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<p>ANNUAL BLMS MEMBERSHIP MEETING INFORMATION</p>	<p>DATE: Friday, May 24, 2019</p>	<p>INSIDE THIS ISSUE</p>	
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HELP US SAVE THE ENVIRONMENT

Request your copy of the BL&MS Newsletter to be emailed to you in PDF format instead of mailed to you. Please send an email to Allan Hietapakka, BLMS secretary at allanhietapakka@gmail.com (If you have requested a PDF copy and have not received it, please check your Junk Box.) Please Note: A PDF copy of the Newsletter is posted monthly on The BL&MS Website as well. www.brantfordlapidarymineral.ca

<p>Please make sure your Membership card is good until December 31, 2019. As per the BL&MS Bylaws <u>Article 2: Membership</u> <u>Item 2.1 Qualifications for membership:</u> Membership in the Society shall be open to all individuals who agree with the constitution, by-laws and objectives of the Society and pay the appropriate fee. <u>Item 2.2 Fees:</u> Annual fees shall be due and payable not later than January 31st each year, and shall be collected by the Treasurer. New members who join the society during the period from Sept. to Dec. 31 shall be entitled to a membership card for the following year.</p>	<p>PLEASE CHECK YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARDS: Members who have not renewed their BL&MS Membership for 2019 will not receive BL&MS Newsletters; will not be allowed to vote at meetings and will not be allowed to use the Workshop until such time as they renew their membership. Joan Campbell will be accepting 2019 BL&MS Membership Renewals and New Memberships at the BL&MS Monthly Meetings. Please pay by cash or cheque. You can also renew your BL&MS membership at the Workshop or by mail. You need a current 2019 BL&MS membership to use the Workshop. Note: If paying by cash at the Workshop please bring the exact Notice: 2019 BL&MS Membership Fees Have Gone Up: Single \$20.00 Family \$25.00</p>
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FUTURE BL&MS MONTHLY MEETING DATES FOR 2019 – May to June only	
	May 24, 2019 at 7:30 pm – LATER DATE – AGM MEETING AND ELECTIONS
	June 14, 2019 at 6:30 pm – POT LUCK DINNER – EARLIER DATE AND TIME

THE BL&MS WORKSHOP IS OPEN MORE DAYS AND HOURS: 125 Stanley St. Unit # 5, Brantford. (Unit # 5 is at the back of the building.) From Highway 403 take Exit 38 Wayne Gretzky Parkway. (If coming from the East turn Left onto Wayne Gretzky Parkway. If coming from the West turn Right onto Wayne Gretzky Parkway.) Turn right onto Henry Street. Travel approx. 160 metres. Turn left onto Stanley Street. Travel approx. 850 metres. Destination will be on the left. (Please park at the back of the building or on Grey Street). Your BL&MS Membership must be current for you to use the Workshop machines or partake in any Workshop Courses

SOLDERING COURSE WILL BE RESTARTING AT THE WORKSHOP: The Workshop is restarting a Soldering Course. If you are interested in attending the Soldering Course please contact Rita at apanavr@gmail.com or sign up at the Workshop on the sign-in sheet with your contact information: Name, Phone Number, Email Address. The Soldering Course will run on either Saturday or Sunday in conjunction with a grinding session. Payment for the Soldering Course will be by punch card. There is a Maximum of Ten (10) people per each Soldering Course. Further information will be available at the Workshop or by emailing Rita.

Please welcome Jordan Hill as a NEW Workshop Instructor. Jordan is a member of the BL&MS and has used the Workshop for a few years. Thank you, Jordan for taking on this position.

Workshop Chairperson: Ernie Edmonds (519) 583-9457
 Workshop Instructors: Rita Apanavicius apanavr@gmail.com or (289) 682-7612
 Allan Hietapakka Allan.hietapakka@hotmail.com or (519) 732-9825
 Ellen Boyington ellenboyington64@gmail.com or (519) 753-5191
 Jordan Hill
 Soldering Course Brad McClelland Contact Rita if interested or sign up in advance at the Workshop

Day of the Week	Hours the Workshop will be Open	Workshop Instructors
Sunday	12 noon to 6:00 pm	Ernie Edmonds and Allan Hietapakka
Monday	3:00 pm to 9:00 pm	Ellen Boyington
Tuesday	7:00 pm to 10:00pm	Rita Apanavicius
Wednesday	12 noon to 6:00 pm	Ernie Edmonds and Allan Hietapakka
Thursday	7:00 pm to 10:00 pm	Rita Apanavicius
Friday	12 noon to 6:00 pm	Jordan Hill
Saturday or Sunday Soldering Course in Conjunction with a grinding Session	Dates and Times are To Be Announced	Brad McClelland

NOTE: Rita and Ellen have said that if you would like the Workshop open earlier on a Monday, Tuesday or Thursday night please phone either Rita or Ellen in advance and if they are able to accommodate you, they will. Rita's and Ellen's contact information are found above.

The days & times are also posted on our website & Facebook sites. The BL&MS Website: www.brantfordlapidarymineral.ca Facebook Website: <https://www.facebook.com/brantfordclub>

WORKSHOP PUNCH CARDS CAN BE PURCHASED AT THE BL&MS MEETINGS OR AT THE WORKSHOP

There are four levels of Workshop Punch Cards which are available for current members to purchase at our BL&MS Monthly Meetings and at our Workshop. Please pay by cash or cheque. Please bring exact change.

The Four Levels of Workshop Punch Cards are as such:

- 1 session for \$12.00
- 5 sessions for \$55.00 (Eleven dollars per workshop session)
- 10 sessions for \$100.00 (Save money - Ten dollars per workshop session)
- 20 sessions for \$180.00 (Best Savings - Nine dollars per workshop session)

NOTE: Each session is for ONE workshop usage per person. The Workshop Punch Card MUST be punched by the Workshop Chairperson or Workshop Instructor for EACH PERSON on EACH DAY of their workshop usage BEFORE they work on the machines.

FIND US ON FACEBOOK: Rita Apanavicius has added Facebook to our website and link on our newsletter: <https://www.facebook.com/brantfordclub>

GEM, MINERAL AND FOSSIL SHOWS May, June, & July 2019

2019 Annual Toronto Jewellery Gem & Mineral Show & Sale will be held on Friday May 03, 2019 from 4 pm till 9 pm, Saturday May 04, 2019 from 10 am till 7 pm and Sunday May 05, 2019 from 10 am till 5 pm. Held at the Don Mills Civitan Arena, 1030 Don Mills Road,



North York Ontario. M3C 1W6

2019 Kitchener Waterloo Gem and Mineral Club Annual Show will be held on Saturday, May 4, 2019 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm., at the Button Factory Arts, 25 Regina Street S., Waterloo, Ontario. Each year their club organizes an annual show for one day only. The show is open to the public. Their show provides opportunities for people to buy, sell and exchange rocks, minerals, fossils, gemstones, lapidary material and equipment. Admission is free. For more information: kwegemandmineralclub@hotmail.com

2019 55th Niagara Peninsula Geological Society Annual Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show and Sale – *A GEOventure!*. Sat., June 8 from 10 am to 5 pm. Cost \$3.00 (children under 12 free). Rocks, Minerals, Fossils, Gems, Jewellery, Experts, Displays, Exhibits; Door Prizes, Rockhounding, Meteorites, and much more. Fireman's Park, 2275 Dorchester Road, Niagara Falls, Ontario. For more information: <http://www.ccfms.ca/clubs/NPGS/show.htm>

2019 37th Annual Sudbury Gem and Mineral Show, Fri July 19 from 5 pm – 9 pm; Sat July 20 from 10 am-6 pm and Sun Jul 21 from 10 am – 5 pm at Carmichael Arena, Bancroft Drive, Sudbury, ON. Adults \$5.00, Seniors (60+) \$3.00, Children 6-12 \$1.00. Contact 705-522-5140 or go to <http://ccfms.ca/Sudbury/Show.php>. Sponsored by the Sudbury Rock & Lapidary Society.

CCFMS: Please check their website for Show updates, Field Trips and maps. <http://www.ccfms.ca> For more information refer to the Events Tab and the Field Trips Tab.



CCFMS Recurring Field Trips are posted on the CCFMS website:

- [Lincoln Quarry](#) Nelson Aggregates Quarry, Beamsville Ontario – Probably Saturday, May 11, 2019 (Mother's Day Weekend) and maybe Saturday 21 or 28. Hosted by CCFMS By permission only. Strict working Quarry rules: full safety gear, safety talk, must be 16 years or older. Please contact Jim Glen, Trip leader: jrglen@sympatico.ca
- [Bowmanville Quarry](#) St. Mary's Cement Inc. (Canada), Bowmanville – usually late May or early June and maybe mid-October, hosted by CCFMS. By permission only. Strict working Quarry rules: full safety gear, safety talk, must be 16 years or older. Please contact Kevin Kidd, Trip leader: kevjenn1998@yahoo.ca

FIELDTRIPS: Go to the Niagara Peninsula Club website for a listing of scheduled fieldtrips & activities: www.ccfms.ca/clubs/NPGS Niagara Peninsula Club field trips email: npgstrips@gmail.com

London & Sarnia clubs are also planning on going to the ROM, maybe May on a weekday. They may have limited spaces. Please contact Bob O'Donnell, President, London club: bob-carla@rogers.com. for confirmation of the date, participant cost and further details.

Ace of Diamonds Mine, Herkimer, NY, May 18 to 20, 2019 (Victoria Day Weekend). Co-hosted with Brantford Lapidary & Mineral Society. Kid-friendly. You will need a passport or an enhanced driver's license to cross the border. If camping, book @ Ace of Diamonds or the KOA campground. Brantford club members contact Andrea Larromana: andrea.larromana@yahoo.ca. Niagara & other CCFMS clubs, contact Ashley Pollock: npgstrips@gmail.com. Please let Andrea or Ashley know if you are planning to attend. Possible additional date May 26 to 28, 2019 (Memorial Day weekend) hosted by Wayne County (NY) Gem & Mineral Club. Wayne County also visits Hickory Hill diggings which is approx. 45 minutes east of Herkimer, NY (Hickory Hill is open Memorial Day weekend only).

Ridgemount & Ridgemount "South" Quarries, Ridgemount, ON. Maybe on Friday June 28th. Ridgemount is "in flux" at the moment due to changing working-sites and blasting. Awaiting confirmation that collectors are allowed in. Public collecting site on Fridays throughout late spring to fall. If you wish to go not on a scheduled club trip, phone Ridgemount Quarry at 905-382-2041 for a reservation. Ridgemount "South" Quarry is a scheduled Niagara club trip. Strict working Quarry rules: full safety gear, safety talk, must be 16 years or older. Walker Brothers now requires a flashing amber beacon light on cars.

Northern environs – Temagami, Cobalt, Kirkland Lake & Gowgonda – either mid-July or Mid-August for approx. 1 week. Still in planning stages. Primarily Archean minerals, silver, gold, cobalt, banded iron and pyrite. Kid friendly.

Open to the Public sites - any day you'd like to choose

[Grenville Province minerals](#): Location: Beryl Pit & Rose Quartz Mine, Quadeville; **kid-friendly** - both sites are pay-to-collect sites & Rose Quartz is "by appointment only". Please contact Dave & Renée Patterson, site owners.

Location: Rutter nepheline-syenite Pluton, 2 sites, French River; **kid-friendly** - one is a pay-to-collect site & both are by permission only. Please contact Ashley Pollock if interested.

Location: Schickler Fluorite Mine, Wilberforce; **kid-friendly** - free-to-collect pass can be obtained at 2 places: @ Municipal Offices, 2249 Loop Rd or @ Agnew's General Store, 2284 Loop Rd, both in Wilberforce.

[Mid-Devonian Hamilton Group - Onondaga Escarpment fossils](#)

Location: Penn-Dixie Paleontological and Outdoor Education Center, Blasdell (Buffalo), New York; **kid-friendly**



MUSEUMS - Are you interested in "Museums with Mineral & Hobby Related Items"?

The CCFMS had a list on their website of Museums with Mineral & Hobby Related Items in Ontario. www.ccfms.ca
Go to the Menu at the top of the CCFMS website and click on "Hobby Items" then Click on "Museums".

The list of Museums in Ontario includes:

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| Royal Ontario Museum, Toronto, ON | Cobalt's Northern Ontario Mining Museum, Cobalt, ON |
| Bancroft Mineral Museum, Bancroft, ON | Earth Sciences Museum, University of Waterloo, ON |
| Bruce Mines Museum, Bruce Mines, ON | Elliot Lake Nuclear and Mining Museum, Elliot Lake, ON |
| Canadian Drilling Rig Museum, Selkirk, ON | Miller Museum of Geology and Mineralogy, Kingston, ON |
| Canadian Museum of Nature, Ottawa, ON | |

If you go to the "Museums of Ontario" website they list the following Museum as having Minerals on display www.museumsonario.ca
Dryden and District Museum, Dryden, ON also displays Pioneer and Native Artifacts as well as Minerals

There are other "Museums with Mineral & Hobby Related Items" listed on the CCFMS website if you are going out of the province.

ROM ROYAL ONTARIO MUSEUM - Rock, Gem, Mineral, Fossil & Meteorite Identification Clinics at the ROM

More Information, contact ROM: 416-586-5549 or ROM website: <https://www.rom.on.ca/en/visit-us>

Visitors with rocks, minerals, gems, fossils or suspected meteorites can have them identified at the special ID clinics, held 6 times a year. These clinics are free to the public but patrons wishing to visit the rest of the museum will be charged admission. No appointment necessary, first come, first served. Sorry we can't ID stone artifacts & NO appraisals will be done. Hours: Wednesday 4:00 pm-5:30 pm Location: School Groups Lunchroom, President's Choice School Entrance on Queen's Park, doors nearest Museum subway shop.

Dates for 2019	February 20, 2019	April 17, 2019	June 19, 2019
	August 21, 2019	October 16, 2019	December 11, 2019

AGM MEETING ATTACHED DOCUMENTS:

1. PROPOSED AGENDA.
2. MINUTES OF THE 2018 AGM MEETING. (4 pages)
3. BLMS FINANCIAL STATEMENTS. DECEMBER 31, 2018. (6x pages)
4. PROPOSED REVISED BUDGET 2019 #4 & 2020 BUDGET PROJECTION
5. 2019 FINANCIAL AUDIT SPECIAL RESOLUTION & PROXY VOTE.
6. PROXY VOTE AUDIT FOR 2019.
7. RESOLUTION TO CHANGE THE SIZE OF BOD TO 9 MEMBERS.
8. RESPONSIBILITY OF THE BOD MEMBERS. (3pages)
9. PROXY VOTE ELECTION OF THE BLMS BOARD OF DIRECTORS. (2 pages)
10. PROXY VOTE MOTION TO CHANGE 4.4 (f) BYLAW
11. LAWYERS LETTER TO BLMS PRESIDENT. JANUARY 2, 2019
12. LAWYERS LETTER TO BLMS BOARD OF DIRECTORS. April 10, 2019
13. LAWYERS LETTER TO MEMBERSHIP MEETING APRIL 12, 2019



Open Letter to the BLMS AGM Membership

By: The acting Chair of the BLMS Board of directors

I am presenting myself as a candidate for the president of the Brantford Lapidary and Mineral Society. My goal is an attempt to reorganize the chaotic situation resulting from the actions of some of the former and present members of the 2018 Board of Directors. This has resulted in resignations, unacceptable behaviours by some members consisting of bullying and threats that have resulted in some members seeking legal council.

The resignation of the president resulted in the board lacking a legal quorum and rendered the society incapable of conducting any business other than essential house keeping matters and organization of an annual general meeting to elect a workable executive. Unfortunately these activities have been disrupted and hindered by former resigned and removed board members and their supporters.

We have through our own lawyers at our own personal expense been able to examine enough of the books and records to reveal that it is necessary for us to have a full audit of our finances and related records. This has not been done for several years and has been resisted by those past BOD members who were satisfied with the poor record keeping and accountability, and it has become apparent this has become a threat to our status as a registered 'not for profit' Ontario organization.

Many years ago I was one of the members who signed the original incorporation documents with the intent of protecting our society, its members and board with a legal framework to operate the society. One purpose of this action was to protect against the possibility of the 'not for profit' structure by 'for profit' corporations with other objectives.

Next year the Ontario government has promised to proclaim new legislation, which will change the 'not for profit' laws and clarify many matters including an emphasis on some behaviours which may be interpreted as a 'conflict of interest', our society has been advised that we should prepare our administrative structure to bring it into compliance with Ontario law.

My objective will be to assemble a team of individuals who can work together without abusive behaviour and threats, and to reorganize the affairs of the society.

In the past I have held various administrative positions in medical diagnostic imaging. My appointment before retirement 15 years ago was Chairman of Medical Diagnostic Imaging at the University of Sharjah in the United Arab Emirates. This position of which I held for 5 years was a program supervised and sponsored by the International Department of McMaster University.

Apart from my long membership in the Brantford Lapidary and Mineral Society (A founding member and second President) I feel that I have more than enough administrative experience to help organize our affairs so that the society, our workshop and other programs will prosper for a least another 50 years.

Respectfully submitted, Ernest W. Edmonds D.SC. (Hon.McMaster University)



2018 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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BLMS Secretary's year end report:

Well despite a few set backs we can celebrate the many accomplishments made by the BLMS in 2018/2019. We've constructed a wonderful new workshop that has experienced a lot of member participation and through that effort has attracted many new members. The open house for the workshop was great success with over 55 attendees including the new Mayor of Brantford. As usual the Paris Gem show was a continuing success as it has been for over the past 10 years. The club was also a recipient of a couple of donated mineral collections that we were able to share with the club's silent auctions, and the sales of minerals at the workshop. Many members also looked forward to an exciting trip to the ROM April 27, 2019. Hopefully with our elections at our May 24, 2019 AGM we will see some fresh faces with ideas on how to sustain the BLMS future growth considering the demographics of many not for profit organizations.



There were several very serious accusations made against Ernie Edmonds and I at a recorded board of directors meeting in December 2018 involving harassment allegations. Upon the subsequent investigation of all the women attending the workshop by the workshop supervisor they were all proven to be false. As you all know in today's society this type of defamation of character can end a career and reputation. We are disclosing this now to be transparent with all the club members. Since the November 2018 and December 2018 board of directors meetings that were recorded the president, treasurer and program director denied us to record all future meetings January 2019, February 2019, and March 2019.

Sincerely,

Allan Hietapakka
BLMS club secretary