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SATURDAY, MARCH 8, 2003, 1:00 P.M.
5199 NATIONAL ROAD WEST
CORNER RICE ROAD AND US 40
EAST OF CENTERVILLE, INDIANA
EASTERN INDIANA GEM & GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY'S CLUBHOUSE

(SEE MAP ON PAGE 4)



"THE SOUTHERN APPALACHIANS: A CHANGING WORLD"

Spanning the area from Virginia to Georgia, this award winning video describes how the geologic events that have taken place over millions of years have influenced the landscape, climate, soils and living things found there today.

A production of the USGS Information Service Section
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Tucson was great! There was, as usual, too much to see and do, but very energizing. The weather was rainy and rather cold (mid-60's), but better than Indiana with NO snow. Please hang on good collectors for spring will come and the rocks will reappear. Because of the bad weather, more new material than usual will be exposed.

We will meet March 8 at Richmond (Centerville)—not at the show, but at a nearby site. Please see Page 4 for a map.

Kim Greeman has arranged to screen an award winning video production from the United States Geological Survey that explains geology of the southern Appalachian Mountains.

Come see the minerals, meteorites and memories that I retrieved from Tucson. The Friends of Mineralogy had a display and a booth there. Our chapter is doing well and is one of the larger chapters.

On a down note, John tells me that he was unable to secure sufficient speakers for a June symposium at Miami (of Ohio) University. We will try to arrange a symposium later in the year. Please help me out if you know good speakers who might come to Indianapolis in the fall for an FoM symposium, probably at the Indiana State Museum during their GEOFEST or perhaps at Falls of the Ohio for their annual mineral and fossil event. Alan Goldstein is preparing a nice exhibit of crystals for that meeting.

Nelson Shaffer



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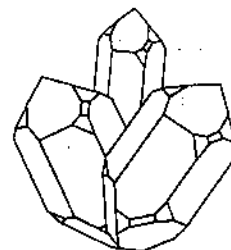
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MINUTES—JANUARY 12, 2003

Nine members and their families and friends were given an extensive “behind the scene” tour of the new INDIANA STATE MUSEUM at Indianapolis by Peggy Fisherkeller, Curator of Geology, at that institution.

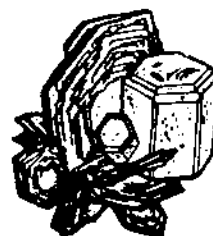
Upon completion of the tour, President Nelson Shaffer conducted a brief informal business meeting. Treasurer Lorraine Wright reported that as of that date the chapter’s account had \$1,356.02. The silent auctions in June at Bloomington earned \$102.00 and in September at Greenfield \$126.25. Adding these funds to the fees collected, the 2002 Midwest Mineral Symposium ‘broke even’.

President Shaffer reported that Ernie Carlson of Kent State University and Alan Goldstein of The Falls of the Ohio have agreed to handle the chapter’s field trips for the year 2003. Members are encouraged to help out with suggestions and possible contacts that might help us gain entrance to quarries and collecting sites.

President Shaffer then reviewed progress on the 2003 symposium, which is tentatively scheduled to be hosted by Miami University in Oxford, Ohio on Saturday, June 14, 2003.

Peggy Fisherkeller was given a round of applause for her excellent tour of the new museum. The meeting was adjourned.

Albert Sicree, Secretary



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mar. 7-9—RICHMOND IN: 30TH Annual Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show & Sale. Wayne County Frags. Dealers, exhibits, displays, door prizes, silent auction, demos. Fri. 9-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 11-4. Adm. Sponsored by Eastern Indiana Gem and Geological Society, Inc. Information: Gene Clark 765-935-5144

Mar. 14-16—MICHIGAN CENTER MI: “March into Michigan Minerals”. Michigan Gem & Mineral Society. Michigan Center Masonic Lodge, 355 Napoleon Rd., Fri.-Sat. 10-7, Sun. 10-5. Adm. Information John Hoskin 517-522-2296

Mar. 15-16—CANTON OH: 36TH Annual Show, Stark Co. Gem & Mineral Club. McKinley Room, Canton Mem. Civic Ctr. 1100 Market Ave. N. Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5. Adm. Information; Barry Heiks 330-868-4047

Mar. 16—INDIANAPOLIS IN: 500 Earth Sciences Meeting, North Eastwood Christian Church, 9425 E. 30th St. (Between Post Rd. & Mitthoeffer), 2:00 PM. Information: Dee Slater 317-253-6951

Mar. 20: WEST LAFAYETTE IN: Wabash Valley Gem & Mineral Society meeting, 7:00 PM, Morton Community Center. Program—Dwaine Edington—Appreciation of Micro Minerals.

Mar. 21-23—ST. LOUIS COUNTY MO: 43rd Annual Gem, Mineral & Jewelry Show, Machinists Hall Auditorium, 12365 St. Charles Rock Road (Bridgeton), I-170 at St. Charles Rock Rd. Exit. Special exhibits: Missouri’s Earth Treasures. Exhibits, demos, dealers. Fri. 4-9 pm, Sat. 10-7, Sun. 10-5. Adm.

Mar. 22-23—MONROE WI: 53RD Annual Mineral, Gem & Fossil Show. Monroe High School, 1600 26th St. Speakers, exhibits, demos, door prizes, silent auction. Sponsored by The Badger Lapidary & Geological Society. Sat.-Sun. 9-5.

Mar. 29-30—BERRIEN SPRINGS MI: Gem, Mineral, Rock & Fossil Show, Berrien County Sportsman Club, 2985 E. Linco Rd. (East of US 31, south of St. Joseph/Benton Harbor, north of Berrien Springs). Sponsored by Blossomland Gem & Mineral Society. Minerals, jewelry, gem tree, cabochons, fossils. Sat.-Sun. 10-5. Adm. Information: Joan Gardner 616-429-6499.

Apr. 5-6—COLUMBUS OH: Columbus Rock & Mineral Soc. & Licking County Rock & Mineral Society Show. Veterans Memorial, 300 W. Broad St. Sat. 10-7, Sun. 11-5. Adm. Information: Dan Hall 614-252-0781

Apr. 11-13—MT. CLEMENS MI: Show sponsored by Mt. Clemens Gem & Lapidary Society. Community Center. 300 N. Groesbeck. Fri.-Sat. 10-7, Sun. 11-5. Adm. Information: S. Chownyk 586-293-9127

RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIP

The March 1 deadline (per by-laws dated September 2001) for renewing your membership in Friends of Mineralogy—Midwest Chapter

has passed, but you are receiving this newsletter as a courtesy.

(Plus this newsletter is being sent out later than usual.)

If you have already renewed your membership, check the label on your envelope. If a 03 appears, you have renewed. If there is nothing, but your name and address, you need to send your check in now to continue receiving the newsletter with information concerning meetings, field trips, symposiums, etc.

Send your check \$15.00 individual (or first family member)

\$10.00 for each additional family member.

Send your check in now to:

Lorraine Wright, Treasurer, Friends of Mineralogy—Midwest Chapter

1505 S. Randolph St., Indianapolis IN 46203

(Your check and this newsletter may have passed in the mail. If your check has been received, the treasurer will inform this editor and you will continue to receive the newsletter.)

Thank you for renewing your membership in Friends of Mineralogy-Midwest Chapter.



Below is the map directing you to the Friends of Mineralogy-Midwest Chapter meeting to be held at the Eastern Indiana Gem & Geological Society's clubhouse located at 5199 National Road West (corner of Rice Road and US 40) just east of Centerville. There is parking in front and on the east side of the building. Please enter on the east side via the porch and handicapped ramp. If there are any additional directions needed, please contact this editor, Marlene Edington, at 765-345-5514 or dandme@spitfire.net

