



President's Message

Dear Friends of Mineralogy,

I was fortunate to attend five mineral symposia during the last year. There is nothing like a gathering of like-minded souls to discuss mineralogy and collecting. I find symposia, and their associated shows, to be much more relaxing yet energizing than "shows" alone.

One of the interesting features of each symposium is that they are all different. Not only in subject matter, but also how they are run. Some hold mineral shows in conjunction with the meetings and others keep the mineral "business" more informal (back of the car or on the bed kind of stuff). During my visit to the Pacific-Northwest FM Chapter symposium I noted that they provide a protracted break time between sessions to provide traffic to their show. At the symposium that I run, an informal "tailgate" motel is designated and mineral buying-selling-trading begins the evening before and resumes Saturday night after the banquet. The "show" and symposium are actually held in different venues.

Which is better? I don't think it makes a difference. Financially, show-coordinated symposia can keep their costs down by utilizing dealer fees. A non-show symposium requires direct contri-

butions from sponsors to hold down costs to the participants. The object of a symposium is to attract participants; keeping costs down increases the chances of people attending. Both methods appear to work well based on my experiences this year.

Through the auspices of FM chapters, at least six regional symposia are held each year that essentially include most of the US. Reports in the newsletters indicate all are very successful. The national FM also co-sponsors the Tucson show symposium along with the Mineralogical Society of America and the Tucson Gem and Mineral Society. The national FM has also begun to sponsor regional symposia where no local chapters exist like the New Mexico Mineral Symposium. Through FM support of all these symposia, we are accomplishing our objectives

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"... to promote, support, protect and expand the collection of mineral specimens and to further the recognition of the scientific, economic and aesthetic value of minerals and collecting mineral specimens."

I believe the sponsorship of both local and national symposia

are critically important to the vitality of both the hobby and science. Where else do the field collectors, silver-pickers, and scientists have the opportunity to meet in a friendly atmosphere and explore mutual interests? Many new discoveries (both collecting and scientific) are shared at these meetings that leads to a symbiosis between amateur and professional. This is what FM is all about and I applaud our chapters and all FM members for their good work.

Best wishes to you for the upcoming holiday seasons and coming New Year.

Virgil W. Lueth, President

Make plans to attend our
Annual Meetings in
Tucson
Details on Page 6!

Southeast Chapter

Our annual symposium, held in Cartersville, Georgia on November 3, 2007 was a great success. The theme was "**Mining in the Southeast**". We had over 30 people in attendance, including students from a geology class at Berry College and their teacher. Six speakers gave presentations throughout the day, and a small, but lively auction got everyone revved up after lunch.

Lee Snelling, a member of the Pacific Northwest Chapter of the Friends of Mineralogy, attended our symposium and gave a great talk on "**Managing Your Mineral Collection**".

As an added bonus, Jose Santamaria, Executive Director of the new **Tellus: Northwest Georgia Science Museum** gave a guided tour of the new (under construction) facility to symposium attendees. Can you say "Massive and Impressive"? The SE Chapter of the Friends of Mineralogy gave a generous donation to the Tellus Founder's Circle. Plans are already underway to have our next symposium on August 16, 2008 at the new Tellus museum in conjunction with the big **Southeast Gem and Mineral Show** at the adjacent Holiday Inn. This is the first time one of Marty Zinn's productions has come to the southeast.

Nominations for 2008 officers were sought. A motion was made to accept the current slate of officers, if they were willing to serve again. They were. The motion was seconded and unanimously accepted. The officers for 2008 will be:

Anita Westlake, President ; Jose Santamaria, VP Programs; Travis Paris, Treasurer; Wayne Dodd, Secretary

Respectfully submitted,
Anita Westlake, President

Mississippi Valley Chapter submitted by Bruce Steinmetz

The Mississippi Valley Chapter had planned to go collecting in an underground salt Mine in Lyons, KS in October, but we were forced to postpone the trip. The mine manager said they were stepping up production to prepare for the winter and there would be too much activity to allow visitors. He indicated they would be more than happy to have us in the spring. We are tentatively looking at scheduling for May. More information will be issued in the spring newsletter.

Larry Nuelle is the newly elected President of the chapter. He will be taking office effective 1/1/08. Larry's email address is: lmnhbn@fidnet.com

Pennsylvania Chapter

The Pennsylvania Chapter held their 2007 symposium on Mines and Minerals on November 3, 2007 at the Delaware County Institute of Science in Media, PA. On Saturday Tom Tucker of Washington, VA gave talks on "The Minerals of the Dixie Mine, Rockbridge County, VA" and "The Buck Hill, Augusta County, Virginia Mineral Locality (or Mont St. Hilaire South)". Chapter Secretary, Jim Stauffer, gave an overview of the "Minerals of the Bancroft, Ontario Area", and Doug Rambo talked on the "Minerals of the Estes Quarry, West Baldwin, Cumberland County, ME". Those who were able to attend the field trip on Sunday November 4 to the Cornwall Materials Quarry in Cornwall, Lebanon County, PA were not disappointed. The Cornwall Materials site is a crushing operation utilizing the dump material of the Cornwall Iron Mines. Plenty of material ranging from serpentine to garnets, iron ore (mostly magnetite) and zeolite group minerals (apophyllite, pectolite, etc.) was waiting to be found.

The Chapter owes a great deal of gratitude to member Martin Anné who updated the list of Mineral Species Found in Pennsylvania that was published in the Chapter's Fall newsletter. This was the first comprehensive update of the listing since 1990. Larry Eisenberger assisted Martin with the compilation of the list and Juliet Reed assisted with the editing of the list. Also included was a listing of the minerals identified from the burning coal mines near Centralia, PA that was compiled by Lapham et.al. around 1980.

Currently the PA Board of Directors are planning the 2008 Symposium and are looking at holding an "All Field Trip" event. Details for the November 1-2, 2008 weekend are still being worked out and further information will be forthcoming.

Colorado Chapter

The Colorado Chapter's big event of the summer was its Leadville Field Symposium, which drew 65 participants from 12 states, as far apart as Alabama and Alaska. Events were centered around the National Mining Hall of Fame and Museum (pictured below) and included collecting opportunities at several area mines.



These photos were taken by symposium participant Frank Daniels, whose website at https://www.westerncoloradopublishing.com/Leadville_Field_Symposium.html, has a more extensive photo-essay on the Symposium.)

The 2007 Denver Gem and Mineral Show is also in the history books. As is our custom, the Colorado Chapter provided a mineral identification booth, where show visitors brought an amazing variety of rocks and minerals for members to identify.

Our program for September 20 was on fluorescence ("a little theory and a lot of 'hands on'"), presented by Dr. Bruce Geller and Aaron Rever. November 1, Michael Wise, of the Smithsonian Institution, gave an excellent presentation on The Mineralogy of the Hiddenite Emerald Deposits. On January 10, the Colorado Chapter will hold its meeting at the Colorado School of Mines Geology, after which Museum Director Bruce Geller will conduct a tour of the museum's on-site collections.

New officers have been elected for 2008: Larry Havens president, Jim Hurlbut Vice-President, Richard Parsons Treasurer, and Len Keller secretary. Bruce Geller, Pete Modreski and Bill Chirnside will serve as Directors.

Our chapter is in the early stages of a discussion of ways in which we can better contribute to the preservation of mineral specimens and localities, including access to collecting areas and historical information about localities.

A particular concern is the dispersal of collections as collectors pass on, move, or "downsize". Many of these folks have materials from old, now-exhausted or inaccessible localities, which are often lost to the scientific and collector communities because the owners or families just don't know what to do with them. We would be very much interested in hearing of activities other chapters may have undertaken to address these issues.

Please contact me at 303-838-8859 or at richard@coloradomineralsociety.com if you have examples of successful preservation activities undertaken by your chapter.

Richard Parsons, President

e-Newsletter



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Pacific Northwest

Our 33rd Symposium and Annual Meeting was held on October 19-21 2007 in Kelso, Washington, just north of Portland, Oregon. The theme was "Minerals of the Southwest." Fifteen members and the Rice Mineral Museum of Hillsboro, Oregon, set up displays of minerals, all of first class quality and many representing the theme. Our guest speakers were Joe Marty of Salt Lake City, Utah; Virgil Lueth of the of the New Mexico School of Mines in Socorro and National FM President; and Allan Young, chapter member from Boise, Idaho. Bill Dameron, our chapter treasurer and past National President of FM, chaired the sessions. At the traditional Saturday night banquet the auction brought in around \$1,600 (including the earlier silent auctions). Bill Dameron received the Noble Witt Award, presented most but not all years to a member to recognize sustained service to the chapter. There were 74 registrants at the symposium out of about 91 members and some 80 people at the banquet.

One of our members, Le Snelling, gave a presentation at the meeting on a new educational project sponsored by the chapter that would be an outreach program for other groups which are active in rockhounding and mineral collecting. The program would provide information for beginning and aspiring collectors on such topics as cleaning, labeling, cataloguing and caring for specimens. The chapter agreed to purchase its own digital projector for this project and for use at future symposiums. Another ongoing program, chaired by Lorna Goebel, is an introduction to minerals called "Mineral ABCs," aimed at school-age groups. Mineral samples from A to Z arouse the students interest, and after the programs are presented to the students the school gets to keep a kit which contains a CD and several mineral specimens.

The annual trip to Washington Pass was a success again this past August with several chapter members participating in the breaking up of an amazonite boulder at the milepost 164 locality. We split up a number of nice pockets with some of the rarest minerals from the batholith. We are all eagerly awaiting the next outing in August of 2008. If you are interested in joining us, please check our website for more information: www.pnwfm.org

Midwest Chapter submitted by Dave Straw

Our membership has been expanding this year due in no small part to the efforts of our field trip Chairman, Dr. Ernie Carlson. We had trips to the Hanson quarry in Fort Wayne, Indiana, Shelly Materials quarries in Auglaize, Ohio, Lime City, Ohio and Clay Center, Ohio, the Graymont Dolime quarry in Genoa, OH, and a Huron River location in North Central Ohio. We also had a wonderful symposium weekend in September, planned and led mainly by Dr. Nelson Shaffer, featuring Indiana and Kentucky geodes. We visited three additional quarries including those at Salem and Corydon, Indiana, along with several road cuts and other collecting sites. The meeting included talks by four speakers on the subject of geodes and geode collecting sites. Dr. Alan Goldstein arranged to have the symposium meeting at the Falls of the Ohio State Park in Clarksville, Indiana. Our May meeting was at the Show in Cincinnati, Ohio. June found us at the show at Bloomington, Indiana with a talk by Dr. Bob Harmon on geodes he has found in Indiana. September we were at the show in Greenfield where Joel Vicary gave a talk on birth stones. The final meeting for 2007 was held in conjunction with the Micromounters Symposium in Cleveland in November. The Midwest Chapter also had tables at a Geofest event in at the Indiana State Museum in Indianapolis, and at a similar event at the Cleveland Natural History Museum; both in October. No definite plans yet for 2008 except more of the same.

Clip and Mail

BALLOT FOR ELECTION OF FRIENDS OF MINERALOGY NATIONAL DIRECTORS 2008 (vote for five)

_____ ***Raymond W. Grant***

_____ ***Nelson S. Shaffer***

_____ ***Aaron Weiting***

_____ ***Gloria Staebler***

_____ ***Allan R. Young***

(Other) _____

Mail by Feb. 1, 2005: *Virgil Lueth, New Mexico Institute of Mining & Technology, 801 Leroy Place, Socorro, NM 87801*

Other Symposia

28th Annual New Mexico Mineral Symposium—The New Mexico Mineral Symposium provides a forum for both professionals and amateurs interested in mineralogy. This year, over two hundred people participated in the symposium held on the campus of New Mexico Tech on November 11-12. Although the meeting is focused on the southwestern United States, visitors from as far away as South Carolina, Ohio, Montana, and New York attended. The Friends of Mineralogy and four other New Mexico mineral/geological societies sponsor the meeting.

The symposium kicked off with an informal tailgating session held at the Comfort Inn in Socorro. Mineral dealers and swappers occupied the entire first floor and a portion of the second. Numerous forays into the parking lot and open car trunks attested to the fact many specimens were changing owners.

During the two days, twelve lectures were presented encompassing a wide variety of mineralogical subjects. The featured speaker was Dr. John Rakovan from the University of Miami, Ohio. John provided a technical talk titled, “*Sakura Ishi* from Kameoka, Japan: Mica pseudomorphs of complex cordierite-indialite. The keynote address was a mineralogical “tour de force” titled: “Mineralogical meanderings in Japan.” John masterfully mixed mineral beauty with his scientific knowledge to provide programs for all to enjoy.

Other programs ran the gamut of mineralogy and the program is available on the NM Mineral Symposium website: <http://geoinfo.nmt.edu/museum/minsymp/home.html>. Copies of the Proceedings volume are available from the publications office of the New Mexico Bureau of Geology and Mineral Resources, 801 Leroy Place, Socorro, NM 87801 or call 575-835-5490. The bureau is also planning to post all of the abstracts as pdfs on the symposium website soon.

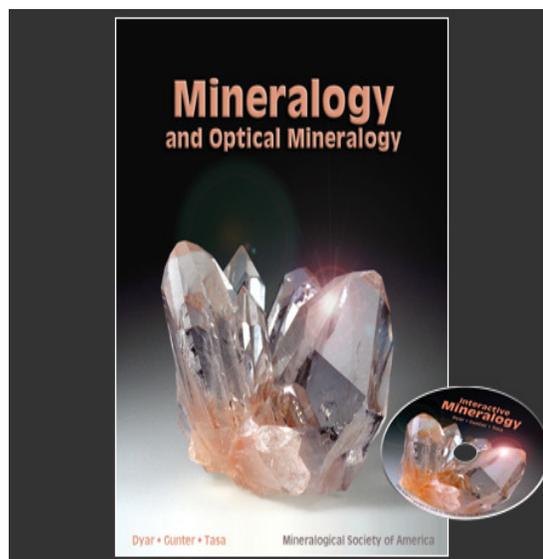
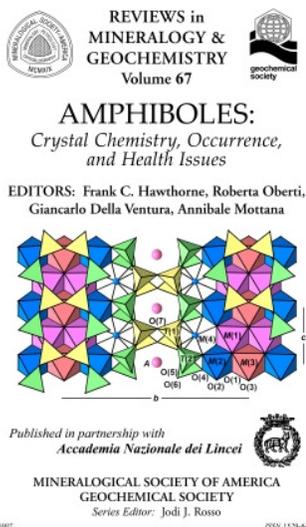
Next year’s symposium is planned for November 8 and 9, 2008. First program announcements will be available at the Tucson Show this February.

Virgil W. Lueth
NMMS General Chair

Alex Speer notes that The Mineralogical Society of America has two new publications that may be of interest to our members:

A book on amphiboles, probably more than anyone wants to know. Details at <http://www.minsocam.org/MSA/RIM/Rim67.html>

Something really different, a Mineralogy textbook. Details at <http://www.minsocam.org/MSA/DGTtxt/>. We like to think it is something that an interested person could read and learn from on their own.



**FM Social and Annual Members' Meeting
on Tuesday, February 12
at 4:00 and 5:00
respectively
at the InnSuites Restaurant Tucson**

In recent years, attendance at the annual members meeting has been picking up, in part due to the Social held immediately before the meeting. This year, as in the recent past, the annual meeting will be BEFORE the Board of Directors' session so that the board has the members' input while putting together FM's agenda for 2008.

Thanks to the hospitality of Marty Zinn, our general meeting will be held in the restaurant at the InnSuites Restaurant beginning at 4:00 pm; we will segue directly into a social gathering around 5:00. The two events should be a fun and dynamic opportunity to exchange ideas. Come, refresh yourself and sound off! We need your help!

The Board Meeting

will be on Friday, Feb. 15th, 7:30 a.m., in PJ's Lounge at InnSuites. Directors and chapter representatives should contact Regina Aumente (RAumente@aol.com) to confirm their attendance.

Former FM President Bill Dameron has completed a useful reference work on barite specimens for collectors and dealers. It lists accurate locality information, with photographs, approved spellings and political subdivisions for most of the world's barite specimen producing localities (excluding micromounts). Visit it at www.baritespecimenlocalities.org

You've heard the hype – you've seen the Tucson Symposium schedule—now you can order the book!

Minerals of the U.S.A.

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The 29th Annual
FM-MSA-TGMS
Tucson Mineralogical Symposium Schedule

Minerals of the U.S.A.

Saturday, February 16, 2008
Tucson Convention Center

- 10:00 a.m.** **Introductory Remarks**
Symposium Co-Chairs Julian C. Gray and Robert B. Cook
- 10:05** **Arkansas Quartz Crystals—The Leitmotif Of Quartz Morphology For Collectors**
Si Frazier
- 10:25** **Crater of Diamonds State Park, Arkansas – an Overlooked Treasure**
J. Michael Howard
- 10:45** **Elmwood Zinc Mine, Carthage Tennessee**
Steve Neely
- 11:05** **Vibrant Orange Orpiment Crystals from the Twin Creeks Mine, Humboldt County, Nevada**
Scott Kleine
- 11:25** **Bisbee, Arizona: The “Classic” American mineral locality**
Richard W. Graeme
- 11:45** **The Mammoth-St. Anthony Mine, Tiger, Arizona**
Les Presmyk
- 12:05** **Lunch**
- 1:05** **The Gem and Rare Element Pegmatites of Southern California**
Jesse Fisher
- 1:25** **The Benitoite Gem Mine: Past, Present and Future**
Richard Kennedy
- 1:45** **Iridescent and other Fluorites from the Findlay Arch, Ohio**
John Medici and John Rakovan
- 2:05** **Minerals and History of the Red Cloud mine, Arizona**
Garth Bricker
- 2:25** **Amethyst Scepters, Ashaway Village, Hopkinton, Rhode Island**
John Rakovan and Sal Avella
- 2:45** **The Mount Antero Mineral Locality, Chaffee County, Colorado:**
A collecting History
Mark I. Jacobson
- 3:05** **Emerald Crystal Pockets of the Hiddenite District, Alexander County,**
North Carolina
Ed Speer
- 3:25** **Mineralogy of the Gem-Bearing Alpine-Type Quartz Veins from**
Hiddenite, North Carolina.
Michael A. Wise
- 3:45** **What is the “most important” mineral locality in the U.S.?**
Peter J. Modreski



Photo courtesy of John Veevaert, Trinity Mineral Co.

Board of Director Nominees 2008

January 8, 2007

To: Friends of Mineralogy

Re: Nominating Committee Report

The Nominating Committee of the Friends of Mineralogy is pleased to submit the following nominations for members of the National Friends of Mineralog Board of Directors for the period of 2008-2011:

Raymond W. Grant – is a retired Professor of Geology, Mesa Community College, Mesa, AZ, the author/co-author of the following publications about Arizona minerals: *Checklist of Arizona Minerals*, Mineralogical Society of Arizona; *Mineralogy of Arizona*, third edition, co-author with Anthony, Williams, and Bideaux; *Checklist of Arizona Minerals*, second edition. He has been on the Board of Directors of the Arizona Mineral and Mining Museum Foundation since 1988, and was Chairman, Arizona Mineral and Mining Museum Foundation, 1993 – 1995 and 2001 – present. He was chair of the Minerals of Russia, FM-TGMS-MSA Symposium, 2001. He has been on the National Friends of Mineralogy Board, since 2002. He has been on the Board of Governors of the Arizona Department of Mines and Mineral Resources since 2003. He has been an Organizer and co-chair of yearly Minerals of Arizona Symposium, since 1993.

Nelson R. Shaffer- Nelson has been a member of Friends of Mineralogy since 1977. He is a founding member of the Midwest Chapter of FM and has served in various officer positions for that group. He acted as president of the National Friends for two years after serving as vice president, and other positions and has been a member of the board of directors for several years. Nelson is FM representative to the American Geologic Institute. Nelson has set up the FM booth at the Tucson Show for the past three years and made many outreach efforts. Nelson holds degrees in geology from the Ohio State University (1972 and 1974) and from Indiana University (1996). He has published more than 100 papers, abstracts, or book chapters and has headed many field trips, most recently the Midwest Chapter Field Symposium about Geodes in Indiana and Kentucky. A long time collector, researcher, and teacher, Nelson has studied minerals and tries always to attract others to the field.

Gloria A. Staebler is a current member of the national Board of Directors of FM and serves as the organization's Secretary. She received her B.S. in mathematics and computer science from Wesleyan University. Gloria was an active member of her local mineral club (Lapidary and Mineralogical Society of Central Connecticut) serving first as newsletter editor, then as the club's Vice-President. In 2001, she and husband Günther Neumeier bought the English-language rights to the German mineralogical monograph series *extraLapis*. *Together they edit and publish the extraLapis English series*.

Aaron Wieting is a registered professional geologist in the State of Oregon and currently works for the City of Portland on water quality issues. He received his degree in geology from Portland State University and is past president of the Pacific Northwest Chapter of FM. He has also served as chair for three PNWFM Symposiums in addition to other duties, and is an active supporter of the Rice Museum and the museum's Northwest Gallery. Aaron has been an avid field collector since he was old enough to walk and currently specializes in Oregon and Owens Valley, California minerals, though collecting excursions may take him and his wife, Jade, anywhere in the western US. In particular, he enjoys discovering and characterizing new or incompletely documented localities. He also enjoys introducing the next generation of mineral collectors to the hobby.

Allan R. Young was born in Wisconsin in 1950, and began collecting minerals while in High School. An interest in geology and mathematics led to a degree in Mining Engineering from the University of Wisconsin – Platteville in 1972. Following graduation, he headed west to begin a career as a Mining Engineer at the Idarado mine near Ouray, Colorado. This was followed by engineering and management positions at other mines in Idaho, Nevada, and Colorado. Prior to taking his current position with the Bureau of Land Management as State program lead for mining law administration, he was Vice-President of Development for a U.S. mining company, where he managed projects in Peru and in Argentina. He is a Registered Professional Engineer, and presently resides in Boise, Idaho. Allan began collecting thumbnail minerals in about 1983 and continues to focus on only that size category. He is an avid field collector, particularly in Idaho, and also enjoys mineral photography.

The above nominees have all expressed their willingness to serve on the Board of Directors, if elected. A ballot for the election of directors is printed on Page 4, to be completed by members and mailed prior to February 1, 2008, to the President of FM, Virgil Lueth, New Mexico Institute of Mining & Technology, 801 Leroy Place, Socorro, NM 87801. You may also vote via email. Please email your vote to: carolsmith72@msn.com

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**Dues Reminder –
Chapter Treasurers &
National Members**

It's that time of year again, when your annual dues payments should be remitted. Members of FM National are requested to send their dues in the amount of \$11/year to Friends of Mineralogy, c/o Regina Aumente, 6 Santa Ana Loop, Placitas, NM 87043.

Chapters should forward their 2008 dues and updated membership lists as soon as possible. Please send \$6/member to the above address.

Please help out by taking care of this small detail without a personal reminder – we are all short of time.