



FRIENDS OF MINERALOGY

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WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS:

Add to your membership list:

- Bentley, Ronald
P.O. Box 366, Windsor, CT 06095
- Shields, Flynn
16 Park St., Norfolk, MA 02056

CHANGES OF ADDRESS:

- Dunn, Pete
Smithsonian Institution
- Sayers, George, Jr.
P.O. Box 112, Tolland, CT 06084

FIRST THINGS FIRST ----- DUES

Dues are due and payable and then some. At least 15 of you have not paid the \$5.00 dues for 1973. Dues should be paid to:

Wayne C. Leicht
P.O. Box 2514
Costa Mesa, CA 92626

A Region #1 membership list will be sent along with the next newsletter (next month, hopefully).

REGION #3 has sponsored a reprint of MINERALOGY OF PENNSYLVANIA by Samuel G. Gordon. This hard-back publication may be ordered at \$5.50 from Robert Smith II, RD #1, Schoolhouse Rd., Middletown, PA 17057.

Wayne Leicht, Region 14, is working on plans to set up a FM analytical lab in California. More on this as more is known.

Dr. Joel E. Arem, Executive Vice-President, left the Smithsonian Institution as of September 14. Change his address to 6451 Fairborn Terrace, New Carrolltown, MD 20784. Phone (301) 552-2507.

WHAT DOES FM MEAN TO YOU??

Joel wants to prepare a document to be distributed to new, old and prospective members on the theme "What Does FM Offer You?" He states, "Service to the membership is a major reason for FM's existence."

Also recommended for reading is the FM article in Min. Rec. Vol. 4 No. 4.

Send along your thoughts and comments to Joel or to me.



Via an exchange bulletin, we have learned that the Barkers are going (or have gone) to Germany for a year. Pat has been in charge of Mineralogical Record Promotion in Region #1. We are losing one of the strongest promoters of FM and the Mineralogical Record.

Someone else is needed to step in to set up Mineralogical Record subscription tables at Shows, for example. Instruction sheets are available. Any takers?



There will be a large FM meeting at the Detroit Show, Oct. 12, 13 and 14.

NAME TAGS

A name tag, consisting

A MINERAL LOCALITY FILE has been put forth by Joel Arem as a feasible project for FM. The locality data sheet used by the FM group in Pennsylvania is shown and discussed in the Min. Rec. Vol. 4 No. 3, pp. 139 and 148. There is a slight difference in the two projects but either should prove useful.

Joel envisions a file in one central place in the Region, where all field trippers could send a comprehensive up-to-date report on localities as they are visited, giving any information on current status and minerals found. This information could be augmented with historical research as well. Everyone, non-FM members included, would be encouraged to submit such reports. It would then be desirable to publish site or area reports.

In Pennsylvania, a locality data form is filled in for each locality being checked, to bring status up-to-date, including directions for reaching site, present ownership, availability of minerals, etc. Sites are actually assigned to investigators.

Some of us believe that it would be helpful to put together a bibliography for localities such as Palermo, Strickland, Mt. St. Hilaire, Branchville, and others of like stature.

Not only should one member become the over-seer of this project, but it would appear to us that there should be one "guiding light" in each New England state. We have a member in Connecticut with space to file such reports.

Your comments, please.

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A name tag, consisting

of a circle bearing the name of Friends of Mineralogy in black letters on a pale yellow background, around a central portion of pale blue with logo and diagram in black, with slot at the bottom for inserting name card, and a pin on the back, is in process. The plan is to provide these to FM members.

GLOSSARY OF MINERAL SPECIES--1971
by Michael Fleischer.....

Just a reminder that a supply of the Glossary is available to you in Fairfield, Conn. In quantities of 10 or more, the price is \$1.25 each, postpaid. Your Club may sell them at any price between the \$1.25 and \$2.00 to make some money or the savings may be passed along. By passing along the savings, the New Haven Mineral Club has sold 30 copies; the Stamford Museum Mineralogical Society, 10. Why not suggest to your Clubs that they take advantage of these savings for their members--Now.

COLLECTION REGISTRATION

Do you remember reading about collection registration forms for individuals? A copy of the "original" questionnaire is attached. There has been some feeling that this is too comprehensive and it was suggested that perhaps a letter should be sent to a collector first inquiring about the general scope of the collection and whether the owner would be willing to register the collection with FM. In any event, if you wish to fill out this form, in part or in whole, to file it with FM, please do so and send it to the address on the back of it. If you do not wish to complete the form, just fill in your name and return the blank form.

MEMBERS' DOIN'S

It has been almost a year to the day since Newsletter #1 went forward to you. Several letters were received thereafter, in addition to earlier ones.

Carl Francis, who graduated from Amherst College as a geology major in June '71, is at Virginia Polytechnic Institute. Before going to Blacksburg, Va., he spent his time and energies trying "to revitalize Amherst's Pratt Museum." As assistant curator, he designed "new exhibits of a self-instructional nature, traded and purchased specimens, lectured and taught. The initiative efforts are being continued by a group of local collectors, the Associates of Pratt Museum, which is chaired by Ron Bentley of Windsor, Conn." Carl is interested in becoming a professional curator and wondered who the other members are in Region #1 who are interested in curating. Here they are:

Pat Barker (Mrs. Robert R.) who, with her mother, worked almost all summer in 1972, a morning a week, relabeling and arranging a very old collection, belonging to the Peabody Museum in Salem, Mass. "...really old; one specimen even being donated by Daniel Webster!"

Clifford Frondel (Harvard U.)

Robert Reuss

Horace Winchell (Yale U.)

George Sayers, Jr.

Charles Cinnamon

Ronald Bentley

Shields Flynn.

Fred Lincks also sent along a letter describing his activities as well as those of the Graylock and Northern Berkshire Mineral Clubs in preparing boxes of minerals for schools and starting a collection of minerals to establish a museum and supply of study specimens for the Berkshire Community College.

Mr. Lincks closes by saying, "I

think some of the things we have been doing are in accord with the aims of the Friends of Mineralogy". We agree.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

In a July communication, Joel stated, "It would be of major importance to FM to work as closely as possible with existing mineral clubs. We want to create the impression that FM is not a competitor, but an adjunct to their activities, and will work with clubs, not against them".

The foregoing achievements, certainly in accordance with the aims of FM, are, nevertheless, achievements which would have been accomplished whether FM existed at all. This points out rather clearly that, if members are to be involved in an activity for FM--if that is desirable--it is necessary that FM outline its own project, such as encouraging educational exhibits at local shows, the proposed locality file updating, collection registration, and perhaps most important, supporting Mineralogical Record.

ANNOUNCEMENT HAS BEEN MADE of a mineralogical meeting to be held in Tucson, Arizona, Sunday and Monday, Feb. 10 and 11, 1974, in conjunction with the 19th Annual Tucson Gem and Mineral Show. The meeting will be sponsored jointly by MSA, U of Arizona, Tucson Gem and Mineral Society, FM and the Mineral Museums Advisory Council. Two symposia are to be presented: Mineralogy and Paragenesis of the Porphyry Copper Deposits Impact of Modern Analytical Techniques on Mineral Nomenclature.

FM members are urged to participate.