



## President's Message

### FM Board of Directors' Meeting and Breakfast

The National Board of Directors of the Friends of Mineralogy will hold its winter board meeting (and breakfast) on Friday, February 9, 2007 at 7:30 am at the InnSuites Hotel bar. All board members, Chapter Presidents (or their representatives), and ex-officio voting Directors should make every effort to attend. We need you at this important session.

I finish three years as President in February. My tenure followed a similar period as Vice President. We have done a lot, but not as much as we could have. Like others after each Tucson meeting I returned home to competing demands. As I retire to ad-hoc tasks I will try harder to keep up the enthusiasm and am confident that fresh leadership will give us an opportunity to complete some long-talked about projects.

On the plus side, active participation is up. Hearty thanks to the increased number who voted last year. To repeat from previous years, it DOES make a difference. Your vote indicates to us that some of our work is at least acknowledged. So please, VOTE the ballot for directors in this issue of the newsletter. We have instituted electronic (e-mail) voting to make it even easier.

Please also ATTEND some of the FM-MSA-TGMS Symposium Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup> in Tucson. It only lasts a couple of hours (details elsewhere in this newsletter), you can come and go as you like, and you will learn something interesting.

Under the current leadership, FM can boast:

- A more business-like atmosphere and improved attendance at both the Board of Directors and general member meetings
- Introducing electronic voting, communications and newsletters; longer terms of office; more relevant committees; streamlined procedures and a slightly smaller board
- Improved communication among directors and with chapters
- Making the FM case a permanent fixture at the TGMS
- More active competition for the Best Educational cases
- Expanding our coveted Best Articles awards to include *extraLapis English*
- A formal affiliation with *Rocks & Minerals*, and work toward an affiliation with the Mineralogical Association of Canada

- Agreeing to support some local symposia (with one donation so far)
- Many more locality articles for *Rocks & Minerals* in the works
- Changing content in our space in *The Mineralogical Record*; the introduction of space in we now have space in *Rocks & Minerals* and coming soon in the *Mineral News*
- Supporting *The Mineralogical Record* supplements on microscopes and the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Tucson Gem and Mineral Show
- A newsletter that carries more chapter news than before
- A formalized board meeting in Denver each September
- Regular updates to an improved website

Among the many promising ideas not actively pursued are:

- Regular newsletters with articles reaching beyond FM news (several were started but not continued)
- Alerts in the newsletter about public land use hearings and potential changes which could affect amateur collecting of mineral specimens
- Posting on our website the past and future State Locality Indexes which appear in *Rocks & Minerals* (ideas on this are fairly advanced; volunteers to do the work are needed)
- Increasing membership while maintaining FM's purpose as a service organization for collectors and specimen mineralogy and an umbrella for regional chapters.

I look forward to helping the new team put some of these into practice; please come to the meeting in Tucson Tuesday, February 6 (see announcement) and tell us what you can do.

Thank you, so much, for your support and kind words (mostly) these past few years. See you in Tucson!

Bill Dameron, President

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# And the Winner Is...



Congratulations to the FM best article award winners for 2006:

**Mark Mauthner and Carl Francis**, 2006, "Gold Crystal Localities of British Columbia, Canada": *Rocks and Minerals*, v. 81, n.1, p. 14-22

**Ross Lillie**, 2006, "The Great Southern Illinois Fluorspar Deposits," *Werner Lieber Award* for best article in *extra-Lapis English*.

**Bruce Cairncross and Uli Bahmann**, "Famous Mineral Localities: The Erongo Mountains, Namibia": *Mineralogical Record*, v. 37, n.5, p. 361-470.

The winners will be given their awards on Saturday, February 10 at the Annual TGMS Banquet. Well done, gentlemen!

## 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 2007 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 on time!

## Chapter Representatives—Coming to Tucson?

Please bring chapter literature and flyers for distribution at the FM table at the TGMS. You can drop them off before the show at the Lithographie booth in the lobby of the InnSuites or bring them to the Meeting and Social on Tuesday, Feb 6.  
THANKS!

# Volunteer!



Friends of Mineralogy is looking for enthusiastic volunteers to staff the FM booth at the TGMS. One or two volunteers are scheduled generally for two-hour intervals to answer questions about FM and distribute literature. Volunteering in the booth is a great way to meet new people and an easy way to be part of a vital FM.

If you have time during the TGMS and would like to volunteer for a few hours, please contact Nelson at 812-360-0386 or [shaffern@indiana.edu](mailto:shaffern@indiana.edu). And thanks!



## South California Mineral Locality Symposium

March 17, 2007

U. S Borax (Rio Tinto) Visitor Facility and Museum

### Speakers

**Paul Adams** "Vanadinite Localities of Southern California"

**Tina Tuttle** "The Owens River and its Evaporate Deposits"

**Joe Siefke** "Paragenesis of Minerals from Boron"

**David Eyre & Tina Tuttle** "Collecting and Preserving Minerals from Searles Lake and Boron"

### Field Trips

Saturday: Tour of the Boron Facility (Arranged by T. Tuttle)

Sunday: Borate, Calico Mts (Leaders R. Housley and T Tuttle)

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## Board of Director Nominees 2007

January 10, 2007

To: Friends of Mineralogy

Re: Nominating Committee Report

The Nominating Committee for the Friends of Mineralogy is pleased to submit the following nominations for members of the Board of Directors for the period of 2007-2010:

**Regina Aumente** has served four terms on the FM Board of Directors, and is currently serving as Treasurer. She has also served as Membership Chair and arranged the socials for the Denver and Tucson shows. Regina is a mineral enthusiast, who has become a show organizer and promoter, serving as a volunteer with the Denver Gem and Mineral Show for over 20 years, and as an assistant manager for Martin Zinn Expositions' mineral and fossil shows for the last six years.

**William H. (Bill) Dameron** is retired from the U.S. Foreign Service, where he specialized in European economic issues and African affairs with foreign postings in Libya, Nigeria, Hungary and Norway. Among his Washington positions he was (Acting) Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs. He retired in 1995 while serving as U.S. Ambassador to Mali. He is Treasurer and Speaker Chair for the Pacific Northwest Chapter of FM. He has served three terms on the national Board of Directors of FM, chaired two working groups of the Board and is currently President.

**Julian Gray** is well known among collectors and is very active in the Southeast Chapter of FM, where he has held a number of leadership posts. His position of Curator at the Weinman Mineral Museum in Georgia brings considerable prestige and capability to the FM Board's efforts to increase greater public exposure to mineralogy.

**Virgil W. Lueth** has been Mineralogist/Economic Geologist and Curator of the Mineral Museum at the New Mexico Bureau of Mines & Mineral Resources since 1994. He received his B.S. in geology at the University of Wisconsin - Eau Claire and graduate degrees (M.S. and Ph.D.) from the University of Texas at El Paso. Virgil has served on the Board of Directors of the Society of Mineral Museum Professionals (1997-current), New Mexico Geological Society (1999-2002), Friends of Mineralogy (2000-current), adjunct curator at the New Mexico Museum of Natural History and Science (1994-present), and as general chair of the New Mexico Mineral Symposium for the last 10 years. He is currently serving as Vice-President.

**William B. (Skip) Simmons** is a current member of the national Board of Directors of FM. Mr. Simmons attended Duke University for a B.S., the University of Georgia for the M.S., and The University of Michigan for a Ph.D. in mineralogy. He has worked at the University of New Orleans for the last 30 years as professor of mineralogy and was recently appointed University Research Professor. He is an author of more than 200 publications in geological and mineralogical journals, magazines and books. He is the UNO sponsor for the Louisiana Gem and Mineral Society.

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 included with this report for publication (facing page); to be completed by members and mailed prior to February 4, 2007, to the Vice-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: gloria@lithographie.org

Respectfully submitted,  
Carol Smith, Anthony Nikischer, and Art Soregaroli  
FM Nominating Committee



### e-Newsletter

The e-newsletter saves volunteers time and FM money! Help us by getting newsletter via email!

Ask your chapter secretary to notify National FM, alternatively you may email Regina (raumente@aol.com) or Gloria (gastaeblar@aol.com) to receive this newsletter via email.

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## Southeast Chapter submitted by Julian Gray

The fall symposium of the Southeast Chapter of Friends of Mineralogy was held on Nov 11 at the Weinman Mineral Museum. *Aluminosilicate Deposits of the*

spectacular minerals from Graves Mountain, Georgia. Some of these minerals will be featured in the 2008 Graves Mountain case in Tucson. The Weinman Min-

tour of the building, already under construction.

A short business meeting was held following the symposium. Outreach, education, and future symposia

10, 2007 as the date that you need to be in Cartersville, Georgia for that event. Details of the symposium will be posted on our web page [www.southeastfm.net](http://www.southeastfm.net).



*Southeast* was the theme. Travis Paris gave an excellent review of aluminosilicate mineralogy, economic geology, and a state by state survey of this class of deposits in the southeast. Travis' hydrothermal origin for some kyanite deposits was especially stimulating. Julian Gray gave a review of

eral Museum, which hosts this annual symposium on the second weekend of November, will become part of a new, larger museum called Tellus Northwest Georgia Science Museum. Museum director Jose Santamaria gave a short presentation on the new museum followed by a hardhat

ideas were discussed. Anita Westlake was elected to fill the position of Chapter President and Wayne Dodd will serve as Secretary. Jose Santamaria and Travis Paris will continue on as Vice President and Treasurer, respectively. The topic for the 2007 fall symposium will be announced shortly, but you can mark November

**Above:** Construction of the new Tellus Northwest Georgia Science Museum is underway! The new museum will incorporate the Weiman Mineral Museum, host of the Annual Southeast Chapter Symposium that is held each November.

## Vote!

**BALLOT for ELECTION of FRIENDS of MINERALOGY NATIONAL DIRECTORS 2007** (vote for five)

Regina Aumente

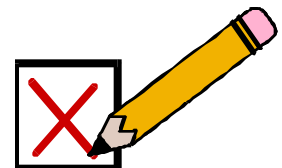
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**Friends of Mineralogy, Tucson Gem & Mineral  
Society & Mineralogical Society of America**

*present the*

2007 Tucson Mineralogical Symposium on  
**GEMS AND MINERALS FROM  
DOWN UNDER**

**Saturday, February 10, 2007**

in the Crystal Ballroom at the Tucson Convention Center  
Tucson, Arizona

**Program Schedule**

10:00 to 10:05 am

**Introductory Remarks**

*Symposium Chairs Robert B. Cook and Julian C. Gray*

10:05 to 10:30 am

**A Photographic Sampling of Australian Minerals**

*Jeff Scovil*

10:30 to 10:55 am

**Pegmatite Mineralogy of Western Australia**

*Mark I. Jacobson, John Reeve, Sue Koepke, and Nimal Perera*

10:55 to 11:20 am

**Unusual Secondary Copper Assemblages from Deposits in Eastern Australia**

*Peter A. Williams*

11:20 to 11:45 am

**Observations on Specimen Gold in Southeastern Australian Museums**

*Robert B. Cook and Carl A. Francis*

11:45 to 12:10 pm

**Minerals of the Cobarr District, New South Wales**

*John Chapman*

*For further information contact Symposium co-chairs Dr. Robert Cook (cookrob@auburn.edu)  
or Julian Gray (JulianG@weinmanmuseum.org)*

## Pacific Northwest Chapter submitted by Wes Gannaway

The 2006 NW Friends of Mineralogy Symposium was held Oct 20<sup>th</sup> through the 22<sup>nd</sup>. We had four excellent main floor dealers and several satellite room dealers that had some very nice specimens available. Our theme was the Minerals of South America and many of our 16 displays were of world class quality. Art Soregaroli won the best case award, competing against

other fabulous cases such as the Rice Museum display, Wayne Sorenson's Brazilian gem minerals display, and Scott Werschky's Peruvian mineral display.

The talks were very informative and interesting. Dr. Tony Kampf gave talks on the gem mines of Minas Gerais, Brazil and on mineral fakes and frauds. Scott Werschky gave talks on the min-

erals and mines of Peru in two parts. Dave Waisman gave a two part talk on buying gemstones in Brazil and on Wayne Sorenson's gem minerals collection. Our last speaker, Bill Dameron, gave a presentation on the importance of proper labels for a mineral collection.

At our business meeting on Sunday we discussed the next symposium and voted

on the theme of "Minerals of the Southwest". We also gave an ovation to George Gerhold, our current symposium chair.

The Northwest Chapter of FM 2007 calendar includes the annual collecting trip to Washington Pass on August 10-12<sup>th</sup> and the NW Chapter symposium, which will be on October 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, and 21<sup>st</sup>, at Kelso, Washington.

## Midwest Chapter submitted by Dave Straw

Since the last newsletter, the Midwest Chapter has enjoyed several field trips and held a symposium. In August we had a field trip to a quarry near Auglaize, Ohio.

In September, Dr. Ernie Carlson of Kent State University organized a symposium on the Celestine district in

Northwestern Ohio. This was held in Lima, Ohio. Talks were presented by George Simmons and Joe Vasichko. In conjunction with the symposium we had field trips to Hanson Aggregates in Sylvania, Grammont Dolime in Genoa, Suever Stone Company in Delphos,

and the Bloomlock Quarry in Allen County, all in Ohio.

Our September meeting was held at the show put on by the Lawrence County Rock Club in Bloomington, Indiana. The speaker was William Westenfield whose talk was entitled *A visit to*

*the Canadian Diamond Mines*. His trip had been arranged by the Alaskan Miners Association.

The November meeting was held in Cleveland at the symposium put on by the Micromineral Society of the Cleveland Museum of Natural History.

## Pennsylvania Chapter submitted by Doug Rambo

The Pennsylvania Chapter of Friends of Mineralogy held its Fall Symposium entitled *Mines and Minerals* on the weekend of November 4-5.

The event began with a field trip to the Dillsburg Iron Mines in York County, PA. Approximately 20 people turned out to collect. The site was tremendously overgrown and overrun with briars since they last timbered the site nearly two decades ago. Those who did manage to get through the thicket came up with some very nice magnetite and datolite

crystals. On Sunday, the Chapter convened at the Delaware County Institute of Science in Media, PA. Mike Skebo from Burlington, Ontario, Canada started off the program with his first talk on collecting minerals at the Lengenbach Quarry in Imfeld, Switzerland. Johnny Johnsson of Finksburg, MD followed Mike with a talk on Vermont's Elizabeth Copper mine—the Tyson years, 1880-1902. This was a look at the history of copper mining around South Stratford, Vermont and a brief update on how the US EPA

is working to remediate the site while preserving much of the history in the process. After some technical difficulties and lunch Mike Skebo returned for a second talk *The Minerals of Italy: A Tour Through Lazio, Isola D'Elba, Val D'Aosta, and Lombardy*. The Chapter's annual benefit auction followed. After Chapter VP Arnold Mogel gave a presentation on the telluride minerals of the cash mine, Gold Hill mining district in Boulder county, Colorado.

The Chapter Board is cur-

rently in the process of planning for the 2007 Mines and Minerals Symposium to be held on November 3 & 4.

The Chapter is also in the process of digitizing many of its out of print publications and newsletters to CD. Special Publication #2 *Historical Sketches of Copper and Lead Mining in Montgomery County Pennsylvania* by F. Harold Evans has been reissued and is now available. Please contact Doug Rambo at (302) 893-1841 or [drambo417@comcast.net](mailto:drambo417@comcast.net) for more information.



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## FM Annual Members' Meeting & Social – Tucson



**FM Annual Members' Meeting and Social  
on Tuesday, February 6 at 4:00 and 5:00 respectively  
at the Cactus Room at the Clarion Hotel  
102 N. Alvernon Way (1 block north of Broadway)  
Tucson, Arizona**

All Friends of Mineralogy members and prospective members are invited, encouraged, indeed **URGED** to attend our annual meeting in Tucson. The meeting will begin promptly at 4:00 pm and the social will follow at about 5:00 pm.

We need your input and ideas for our annual Board meeting, which will be Friday morning. Please, come, contribute and then socialize with some really great people!