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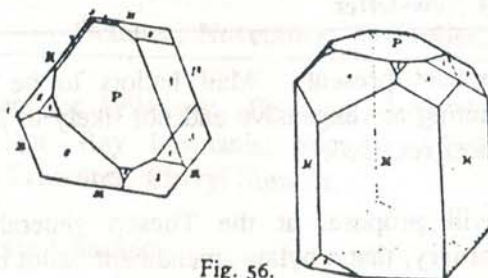


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FM Newsletter

October, November, December, 1993

President's Message

As the New Year dawns I look back at my years as officer for Friends of Mineralogy and feel warmed by the friendships kindled, energized by the deeds we have accomplished, emboldened by problems overcome, and thankful for all comments and help I have received.

I want to thank all those who have made my tenure such a wonderful experience and to wish my successors as much help and support as you have all showered upon me.

Wishing you all a Great New Year!

Arlene Handley, President

Note\$ from the Trea\$urer

DUES ARE DUE

The newsletter mailing label is number coded to the right of your name. The number is the year your last dues payment covered. If no number or 92 is shown on the label, you are delinquent and this is the last newsletter you will receive. If your dues are not paid, your name will not appear in the next member directory.

We do not want to lose your support so we encourage you to pay your dues through 1994. The newsletter information from the Chapters and our projects such as the mineral localities are worth your dues. If you are a National member, forward the dues to me. If you are a Chapter member, please send your dues to the Chapter Treasurer.

The 1994 annual dues for National members is \$10.00. I would appreciate National members paid through 1993 to send me their 1994 dues now. Please consider this article as your dues statement.

Mail National dues to Mike Kokinos, 4620 Doe St., Shingle Springs, CA 95682.

Chapter Treasurers please forward new member dues and addresses **promptly**. Otherwise new members may miss some issues of National newsletter.

As of December 24, 1993, we have 600 members. Seventy-seven are delinquent in dues; sixty-five have paid through 1994 or 1995. The National treasury increased by approximately \$1,200.00 to \$11,644.79. The increase occurred because only two newsletters were issued and savings Nelson Shaffer, Secretary, has obtained in printing and mailing costs.

MEETING NOTICES

If you plan to be in Tucson, please attend the annual general meeting of the Friends of Mineralogy. The **General Meeting** will be held at 5:00 p.m. Friday, February 11 in the Turquoise Ballroom.

The **Annual Directors' Meeting** will be held at the Ghost Ranch Lodge, 801 West Miracle Mile, Tucson. Coffee will be served at 7:30 a.m. and breakfast at 8:00 a.m. sharp.

Chapter Presidents or their representatives are encouraged to attend the meeting. RSVP to Mike Kokinos, Treasurer, 4620 Doe Street, Shingle Springs, CA 96682 if you plan to attend.

Mike Kokinos, Treasurer

BYLAWS

I "goofed" in 1970 when I assisted in the incorporation of Friends of Mineralogy. We used boiler plate which provides that $\frac{2}{3}$ of all members must vote in favor of amending bylaws. Meetings do not have $\frac{2}{3}$ of the

members present. Mail ballots to be returned for counting are expensive and not likely to have $\frac{2}{3}$ of the ballots returned.

I will propose, at the Tucson general meeting in February, that a bylaw amendment ballot be included in the April newsletter. The proposed bylaw amendment will provide a $\frac{2}{3}$ vote of the members present at the annual meeting rather than $\frac{2}{3}$ of the total members to amend the bylaws. If the ballot is not returned to the President, it will be considered a yes vote in favor of the proposed bylaw amendment.

The bylaws today restrict some of the activities and procedures considered necessary to operate successfully. Amendments to the bylaws will still be at the discretion of the members present at the annual general meeting. If you have any objection to my proposal, please attend the Tucson meeting or send me a letter for presentation at the meeting.

Mike Kokinos, Treasurer

SECRETARY'S SCRATCHINGS

Be sure to vote for new Directors. Brief resumes and a ballot appear on page 5. Please return your marked ballot to me or Mike Kokinos before February 9 so that we can tally your votes before the FM Directors at the Tucson show. Information about the Tucson show can be found in Mike's notes and pages 3 and 4. Be sure to attend FM activities if you can.

The newsletter is being sent at non-profit bulk rate now so it is very important that you notify me or Mike about changes in addresses. Please let me know if you have had or have heard of any problems about receiving newsletters. Several members left no forwarding addresses and their letters were returned so please inform us of any problems. New Chapter secretaries please send me newsletter and symposia announcements.

I want to thank all those who have commented about or contributed to the newsletter and a special thanks goes to Art Smith for helping me during my first year as newsletter editor. I wish you all a wonderful New Year!

Nelson Shaffer, Secretary

Chapter News

Colorado Chapter

The November meeting featured Bryan Lees who presented a slide show about "The Sweet Home Mine - A 1993 Update." This talk attracted much attention and other clubs attended. Letters supporting interests of small miners, amateur geologists, and rockhounds in proposed changes in mining laws and a second set supporting the Paleontological Resource Preservation Act of 1993 as proposed by the A.L.A.A. were made available. Elections were held with the following results: President, James F. Hurlbut; Vice-President, Raymond Berry; Secretary, Robin Wright; Treasurer, Caroline Gray; and Board Members, Ed Raines, Dave Weller, and Edward Grey. A request asking for monzonites from pegmatites was received from a French colleague. Articles about Mineral Locality Names were featured in the newsletter. A stock clearance sale of Colorado Geological Survey publications was noted and details presented regarding the Bureau of Land Management action closing the Blanchard Mine area in New Mexico. Almost 300 copies of the chapter sponsored book on Antero Aquamarines have been sold in three months. The last newsletters gave details on how to obtain a copy of this beautiful book written by M. I. Jacobson.

Great Basin Chapter

In October Steve Scott spoke about "Pegmatite Minerals of southern Clark County," and showed numerous specimens. Several members showed off specimens from the Searles Lake trip held in October. The group met November 16 and discussed elections and Christmas activities included a "Chinese gift exchange." Steve Scott gave a presentation with specimens about "Mines and Minerals of the Goodsprings District of Clark County." A field trip to the Sloan, Goodsprings, and Sandy Valley vicinities resulted in specimens of opal, feldspar, and selenite. Michele Kissell and Mary Ann Westgard were welcomed as new members. The Great Basin Symposium was held in Henderson, NV as outlined in our last issue. Members also participated in the Fourteenth Annual New Mexico Mineral Symposium held in Socoro, November 13 and 14. I wonder what a "Chinese gift exchange" might be.

Members recognized for their fine efforts during the Great Basin Symposium were Walt and Sue Lombardo, Steve Scott, Dick Thomssen, Marilyn Mills, Jerry Anderson, Don Cercone, Tana Daugharthy, Linda Linden, Walt Mason, Diana May, Reid Olsen, and

Bruce Hurley. The Clark County Heritage Museum helped sponsor the symposium and provided facilities.

Indiana (Midwest) Chapter

The Chapter membership voted to rename the organization to better reflect the regional scope of activities and will be officially known as the Midwest Chapter after reincorporation procedures are completed. A new logo is being sought so if you have ideas contact Hal Roepke. The group met November 14 at the Indiana State Museum in Indianapolis, IN. Dave Rush, well-known geode collector, gave a presentation "A Geode Fieldtrip: The Harrodsburg Experience," and showed many excellent specimens hosted in geodes.

Elections resulted in the following: President, Hal Roepke; First Vice-President - Programs, Al Sicree; Second Vice-President - Fieldtrips, Mike Davis; Secretary/Treasurer, Sylvia Sicree; FM Liaison, Terry Huizing. Discussions were held about a new geode minerals display, a book about minerals of Indiana, possible mineral symposium, possible educational uses for finds. Future meetings will be held at mineral shows at Richmond and Bloomington, IN and at the Cincinnati, OH show in early May.

Pacific Northwest Chapter

The Chapter hosted their 19th annual Mineral Symposium featuring Pyrite and Friends. Mike Groben was awarded the Chapter's Noble V. Witt Memorial Outstanding Service Award (see Mike's impressive resume on Director's nomination page).

The Chapter symposia have covered many mineral topics from accessible localities to zeolites; carbonates to quartz; ores to elements' quartz and many other notable themes. Ray Lasmanis wrote a fine summary of Pyrite Symposium presentations and of 24 display cases for the Chapter news. On December 10 the group was hosted by Ken Roberts Minerals and Semantics at Pioneer Square in Seattle. Russian minerals and Romanian barites were the highlights of this display. Rick Dillhoff presented, in the December newsletter, an excellent summary of the Munich, Germany, show that filled five exhibit halls and had 630+ dealers from all over the World. He also won the Symposium's best slide competition and Katherine Foster won the ugly rock contest. The Chapter has a few copies of the Mineralogy of the Butte District, Montana written by John M. Guilbert and Lester G. Zeihan for only \$2 each.

New officers for 1994 are: President, John Cornish; Vice-president, Ray Lasmanis; Secretary, Keith G. Ikerd; and Treasurer, Cheryl Stewart.

Pennsylvania Chapter

Juliet Reed kindly sent a package from the Pennsylvania chapter complete with the program and abstracts for their much praised fall symposium about World Class Mineral Deposits plus the very professional fieldtrip guidebook. A summary from Andy Sicree appears on page 6. The Chapter awarded its Life Membership award to Dr. Eugene E. Foord of the U.S. Geological Survey in Denver, CO. Chapter member Jay Lininger is publishing Matrix, A Journal of the History of Minerals. Larry Conklin edits this bimonthly journal of mineral history that is currently available for \$20 from Matrix, 2 West 46th St., Suite 1408, New York, NY 10036. A letter written by Dr. E. E. Foord about "Atacamite and Stolyite from the Wheatley Mine, Phoenixville, Chester County, Pennsylvania" was published in the Chapter newsletter. Arnold R. Mogel stepped down as President at the end of 1993 but as of this date I do not know who will be new President.

Southern California Chapter

Members met at the San Bernardino County Museum for an October workshop to compile locality information. A Mineral Locality Symposium was held earlier with talks about micromounting by Milton Speckels; photographic techniques by Milton Speckels, Fred Croad, John Jenkins, Sugar White, and Mac Mansfield; Fossils through the microscope by John Jenkins; Minerals of the Himalaya Mine by Garth Bricker; Pegmatite Minerals of Riverside County by Dana Gochenaur; and Natural Wonders by Milton Speckels along with mineral workshops.

The group met November 14 at the Mineralogical Society of Southern California (Pasadena) Annual meeting at the Glendale Civic Auditorium. Discussion centered upon where to find minerals in California and collecting on B.L.M., Forest Service, and Indian lands. Sugar White spoke on what's new in California minerals while Richard Busch talked about guides to collecting and Ray Foerster talked about collecting locality research. Amendments to Bylaws for Honorary Members, the whereabouts of the George Ashley collection, and a source for a list of southern California field trips were also discussed.

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