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**Monthly Newsletter of the Ottawa Lapsmith and Mineral Club**

## President's Message

The club picked up a donation from Gina Bielinski. There was some very nice lapidary rock and a sandblasting machine for the silver group.

The 2016 Ottawa show is set for the Carleton University field house Sept 24-25. The new venue will cost us another \$10,000 but hopefully we will recoup it with higher ticket sales.

Club membership is up ~50 members over this time last year. We can thank the MIG group for a chunk of that. The last MIG meeting was better attended than the last Lapidary group meeting! Workshop attendance and workshop sales are also way up.

The club will be replacing the old 18" saw with another in late April/early May.

If you intend to attend the 3 day Cabonga fieldtrip August 19-21 please send an Email to the trip leader Kerry Day at [kaygeedee@travel-net.com](mailto:kaygeedee@travel-net.com) so I can make campground/cabin reservations. To date only 6 people have contacted me.

The building day care is once again using the playground behind the building. If you park there during day care hours you risk a ticket. Street parking is also limited to 3 hours.

Kerry Day

### Newsletter Editor:

All members are invited to submit articles, proposals, or any thoughts that could be included in the newsletters.

Feel free to send your Classified ads by e-mail to: [News@OLMC.ca](mailto:News@OLMC.ca)

**Stéphane Jetté, OLMC Newsletter Editor**

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# Next OLMC General Annual Meeting



## *Come to Vote for New OLMC Executive Board! followed by Rock Swaps ☺*

Our OLMC Annual Meeting is the occasion to see and the question the Club's financial status.

It is also the occasion to influence the Club's new or current activities by sharing your thoughts with the volunteers of the executive board.

All executive positions are open for nomination and the members present will vote on who will be in the executive positions.

If you think you can help, you can nominate yourself as candidate for any of the position. We need all the help we can get!  
There is time for nominations!

Please send your nominations to [pres@olmc.ca](mailto:pres@olmc.ca)

The list of current executive committee members is on page 8.

Note that a copy of the 2015 Financial statements is currently available at the workshop. These are on the bookshelf behind the display cabinet.

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## *Do you have surplus rough, minerals or equipment that you would like to barter?*

After the election, all members are invited to swap and exchange anything that may be of interest to other members!

Bring things you would like to get rid of or trade around!

Clean out your basement!

There will be coffee and tea and some goodies to share.

*We are all looking to see each of us at the Annual General Meeting!*

*Cheers, OLMC!*

### OLMC Meeting

**Date:**

Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016

**Time:**

7h30pm-9pm

**Location:**

OLMC Workshop  
1000 Brookfield  
Road, Ottawa ON

# Mineral Interest Group (MIG)

MIG monthly meeting

## Earth Sciences in North America Museums

Monday, April 18, 2016, at 7:30pm - 9:30pm

Ottawa Lapsmith & Mineral Club, 1000 Brookfield Road, Ottawa, Ontario K1V 6J1

John Biczok, Exploration Geologist and member of the MIG, will do a presentation on different interesting museums in North America.

Most of the museums have very interesting Earth Sciences displays!

All OLMC members are welcome!

*Christian Rochefort*

[chrisroche644@gmail.com](mailto:chrisroche644@gmail.com)



The 50th annual show for the club will be held at the Carleton University Fieldhouse, on the weekend of Sept. 24-25, 2016.

The gem show committee is looking for volunteers to help advertise this year's show. If you would like to help distribute cards, posters or road signs, please contact the Show Chair at [showchair@olmc.ca](mailto:showchair@olmc.ca)

This year, the committee would like to focus on the areas around Carleton University, as well as downtown Ottawa and other gem/mineral shows.

The show needs volunteers in other areas. You could help with setup/takedown, children's table or security. Some display cases are available for club members to show the crafts they made at the workshop, or their private mineral collections.

Please contact the Show Chair, if you are interested,

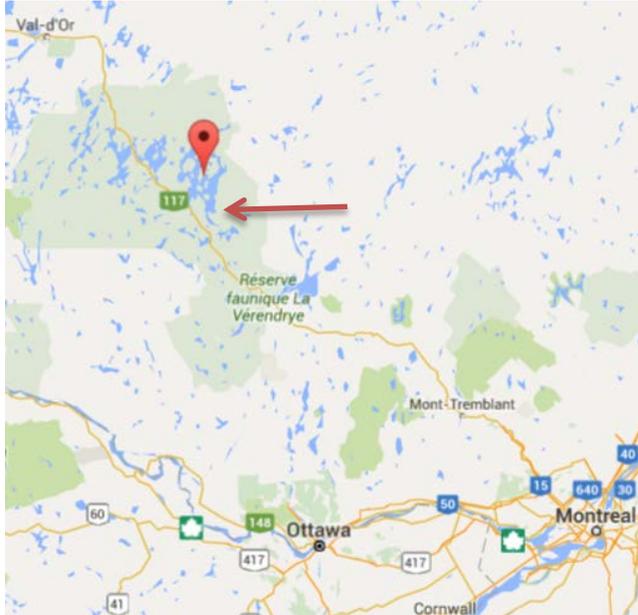
*Eric Clara, OLMC Show Chair*

*E-mail: [showchair@olmc.ca](mailto:showchair@olmc.ca)*

# FIELD TRIPS...



## Cabonga Reservoir



**August 19-21** - Southeastern shore of the Cabonga Reservoir for Spinel, Moonstone, red Garnet, grey Corundum and other minerals. The claim owner Mr. Olivier Langelier will give us a 3 day guided tour of the area by land and by boat.

The Cabonga reservoir is located between Maniwaki and Val d'Or ~ 3 hours drive north of Ottawa. We will be camping Friday and Saturday nights at the little town of Le Domaine ~ 20 minutes drive from the collecting areas.

There is only one small mine dump in the area. Most collecting will be on boulders and in the sand above Calcite outcrops. The vegetation is thick Spruce forest that has been clear cut in places. Boat access to the reservoir is no problem. In late August the logging roads should be in good shape.

If you are planning to attend please contact Kerry Day [kaygeedee@travel-net.com](mailto:kaygeedee@travel-net.com) so he can make reservations.

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I would enjoy taking members to the old standbys. Examples are perthite at Rideau Ferry, peristerite at the Perth location, corundum at Craigmont and/or Burgess, various at Quadville and apatite at Miller. Some of these locations have the possibility of interesting additional activities if there is time and interest.

I hope to get out a tentative schedule for local field trips this week and will send it soon.

Any suggestions are welcome!

*Frank Stoyles* [Frank.Stoyles@rogers.com](mailto:Frank.Stoyles@rogers.com)

## ...FIELD TRIPS!

### On April 23, 2016

Depending on the weather, I plan to have a field trip to MacDonald Mine near Bancroft.

**Geology:** The mine occurs in a zoned pegmatite dyke, with a central core of massive quartz, an intermediate zone of coarse-grained quartz and microcline-perthite, a wall zone of medium grained albite-microcline-quartz and border zone of fine grained graphic granite. Feldspar crystals up to one metre in length can be seen in the central pillar, and pyroxenes and allanite occur up to 30 centimetres long.

**Minerals:** White, pink and red massive feldspar, (some peristerite), milky to smoky quartz, graphic granite, allanite, pyrite, cyrtolite zircon, uranopyrochlore (ellsr, vorthite). Other recorded minerals include: scapolite, pyrrhotite, fluorite (purple), magnetite, ilmenite, chalcopyrite, and galena.

**Special note:** The mine is under reclamation so it will be surface collecting only. There are also conflicting information about access. A report on MinDat states that the mine is closed to collectors (as of 2013). This is true for the mine proper but the area is still listed as a collecting point in the Bancroft Chamber of Commerce guide. Maybe we can have access to the dumps. I will contact the BCoC to find out what is happening and I will let everyone know by e-mail.

*Christian Rochefort*  
[chrisroche644@gmail.com](mailto:chrisroche644@gmail.com)



### Thanks to Gina Bielinski!

Gina gave many rocks and tools to the Club!  
We all appreciate these donations!

The jewellers can learn how to use the sandblaster for jewel cleaning and polishing, while all the members are looking forward to buy some of the rocks and gems! The profit gathered by the sales will help the Club to continue all our operations.

<http://ginabielinski.com>

**Thanks from all of us! OLMC**



## Rock Sales!

### **Colin's Rock Garage Sale!**

**Saturday, April 16, 9h - 2h pm**

**1552 Highway 148, Luskville, Quebec, K0K 3E0  
613 395-4079**

Slabs and rough for slabbing, many amethyst and quartz crystals, and garden rocks. There are also many machines, including a number of 8" arbors, a 10 " saw and some wheels!

**Directions:**

Cross the Champlain Bridge, turn left at the top of the hill

Proceed to Vanier Road, turn right

Proceed to Blvd des Allumetieres ( a divided highway and the second set of lights), turn left

Proceed to the end of the divided highway and turn right on Highway 148

Proceed on 148 for about 5 km.

When you pass the Depanier Eardly ( a small store on the right) you are almost there.

There is a french fry truck then a house on the hill, then our driveway 1550 and 1552 very wide

It is a grey bungalow and has a large travel trailer in the yard. There is lots of parking space.

If lost give me a call.

Phone number: 613-406-8846, *Colin Geitzler*

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## **Ontario's Largest Wholesale Rock and Mineral!**

**Liquidation Sale.**

**Open to the Public.**

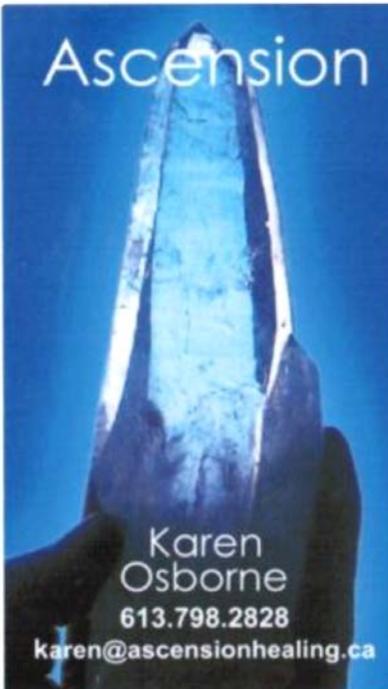
**April 30 and May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016, 10h am – 6 pm**

**596 King's Mill Road RR3 Stirling Ontario, K0K 3E0  
613 395-4079**

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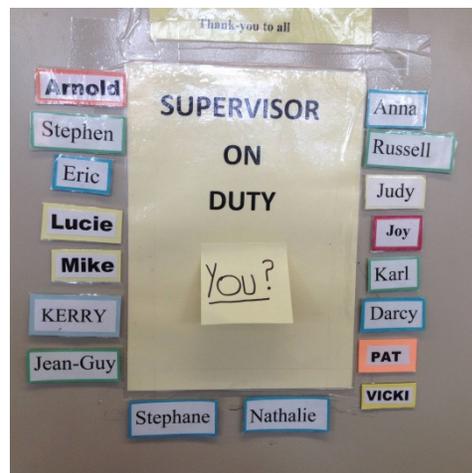
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April 2016						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 <b>Lapidary</b> 10am - 4pm <small>Workshop meeting 10am</small>
3	4 <b>Carving</b> 6:30-9pm	5 <b>Lapidary</b> 9am - 2pm <b>Silver Smiths</b> 2pm - 9pm	6 <b>Lapidary</b> 12pm - 9pm	7	8	9 <b>Lapidary</b> 10am - 4pm
10	11 <b>Faceting &amp; Carving</b> 6:30-9pm	12 <b>Lapidary</b> 9am - 2pm <b>Silver Smiths</b> 6h30pm - 9pm	13 <b>Lapidary</b> 4pm - 9pm	14 <b>OLMC Annual Elections Meeting</b> 7:30-9:30pm	15	16 <b>Lapidary</b> 10am - 4pm
17	18 <b>Mineral Interest Group meeting</b> 7:30-9:30pm	19 <b>Lapidary</b> 9am - 2pm <b>Silver Smiths</b> 2pm - 9pm	20 <b>Lapidary</b> 4pm - 9pm	21 Board Meeting 7 - 9pm	22	23 <b>Lapidary</b> 10am - 4pm
24	25 <b>Faceting</b> 6:30-9pm	26 <b>Lapidary</b> 9am - 2pm <b>Silver Smiths</b> 6h30pm - 9pm	27 <b>Lapidary</b> 12pm - 9pm	28	29	30 <b>Lapidary</b> 10am - 4pm

**Want to join our workshops but not yet a member?**

We accept new members all year round! Please see the membership application form.



**Would you like to be a supervisor?**

We are looking for volunteers to supervise our workshop. If you would like to become one of our workshop supervisors, you can contact Jean-Guy Bradette for details at [workshop@olmc.ca](mailto:workshop@olmc.ca)



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## Membership Application for the Year: 2016

<input type="checkbox"/> New Membership	<input type="checkbox"/> Membership renewal
<input type="checkbox"/> \$20 Single (one individual)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$30 Family (2 or more persons under the same residence)
<input type="checkbox"/> \$60 Annual workshop access fee (optional)	

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Province: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Tel.: \_\_\_\_\_

Please specify how you would like to receive OLMC's newsletter:

By e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

By mail

Do you need a receipt?  Yes  No

Administration use only:

Card provided:  Yes  No Supervisor signed:  Yes  No

Payments are payable to **Ottawa Lapsmith and Mineral Club**.

Please mail your membership form and fees to:

**Ottawa Lapsmith and Mineral Club**

**1000 Brookfield Road, Room #22**

**Ottawa, ON, K1V 6J1**

### Other services:

- \$25 Members' Newsletter advertisement — half to a quarter pages per calendar year
- \$55 Businesses' Newsletter advertisement (advertising fee plus a business membership).
- Locker Fee: \$25 per year – depends on locker availability
- Mandatory Workshop Course for Making Cabochons:  
\$55 - required for all members who want to use the workshop machinery.

Questions? Please contact us by phone or email [workshop@olmc.ca](mailto:workshop@olmc.ca) for details.