

Finding aid for the Grand Rapids Mineral Society records Collection 381

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Summary Information

Repository	Grand Rapids Public Library, Grand Rapids History and Special Collections Department
Creator	Grand Rapids Mineral Society.
Title	Grand Rapids Mineral Society records
Date [inclusive]	1956-1994
Extent	4.5 Linear feet
Language	English
Abstract	<p>The Grand Rapids Mineral Society was active in Grand Rapids, Michigan from 1958 to 1994. The society met monthly at the Grand Rapids Public Museum, participated in fund raising activities, presented speakers, held rock shows and led field trips. This collection includes meeting minutes, correspondence, scrapbooks, press releases and programs. The organization's newsletter, the Glacial Drifter, is available on the periodical shelves in the local history department.</p>

Biographical/Historical note

Robert Rozema, Raymond Kerr and their wives initiated the idea of a Grand Rapids rock club at a meeting in October 1958. Later that month a larger group met and selected the following officers: Robert Rozema, president; Richard Rose, vice president; Jane Kerr, secretary; Henry Slater, treasurer; and Mary Jane Dockeray, guide. Also present at this second meeting was C.N. Woolf, the president of the Kalamazoo Geological and Mineralogical Society, who was able to serve as an adviser to the new Grand Rapids Mineral Society.

The first general meeting was held November 12, 1958 at the Grand Rapids Public Museum. By the end of the first year, the membership grew to 175. The club was incorporated January 27, 1959 and joined the Midwest Federation of Mineralogical and Geological Societies.

The Society continued to meet monthly at the public museum, participated in fund raising activities, presented speakers, held rock shows, led field trips and beginning in February 1959, produced a newsletter called the "Glacial Drifter".

At their December 1993 meeting, the society voted to give any of their remaining funds towards a scholarship at Grand Rapids Community College. They also negotiated with Gordon Olson to have their papers donated to GRPL.

Scope and Contents note

This collection includes a nicely representative cross section of internal documents from throughout the period of the Grand Rapids Mineral Society's existence, 1958 - 1994. Patrons could gain a good understanding of how the club's administration developed, especially by examining meeting minutes and correspondence. The clippings, press releases, programs and scrapbooks in particular document the public activities of the group. The scrapbooks vary greatly in format and it may take some work for patrons to discern why the material in some of them was collected and placed together while others are more obvious with titles and dates. There is a nice 8x10 black and white print of Roy Rogers, Dale Evans and their son at a GRMS event near the back of the album marked only "1969-1975". All material in the collection relates to the GRMS unless specifically noted and near the bottom of the contents section is a group of more general publications. Issues of the club's newsletter, "The Glacial Drifter," can be found on the periodical shelves in the local history department.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Immediate Source of Acquisition note

Robert Beauvais, accession number 1994.030.

Controlled Access Headings

Genre(s)

- records (documents)

Geographic Name(s)

- Grand Rapids (Mich.) -- History

Subject(s)

- Minerals -- Collection and preservation -- Michigan -- Grand Rapids
- Science clubs -- Michigan -- Grand Rapids

Correspondence

Collection Inventory

	Box	Folder
By-Laws/Articles of Incorporation (also 1982 Michigan Annual Report)	1	1
Prepared histories of the club, and 1994 correspondence explaining club history	1	2
Correspondence		
	Box	Folder
General Correspondence, Aug 17, 1959 – Dec. 18, 1986	1	3
From folder marked “Mineral Correspondence” (1960-1965 plus other material)	1	4
Aug. 12, 1972 Bulletin Contest letter and related documents	1	5
From folder marked “1980 Correspondence” (1979-1980 plus other material)	1	6
Meeting Minutes		
Scope and Contents note		

Meeting Minutes

With secretary and treasurer reports. Material is organized as it was found collected in the following notebooks, in primarily chronological order with related documents including correspondence and legal documents.

	Box	Folder
Jul. 14, 1956 - Dec. 14, 1964: includes articles of incorporation and by-laws	1	7
May 23, 1960 – Aug. 14, 1967: treasurer's reports	1	8
Jan. 18, 1965 – Sep. 15, 1969	1	9
Aug. 16, 1971 – Aug. 20, 1979	1	10
Sep. 13, 1971 – Mar. 17, 1975: treasurer's reports	1	11
Sep. 24, 1979 – Dec. 22, 1980	1	12
Jan. 26, 1981 – Oct. 1, 1984	2	1
Oct. 4, 1982 – Mar. 14, 1994: treasurer's reports	2	2
Aug. 22, 1983 – Nov. 30, 1993, treasurer's reports and correspondence	2	3
Midwest Federation of Mineralogical and Geological Societies meeting minutes, 1963 - 1976	2	4
	Box	Folder

Scholarships/Awards

Letterhead, stationary and envelopes, Membership applications, similar forms, 1962 and n.d.	2	5
Flyers, 1972 - 1978	3	3
Press Releases, for the Grand Rapids Public Museum, March 1974 – Feb. 1978	3	4
Newspaper and Magazine clippings: Mar. 3, 1968 – Jul. 30, 1989, many undated, includes small collection of obituaries	3	5
Photos: 1973 color print and slide of W.D. Frankforter, four other unidentified (two of rocks and two of children with bags of rocks)	3	6
Programs, 1971 – 1993, n.d.	3	7
Certificates, 1970 – 1989	3	8
Lists of names, including visitors, board and general members, 1970 – 1985, n.d.	3	9
Lists, library holdings, club properties, sale items	4	1
Scholarships/Awards		
	Box	Folder
From folder marked “Scholarship Committee” (1963-1967)	4	2

Membership Directories

Folder marked "All American Federation Club Award Entry 1976" (contains smaller folder marked "Correspondence regarding choice of state mineral")	4	3
1985 Education thru Sharing document	4	3
	Box	Folder
Shows, 1962 – 1977 (announcements, schedules, rules, entry forms)	4	4
Quizes/Contests, 1973 – 1984 (word games, raffles, bulletin contests)	4	5
"Glacial Drifter", drawings (potential artwork for publication)	4	6
My Fossil Book (Multiple photocopied booklets with handwritten text and drawings)	4	7
Stickers, "Grand Rapids Mineral Society, Mich."	4	8
		Box
Financial Ledgers, 1974 - 1986		5
Scrapbooks: Thirteen with dates ranging from 1958 to 1983, (various sizes and forms including typical scrapbook format and collected in notebooks, spiral bound and other)		6
Membership Directories		
	Box	Folder
GRMS, 1962 – 1985	2	6

Non-GRMS Material

Midwest Federation of Mineralogical and Geological Societies, 1969 - 1986/1987	3	1
Indian Mounds Rock & Mineral Club, 1983	3	2
Non-GRMS Material		
	Box	Folder
Maps, diagrams, charts	7	1
Academic articles/notes	7	2, 3
Midwest Federation/American Federation of Mineralogical Societies publications, 1969 – 1983	7	4
Newsletters		
	Box	Folder
Grand Rapids Museum Assn. News, Mar. 1977 – Apr. 1978	7	5
Contact (Michigan Education Association) Sep. 1971 – Feb. 1974	7	5
Midwest Federation Newsletter, Jun. 1974 & Jan. 1977	7	5
Arrowhead News (Midwest and American Federations of Mineralogical Societies) Nov. 1977	7	5

Newsletters

American Federation of Mineralogical Societies Newsletter, 1971 – 1977	7	5
Mackinac History, 1972	7	5
	Box	Folder
Other publications	7	6
Business cards, 3 from Arkansas	7	7