

# The Jaspilite

April 2009

## Our Purpose:

*\*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 & Marian Markert  
(founding members)*

## Presidents Corner

Spring is soon to arrive, it's time to get out the picks and gear and clean it up. We are always ready to accept suggestions for field days, just give me or Ernie a call. My number is (906) 376-2320. Please make sure you get your dues into the club. Any one 2 years or more behind will be dropped.

I will be sending out raffle tickets soon. If you didn't get any last year or didn't sell any, please do so this year. Let me know if you didn't get any last year as I won't send any out to people that don't respond. This is our major fund raiser.

Ernie is in charge of the show again this year and could use some help. We ask that each member put in at least 2 hours.

If you haven't been at the meetings, you are missing a lot. Our programs are excellent. April meeting is the 19th at 1:30 and our Annual Silent Auction a great place to pick up one of those minerals you need for your collection. We have a Scout troop attending this meeting and ask you bring some extra minerals for the auction. These kids are starting their collections.

See ya, John C. (for members interest, Allen Korby is in an assisted living home.)

2009

## IRMC Officers

President:

John Crady

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Vice-president:

Ernie Johnson

Secretary:

Treasurer:

David McGowan

**May program — Kennecott Minerals will be presenting a program on the minerals found and on their project.**

## 2009 Meeting Schedule



**Regular meetings Sundays**

**Business meetings**

1:30 Program/ followed by a business meeting

Mondays, 7 pm summer only

April 19th May

*New members are always welcome*

**All meetings held at the Cliffs Shaft Mine Museum, Ishpeming, MI.**

## **IMRC Rock and Mineral Show 2009**

**Our show is set for August 1, 2009 at the Elks Club in Ishpeming and is only 3 1/2 months away, so mark your calendars, so you don't miss a great weekend. A list of the different activities that need to be done will be discussed at the next meeting. To make it another successful year the club needs your help. In your trips, travels, cleaning your basement or where ever you find or pick up an extra specimen and you don't know what to do with it — save it for the show. As we need specimens for the silent auction, door prizes, kids table and if you have something special for the raffle. Always remember it is your show.**

**I need someone to work with me to over see all the activities required to make the show a great success. It is getting to much for one person to do. You need back up in case something happens and the show has to go on. So think about it if you want more information please contact me.**

**The raffle tickets are in and will be at the April meeting. If you are not at the meeting tickets will be sent. The club asks that all members sell ten tickets as it helps with club activities.**

**Ernie Johnson**

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## **Mineral Program**

**The club is working with Kevin Ponzio on a program for May. It may target a given mineral and the quartz formations of like minerals and the identifying of minerals, displaying and cleaning. More information will be available as it is finalized. It is set for May 20th starting at 6pm for 3 hours with a follow up if required on the 21st. Kevin has put on many programs for different mineral clubs. The club would like to know how many members would be interested. Please contact John Crady or Ernie Johnson.**

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**Library Notes** The club has purchased a new book and 2 CD's. Both are great additions to the library.

**The Other Lake Superior Agates by John D. Marshall.**

**This book describes some of the best of the many diverse forms of Lake Superior Agates. It is intended to both entertain and educate the casual or serious collector to enhance their enjoyment of these exceptional natural objects. It has 34 chapters, 166 pages and just about every page has beautiful colored pictures of agates.**

**Exquisite Agates by Mary Jane Clark — CD two copies**

**The CD displays agates from many different areas in the United States. She has set the pictures to music with a description of each agate.**

**If any one has any questions on the library or would like to know if the library has information on a given subject please contact me. Ernie Johnson**





**Another Great Kaleidoscope**

The Kaleidoscope was held at the Superior Dome in Marquette on Feb 21, from noon to 4. By unofficial accounts, there must have been two to three thousand people there. This year Allen and I weren't able to attend this fun event. However, Bev Trynoski took over organizing and everything went well. IMRC members were busy answering questions about rocks and minerals, helping children and parents look at crystals through a microscope, help them dig for a polished rock in the sand tub, and handing out free specimens. By all accounts everyone had a good time. Thanks to Bev, Dawn, Bill, Ernie, John, Leona, Thom, Doug, Rob, Glen, Miranda, Alan and Leo for their help either setting up or being available for the four hours. A special thanks to Dave, Olive, Rob, Bob, Ernie and Glen for their generous donation of mineral specimens.

Winner of our guess how many "Apache Tears" there were in a jar, was Caleb Byma. Caleb, age 9, lives in Negaunee and attends Lakeview Elementary. His dad says that their porch is full of the rocks Caleb brings home from his rock-hounding excursions. He was presented with egg cartons containing 60 different specimens all numbered and labeled for his collection.

Joyce Smith



*Time for Club membership renewals*

*Yearly Dues \$10.00 support Club rock room, education at schools and events, scholarships, displays, and more!*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ - Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ please check here for permission to share information within the club only

Mail your payment and this form to IMRC PO Box 102 Ishpeming, Mi 49849



Deadlines for Newsletter articles for this year are Jan20, March 20, May 20 , July 20, Sept 20, Nov 20

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**Earth science award**

The club has selected Claire E. Kitzman from NMU for the IRMC's Earth Science Award for 2009-2009. Following is information that she provided.

There is a lot, so pick what you would like to include.

**Leadership and volunteer experience**

- Student Leader Fellowship Program

Graduated in the Crimson Block (2004-2006)

- President of NMU Piscators Fishing Team 2002-2008

- President of NMU Rock and Mineral Club 2008-2009

- Board of Trustees Fred Waara Chapter of Trout Unlimited 2003-2008

- Volunteer for Coaster Brook Trout research Project in Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore field seasons 2004-2005

-MMRT Coach (Marquette Mountain Race Team) 2007-2008

-Superior Edge Program

**Interest, Activities, Talents and Certifications**

- Rock and Mineral Collecting and Identification, Jewelry Making, Wood Working, Lapidary Art, Metal Smithing, Downhill, cross country, backcountry, telemark skiing, Snow Shoeing, Fly Fishing, Fly Tying , Bird Hunting, Morel Mushroom Hunting, Scuba, Map Collecting, Hiking, Fiddle Playing, Cooking, reading

-Wilderness first Responder Certified (2006-2009)

-Adult and Child CPR certified (2006-2009)

-Adult Open Water PADI Scuba Diving Certification

-Waterfall Tour Guide (Big Bay Outfitters)

-Fishing Guide

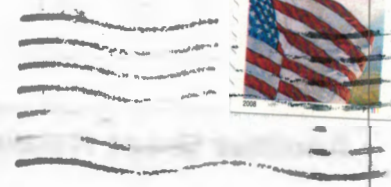
**About Me, Future Goals and Plans**

I was born and raised on County Road 510, right on the Dead River Basin, and fell in love with the area. When I was little I used to scratch and scrape rocks with water and made paint, and painted pictures of rocks on big rocks. I had many pet rocks, and to this day, any time I leave on a trip, I grab the agate an friend gave me from the shores of Duluth Minn. I also have recently found that scuba diving has open more doors and opportunities to collect rocks, minerals and artifacts.

My collection of local rock and minerals fill up every nook and cranny in my house not to mention my rather large and growing rock gardens at home and at camp.

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50 years and still  
collecting !

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**Kids Korner**

**Did you know the Inukshuk is the basic logo for the 2010 Olympics in Vancouver Ca?**

An Inukshuk, meaning "likeness of a person" in Inuktitut (the Inuit language) is a stone figure made by the Inuit. The Inukshuk is simple a pile of stones arranged in the shape of a human being!

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