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PRESPROSE : A BELATED MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A FORWARD-LOOKING WISH FOR A GREAT NEW YEAR!!! We're off to a great start with the first meeting of the new year scheduled for January 10th, 1993. Our Program Chairman, NELSON SHAFFER, has selected an outstanding speaker for the program, NELSON SHAFFER HIMSELF!! (see announcement below). Come and bring a friend!

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

JANUARY 10TH, 1993

12:30 PM

INDIANA STATE MUSEUM

202 N ALABAMA ST.

INDIANAPOLIS, IN

Speaker:

Nelson Shaffer, Geologist, Indiana Geological Survey
"WHAT IS ALL THIS FUZZY STUFF?: EFFLUORESCENT MINERALS"

Nelson always gives a great presentation and this one should be fascinating; we've all seen these fuzzy white tufts and coatings on outcrops. By the way, Nelson has threatened to give another talk this year if no one suggests some other speakers. PLEASE COME TO THE MEETING WITH NAME AND PHONE NUMBER OF SOMEONE YOU WOULD RECOMMEND AS A SPEAKER IN '93! PRETTY PLEASE!!

As long as we are talking about Nelson I want to be sure that you know that he has been selected to be Secretary of FRIENDS OF MINERALOGY, replacing Art Smith of Houston. Among other things (including editing of the National FM newsletter), Melson is expected to attend the National Meeting in Tucson each year. That presents a mixed blessing: it is a great show but it costs a lot to get there. I would therefore be happy to entertain a motion at our January meeting regarding a contribution from the club's treasury (about \$600 on hand) to help Nelson cover his expenses at the next National meeting this Spring.

Something else to think about before our January meeting: The Constitution of our chapter was approved by the membership 1/11/87. "Article I - NAME" of the Constitution reads:

"The name of this organization shall be the Indiana Chapter, Friends of Mineralogy, Inc."

The 5 other chapters of Friends of Mineralogy are: Colorado, Great Basin, Pacific Northwest, Pennsylvania and Southern California. Given that we have members from several states other than Indiana, and given that there are no chapters of Friends of Mineralogy serving any of our neighboring states, I would like to have a discussion and possibly vote at our January meeting to amend the constitution, Article I - NAME to read:

"The name of this organization shall be the Great Lakes Chapter, Friends of Mineralogy, Inc."

Such a change requires a 2/3rds majority (about 35 members) to pass (see Article XIII - AMENDMENTS). As I said, I would like a discussion of this proposal at the January meeting; please come to present your viewpoint and, if you wish, offer an alternative name. (continued next page)

Purposes of the Indiana Chapter:

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2. To advance mineralogical education.
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4. To further cooperation between amateur and professional and encourage collection of minerals for educational value.
5. To support publications about mineralogy and about the programs of kindred organizations.

(PRESPROSE - continued)

Enclosed you will find a statement from the President of the Black Hills Institute of Geological Research (a for-profit organization that would be hurt financially by passage of Senate Bill 3107). You may wish to investigate the matter further and indicate to your Senator how you think he should vote on this measure.

Have you seen the new "Ferret™ Neodymium Test Magnet"? I got one for my mineralogy class and discovered that it is so strong that it is not only attracted "strongly" to Magnetite, Pyrrhotite, Franklinite and generally Hematite as well, but it is "moderately" attracted to Siderite, Fayalite, Rhodochronite, Almandite and several other more or less ferrous silicates, phosphates and carbonates. If you want one write to; TRILLIUM DESIGNS CO., BOX 10601, ROCHESTER, NY. Send \$8.

Gloria Cooper, who made a colorful presentation on the gems of San Diego County, CA, at our September meeting this year, is planning to offer a short course on Gemstones this Spring, March 30th-April 29th, Tuesday and Thursday afternoon at the IUPUI campus. If you are interested in learning more you may reach her at 317/274-7484 (her office at IUPUI). I will bring a copy of her course syllabus to the January meeting.

See you in January. Cheers! Hal Roepke, Pres '92-93

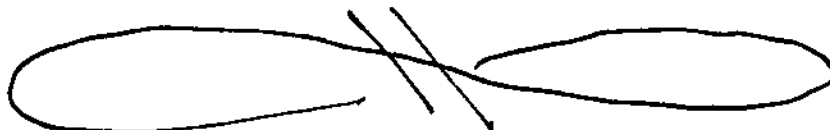
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**MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 15th, 1992, MEETING  
FRIENDS OF MINERALOGY - INDIANA**

The minutes will be presented in writing at the January 1993 meeting; in the meantime you may be interested in knowing that Hal Roepke was re-elected President, Nelson Shaffer was re-elected Vice-President in charge of Programs, Mike Davis of Cincinnati was elected Vice-President in charge of Field Trips, Sylvia Sicree was re-elected Secretary-Treasurer and Terry Huizing was re-elected Liaison. The two Vice-Presidents are authorized by the Constitution to have supporting committees and the President's authority to appoint such committees is delegated to the respective Vice-Presidents. The term of office is one year, so you have just ten months until the next election to decide which office YOU are going to volunteer to take next year!

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TREASURER'S REPORT - December 26th, 1992

The Treasurers report for 1992 will be presented in writing at the January 1993 meeting.
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I have enclosed the membership form as a reminder that for many of us DUES are DUE for 1993. You are payed up through the year shown with your name and address on the outside of this newsletter. Please bring your check to the meeting or send it to Sylvia Sicree, Secretary/Treasurer, no later than March 1993. Also, please give some thought to bringing a prospective member to our meetings and offering her/him a copy of the form to fill out.



Sit down before fact as a little child, be prepared to give up every preconceived notion, follow humbly wherever and to whatever abysses nature leads, or you shall learn nothing.

from "The Life and Letters of  
Thomas Henry Huxley"



# INDIANA CHAPTER

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## INFORMATION ABOUT THE INDIANA CHAPTER

**HISTORY:** The Indiana Chapter of the Friends of Mineralogy, Inc. was formed in January of 1987, and has been active since then in promoting interest in minerals, focusing primarily, but not exclusively, on the mineralogy of Indiana and its neighboring states. The Chapter is chartered by the national Friends of Mineralogy, is incorporated by the State of Indiana, and is a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) educational and scientific organization. As of December, 1992, there were 57 members.

### PURPOSES:

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**MEMBERSHIP:** Open to any person regardless of residence or level of knowledge about minerals. Current members come from six states, and include both professionals and amateurs. Members also belong to the national organization of Friends of Mineralogy.

**MEETINGS:** Held 6 times a year at the Indiana State Museum, 202 N. Alabama St., Indianapolis, or at various mineral shows in the area. Meetings are open to the general public, and are free of charge.

**FIELD TRIPS:** To area mines and quarries. Participation is limited to members of our Chapter, to members of other FM chapters, and on a one-time introductory basis, to prospective members. The Chapter carries liability insurance.

**OFFICERS:** The officers of the Indiana Chapter for 1992 are:

**President:** Dr. Hal Roepke, 4806 W. University, Muncie, IN 47304; 317/284-7929(H), 317/285-8266(O)

**First Vice President:** Nelson Shaffer, 611 N. Walnut Grove Ave., Bloomington, IN 47405, 812-855-2687(O)

**Second Vice President:** Michael Davis, 5875 Fawnridge Ct, Cincinnati OH 45239

**Secretary/Treasurer:** Sylvia Sicree, 4052 Butterwood Ct., Dayton, OH 45424.

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**HOW TO JOIN:** Mail completed form on the back of this sheet along with your dues (\$15.00 for the first person in a family, \$8.00 for any additional family member) to Sylvia Sicree, at the given address. The dues cover chapter and national dues, and liability insurance.