



# NEWSLETTER

of the INDIANA CHAPTER, FRIENDS OF MINERALOGY, INC.

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE...

There is so much going on right now with our new INDIANA CHAPTER that I hardly know where to begin. Our group is brand new, yet is already very active in getting organized, arranging speakers and field trips, and planning other activities and programs. At the March meeting we enrolled our 20th member, and were presented with our charter from the Friends of Mineralogy. Details of that meeting and of coming programs are given elsewhere in this newsletter. What I would like to say here are two things. First, "THANKS" to all the members who have jumped right in at the beginning of our new Chapter and accepted various leadership roles, especially the officers and Ron Richards, of the Indiana State Museum, who has helped with meeting logistics. This shared leadership reflects well on the interest and abilities of our members. Second, I want to say "WELCOME!" and extend to everyone who has an interest in mineralogy an invitation to join us in this adventure. Meetings are open to all; field trips require membership after one trip. Give us a call or come on out to one of our programs...the April meeting at Cincinnati will be a good one to start with!

Rich Eddy

## APRIL PROGRAM

### "Twinning in Calcite"

by Dr. Carl A. Francis  
Curator, Harvard Mineralogical Museum

Saturday, April 25  
4:30 pm

at the Cincinnati Gem Mineral & Jewelry Show  
Convention Center  
5th & Elm St.  
Cincinnati, Ohio

Show sponsored by the Cincinnati Mineral Society - see the attached flyer

### Other April Business:

1. Field trip update
2. New members accepted
3. Incorporation status
4. Proposal for a 1988 mineral symposium

### Coming Meetings:

June 12, 13 or 14 at the Bedford, Indiana Swap  
September: To Be Announced  
November: Annual Meeting

### *Purposes of the Indiana Chapter:*

1. To promote interest in and knowledge of mineralogy.
2. To advance mineralogical education.
3. To protect and preserve mineral specimens and promote conservation of mineral localities.
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.

## INDIANA FOSSIL AND MINERAL DAY

On Saturday, May 30, 1987, the Indiana State Museum is hosting the third annual "Indiana Fossil and Mineral Day" from 9 am to 4 pm at the Museum, 202 North Alabama St., Indianapolis. Ron Richards, Curator of Natural History, is inviting clubs to set up both showy and hands-on displays for the purpose of interesting the general public in minerals and fossils. (Last year over 800 visitors attended; this is a great way to advertise our organization and attract new collectors.) No selling is allowed; give-aways are encouraged. For more information, call Virginia Hamm or Ron at (317) 232-1642.

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### ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS:

1. Wanda Aldred, Chapter Secretary/Treasurer, has received the Chapter's Articles of Incorporation from the State of Indiana. She plans to bring them to the April meeting.
2. Application has been made to Indiana for Tax-Exempt status. Similar application will be filed for Federal IRS exemption.
3. Members Terry Huizing and Vern Swanson are researching the possibility of low-cost liability insurance for the Chapter.

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#### SPECIAL INVITATION RECEIVED:

Chapter member Shirley Allen is in charge of special exhibits for the Chicagoland Gem and Mineral Show, coming up on May 23 to 25 at the DuPage County (Ill.) Fairgrounds. She has invited the Chapter to enter an exhibit, which will mean not only support of that show, but publicity and some income for us as well. We appreciate her invitation and will work on a display of Indiana minerals.

#### FIELD TRIP DEVELOPMENTS:

Vice-President Vern Swanson has circulated a field trip survey, asking the members' preferences for trip localities and timing. If you have not yet returned yours, you will want to be sure he has your ideas.

A field trip proposal at the March meeting which received a very positive reaction was a trip to *Michigan's Upper Peninsula*.

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### MINERALS OF PLEASANT RIDGE, INDIANA

At the March meeting, Dr. Kenneth Brock, of the Indiana University (NW) Department of Geosciences, spoke on the minerals found in the quarry at Pleasant Ridge, near Rensselaer. Dr. Brock has studied the mineralogy there quite extensively, and shared with the Chapter his excellent slides and observations. After telling of the location's uniqueness, and interesting though filthy presence of much petroleum products in the mineralized cavities, he went into a description of specific mineral occurrences there. Carbonates are represented by dolomite and calcite- the latter showing some rare forms (black with oil inclusions, trigonal scalenohedra, and 12-face prisms resembling beryl, including pinacoid faces). The most sought-after specimens are the sulfides. Besides massive galena and crusts of sphalerite, there are pyrites (elongated bar crystals and crystals showing both cubes and octahedra) and the real prize: marcasite. More stable than that found in most other locations, the marcasite here forms "worms" and "mushroom" forms, cockscombs and blades, and as the highlight, epitaxial marcasite formed on pyrite.

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Indiana State Museum  
Indianapolis, Indiana  
March 8, 1987

The meeting was called to order by President Rich Eddy. Minutes of the last meeting were read. Margaret Kahrs moved that they be accepted as read. Seconded by George Aldred, motion carried. The Treasurers report was given with a balance of \$138.62.

Rich passed out copies of the revised Constitution and By-laws.

A letter was recieved from Roy Lasmonis welcoming the Indiana Chapter to Friends of Mineralogy and inclosing a nicely framed Charter. Another letter was read from Albert Kidwell refunding \$4.00 of the \$7.00 per person to Friends of Mineralogy and explaining the policy. Vern Swanson moved and Maggie Kahrs seconded a motion to retain the refund from National in our Chapter Treasury. The money will be needed for starting the Newsletter and for the Incorporation Fee that is now due. Motion carried.

Date, time of meeting and possible speakers for the program at the Bedford Swap was discussed. Maggie will contact Rich later on this as she is also Bedford Swap Chairman.

Vern Swanson can set up the ISM Mineral collection to view at any meeting date, possibly the Nov. Annual Meeting. Winter would be the best time for this.

A letter from Ben Molton, State Chairman for Midwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies, was read. He pledged to cooperate with the Chapter and wished us good luck.

A letter was read from IFM member Shirley Allen concerning a Chapter exhibit at the Chicagoland Show, May 23-25, Dupage County Fairgrounds. If the Chapter sets up an exhibit we would be paid \$35.00. Shirley has a case she could set up in our name, but it has been used before. Nelson Shaffer moved that we make up a new case. seconded by Vern Swanson. Motion carried. Rich Eddy will be going to Michigan near that time and could drop off a case with Shirley and pick it up on returning.

The meeting was recessed for the program. Ken Brock presented a very impressive slide show and discription of minerals coming from the Pleasant Ridge Quarry near Rensselaer, IN. Ken Brock joined the Chapter, saying he was very interested in what we were trying to do and would help as much as possible, but circulation problems in his legs would limit what he could do.

Meeting reconvined—

Terry Huizing reported on the meeting at Tucson. The Indiana Chapter now makes eight Chapters. The Friends of Mineralogy had voted a \$50.00 loan to get Chapters started. Chapters can ask for the money if needed. When asked about the possible insurance, Terry said it was the Eastern Federation who had the insurance not Miswest as reported in the minutes.

Present at this meeting were Rich and Karen Eddy, Margaret Kahrs, Vern Swanson, Nelson Shaffer, Ron Thomas, George and Wanda Aldred, Terry Huizing, Christopher Parrett, Kenneth and Victoria Brock, Ron Richards and two guests, new employees of the Indiana Geological Survey.

Wanda Aldred , secretary

*Wanda Aldred*



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