



President's Message

Dear Friends of Mineralogy,

The first point of this letter is to introduce myself to you. I have been on the FM board since 2000 and served as secretary and vice-president. Your elected board members decided that I should serve as the next president at our annual meeting in Tucson this year. I look forward to serving you over the next two years. I am sure I have met many of you over the last 7 years but if not, I welcome you visit my website at:

www.geoinfo.nmt.edu/staff/lueth/home.html to learn more about what I do for a living.

I am fortunate to follow in the footsteps of one of our most proactive and enthusiastic presidents, Bill Dameron. Bill initiated a number of projects and programs to make FM more useful to its members and better fulfill our mission. I hope to continue in that mold and make the organization more responsive to the members and to take an active role in the fields of earth science. I am fortunate to have Gloria Staebler continue as our secretary and welcome Julian Gray as our new vice-president. Carol Smith has agreed to take on the newsletter editor position and I look forward to working with her to provide you an informative newsletter. One of the hardest workers on the FM board, Regina Aumente, agreed to continue as treasurer.

I intend to continue many of the initiatives already started and add one or two more a year. These plans always adhere to the objectives of our group as stated on the website:

FM's objectives are 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 first thing a new president of

an organization should do upon starting the job is to "take stock." In light of our objectives, here is what I see:

*To Promote...*Our members are our best advertisers and advocates. Word of mouth is a powerful tool and one of the most effective, especially at the chapter shows and symposia. The grass roots promotion of mineralogy is accomplished at such programs. In the mineralogical world, our co-sponsorship of the TGMS symposium is a very important link with the professional community – one I think we can do even more effectively by becoming more interactive with other societies. We also promote the hobby in our leading magazines, both *Rocks & Minerals* and *Mineralogical Record*, done by the good work of Sharleen Harvey our publicity chair.

*To Support...*We provide support, both financial and logistical, to our members for a variety of projects both local and national. Most local symposia/shows are under the purview of the chapters but we have just started sponsoring other shows in places without a local chapter through the national group. Membership materials have developed by Nelson Shaffer and will be available on the national website. The website serves as one of our more important support tools, please use it for information and to contact the directors.

*To Protect...*Protection of the hobby from outside forces is problematic. Collecting sites all over the country are closed (private and public) for a variety of reasons. We are looking into ways to keep the membership informed about public lands issues, led by Allan Young. We also need to work with other groups, namely AFMS, who have already established a useful group to monitor and mobilize their constituents on public land issues. Good land stewardship and collecting etiquette go a long way in convincing private owners to let us continue to collect on their property,

something we all can do to protect mineral collecting.

*To Expand...*If we do our promotion, support, and protection well, a reasonable expectation is that the expansion of the hobby will take care of itself. Introduction of the hobby to others through shows, symposia, and other educational routes will continue to attract new members since the beauty and scientific fascination of mineralogy sells itself.

*To Further the recognition...*I believe this is the critical role for our organization. National groups with vibrant memberships have a louder voice than individuals (although we know it is the individuals that do the work). Our affiliation with the American Geological Institute is an important conduit to the geoscience world where we can join with others and affect legislation and policy. I believe we should work with other groups when our interests are similar and I encourage our members to consider joining like societies – we all have similar interests and can benefit from cooperation.

One of the primary responsibilities of any organization is to appreciate its membership. I see myself as the sounding board of this fine group and look forward to your opinions and suggestions. Please feel free to contact me by mail, telephone, or email if you have ideas, concerns, or suggestions about how to make FM succeed in its objectives.

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FRIENDS OF MINERALOGY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING FEBRUARY 9TH, 2007 AT INNSUITES HOTEL, TUCSON, AZ

Call to Order – President Bill Dameron called the meeting to order at 7:40 am on February 9, 2007. There were twenty-four board members present out of a possible twenty-six.

Minutes of the Last Meeting – The minutes of the 2006 meeting in Tucson were accepted as recorded in the Summer 2006 newsletter (Vol 36; issue 1).

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Regina Aumente read the treasurer's report, which was accepted as read. Since the last meeting, Regina sent a member directory to all FM members. The directory contained numerous errors many of which were corrected as a result of feedback from the membership. She noted that the directory is expensive and wondered about the value of publishing it in the future. Regina also requested that she not be the sole signer on the FM bank accounts, nominating Virgil and Carol Smith to become cosigners on the account.

Regina later reviewed the 2007 budget, which was unanimously accepted. She also reminded chapter representatives to get their dues and membership lists into her in a timely manner.

Nominating Committee – Tony read the list of nominees to the FM Board. Each would serve on the Board from 2007 to 2010. Nominated were: Julian Gray, Regina Aumente, Bill Dameron, and Skip Simmons. Gloria reported that the membership returned 35 ballots (2/3 electronically and 1/3 by mail) and all of the nominees were unanimously accepted. The election was certified and accepted by the board.

Tony Nikischer, Art Soregaroli, and Carol Smith were nominated to serve on the nominating committee for 2008. The board unanimously accepted their nominations.

The board nominated Virgil Lueth to serve as President, Julian Gray and Vice President, Regina Aumente as Treasurer and Gloria Staebler as Secretary, all of whom were unanimously accepted by the board.

Awards – Virgil announced the 2006 award winners for best articles:

Rocks & Minerals – Mark Mauthner and Carl Francis for "Gold Crystal Localities of British Columbia, Canada"

The Mineralogical Record – Bruce Cairncross & Uli Bahmann for the "Erongo" issue

extraLapis English – Ross Lillie for "The Great Southern Illinois Fluorspar Deposits"

The best educational case award winners were announced at the TGMS Saturday banquet.

We raised a whopping \$19.00 through sales of the Werner Lieber photos in 2006. Pete Modreski has the photos and tries to distribute them to the other chapters in order to speed up sales.

Publicity – Sharleen is making good use of the FM space in *Rocks & Minerals* and *The Mineralogical Record*, keeping the content rotating and updated.

Newsletter – Carol Smith is the new newsletter editor, taking over for Gloria and hoping to bring the issues out on a more regular schedule. There was a general appeal to all members to opt for an e-newsletter, which saves FM hundreds of dollars each year.

FM Case at Tucson – Bill Dameron and Virgil Lueth volunteered to put together the FM case for Tucson 2008, as Dan Kile will be unavailable.

Website – Jim Etwiler is doing a nice job with the website. He requested that national own the domain name friendsofmineralogy.org, which is currently owned by one of the chapters. Carol Smith and Skip Simmons are Jim's backups.

Jim is further working on posting the locality indices on the FM website and is in the process of gathering the appropriate permissions from Heldref (*Rocks & Minerals*), which owns the copyrights for most of them.

Public Lands – Allan Young continues to develop a plan in which FM members can be made aware of changes to specific public land uses. There is a lands group associated with the American Federation and Allan is looking into the effectiveness of that organization and whether we can work with them. He put together a Powerpoint presentation instructing members on accessing government public lands plans in a given area.

Symposium – Julian Gray reported that five speakers were scheduled to give talks at the symposium this year. He has asked Jeff Scovil to do "Best of" talk around the show theme for this and future symposia. Julian is working to line up a full slate of speakers for the 2008 symposium, Mineral Treasures of the United States. Wendell suggested that Julian get the list of exhibits for the 2008

show and consider speakers that would like to talk about the localities not covered.

Locality Index - Art Soregaroli reported that 13 states have not been indexed (mostly in the eastern US) and that four state (Illinois, Montana, Tennessee, and New York) indices are complete and are awaiting publication.

Affiliations – Bill Dameron reported working on an affiliation with the Mineralogical Association of Canada. Nelson Shaffer was not present, but Virgil read Nelson's update which included a reminder that organizations doing anything to commemorate Earth Science Week should provide details to AGI, which will promote the activity.

Pete Modreski had hoped to come up with a mineral-related insert for the AGI teacher-packets, but the project was still in the planning stages.

John Rakovan noted that the MSA outreach committee is developing lesson plans to post on their web site. The kids' portion of the MSA web site currently gets about 2,000,000 hits per year.

Meetings and Socials – As the Clarion will not host a show in 2008, the FM social will move to an as yet undisclosed location. Marty will continue to support the social, providing the refreshments and the space free of charge as he has in years past.

Membership – There was some discussion regarding whether FM should offer a lifetime membership, particularly for those individuals, such as Werner Lieber and Marty Zinn, who support FM with perennial gifts. To offer a lifetime membership, a change would need to be made to the bylaws, something Virgil will look into.

Chapters

Pennsylvania held a recent symposium, which went well but could have been better attended.

Pete Modreski reported that the Colorado Chapter is not planning a symposium this year. He noted that the chapter has a number of publications available and is planning a field conference to the Leadville district August 24-26.

A well-organized Tina Tuttle informed the board of the two symposia being hosted by the California chapter. She also reported on two symposia planned for this year, the chapter's work on the Blue Bell mine publication and a project in which members are helping a local museum to catalogue and organize its collection.

Equally well-prepared, Sharleen Harvey read Wes Gannaway's report on the very active Pacific Northwest chapter, which is engaged in supporting educational outreach and the Rice Museum Summerfest fund raiser. The chapter pays \$500 a year for a corporate museum membership, which makes all PNW FM members active members of the museum. Their 2006 field trip and symposium were smashing successes, and the chapter is organizing a program to educate school children about collecting and caring for rocks and minerals.

Other Projects – Virgil requested \$300 to defray printing costs for the New Mexico Mineral Symposium, and his proposal was accepted.

Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 9:18 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Staebler, Secretary

29th FM-TGMS-MSA MINERALOGICAL SYMPOSIUM – CALL FOR PAPERS

Classic United States Mineral Localities

The twenty-ninth annual Mineralogical Symposium sponsored jointly by the Friends of Mineralogy, the Tucson Gem and Mineral Society, and the Mineralogical Society of America will be held in conjunction with the Tucson Gem and Mineral Show, Saturday, February 16, 2008. The topic of the symposium is Classic United States Mineral Localities. Presentations on descriptive mineralogy, paragenesis, classic and new locations, and related subjects are welcome. An audience of amateur and professional mineralogists and geologists is expected.

Authors wishing to present a paper should submit a 200-300 word abstract to Julian C. Gray, Weinman Mineral Museum, P.O. Box 3663, Cartersville, Georgia, 30120; phone 770-386-0576, extension 415; fax 770-386-0600; email juliang@weinmanmuseum.org. Presentations will be twenty minutes in length with a brief question and answer period. Abstracts must be submitted by August 1, 2007 and will be published in *The Mineralogical Record* (subject to approval by the editor).

Pacific Northwest Chapter submitted by Wes Gannaway

Our FM NW Chapter symposium is on schedule for October 19th through the 21st at the Red Lion Inn in Kelso, Washington. Our theme is "Minerals of the American Southwest" with emphasis on Arizona and New Mexico. Our featured speakers are Virgil Lueth and Joe Marty. For more information go to our website at pnwfm.org or contact the symposium chair George Gerhold at ggerhold@comcast.net. If you wish to attend and want a display case, contact Ray Lasmanis at ray.lasmanis@wadnr.gov

The NW Chapter of FM will be having our annual get-together at Washington Pass on August 10th through the 12th. This is the Chapter's way of making the Forest Service aware that we can be stewards of the land while collecting our mineral specimens. The gathering includes a work party, a potluck and lots of rare minerals (the latest count is 58 species including 3 type locality species). For more details contact Wes Gannaway at 360-384-4209 or debnwes@comcast.net

Midwest Chapter submitted by Dave Straw

- We are in the process of getting our members certified for quarry field trips by updating our MSHA safety training.

1. - Next field trip is April 28 to the Hanson Quarry in Fort Wayne, Indiana

- Additional field trips to quarries in the Ohio Celestine belt are in the planning stage - probably in May.

- Symposium on Geodes, September 29-30, is in the planning stage also.

- Program at the last meeting at the Indiana State Museum in March was a presentation on Water and Minerals on Mars by Dr. David Bish of Indiana University. After the meeting we toured a special space exhibit at the Museum which included slices of meteorites from both the moon and Mars. These were displayed in a manner that allowed us to actually touch the specimens.

- Next meeting at the Cincinnati Show on May 5.

Mineralogical Society of America

Announces 2007 Distinguished Public Service Medalist

The Mineralogical Society of America Congratulates the 2007 MSA Distinguished Public Service Medalist — Marie Huizing, Managing Editor of *Rocks & Minerals*. The medal is awarded by the MSA Council to individuals who have made important contributions to furthering the vitality of the geological sciences, especially but not necessarily in the fields of mineralogy, geochemistry, petrology, and crystallography. Publication of *Rocks & Minerals* began in 1926. Since 1979 Marie Huizing has made major changes and additions to the magazine that have increased its scientific and educational quality and strengthened its mission of teaching and outreach. But her efforts extend beyond the journal. She travels to many national and international mineral shows each year to promote both the magazine and a wide range of other mineral publications, events, and organizations. She is the hub of an extensive network of both amateurs and professional Mineralogists that she uses for the good of the entire community.

The award has been made more-or-less annually since 1990. Other recent recipients include Daniel E. Appelman (Smithsonian Institution), Dr. George Harlow, (American Museum of Natural History), and Dr. Jeffery Post (Smithsonian Institution).

FM Lands Watch

Over the years and for various reasons, the number of mineral localities open to collecting has seemingly dwindled, and there is growing concern that one of our most treasured outdoor activities may someday become a thing of the past. In the West, many of our favorite collecting localities are on public lands; that is, lands which are managed by the Bureau of Land Management and the U.S. Forest Service, totaling some 450 million acres. Future activities on these lands are largely governed by resource management plans that are periodically updated. Public participation in the planning process is encouraged, and many special interest groups are actively involved in this process on an ongoing basis.

A proposal to establish an “FM Lands Watch” effort at the local chapter level was discussed at the last general meeting in Tucson. Such an effort would involve the identification of proposed Federal management actions that may impact mineral collecting on public lands, possibly using the FM mineral indexes to determine affected sites. This information would then be provided to FM members together with instructions on how to submit comments to the appropriate agency via chapter newsletters and/or special mailings.

Information regarding proposed Federal management actions is available on the internet. It is envisioned that one person from each chapter would be designated “Lands Chairperson” and would be charged with periodically reviewing proposed land management actions in his/her area and reporting back to members.

The American Lands Access Association (ALAA), an organization founded by the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies, has been a successful lobby for promoting the rights of amateur fossil and mineral collectors for many years. The group also represents the interests of recreational prospectors and miners and others using public lands for educational and recreational purposes, and has formed working relationships with many other organizations dedicated to multiple use of public lands. Much of its activities deal with proposed regulations and legislation at the congressional level. As such, the proposed FM Lands Watch effort would not be expected to duplicate, but rather complement, the activities of the ALAA. We welcome your comments.

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e-Newsletter

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

Ask your chapter secretary to notify National FM, alternatively you may email Regina (raumente@aol.com) or Carol (carolsmith72@msn.com) to receive this newsletter via email.

Leadville Field Symposium Friday through Sunday, August 24-26, 2007, in Leadville

Friends of Mineralogy Colorado Chapter will hold a Field Symposium in Leadville, Colorado on the mines, minerals, mining, preservation, and history of the Leadville Mining District. The Symposium will complement the September 2007 Denver Gem and Mineral Show theme, which is Minerals of Leadville. We are planning talks at the National Mining Hall of Fame and Museum in Leadville and tours of the Climax Mine, the Museum, and other mines and mineral localities around Leadville. Ed Raines will give a tour with collecting opportunities, Museum director Sam McGeorge will speak, and we are lining up other high caliber speakers for a full weekend. Symposium events will start Friday evening and last into Sunday afternoon. Pre-Symposium historical tour(s) and activities will be arranged for those who are interested.

If you would like to attend this event, please fill out and mail in the registration form below, along with a check for \$20.00 per participant (no cash or credit card), to the FMCC address on the form. Because of logistics on field trips, etc., the number of symposium participants may be limited to the first 75 registrants. If there are limits, the cutoff will be determined by the postmark date on your registration envelope. This registration form and check will pay for all official events. FMCC is not handling lodging, transportation, or meals. However, a box lunch is included with the Sunday tour, and there will be a Saturday night symposium dinner with speaker for which we will obtain a head count and money at a later date.

A list of lodgings and contact information in the Leadville area is below. We have arranged group rates with some of the hotels as indicated, and we ask that you contact the hotels directly and mention to them that you are attending the Symposium. We encourage you to make lodging reservations early. Leadville, which is at 10,000 ft elevation, is a popular place during the summer, and some group rates expire as indicated in said list.

Please notify your mineral-philic friends in Denver area clubs about the Symposium. Our May issue of this newsletter will contain additional information and a schedule of events.

Leadville Motels: be sure to mention that you are attending the Leadville Field Symposium

Alps Motel - Hwy. 24 S.; 207 Elm St.; Leadville, CO; 80461 phone: 719-486-1223; toll free: 800-818-2577

Columbine Inn & Suites - 2019 N. Poplar St; phone: 719-486-5650; toll free: 800-954-1110;

Delaware Hotel - 700 Harrison Ave.; phone: 719-486-1418; toll free: 800-748-2004

Grand West Village Resort - P.O. Box 957; 80461 phone: 719-486-0702; toll free: 800-691-3999

Mountain Peaks Motel - 1 Harrison Ave.; 80461 phone: 719-486-3178; toll free: 888-771-4470

Silver King Inn - 2020 North Poplar Street; 80461 phone: 719-486-2610;

Super 8 - 1128 S. Hwy 24; phone: 719-486-3637; toll free: 800-261-3637

Timberline Motel & Apts - 216 Harrison Ave; 80461 phone: 719-486-1876; toll free: 800-352-1876

(These motels and links to their websites can be found at www.leadville.com/lodging/hotels-motels.asp)

Registration Form

Leadville Field Symposium, August 24-26, 2007, in Leadville, Colorado

Last Name _____

First Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Include a check for \$20.00 per person, payable to Friends of Mineralogy Colorado Chapter.

This registration will entitle you to participate in all symposium meetings, tours, and field trips, and a box lunch for the field trip on Sunday, August 26.

The number of symposium registrants may be limited to the first 75, determined by postmark date on your registration envelope.

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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 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 of time.