we might have them do for the Christmas dinner. \$50.00 stipend.

**September Program Meeting-** The meeting was called to order by Ernie Johnson at 2:00. There were 22 members, 1 guest and 1 child present. Guests were Mr. Joe Harra and son Luke. Secretary's minutes were read and approved. Treasurers report read and approved. No bills, no correspondence. Helen states that there is an increase in the price of the IRMC badges. We need a refreshment chairperson, possibly a co-chair. Ernie gave a review of our successful show, Swap & sell 1999. New business: Scholarships for NMU & MTU (1999-2000) are being announced. Carrie Crenshaw is NMU's. She is a Junior in Physical Geography. MTU's isn't announced yet. October 3 is the color tour. Bruce and Ernie will announce where we're going/ A nomination committee for election of officers 2000 will be formed. We also need someone for publicity and a new Jaspilite editor (Feb.) for 2000. Christmas dinner cost may go up depending on the cost of the menu. Terry and Gary Richards to do the Christmas Program on the Montreal Mine by Hurley, WI. The 50.00 gift to the Jacobetti Center gets sent in the month of January. Luke Harra, present today, was the winner of the "Guess the number of pellets game" at the show. Today we present him with the prize, the 4 educational rock specimen cartons the Olive Sain has organized. Congrats Luke!

The Oct 14 program meeting is on "Gems & Minerals of the Bible and Aaron's breastplate" which Clara Braden will orate. Aaron's breastplate can be seen at the Roger Williams Inn in Greenlake, WI. Reminder to bring Christmas Gifts to the Dinner. Lady for Lady, Man for Man, Child for Child. Bruce spike has found the safety deposit key! Door prizes handed out by Alan Korby. Child's- Audra Basal, Ladies- Olive Sain, Man's- George Swadick, Visitor-Luke Haara. 50/50 went to Bob Procunier. Today's program, Show & Tell. 11 people to go to Bonanza for dinner.



**ISHPEMING ROCK AND MINERAL CLUB  
1999 LIVE AUCTION ITEMS**

Item	Donator	Bidder
Rock Hammer	Bob Procnier	Doris Ade
Petrified Wood	??????????	Payne
Hematite specimen	Dawn&Lowell Smail	Gary Richards
Selenite XLS	??????????	Marg Rohrer
Picture Jasper Wire Wrap	??????????	Ernie Johnson
Copper Chunk	??????????	Doris Ade
Hematite specimen	Dawn&Lowell Smail	Gary Richards
Copper Chunk	??????????	Espanoza
Hematite specimen	Dawn&lowell Smail	Randy Phillips
Cooper Scull	Ida Anderson	Don brown

**ISHPEMING ROCK MINERAL CLUBS  
1999 Raffle Prize Winners**

<u>Prize</u>	<u>Donator</u>	<u>Winner</u>
\$100.00	IRMC	Thomas Petrocik
Kona Dolomite Clock	Ida Anderson	Kitty Starbuck
Bird Clock	Bob Procnier	Wesley Aho
U.P. Gold Earrings	Mike&Pam Basal	Michelle Baronis
Crystal Candy Disk	Pat Procnier	George Gallus
Geode Mining Scene	Jim DeClare	Arnold Mulzer
Apple Print Table Runner	Helen Johnson	Lois Spedowski
Green Jasper Beltbuckle	Arnold Mulzer	Heather Weaver
Onyx Book Ends	Dawn&Lowell Smail	Carol Zdroik
Necklace	Sally Ahrndt	Karolyn Kohl
Afghan	Unabelle Weaver	Ernest Johnson
Wallet	Kathy Waters	Gary Larson
Smelter Brick Clock	Jim DeCaire	Springer
Pen Set Copper	Ernie&Helen Johnson	Floyd Weaver
Book- Dangerous Coast	Dan Fountain	Heather Weaver
Magnetite Clock	Don&Jan Ruonavaara	Gloria Paavola
Woven Rug	Olive Sain	Norma DeCaire
Brazilian Agate Belt Buckle	Don&Jan Ruonavaara	Sister Helen T.
Book-Michigan Gold	Dan Fountain	Karolyn Kohl
Pendent-Petrified Palm Wood	ILA&Robert Smith	Jean Evan
Geodes-Mexico	Don&Jan Ruonavaara	Louis Rosenbaum
Pendent-Tiger eye	ILA&Robert Smith	Randy Phillips
Bolo Tie-Agate	Don&Jan Ruonavaara	Ron Belden
Keweenaw Copper	Ida Anderson	Harry Rajala
Clock	Bruce Spike	Kim E. Mard
Copper Tree	Bob&Ruth Beavais	Kathy Maki
Copper Bracelet	Peggy Fowler	Gerald Droszcz
Copper-Silver	Red Metal Mineral	Terrie Richards
Polished Copper Nugget	Sue Duester	Morgan LaChance
Datolite Earrings	Sue Duester	Ken Bendix
Kona Clock	Pat Bemis	Jim Johnson
Belt Buckle	Pat Bemis	Diane Springer



# Information Highway

This section is to share new web sites and computer information for those of us that are trying to survive on the information highway called the Internet. If you have found an interesting web site, share it with us.

## The Club Has A Homepage!!! Check It Out!

<http://hometown.aol.com/irockclub/IRMC.html>

We also have an E-mail address: [IROCKCLUB@aol.com](mailto:IROCKCLUB@aol.com)

If you are a member of the club and would like a link on the website, write and tell us. For members it is free.

Check out these other interesting sites:

### Members Sites:

Dan Fountain's Home Page: <http://www.portup.com/~dfount/home.htm>

Mike Basal's MPB Minerals Home Page: <http://hometown.aol.com/mpbmincoll/MPB.html>

Kathy Waters' The Michigan Catalog. Fire Center Studio:  
<http://upbiz.com/catalogs/firecenter/index.html>

### Other Sites:

Keweenaw Gem and Gift, Inc. - In Michigan's Copper Country:

<http://www.copperconnection.com/>

Mineral Localities - Worldwide - Index:

<http://marina.fortunecity.com/hornchurch/156/WorldIndx.htm>

Smithsonian Gem & Mineral Collection: <http://galaxy.einet.net/images/gems/gems-icons.html>

## Club Members

I received a call within the last month from Linda Wilson, who works at Wattson & Wattson. She is looking for some one to work with her on a lapidary project. If you are interested, please give her a call at 906-228-5775.

Ernie Johnson

## Today in History

August 17, 1896 a prospecting party discovered gold in Alaska, a finding that would touch off the Klondike gold rush.

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# Merry Christmas



## Christmas Party and Election of Officers

Our annual Christmas party and Election of next years officers will be held at the Northwoods supper club on Sunday December 5, 1999 at 1:00pm. Please come and have some fun with us. The club pays a substantial part of each members cost for the meal, members pay \$7.00, guests pay \$12.50. Each person attending the party should bring a gift, approx. \$5.00 in value, a woman- a women's gift, a man- a man's gift, child- a child's gift. The gifts should be wrapped and tagged. (Man, women or child) Please call Kathy Waters before thanksgiving. Note: Our guest speaker will be Gray Richards giving a talk on the Monreal Mine in Wisconsin.

### Blast from the PAST

This article was printed in the Jaspilite, January 1978.

### Hints from here and there on Display Cases

A well-displayed case will draw attention immediately. It isn't always what's in the case, but rather how it looks to the viewer.

Over-crowding can be a bad offender. The "cluttered" look will stand out rather than the excellent specimens shown. It is far better to have fewer items in a case; however, too many small items are just as uncomplimentary as the over-crowded case. Balance is something to be considered.

Linings can also be distracting, especially if they do not compliment the contents of the case. Ruffling the lining can be distracting, too, overshadowing the specimens shown.

Clearly labeling your specimens can be very helpful for the viewer, provided the labels are not at different angles and are printed legibly and clearly. They should be laid flat and parallel to the front of your case. Also, be sure that YOUR name is shown where it can be easily seen. One hint on plastic labels - heat in the case may make the plastic curl.

Be sure the underside of the glass is clean. The hosts and hostesses will keep the top side clean. There's nothing worse than viewing a beautifully displayed case with messy glass; and we should try to keep them as clean as possible. Glass cleaner and paper towels will take care of this problem.

From Ozark Earth Science News



# HOT TOPIC

It's a hot Topic.

## 1999 SHOW WRAP-UP

I THANK YOU AND APPLAUD EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU WHO HELPED IN SOME WAY TO MAKE THE SHOW A HUGH SUCCESS. AS I HAVE SAID IN THE PAST, WITHOUT YOUR COMMITMENT THE SHOW WOULD NOT GO ON. This year's show was very, very successful in a number of ways; the number of dealers, 31, is the most we have ever had. This in itself enhanced the overall show and put forth an image for next year's show for those attending. Two new activities were added and directed toward the kids, the fishing for rocks and the guessing of the number of pellets in a jar for a prize. The availability of food on site kept people on there as well as brought them into the building and from all reports it was well received. The Ropes Gold Mine Model generated a lot of interest and questions and provided yet another dimension to the day. The final three activities (the kids table, silent auction, and mineral displays) which have been the core of the show for years continue to fulfill that roll. Respectively, these three have provided people with minerals at a reasonable cost and the ability to view minerals from the local area. The demonstrations were a big question mark as I did not have any until the Tuesday prior to the show. Three individuals who were here for the show and visiting one of our members said they would demonstrate as they had their equipment with them. The cabling, wire wrapping and faceting provided additional interest for the show. The field trips again proved they play an important part of the overall show, with 47 people on Friday and 82 on Sunday. Friday's trip went to a new location, the Humboldt processing area. I don't know if any gold was found; but everyone had a great time looking. Saturday evening is always an enjoyable time, as it provides an opportunity to enjoy fellowship with other rockhounds and to relax somewhat. The program on Iron Country minerals started the evening off, followed by the live auction and the raffle drawing. As always, whenever we have a live auction, a spirited exchange of bidding between individuals for that special specimen takes place. This year was no exception do to the fine specimens that were donated. The Copper Skull provided some spirited bidding which was enjoyed by all; and at the end, it had a new home. The show not only provided the public an array of activities which highlighted rocks and minerals in some way, but also was a financial success for the club. When you think about the show and the effort that was put into it, you ask the question what really did it provide, what did it present to the public, what was made available to see, learn and to enjoy and what did it offer: 32 dealers(13 inside, 19 outside), 32 raffle prizes, 50+ door prizes, 10 live auction items, 7 mineral displays, on going demonstrations, kids area, working mine display, food, silent auction, mineral program, and last, but not least, the opportunity to meet and enjoy people. We showed them that a rock is not just a rock, it is a mineral of some type, that comes in many different shapes, sizes, colors and forms and that it can be used in many different ways for many different things. Now comes the difficult part: how do I call attention to all those that contributed in some way in making the show the success it was. To list every one would be difficult; and I don't want to miss anyone. I think if each of you look at what you were involved in and what you accomplished and the effect it had on the show, I believe each of you can take personal satisfaction that your contribution contributed to the overall success of the show.





## A.E. Seaman Mineral Museum



The letter to the society members dated 4-28-99 best describes the museums goals as there centennial approaches in 2002. It is as follows:

Dear Society Member,

As you recall, the Seaman Mineral Museum will celebrate its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the official centennial of the museum, in 2002. What an opportunity to celebrate on of the true gems of the Keweenaw. For the museum, 2002 could be absolutely spectacular year. Not many companies or organizations, much less mineral museums, can boast 100 years and we plan to trumpet our Centennial!

Your Seaman Mineral Museum Society Board has already been hard at work for almost a year and so far we have:

- Engaged the MTU Advertising class to generate ideas that would bring the mineral community , the local community, MTU alumni and the current MTU community to celebrate the museum Centennial in grand style.

- Planned a series of special events starting with the Winter Carnival in January of 2002, possible ground braking ceremony for the new museum on Quincy hill and ending with the Centennial Ball in the Fall.

- We even have a working theme which captures the trues scope and depth of the Museums place in the Copper Country History:

### MINERALS. MINES AND MEMORIES

All of these wonderful dreams however, will not come true unless we get started on five key tasks this year, and that is where we need your help. For the remainder of 1999 we need:

Two or three amateur or professional historians to get started "discovering" those who have been a part of the mining history of the area such as donors, patrons, alumni, friends, industrialists, collectors, etc. and build a database of stories. These stories will enrich our understanding of what it was really like at that time. We need names and addresses so we can invite all interested parties to the Centennial events in 2002.

Two or three enthusiastic people to pursue grants and corporate sponsorship for the Seaman Museum Centennial Mobile to launch in late 2001 or earlier. We want to take

some of the newer style exhibits on the road across the Upper Midwest as part of our outreach and to sow the seeds of interest in the new museum and centennial.

Two or three more historians and researchers to develop a list of names for the "Wall of Honor" for the new museum. Helping to building the museum "brick by brick", and honoring those who made all of this possible such as the miners, the mining company managers, those who perished in the mines, others who supported the miners both physically and spiritually, the families who supported all of this, the groups that came and went as the Keweenaw flexed its industrial muscles and grew. We need people to identify them or their families, find was to contact them and collect their stories. Ultimately, they could work with the designers of the new museum to understand where and how the "Hall of Honor" would fit into the museum.

Note: This is a great idea and fundraising method, but it only works IF we are successful in getting to Quincy Hill. Donors will have to understand that – we have no more room in our existing quarters for "Wall of Honor" on that scale.

Two or three people to write, produce, and test a radio program call, "The Mineral Minute" using the expertise at the museum and developed from the Discovery effort and the Wall of Honor effort. We would combine those stories with information about the role minerals play in our lives today. We need 60-120 second radio formats for eventual syndication across the country.

Finally, we need three or four artists or graphics people to take the theme, "Minerals, Mines and Memories" and develop a logo and other ways to present the theme graphically and set the tone for the Centennial.

The museum staff is busying running the museum. You should see the dramatic copper piece on display in the northwest corner of the museum, and the Society provided financial support for the construction of this exhibit. The Capital Campaign is underway to build the new museum and this is your chance to contribute to the excitement and spectacle that should surround the Centennial of the A.E. Seaman Mineral Museum in 2002.

Please help by serving on one of the task forces and getting started with the Centennial effort. Thank You.

Sincerely, Alice Vader, Nina Nadgorny, Stanley J Dyl II

For information on how to help write:

Seaman Mineral Museum  
1400 Townsend Drive  
Houghton, MI 49931-1295

Or

Fax: 906-487-3027

Phone: 906-487-2572

E-mail: [avader@uplogon.com](mailto:avader@uplogon.com)

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## DUES ARE DUE

IRMC MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE DUE BY  
JANUARY 1, 2000

Please note that, if your annual dues are not paid by January 1, 2000 this is your last Jaspilite.

Annual dues amounts are as follows:

First adult in Family	\$5.00
Husband and Wife	\$8.00
Each Junior (child) member	
With adult membership	\$2.00
Each Junior (Child)	
No Parent	\$3.00

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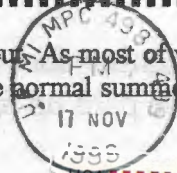
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I apologize for the delay this month in getting the Jaspilite out. As most of you, this summer has been filled with weddings, graduations, birthdays and all the normal summer duties. Thank you for your patience and understanding.



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