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President's Message

Time for another FM newsletter ! Mike Howard has produced this excellent newsletter for several years , but he wishes to step down from the Secretary and editor duties next year. I want to thank Mike for all his hard work. We will need a new editor, but I am certain that Mike will aid the new editor and show him/her the ropes. The national newsletter is important and we hope that you use and enjoy the information it contains. Dr. Werner Lieber gave FM a generous donation to support the newsletter and we thank him for his continued support.

Dr. Lieber also underwrites the annual photo contest. If you have outstanding mineral photos be sure to submit them to Karen Wenrich for that contest. Also please consider entering a case at the Tucson Show for the Education Award made possible by Kay Robertson. Peter McGaw or Bill Cook can provide details of that award. Susan Eriksson and her committee will be hard at work determin-

ing the best paper awards in *Rocks and Minerals* and *Mineralogical Record*.

There are still spaces for speakers at FM's Tucson Mineral Symposium . If you wish to speak about Minerals of Brazil or related topics , please contact Skip Simmons or Tony Kampf. Let's make this symposium one to remember !

Several new members have joined through the web site or personal contact. We are updating the membership brochure with the hope of having the new version by year's end. Affiliation with the American Geological Institute should allow us to gain members. The Earth Science Week sponsored by AGI might allow you to spread the word about minerals to schools, scouts , and such. Please contact a friend and tell them about FM .

As usual comments, suggestions, praise, or concerns are welcome.

Nelson Shaffer

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- *Missing members were located! Page 2*
- *Chapter news — pages 2-5*
- *Pages 6 and 7 may be used for flyers to announce the FM Symposium and Werner Lieber Photography Contest*



Dues were due!

By Mike Howard

Some of our "members" will not get the Newsletter this quarter because they either forgot to pay their dues —or some other excuse.

If you hear someone complain about the situation, let me know. The Na-

tional Board decided 3 years ago not to allow "free boarders" to continue to receive the News. Pay your dues and you will receive your News —That's my motto as the Newsletter Editor!

I can not be responsible for Chapters which are delinquent on their members dues payments! Chapters need to pay promptly or their members suffer!

Missing members were located through efforts of other FM members

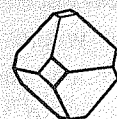
Several FM members sent me information concerning some FM member's missing addresses. A hearty thank you to all who responded, especially Marge Matula of the PA Chapter.

All the information was forwarded on to Re-

gina Aumente and Roland Bounds for their membership files and label list.

REMEMBER: If you move, send me your new address ASAP!

Mike Howard



News from the Great Basin Chapter

The Great Basin Chapter has quite a number of activities planned for this year. Here are just a few they list in their bulletin:

October 22-23 – Chapter Symposium, “Minerals of the Sierra Nevada Mountains” to be held at the Heritage Museum in Henderson, NV. The Preliminary Program includes a variety of topics, such as What’s new in Nevada Minerals?; The Pine Creek Tungsten Mine, Bishop, CA; Mineral Collecting at Searles Lake, Trona, CA; Mining Silica Sand for Glass Making; The Making of Glass Beads; and An Overview of American Glass Companies.

October 24 – field trip in connection with the Chapter Symposium.

The GB Chapter meets in March, May, September and November. Members are notified of other scheduled activities as necessary.

Their newsletter contained an article about collecting at Searles Lake entitled “World’s Largest Mineral Collecting Tour?”

At their September Business Meeting, the Great Basin Chapter members planned for their participation in the Chapter Symposium. Nominations for new officers for the year 2000 also were discussed.

Dues to this Chapter are \$15 individual, \$25 per couple, and \$5 for children 18 years old and under. Dues are payable every January.

If you have any announcements, articles, information, etc. that would be of interest to the GB Chapter members, please send them to Anne McConnell, Newsletter editor, 8890 West Craig Road, Las Vegas, NV 89129-3632 or email them to her at:

Annemuggs@aol.com



News from the Pennsylvania Chapter

The Pennsylvania Chapter has an active calendar for this year. Just a few of the events include:

Attending many of the local shows in the area this spring (6 events in March and April alone!) and a free introductory course on Classical Mineralogy offered by David Saja through the Wagner Free Institute of Science.

November 5-7: Chapter symposium on "Zeolites." Mark your calendar for those dates!

Club officers for 1999 include:

Roland Bounds President 25628@udel.edu

Jay Lininger Vice President

Arnold Mogel Treasurer

Marge Matula Membership Chairperson

George Rambo Symposium Chairperson

Juliet Reed Newsletter Editor

News from the Colorado Chapter

The September meeting of the Colorado Chapter was held on the 9th in the VIP Room of the Denver Museum of Natural History.

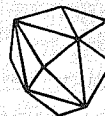
Bob Patten presented the program, entitled *Old Tools Through New Eyes*. Bob has been an accomplished projectile point maker or knapper for decades. During this time, he has studied sources of the stone used in "arrowheads" and other worked stone, methods of treating the stone before it is worked, and various percussion and pressure flaking techniques used in the manufacture of projectile points. He has particularly been interested and involved with learning how Folsom projectiles were made. Bob is the author of the recent publication, titled "Old Tools — New Eyes: Primal Primer of Flint Knapping."

The Colorado Chapter hosted this month — September 11-12 — **The Eugene E. "Gene" Foord Memorial Pegmatite Symposium on NbYF Pegmatites**. This symposium was

jointly sponsored by the Colorado Chapter, the Denver Museum of Natural History, Harvard Museum, and others. It was held during the Denver Gem and Mineral Show, a nationally known and recognized event. There was also a field trip held in conjunction with the symposium and show.

They had an announcement that to get free entry into the Show, FM members could volunteer to run the FM mineral identification booth. You are assured of seeing some interesting specimens brought in, including CF&lite, brickite, bottleite, concreteite, and other strange items!

The scheduled speaker for their November program is Ed Raines, who will talk on the minerals and mining history of Aspen, Colorado.



The Friends of Mineralogy Web Site

The FM web site has been on-line for about 2 years now. Based out of the Indiana Geological Survey, the web site has a new web master — Henry Barwood of the Indiana Survey.

Fondly known as “Bumpi” by his friends, Henry wishes greetings to all online mem-

bers and solicits timely articles pertaining to FM activities. Send him an email with information pertaining to your Chapter’s activities and he will see that it gets posted so web surfers can learn more about our organization!

His email address is:
hbarwood@pyrite.igs.indiana.

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He will gladly post symposia announcements, FM project information, and news that is pertinent to both Chapter and National members.

The web site address is:
<http://www.indiana.edu/~minerals>

A poem sent from the Midwest Chapter

Kim Greeman, Secretary/Treasurer of the Midwest Chapter sent the following poem by Jared Carter, published in “Work, for the night is coming.”

Geodes

They are useless, there is nothing
To be done with them, no reason, only
The finding: letting myself down holding
To ironwood and the dry bristle of roots
Into the creekbed, into clear water shelved
Below the outcroppings, where crawdads spurt

Through silt; clawing them out of clay, scrubbing
Away the sand, setting them in a shaft of light
To dry. Sweat clings in the cliff’s downdraft.
I take each one up like a safecracker listening
For the lapse within, the moment crystal turns
On crystal. It is all waiting there in darkness.
I want to know only that things gather themselves
With great patience, that they do this forever.

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News from the Pacific Northwest Chapter

Bob Meyer, Chapter President, reports that he feels the Chapter will continue to be strong and successful for a long while and he recounts that you get out the organization what you are willing to put into it.

The 25th annual fall symposium’s topic will be Silver! Check this event out! Contact

Bob Meyer, 16239 N. E. 18th, Bellevue, WA 98008, 425-641-0723, bbrocks@uswest.net for details concerning these activities!

The Spring Symposium was a great success and there were as many attendees as have been at the Fall Symposium. Lanny Ream ramrodded the

event and is due many thanks for his effort. Guest speakers included Rock Curier, Patrick Haynes, and Jeffrey Patterson. Many displays were related to the theme of finding minerals.

Seven members attended the Washington Pass cleanup.

News from the Southern California Chapter

The SCFM Chapter will be co-ordinating with the State of California in compiling a California Mineral Locality Index publication. All their years of hard work will be incorporated into this state publication.

On October 16th & 17th, the Chapter will host a photo clinic to help prepare potential entrants for the next Werner Lieber Photo Contest. At the same time, they will host a Mineral Collectors Workshop

at the San Bernadino County Museum in Redlands, CA. Some of the topics will include: The Scanning Electron Microscope — Its Uses, Mineral Photography, Micromineral Photography, Silicified Insects from the Calico Mountains, and Photography Underground. They also will host a silent auction and their famous Pot-luck Supper! Later that evening, they ask attendees to furnish a few slides of their favorite miner-

als and/or localities. The next day there will be a field trip to Crestmore Quarry (limited to 30) and a field trip to the Calico Mountains.

On November 20th & 21st, the Chapter will meet at the Pasadena Show and host a short program on the research and mineralogy at the Crestmore quarries. The hope is to continue an on-going relationship with the quarry owner so field trips and research on the area may continue.

News from the Southeast Chapter

The Southeast Chapter now has 37 members and continues to slowly grow. They do appear to have some problems with getting members to pay their dues, but what Chapter doesn't? The trip to Spruce Pine was great fun and great weather prevailed. The Chapter realizes that to function

effectively in the region they need local co-ordinators in each state in the area. They hope to put together a Millinium Mineral Calendar this Fall as one of two major projects. The second project is to put together a display and take it to the Detroit Show on invitation.

The Southeast Chapter's major event for 1999 will take place October 1st, 2nd & 3rd at James Madison University in Harrisonburg, VA. Dr. Lance Kearns of the Geology Department will host a seminar on Mississippi Valley Type Deposits.

Mississippi Valley Chapter works on proposed by-laws

Larry Nuelle recently sent me a copy of the proposed Articles of Incorporation for the Mississippi Valley Chapter. Progress is being made with the organization of this Chapter.

A listing of 19 potential members was also included in his

mailout. If you are a National member and live in the central US region and may be interested in joining the Mississippi Valley Chapter, please contact Larry at P. O. Box 1770, Rolla, MO 65402-1770 ASAP!

After October 15th, the MV

Chapter will register with the State of Missouri as a non-profit organization.

Our congratulations to all those who are working hard to organize this new FM Chapter!

21st FM-TGMS-MSA Mineralogical Symposium

THE MINERALS OF BRAZIL

Held in conjunction with The Tucson Gem & Mineral Show

Saturday February 12, 2000

The 21st Mineralogical Symposium at the Tucson Gem & Mineral Show is sponsored jointly by the Friends of Mineralogy, the Tucson Gem and Mineral Society, and the Mineralogical Society of America. The topic of the symposium, the minerals of Brazil, is also the theme of the show. Papers on descriptive mineralogy, paragenesis, classic and new locations, etc. are invited. An audience of knowledgeable amateurs as well as professional mineralogists and geologists is expected.

SUBMISSION OF PAPERS:

As soon as possible, please send your topic and a few sentences describing the paper to one of the symposium co-chairs (Email submissions are preferred):

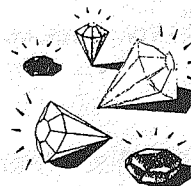
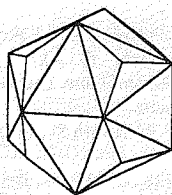
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Presentations will be 15 or 20 minutes in length, followed by a period for questions. Upon acceptance of topics, all authors will be required to submit a 200 to 300 word abstract. Abstracts will be published in the January-February 2000 issue of the *Mineralogical Record*.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS: SEPTEMBER 15, 1999

If you know of someone who will speak authoritatively on Brazilian Minerals, please have them contact either Dr. Kampf or Dr. Simmons
today!!



Werner Lieber Photo Contest and Traveling Museum Exhibit

Sponsored by Friends of Mineralogy

A traveling Museum exhibit will be
created from the best photographs
submitted for the contest

Categories: Juniors, Amateur Adults, Professionals, and
Digital or Computer-Enhanced Photography

Contest Rules:

1. Matted 8"x10" print. Mat must be 11"x14".
2. The photo must be related to the contest theme:
BRAZILIAN MINERALS.
3. Each photo must have a caption with locality, bar scale or description of crystal size, photographer, and other info submitter deems relevant. Caption should be attached to back of mat.
4. Photos will be displayed at the 2000 Tucson Gem and Mineral Show. Winners will be announced then.
5. All photos become the property of FM. Copyright will be retained by author, but FM has royalty free use.
6. A non-monetary award will be presented to the winners.
7. Contest deadline: November 1, 1999.
8. Mail submittals to Dr. Karen Wenrich, P.O. Box 5054, Golden, CO 80401--(303) 278-1218 (Phone & Fax); email: CrystalsUL@aol.com.

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