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PRESPROSE!

Our special April meeting was very successful in spite of a small turnout. We enjoyed Nelson Shaffer's presentation of the promotional video on the Tucson Gem & Mineral Show, before discussing how to deal with the issue of preparing a display that would represent the club at regional Gem & Mineral shows.

It was first determined that such a display would be beneficial in acquainting others with the purposes and activities of our club and could attract new members. It was therefore decided that the topic of the display would change occasionally to reflect recent club collecting trips in the Midwest. Members are asked to loan specimens pertinent to the current topic, for about a year. The specimens should be accompanied by information about the mineral(s) in the specimen and the county and state where collected.

The first display is to be focused on "Geodes of the Midwest". We would like to have more specimens than will fit in a single display in order to be able to adjust the display to different cases and to provide some variation from show to show. Alfred Sicree has volunteered to collect and curate this first collection. If you have a geode of unusual characteristics (mineralogy, color, etc.) please arrange to get it to Al sometime this Spring. If you don't want to ship it you can meet Al at the Cincinnati Show (for example at our club meeting about 4PM on Saturday, May 1st). Kim Greeman has agreed to have identification cards printed for each of the specimens and Nelson Shaffer has some printed materials about geodes to include in the display. If all goes well the display materials will be ready to show at the "500 Club" show in Greenfield, IN in September.

Because this was not a "regular" meeting of the club, no minutes were taken and no reports given.

A few more ballots on the question of changing the name of our chapter of Friends of Mineralogy and we will reach a quorum and be able to declare a winner. This will probably make desirable a change in our logo. I would appreciate any input that you might offer. Sketches would be most useful; they don't need to be pretty or neat because I can get a skilled person to make a pretty rendition if you have the idea!

Cheers! Hal Roepke

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- * April 30-May 2 BLACKHAWK ROCK CLUB GEM & MINERAL SHOW, North Town Mall, Rockford, IL
- * May 1-2 CINCINNATI GEM-MINERAL-JEWELRY SHOW, Our club will hold a business meeting at 4PM Saturday, following a talk by Dr. Terry Wallace on "Earthquakes! When is the next big one?"
- * May 8-9 TROY GEM AND MINERAL SHOW, Miami Co. Fairgrounds, Troy OH. Call 698-6493 for more info.
- * June 5-6 MIAMI VALLEY ROCK SWAP, Headley Ballpark, Donnelsville, OH. Call (513)325-6997 for more info.
- * June 18-20 LAWRENCE CO. GEM-MINERAL-FOSSIL SHOW AND SWAP, Monroe Co. 4-H Fairgrounds, Bloomington, IN. Our club will have a speaker and business meeting there; more details later. Call (812)522-6093 or 522-1450 for more info.

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.

MINUTES OF MEETING
FRIENDS OF MINERALOGY - INDIANA CHAPTER
MARCH 13, 1993
RICHMOND GEM AND MINERAL SHOW
RICHMOND, IN

Our March meeting took place at 4:00pm during the Richmond Gem and Mineral Show. President Hal Roepke greeted the audience, explained the purposes of the Friends of Mineralogy and invited the attendees to join our group.

David Straw introduced our speaker, Dr. Richard A. Davis, a paleontologist from Mount Saint Joseph College in Cincinnati. Dr. Davis told us about attending a meeting in Sydney, Australia, and about spending a week on Heron Island, a sand cay on the Great Barrier Reef. There were different kinds of pumice on the calcareous sand beach of the island. We heard a lively and amusing account of how this pumice served as a passenger fleet for nature's colonists, bringing life forms as "hitch-hikers" across hundreds of miles of deep ocean.

A short business meeting followed. The minutes of the January meeting were approved as printed in the newsletter. Our treasurer, Sylvia Sicree, reported a balance of \$448.23 in the checking account. She had also received a letter of thanks from "Rocks and Minerals" magazine for our donation.

Nelson Shaffer mentioned his Tucson trip and promised more specific information later and a showing of a video tape about the Tucson show.

Voting on changing the name of our chapter (see the February newsletter) is incomplete; we need votes from two-thirds of the paid members so please send yours in!

We will have an extra "working" meeting in April. Our May meeting will be on Saturday, May 1st, at 4pm, following our speaker at the Cincinnati Show, and our June meeting will be at the Bloomington Show.

Mike Davis asked for suggestions for field trips. Please call him at (513) 923-1650. Remember your old favorite hunting place may be new and exciting to the rest of us.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:15.

Sylvia Sicree, Secretary/Treasurer

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Mike Davis is putting together a collecting trip to Corydon, IN, and Irvington, KY, tentatively scheduled for May 15th or 22nd. Mark your calendars and keep an eye out for a specific notice. Mike will be at our meeting in Cincinnati and plans to give us the final details then. We will also send out an announcement with maps.

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If the mailing address block on this newsletter has a "93" to the right of your name then you are a bona fide, paid-up, current member of INDIANA CHAPTER - FRIENDS OF MINERALOGY. If there is no number or a different number, PLEASE USE THE ENCLOSED FORM TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP.

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**SEE YOU IN CINCINNATI !**