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Enclosed is the ballot for election of six directors for Friends of Mineralogy, Inc., to serve 3-year terms, Feb. 1981-Jan. 1984. These, plus twelve directors currently serving 3-year terms which expire in 1982 and 1983, constitute the Board of Directors of FM. Please return your ballot in the enclosed envelope to the FM secretary by Jan. 10, 1981.

The annual FM Board of Directors meeting, at which officers for 1981-82 will be elected by the directors, and the Friends of Mineralogy annual membership meeting will be held during the Tucson Gem and Mineral Show, Feb. 13-15 1981. Please check at the show for the exact dates and times of the meetings; it is expected that the directors meeting will be scheduled for Friday, Feb. 13, and the membership meeting for the afternoon of Saturday, Feb. 14.

A joint MSA-FM Symposium, "Mineralogy of Pegmatites", has been scheduled for Sunday, Feb. 15 and Monday, Feb. 16 in conjunction with the Tucson show. An outstanding program of 24 well-known speakers has been scheduled for the symposium; it is summarized briefly on the reverse of this page. For further information on the symposium, look for an announcement in the Mineralogical Record, inquire at the show, or contact Richard Bideaux, General Chairman, 1981 MSA-FM Symposium on Mineralogy of Pegmatites, 710 W. Bangalor Dr., Oro Valley, AZ 85704.

An FM dues statement for the year 1981 is enclosed. FM members not affiliated with a local chapter should send their dues directly to the FM treasurer; chapter members should pay dues to the local chapter as requested by them.

Hope to see you in Tucson!

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REPORT ON THE FRIENDS OF MINERALOGY SYMPOSIUM AT THE GREATER DETROIT GEM AND MINERAL SHOW, October 11, 1980

condensed from a report submitted by Keith P. Alcorn

The Friends of Mineralogy Symposium sponsored by the Southeastern Michigan Chapter was a definite success. William Prychodko is to be congratulated for conceiving the theme and format of the symposium: New or Rare Minerals - Choice Recent Specimens from Established Localities - Minerals from New Localities.

Fifteen mineral dealers, whose cooperation was much appreciated, supplied about 30 specimens, all unique, which were displayed in three FM cases at the show. John Passaneau photographed each specimen as received during the show set-up, and the slides were developed the following day and ready for projection at the symposium. John's photographs, as expected, were of top quality.

The Friends of Mineralogy and the Detroit Show are indebted to Wendell E. Wilson, who acted as moderator and who commented on the locality, composition, and unique features of each specimen. Wendell's expertise made the program a success--even though he had only 10 minutes advance notice as to what minerals were to be reviewed. To list just a few of the minerals viewed and discussed:

AZURITE - Guangdong Province (formerly Kwangtung), China, from John Barlow. A rosette of crystals reminiscent of early Bisbee, Arizona material.

BADDELEYITE - Phalaborwa, South Africa, from Prosper Williams.

EDINGTONITE - Golden, British Columbia, from Mineralogical Research Co.

FIZELYITE - Romania, from Beth Gordon; a fine specimen of this rare lead silver sulfosalt, destined for a European museum.

PYRITE pseudomorph after pyrrhotite - Santa Eulalia, Chihuahua; a new, showy and unusual pseudomorph from the Contessa mine.

A similar session is planned for 1981.

MSA - FM
SYMPOSIUM ON
MINERALOGY OF PEGMATITES
TUCSON, ARIZONA FEBRUARY 15 - 16, 1981

(Richard A. Bideaux,
General Chairman)

This joint symposium of the Mineralogical Society of America - Friends of Mineralogy has now been fully organized. In conjunction with the Tucson Gem and Mineral Show (February 13 - 15), the 24 speaker program is devoted to all aspects of the genesis of pegmatites and their minerals. Topics to be covered include the minerals of common and rare-earth elements, isotopes, phosphates, the origin of colors in some of these minerals, and detailed descriptions of numerous individual pegmatites world-wide. The program will consist of two series of 12 papers, each 30 minutes in length, designed to be of interest to amateurs and professionals alike. Dr. Clifford Frondel of Harvard University will be the Sunday evening banquet speaker.

Arizona - California - Colorado - Maine - New Mexico - New Hampshire - North Carolina - South Dakota - Texas - Wisconsin - Brazil - Canada - S. W. Africa

Bideaux - Brown - Burt - Creny - Ewing - Falster - Fenn - Foord - Francis - Heinrich - Jahns - Kampf - Key - King - Moore - Roberts - Simmons - Sinkankas Taylor - White

The Second Annual New Mexico Minerals Symposium was held at the New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology, Socorro, N.M. on Oct. 25-26, 1980. This was an outgrowth of the symposium held the previous fall in Albuquerque, which was co-sponsored by local FM members. The 2nd Symposium was judged a great success, with over 100 registrants and papers presented on metamict minerals, cassiterite, gold, langbeinite, zeolites, beryl, pickeringite, and oxidized Pb-Zn minerals of the Hillsboro, Magdalena, and Socorro Peak districts of New Mexico. The symposium included a very lively silent auction of minerals and a field trip to the surface dumps of the Graphic and Lynch-

burg mines in the Magdalena area. Publication of the abstracts of the papers from the meeting is planned for the February, 1981 issue of New Mexico Geology. Copies of the symposium program and abstracts may also be obtained for \$1 from symposium co-chairman Ramon S. DeMark, 9012 Hilton Ave. N.E., Albuquerque, NM 87111.

Robert J. Smith reports that the 6th Annual Pacific Northwest Mineral Symposium was likewise a success, and another will be planned for next fall. A column describing the symposium is planned for publication in the Mineralogical Record.

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statement of expenses incurred for Friends of Mineralogy, 9/7/80-12/8/80

advance outstanding, 9/6/80		\$ 15.38
additional advance received, 10/26/80		150.00
expenses (receipts enclosed):		
postage stamps, 11/17/80	\$ 82.56	
envelopes, 11/17/80	12.12	
printing, 12/5/80	99.13	
	<u>\$ 193.81</u>	<u>\$ 165.38</u>
net unreimbursed expenses, 12/8/80	\$ 28.43	

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