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Mineralogical Record Index Project

I am pleased to report that volunteers have completed all of the proof-reading required to transmit the computerized index to the printer for typesetting. Financing is in place and the first batch of galley proofs are in circulation for one final check. It is truly exciting to see the end product taking form after such a monumental effort by many dedicated individuals and inspiring leadership by Mike Groben.

I can not overstate the usefulness of the fourteen-year index of the Mineralogical Record. It will contain all of the information seen in each annual index (December issue) plus many additional categories and subjects. For instance, the fourteen-year index will contain the following subheadings under the general category: appraisals, auctions, book reviews, claim staking, collecting (field), collections, collectors, color, crystal growth, donors, epitaxial growths, errata, fakes, fluorescence, Glossary of Minerals, history (localities), history (memorabilia), history (minerals), inclusions, indexes, labels, locality preservation, meteorites, mineral testing apparatus, museums, organic compounds and minerals, pegmatites, photography, preservation and care of minerals, pseudomorphs, stamps, surveys, tektites, theft, toxic minerals, twinning, photographs (localities), photographs (maps), photographs (minerals), and photographs (personalities). There is much much more. Under localities there are 4,000 listings for mines and quarries. There are 11,000 mineral entries listed by locality, page and volume. The index will have 225 pages with a format similar to the Tsumeb issue of the Mineralogical Record.

The index will be available in time for the Tucson show, February of 1985. Look for it then. Every collector should have a copy to use as a research tool or as an invaluable reference book. The sole distributor for the index will be the Book Department of the Mineralogical Record, P. O. Box 1656, Carson City, Nevada 89702, telephone 702-883-2598.

The index will cost \$19.50 post-paid. Only 2900 copies will be available, so better get yours before they are sold.

NEWS FROM REGIONS

Colorado Chapter

The Colorado Chapter 1984 Symposium was held in conjunction with the Denver Council Gem and Mineral Show on September 9th. Of the various talks presented, the one on Colorado Tarryall Mountain topaz drew the most interest. The symposium chairman, Mark Jacobson, was generally pleased with the results although an effort needs to be made to increase attendance at future symposiums. During the November meeting Art Bookstrom presented a program on "Porphyry Molybdenum Deposits of Colorado." At the January meeting John Shannon will speak on "Minerals of Gilpin County, Colorado."

Pacific Northwest Chapter

The tenth annual symposium was held in Tacoma, Washington September 28th through the 30th. It was the best ever with interesting talks, well-stocked mineral dealers and a spirited mineral auction. A total of 129 people paid registration fees to attend the functions. The keynote speaker was John Sinkankas. He reminisced about a lifetime of collecting minerals from such noted localities as the Lower New Street Quarry in Paterson, New Jersey to Ivigtut, Greenland. He spoke of flying airplanes and writing articles for Rocks and Minerals, the Lapidary Journal, as well as authoritative books on gemstones. He talked about his latest passion--gem and mineral books from the 1700's and 1800's. His lecture was a pleasure for all to hear. There was a stirring rendition of "On Top of the Mountain" by Bob and Russ Boggs. Pete Modreski described Table Mountain and other Colorado zeolite localities. There were over 25 mineral cases for public viewing stocked with outstanding mineral specimens. The symposium chairman was Chris Check.

New Mexico Symposium

About 150 people attended a very well organized "5th Annual New Mexico Mineral Symposium" November 10 and 11 in Socorro, New Mexico. The meeting was hosted by Bob North of the New Mexico Bureau of Mines and Mineral Resources. Although this symposium is not an FM-sponsored activity, it fits in closely with our interests and goals, and many FM members from New Mexico, Colorado, Arizona, and other states were represented among the audience and the speakers. The program included 15 talks, most about New Mexico mineral localities but also covering some in Arizona, Colorado, Utah, and Texas. There was a booklet for participants of abstracts of the papers; handouts describing several local mineral collecting areas; an evening cocktail hour and banquet, featuring the president of the New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology as a speaker, and an impromptu auction of several mineral specimens and books; and a silent auction of minerals on Sunday afternoon. The symposium is also developing into informal motel-room sessions of viewing, discussing, trading, and selling microminerals and other mineral specimens on Friday and Saturday evenings. The meeting was lively and stimulating, and well worth a trip from out-of-state to participate. A 6th meeting is planned for the same time, next year, and Betty Tlush is eager to enlist enough FM members in New Mexico to form an FM chapter.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mineralogical Society of Victoria, Australia

The President of FM, Mike Groben, has been corresponding with his counterpart in Port Melbourne, Victoria. An arrangement is being worked out whereby the Mineralogical Society of Victoria would become affiliated with the Friends of Mineralogy making FM a truly international organization. Through the exchange of newsletters and membership

lists, we will all benefit by enhancing our knowledge and developing new ties with our peers abroad. There will be more on this subject at our annual meeting in February.

Membership Directory

This year we will not send out a membership list to conserve funds for publishing the index. Those of you who wish to have a list of FM members should contact Ron Bentley, 309 Irvin Drive, Midland, Texas 79705. He may be able to provide a computer generated list--for a fee. The next membership directory will be sent out during 1985.

Inventory of Interests of FM Members

At the beginning of this year, we asked all (new and continuing) FM members to fill out a sheet giving the usual address information, plus a questionnaire about your interests in different mineral and FM-related activities. We would like to collect and summarize this information and include it in the next FM membership directory. This will serve our organization's goal of putting people in touch with others of similar interests, and will be a great help to us when we look for volunteers to assist with particular projects. Pete Modreski has offered to organize this information; at present, he has on hand questionnaires from about 58 (out of about 600) FM members. We can all help with this urgent effort by:

- (1) Each FM chapter secretary/treasurer/or membership chairperson should be sure that all completed questionnaires are forwarded to Pete; and that each new member fills out an FM application/questionnaire.
- (2) Every FM member should have filled out a questionnaire, and returned it either to their chapter secretary or to the FM treasurer. If you have not yet done so, please fill one out and send it in. Extra copies of the form should be available

from each chapter secretary, or may be requested from any national FM officer.

Topaz Mountain, Utah

Two letters have been received pertaining to the Topaz Mountain controversy. Lawrence Dee, a geologist with the Bureau of Land Management in Shoshone, Idaho writes on November 16th that he checked on the claim status and found that "the Utah State Bureau of Land Management mistakenly invalidated the mining claims on the mountain and upon further reconsideration they are now back to current status." He further states that validity examinations will be conducted on all of the claims and if they are found invalid, the area will be withdrawn from mineral entry and returned to use by the general public. The problem is further complicated in that there is state land in the area which will be exchanged with the Bureau of Land Management. Find on page 6 of this newsletter a letter from Governor Scott M. Matheson explaining the State's position.

Bob Randolph, District Supervisor of Bureau of Land Management for the Topaz Mountain area has been quoted as saying that there are areas available to the public for recreational mineral collecting--namely the "North Wall" and the "East Wall."

COMING EVENTS

FM Board of Directors Meeting

The annual FM board meeting will be held at 8:00 a.m., Friday, February 8, 1985, in suite 712 at the Santa Rita hotel in Tucson. Breakfast will be served at the meeting; the inclusive cost for breakfast will be approximately \$5.75. We hope that all FM directors who are in Tucson for the show will attend

this meeting. Any other interested members are welcome to attend.

Annual FM Meeting

The annual FM general membership meeting will be held at 10:15 a.m., Saturday, February 9, 1985, at the Tucson Show. Please check at the show to find out in what room at the Tucson Convention Center the meeting will be held. The meeting will include the introduction of new officers, reports on current projects, and your chance to provide input about things we could or should be doing. Suggestions on how to improve the newsletter would be appreciated.

1985 FM-MSA Symposium, "Classic Mineral Localities"

This, the 7th in our series of annual or biennial symposia, will be held on Sunday, February 10, at the Tucson Show. There will be approximately 12 talks, of 20 to 30 minutes each; topics will include Franklin, New Jersey; Tsumeb; Indian zeolites; South Dakota pegmatites, Utah red beryl; Mibladen, Morocco; Ohio celestite; minerals of Zaire; Yukon phosphates; Mont St. Hilaire; and others. The symposium will be open to everyone at the Tucson show, with no additional registration fee. We hope you will plan to be at the symposium; for further information, check the show program in Tucson, or contact Gene Foord, Pete Modreski, Art Roe, Henry Truebe, or Skip Simmons.

FM Annual Awards

Two of our awards will be announced by FM at the Tucson Show: the award for the best article to appear in the current year of the Mineralogical Record, and an award for the best paper, submitted by a student, to be presented at the FM-MSA symposium. The recipients of these awards will be announced at the FM membership meeting Saturday morning, and at the Tucson Show awards ceremony Saturday evening.

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July 20, 1984

David C. Molsee, President
Washington State Mineral Council
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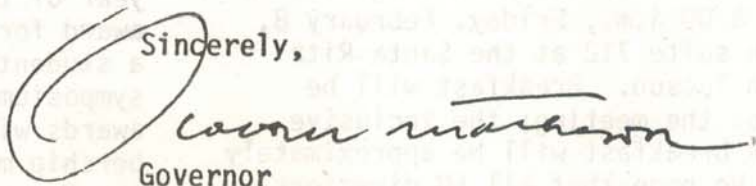
Dear Mr. Molsee:

Thank you for expressing your interest in keeping the Topaz Mountain area in Utah open for recreation and rock collection. I agree with your premise and I support the Bureau of Land Management's effort to keep Topaz Mountain open to the public.

Part of Topaz Mountain is state land: the state has two gem stone leases of 40 acres there. The state of Utah, however, is in the process of exchanging its trust lands in this area with other lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management. An application for this land exchange has been submitted by the Bureau of Land Management. I support and encourage this action. Such a land exchange would eliminate the state land trust conflicts currently existing in this area. The exchange of lands would consolidate all lands in question under the management purview of the Bureau of Land Management, thus terminating state management prerogatives. I feel confident that the Bureau of Land Management will administer these lands in a manner that will adequately accommodate the interests of recreationists and rock collectors.

Thank you again for corresponding with me on this issue.

Sincerely,


Governor

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MINERALS FOR SALE OR TRADE

As a service to our members, it has been suggested that a new column be started in the national FM newsletter-- "Minerals for Sale or Trade." This will allow members to exchange or sell those duplicate specimens that seem to take up extra space. You may wish to dispose of memorabilia or advertise a new mineral find. The following rules will apply:

- (1) Restricted to individual members only and not intended for dealers.
- (2) One ad per member per newsletter.
- (3) The block ad has to fit inside a 1" by 3-1/2" space.
- (4) There is a \$5.00 fee for inserting the same ad a second time.

As an example, here are two ads by Mike Groben listing specimens that he wants to sell. Want ads or mention of entire collections for sale could also be inserted. Suggestions on this new feature are appreciated.

Axinite, Kyushu Island, Japan

Large undamaged xls on
1 1/2" x 3" matrix, \$175.

Mike Groben, 1590 Olive Barber
Road, Coos Bay, Ore., 97420.

Stibnite, Kisbanya, Romania

Fine spray on 3" x 4"
quartz matrix, \$150.

Mike Groben, 1590 Olive Barber
Road, Coos Bay, Ore., 97420

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

I want to thank the FM chapters that submitted information. That is the only way you can disseminate news of your activities throughout the organization. I want to express my appreciation to FM President Mike Groben and Vice President Peter J. Modreski for their support. And, a special thanks to Willa Bonaparte for typing the newsletter during 1984.

1985 Dues Statement

Dues for 1985 membership in FM are \$7.00 and may be sent to the FM Treasurer:

Ron Bentley
7811 Bellerive
Houston, Texas 77036

Make checks payable to Friends of Mineralogy, Inc.

Dues payments should be made by Jan. 31, 1985. If you wish, payment for dues may be enclosed with the FM Ballot for election of directors and sent to the secretary, Raymond Lasmanis, 2711 Morse Merryman Rd., Olympia, WA 98501

If you belong to one of the 5 FM Regional Chapters, please submit your dues payment to the treasurer of that chapter and Not to the FM National Treasurer. Dues for the chapter members may vary but your single payment to the chapter will cover both the chapter and the national dues.

If you are paying your dues to the FM national treasurer or secretary, please give us the following information:

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City _____

State, Zip Code _____

1985 BALLOT FOR ELECTION OF FM DIRECTORS

Six directors will be elected from eight highly qualified candidates; please vote with a check mark or X next to the names of the candidates of your choice. Return the ballots to the FM secretary, Ray Lasmanis, 2711 Morse-Merryman Rd., Olympia, WA 98501, by February 1, 1985. The results will be announced at the annual FM meeting in Tucson on February 9, 1985. The order of names on the ballot was determined by random selection. Please suggest any other candidates by write-in on this ballot.

_____ Donald A. Zowader

_____ Russell Boggs

_____ Marcelle Weber

_____ Eugene E. Foord

_____ Robert W. Jones

_____ Walter S. Lombardo

_____ Betty Tlush

_____ Mike Groben

Note: Vote for only six directors.

VOTE FOR A CHANGE IN BYLAWS

In accordance with the Bylaws of the Friends of Mineralogy, Inc., it is required that members vote on any changes recommended by the Board of Directors. During the Annual Directors Meeting of Feb. 10, 1984, the Directors recommended, by resolution two revisions to our bylaws. They are as follows:

Article II, Section 3 - Strike the line "An initiation fee of \$5.00 plus dues shall accompany the application".
Fees are covered in Operating Regulations.

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Insert in the appropriate place in the bylaws the requirement that the financial year for Friends of Mineralogy, Inc. is a calendar year ending December 31.

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1985 Nominees for Members
of the FM Board of Directors

Donald A. Zowader (97 Lamington Road, Somerville, N.J. 08876) has been a FM member for seven years in the Pacific Northwest and Colorado chapters. He assisted Mike Groben in the indexing project. Don has been a mineral collector since the age of 13 and a mineral dealer for the last eleven years. He is employed as manager of Governmental Affairs and Hospital Group Purchasing, American Hoechst Corp. in New Jersey.

Marcelle H. Weber (1172 West Lake Ave., Guilford, CT 06437) is a Life Member of the New Haven Mineral Club and served as its past President. She was also the past President of the Stamford Mineralogical Society (Conn.) and a charter member of FM. Marcelle was the FM Region #1 Coordinator from 1972-1976 and a member of the following: Franklin-Ogdensburg Mineralogical Society, Canadian Micro Mineral Society, Mineralogical Assoc. of Canada, Micromounters of New England, and the Ottawa Valley Mineral Assoc. (Canada). Mrs. Weber worked on the M.R. indexing project.

Robert W. Jones B.A.M.S. (3520 North Rose Circle Drive, Scottsdale, Arizona 85251) is a long time member of FM and has served as a past Director. He is a member of the Board of Trustees, Arizona Sonora Desert Museum and Associate Editor of Rock and Gem magazine. He is an author and frequent contributor to popular mineral magazines. Bob was the Teacher of the Year (Scottsdale) in 1978 and is a member of Phi Delta Kappa. He belongs to the following organizations: Tucson Gem and Mineral Soc., Mineralogical Society of Arizona (life member), Scottsdale Gem and Mineral Soc., Maricopa Lapidary Soc., and the Franklin-Ogdensburg Mineral Society. Mr. Jones worked on the M.R. indexing project.

Betty Tlush (1202 Perion Drive, Belen, N.M. 87002) has been a FM member of the Pennsylvania Chapter and is currently trying to organize a N.M. chapter of FM. She has had an interest in minerals for over 25 years and currently is a co-owner of a mineral dealership. Mrs. Tlush has worked with the N.M. Inst. of Mining and Tech., and the N.M. Bureau of Mines on the N.M. Mineral Symposium. She is a member of the following: Mineralogical Society of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia Mineralogical Soc., the Albuquerque Gem and Mineral Club, and the N.M. Mineralogical Society.

Russell Boggs (Dept. of Geology, Eastern Washington University, 126 Hall of Sciences, Cheney, WA 99004) is an Assistant Professor of Geology at EWU and holds a Ph.D. degree in Geological Sciences from the University of California at Santa Barbara. Prof. Boggs has been a mineral collector for the last 15 years and has published articles on minerals from alkaline rocks. He is a member of FM, Mineralogical Soc. of America, Canadian Mineralogical Assn., the Northwest Micromineral Study Group, and the Rock Rollers.

Eugene E. Foord (14193 W. 1st Drive, Golden, Colorado 80401) has a Ph.D. degree in geology from Stanford University. Dr. Foord's research has involved the study of pegmatites in San Diego County, California, mineralogy of niobium/tantalum and other subjects. Dr. Foord has served as a director of FM and is presently the Liason Officer with the Mineralogical Society of America and the Chairman for the 6th MSA-FM Symposium to be held in Tucson. For the last seven years Dr. Foord has been in charge of the Colorado chapter of FM. He has published more than 50 papers and abstracts.

Walter S. Lombardo (4728 Elm Ave., Las Vegas, NV 89110) holds degrees in geology and anthropology from the University of Rochester. He is assisting with the FM California Locality Index Project and is organizing a new FM regional Great Basin chapter for Nevada and surrounding areas. For the past four years he has served as the co-chairman of the annual Clark County Gem Collectors Show in Las Vegas. He is in the process of establishing a mineral business and is working on a book and several articles on mineral related topics. He works for Nevada's Desert Research Institute.

Mike Groben (1590 Olive Barber Road, Coos Bay, Oregon 97420) is presently serving as President of FM and as a director. Mike's term expires in February 1985. He is a charter member of FM and served as the past President of the Pacific Northwest Chapter, past Chairman of the Pacific Northwest Symposium and the incumbent Chairman in 1985. Under Mike's leadership the Mineralogical Record Index to Volumes 1-14 was compiled and is in the process of being published. He has been a mineral collector for 40 years. He works for Coos Head Timber Co. as Chief Forester.

