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President's Message

Dear Friends of Mineralogy,

One of our new Goals for the national organization is to support the regional chapters in their activities. During the past couple of years, the photographs from the Werner Lieber Photo Contest have circulated to several venues in California. Now, however, we are gearing up to circulate the mounted photographs across the country to chapters who might want to exhibit these at mineral shows, workshops, or other events. Two things are needed to make this a successful venture for Friends of Mineralogy. We need to get more and new people contributing photographs to the contest and we need a mechanism for moving the entries around the country so more people are exposed to mineral photograph.

First, Karen Wenrich has been the heart and soul of this project -but she needs help! Although we have an impressive group of entries each year, it would be wonderful to see the entries grow in number. Each year Karen exhorts the board members to 'get out there' and get entries, to advertise, and generally spread the word. So I charge each member of FM to either think about submitting an entry of your own or to encourage someone you know to send in a photograph. Or perhaps you can post the flier in a library, museum, or circulate to a friend. I'm sure we have either bud-

ding or aspiring photographers who are too shy to submit an entry for the competition.

Secondly, Skip Simmons of the Southeast Chapter, has agreed to take over the coordination of the nationwide distribution of the mounted photographs. If you would like to show the photographs, please contact Skip at wsimmons@uno.edu. Although summer field camp is under way, he'll be checking his email every few days. Have a safe, cool summer.

Susan Eriksson, President

Denver Gem & Mineral Show

The Colorado Chapter of FM is one of ten clubs that cooperate to produce the Denver Gem & Mineral Show. The 2001 Denver Show is scheduled for September 14-16, at the Denver Merchandise Mart, 451 East 58th Avenue (Exit 215 from I-25). The Denver Show hosts over 120 dealers and will have 100 exhibits from museums and individuals. Five concurrent shows help to make the Denver Show the second largest in the U.S.

FM members are active on the Show Committee, and the group provides free mineral identification and assistance with the Kids' Corner, an area of hands-on activities for kids of all ages. Other area clubs provide demonstrations of cabbing, faceting, jewelry making, and fossil preparation.

The Denver Show has become known for the quality of its displays. Museums exhibiting this year include the Smithsonian Institu-

tion, the American Museum of Natural History, the Cranbrook Institute of Science, the Los Angeles County Museum of Natural History, the California State Mining & Mineral Museum, Rice Northwest Museum of Rocks & Minerals, Harvard University, Houston Museum of Natural Science, the Denver Museum of Nature & Science, the Colorado School of Mines Museum, and many more. The Society of Mineral Museum Professionals will hold a meeting during the show.

Many excellent talks will be offered during the show – several of them by FM members. We encourage you to allow time to enjoy these speakers.

Schedule of Events

Friday, September 14

9:00 AM: Show opens to the public

9:00 AM – 1:00 PM: School groups visit show

1:30-2:00 PM: Society of Mineral Museum Professionals - (SMMP) Board Meeting (Lecture Room)

2:00-3:00 PM: SMMP General Meeting (Lecture Room)

6:00 PM: Show closes

Saturday, September 15

10:00 AM: Show opens to the public

11:30 AM: Steven Veatch – “Rocks, Gems, Minerals, & Fossils of Pikes Peak”

1:00 PM: Pete Modreski – “Starting a Mineral Collection”

2:30 PM: Jack Thompson – “Topaz of the Pikes Peak Batholith”

4:00 PM: Michael Leybov – “Russian Mining Industry & Collecting – Brothers and Enemies”

6:00 PM: Show closes

Saturday Evening Special – Terrace Gardens

6:00-7:30 PM Silent Auction for the benefit of *Rocks & Minerals Magazine*- Jazz Band entertainment, Refreshments and cash bar

7:30-8:00 PM: Awards presentation

8:00 PM: Bob Jones, author and educator -“Cave of the Giant Crystals - Naica”

Sunday, September 16

10:00 AM: Show opens to the public

1:00 PM: Barbara Muntyan – “Amazonite & Its Associates” (Lecture Hall)

2:00 PM: Neal Larsen – “We Called Her Sue” (Lecture Hall)

3:00 PM: Michael Leybov – “Russian Outstanding Private Collections of the Past and Present” (Lecture Hall)

3:00-4:00 PM: Fluorescent Mineral Society Meeting (Meeting Room)

5:00 PM: Show closes.

UPCOMING GOLD EXHIBIT AT VANCOUVER’S PACIFIC MINERAL MUSEUM

Ross Beaty, President of the Pacific Mineral Museum Society, announced in the Museum’s most recent newsletter a special exhibit which we thought would be of interest to FM members. According to Mr. Beaty’s article, “One of the greatest exhibitions of gold ever shown to the public is coming to the Pacific Mineral Museum this fall! Mark your calendars for an October visit to the museum.

“The museum’s entire Board of Directors and staff are currently hard at work planning a blockbuster exhibit of gold in its many forms: gold minerals, gold coins, gold artifacts, gold technol-

ogy, gold bars and gold jewelry. This exhibition will have one of the finest exhibitions of gold minerals ever shown to the public, including the world-renowned Harvard gold mineral collection and two fabulous private gold mineral collections. The Harvard collection alone attracted 6,000 people at the UBC (editor's note: University of British Columbia) Geological Museum over a three day period in 1989. We will also be showing the famous Rothschild gold bar collection, as well as a world-class gold coin collection and a great collection of gold jewelry.

This exhibition is planned for the entire month of October and will take over the whole museum with the existing collection put into storage. Tickets to the exhibition will be available through Ticketmaster..."

Chapter News

Pennsylvania Chapter

Roland Bounds

The Pennsylvania Chapter of FM will be holding their annual mineralogical Symposium on the weekend of November 2-4, 2001. This year's theme will be pseudomorphs. The speaker list is still being worked on, as is the field trip location. As in past years, there will be an auction of minerals and related material to help support the Research Grant Fund. And following up last year's introduction of dealers, we will continue with a limited number again this year. For more information contact George Rambo, Symposium Chairman at 302-798-4163 ; 17 N. Avon Claymont, DE 19703 or email drambo@wserv.com.

Pacific-Northwest Chapter

Sharleen Harvey

The PNWFM Chapter held their June

meeting at the Pacific Mineral Museum in Vancouver, B.C. Curator Mark Mauthner was the perfect host and toured us through this gorgeous facility, watched us drool over the great specimens and fantastic presentations, then dished up snacks and beverages for all to enjoy. This museum is a MUST SEE for anyone visiting Vancouver, B.C.

Due to Washington's recent forest fires in the Okanogan forest, we cancelled our annual August outing for a cleanup at the Klipchuck Campground. Sorry - I've seen some fantastic zektzerites (1/2" to 3/4" xls) from this area that were recovered only a couple of months ago. Hopefully the winter rains and snows will revive the area and we can make our annual trek next year.

All is on schedule for the PNWFM's 27th Annual Mineral Show and Symposium, September 28-30 at a new location in Kelso, Washington. We invite everyone to join us at the Red Lion Inn, 510 Kelso Drive in Kelso. Anyone planning to attend can get information by calling Sharleen Harvey, 503-248-4194, or email billsharleenharvey@att.net. The theme is "A RAINBOW OF MINERALS". We are pleased to have the Northwest Region of the Fluorescent Mineral Society, Inc. join us this year adding some spectacular new exhibits for viewing. Speakers include Manuel Robbins and Don Newsome covering "Strange Fluorescence - Strange Color" and "Fluorescent Minerals—from simple to the sublime." Jesse Fisher will present talks on "Recent work at the Rogerly Mine, Weardale, England" and "The gem and rare element pegmatites of Southern California". Lanny Ream will update us on the mining of heulandite at Challis, Idaho and Sharleen Harvey will brag about specimens acquired from Arizona's Purple Passion Mine and the Hogan Claim a full program to accompany great exhibits, fine mineral dealers on the main floor and local satellite dealers selling from their rooms. The main floor will also feature a "micro

mineral corner" with scopes, specimens for viewing, specimens for trade and great camaraderie. The SYMPOSIUM is our "grande finale" for the year 2001!

Sharleen Harvey, President

Southeast Chapter

Dave Babulski, President

June 15 - 17 we held a mini-symposium on "Minerals of the Southeastern U.S." in conjunction with the Asheville Gem fest in Asheville, North Carolina. We are planning another symposium for October 13 - 14 in Sweetwater, Tennessee on "Mississippi Valley Deposits II " We are planning for six speakers for this event. So far we have Dr. Kula Misra of the University of Tennessee Geology Dept. as the keynote speaker. Julian Gray with Georgia State University will speak on the Cartersville Barite deposits. Travis Paris, professional geologist from Tennessee will speak on the Sweetwater Tennessee deposits, Several other speakers are in the works. We are also working on a symposium attendance scholarship for students to honor Charlie Hall. The Georgia Mineral heritage Project has been broadened into the Mineral Heritage Project. We are looking to involve more people from all over the United States.

Midwest Chapter

Dwaine Edington, President

The Midwest Chapter has been busy with its summer field trip season! Successful trips were held to Bluffton, Ohio in April, Flemingsburg, Kentucky in May, and Bay Port, Michigan in July. Plans for August are still in the works but a Labor Day weekend trip to Flint Ridge, Ohio is planned. For further information, contact George Heaton at 517-339-8914.

Colorado Chapter

Bill Chirnside, President

The Colorado Chapter is busy helping to finalize the Denver Show, scheduled for September 14-26. See the program agenda elsewhere in the newsletter.

FM RECOGNITION OF INSTRUCTIVE CASES

FM sponsors non-monetary prizes at the Tucson Gem and Mineral Show for cases which help explain an aspect of mineralogy. There is no restriction on the theme, but the case should have some special "instructive" feature. In keeping with the high standards of the TGMS, they should be aesthetically pleasing and contain specimens worthy of the show. Two certificates are awarded, one for private collections and one for museums, and the winners are honored at the Saturday night banquet. Instructive cases help the hobby grow and underline its scientific basis; please consider such a feature for your case. For further information, contact Bill Dameron, FM Vice President (baritebill@aol.com).

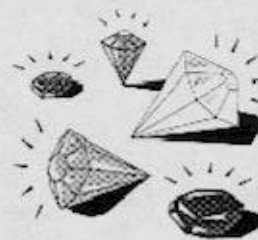
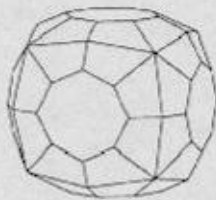


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IN MEMORIAM**WE HAVE LOST A GEM**

Charlie Hall, retired college professor, coach and mineral collector passed away recently. Charlie was really much more than that. He was a mentor, a true friend and one of the most giving persons I have known. He was one of a kind. When my wife and I first moved into the Atlanta area fifteen years ago and affiliated with the Georgia Mineral Society, I asked if there were any mineral micromounters in the area. I was told, "Go see Charlie Hall". When I called him on the telephone I heard a friendly voice say "Sure come on over and bring your microscope". When I arrived I found a friendly smile and a warm handshake. From that moment on, a wonderful friendship was born. I have warm memories of many evening spent talking minerals around the microscopes with Charlie and other micromounters. There was always the stack of micromounts on the table with instructions to "take what you want". He was a mentor. As a fellow educator Charlie and I had many enjoyable discussions of educational philosophy. One of Charlie's passions was the education of our youth concerning minerals. Scout and youth groups were always welcome in his home. I wonder sometimes how many young mineral collectors got a start with a Charlie Hall specimen. It seems that Charlie knew just about everyone in the mineral community. There is an old saying that the measure of a man is not by how much he loves but by how much he is loved by others. By that measure, Charlie leaves some very big shoes to fill. He was a one of a kind gem and he will be missed.

David Babulski, President, Southeast Chapter



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--(a) Micro and (b) Macro Minerals, Professionals, and Digital/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:
African Minerals.
3. Each photo must have a caption with locality, bar scale or description of crystal size, photographer, category, and other information submitter deems relevant. Caption should be attached to back of mat.
4. Photos will be displayed at the 2002 Tucson Gem and Mineral Show. Photos will be judged by the FM board of directors during the annual board meeting. Winners will be announced at the FM annual meeting and awards presented at the TGMS Saturday night awards banquet.
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, 2001.
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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Prospective members are urged to join FM through a local Chapter. Chapter dues include membership in the National; FM organization. Chapter contacts are listed below. Membership in the National FM may also be obtained without chapter affiliation. Dues are \$10 per year. Unaffiliated national membership applications should be addressed to Jack Nieburger, Treasurer at the address listed below. Further information may be obtained at the FM website at www.friendsofmineralogy.org.

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