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PRESPROSE : NELSON SHAFFER, Vice President for Programs, presented a fine program himself last month at a meeting that was rescheduled for January 31st, due to poor driving conditions on the scheduled date. For our next meeting we are indebted to DAVID STRAW, our member from Richmond, IN. He has arranged for a speaker from Cincinnati to make a presentation for us at the Richmond Gem & Mineral Show (see announcement below). Come and bring a friend!

M E E T I N G A N N O U N C E M E N T

MARCH 13TH, 1993

4:00 PM

WAYNE CO. 4-H FAIRGROUNDS

RICHMOND, IN.

(See flyer enclosed)

Speaker:

Dr. Richard A. Davis, Mt. St. Joseph College
"FLOATERS AND TOTERS: PUMICE AND CRITTERS"

Please notice that Dr. Jon Bramstrator, Earlham College, will be talking at the same show at 2:00 PM the same day (you may recall his talk at the "Fossil Fling" near Brookville a couple of years ago).

I have recently talked with Shirley Allen and learned that family commitments have prevented her from continuing to display our club's mineral display and that it has been dispersed, the samples being returned to their original donors. Several members expressed a desire to assemble a new display so that others can enjoy some of the natural beauty we have collected and perhaps as a means of attracting new members. Several options that have been suggested are:

- a) Make a case that can be used by different members to display their own collection items.
- b) Assemble from several donors a long-term, travelling collection of pieces that represent the gems and minerals of Indiana, or of a particular district.
- c) Assemble for each showing a collection from several donors representing a recent club collecting trip.

To get us started I have scheduled a special meeting in April to decide what we, as a group are willing and able to do regarding a mineral display. Please come to the meeting at:

1pm SUNDAY, APRIL 18, 1993

INDIANA STATE MUSEUM

and bring specimens or photos of collections you would like to see displayed by the club. Ron Richards (Indiana State Museum) and Nelson Shaffer (Indiana Geological Survey) have both volunteered to assist as much as possible, with labels and backdrops for example.

MINUTES OF MEETING
January 31st, 1993

President Hal Roepke opened our rescheduled meeting, introduced the officers and welcomed the surprisingly large crowd of thirty people who came in spite of it being "Superbowl Sunday". We had a number of visitors from the Fort Wayne Club and some of them decided to become new members of our group.

Nelson Shaffer was the speaker for the day and his subject was the fuzzy, velvety or needle-like "stuff" you see growing on rocks. These efflorescent minerals are the result of groundwater dissolving minerals from one place and redepositing some of the ingredients elsewhere when the water evaporates.

After Nelson's talk Vern Swanson led the Ft. Wayne group on a tour of the Museum and it's mineral exhibits. The minutes and treasurer's report from the November 15, 1992, meeting were read and accepted.

A motion was made to provide Nelson Shaffer with \$250 support toward his attendance as Secretary to the national Friends of Mineralogy annual meeting in Tucson. The motion was discussed and passed unanimously.

We discussed having a workshop meeting to update and refurbish our display collection. The date will probably be in April and will be announced in a future newsletter. Al Sicree volunteered to take the display to the Cincinnati show in May if there are still cases available.

A proposed change in our club name was considered. We had opinions pro and con but not enough people to vote on a change in the constitution. President Hal Roepke will include a ballot in the next newsletter so that all members can vote for their own preference.

It was announced that member Kim Greeman is giving a talk about "Pegmatite Mineralization" at 7:30PM, March 25th at the Naval Avionics Geology Club meeting, American Legion Hall, 8728 E 38th St., Indianapolis.

Our next regular meeting will be Saturday, March 13th, at the Gem and Mineral Show, Richmond, IN.
The May meeting will be 3-5PM Saturday, May 1st at the Cincinnati Show. The June meeting will be at the Show in Bloomington, IN.

TREASURER'S REPORT
February 18, 1993

Balance - Dec. 31st, 1992	\$388.23
Dues Deposited	490.00
National Dues payed	(115.00)
Support for Nelson Shaffer to attend Nat'l FMI mtg.	(250.00)
Balance February 18, 1993	\$513.23

Sylvia Sicree, Secretary-Treasurer

IMPORTANT BALLOT!! (tear here)

"Article I - NAME" of our 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, the members present at the January meeting agreed that the membership as a whole should vote to determine whether Article I of the Constitution should be changed. Such a change requires a 2/3rds majority (23 out of the members who have sent in dues for 1993, only 35 at this time) in order to pass (see Article XIII - AMENDMENTS).

I vote for changing our name to GREAT LAKES CHAPTER, FRIENDS OF MINERALOGY _____

I vote for changing our name to MIDWEST CHAPTER, FRIENDS OF MINERALOGY _____

I vote for keeping our name the same, INDIANA CHAPTER, FRIENDS OF MINERALOGY _____

Please return your ballot to the club secretary
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NO LATER THAN THE END OF MARCH, 1993, PLEASE!