

NEWSLETTER

of the MIDWEST CHAPTER, FRIENDS OF MINERALOGY, INC.

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PRESPROSE :

I DO BELIEVE! SPRING IS HERE AND ALL IS WELL WITH THE WORLD! (at least parts of it). Our next meeting is coming up right away and our first club field trip of the season will follow in short order.

SPEAKER

**SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 3PM
CINCINNATI GARDENS**

Dr. Terry Wallace University of Arizona
"EARTHQUAKES! WHEN IS THE NEXT BIG ONE"

A short business meeting will follow the talk

Fred Lewis has submitted a new logo for the club and the newsletter. It is a sketch of a geode lying open with the outline of the midwestern states next to it. I am having the sketch digitized so that it can be reproduced easily in the newsletter. You will see it soon!

Our very own Nelson Shaffer has hit the big time again with an article in GEOTIMES Magazine, April 1994. Nelson has discovered pollen enclosed in aragonite from Wyandotte Cave, SE Indiana! These can be used for relative dating of crystal formation and for genetic studies of the DNA.

The Pacific Northwest Chapter is inviting all Friends of Mineralogy to attend a special field trip in Montana. The Butte Mineral and Gem club Show is at the Montana Tech. College campus, July 16th and 17th. Sunday afternoon, the 17th, a caravan will go to Crystal Park. Amethyst scepters and twins can be found by digging in the dirt! Anyone interested in attending should contact John Cornish, 40 Cedar Glen Lane, Port Angeles, WA 98362.
Cheers! Hal Roepke, Pres. '94

Purposes of the Midwest 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.

FIELD TRIP! COLLECTING TRIP! FIELD TRIP!

*** THE THIRD ANNUAL IRVINGTON/CORYDON EXTRAVAGANZA ***

Mike Davis, Vice President for Field Trips, has announced that he has arranged for the club members to collect at Irvington, Kentucky, 8-12 EDT, Saturday May 7th. Then we will be able to go to the Corydon, Indiana, quarry just before they close at 12 noon, EDT (note that Corydon time is not EST like the rest of Indiana). It is important that we sign in at Corydon before they close. We have heard that there has been recent blasting at the lower level at Corydon; there could be some great specimens waiting for us!

If one of the quarry operators decides at the last minute that we cannot enter he would like to be able to notify you. You may call him at home (513)923-1650 for last minute information on the collecting; go or no go?

Mike is working on other trips for later in the Summer. He will reveal those plans at our meeting at the Cincinnati Show, following our guest speaker, Saturday April 30th. Be there and be the first to know!

MINUTES OF MEETING MARCH 11, 1994

Our program was a demonstration of the use of the Vreeland Spectroscope in mineral identification by our own President, Hal Roepke.

At the short business meeting, the minutes of the January meeting were approved as published in the newsletter.

The Treasurer reported a balance of \$924.72.

Suggestions for possible expenditures of club funds included:

The Color Printing Fund of ROCKS & MINERALS Magazine.

Mineral kits for grade school science classes.

Advertising our collecting trips for Earth Science teachers.

Further discussion was temporarily suspended and an executive committee is to meet during the Cincinnati Show, to organize a plan for spending our limited resources on educational purposes.

It was announced that the Greenfield show will not be able to provide room for meeting in September.

Nelson Shaffer attended the National Friends of Mineralogy meeting in Tucson. A big effort is being made to increase our membership. We will soon be allowed discounts on subscriptions to ROCKS & MINERALS and MINERALOGICAL RECORD magazines. Also, some dealers may provide discounts to our members. National Friends of Mineralogy plans to protest Federal regulations that would prohibit mineral collecting on public lands.

Fred Lewis offered to work on a new logo to show our changed name.

We hope to show our geode display for the first time at the Troy, Ohio, show, May 7-8th. We'd still like to upgrade the display. Bring your great geode "loaners" to the Cincinnati meeting!

Submitted by Sylvia Sicree, Secretary/Treasurer

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - 1994

- ☐ APRIL 30, 1994, 3:00pm MEETING, FRIENDS OF MINERALOGY - MIDWEST. DR. TERRY WALLACE "Earthquakes! When Is The Next Big One?" Cincinnati Gem & Mineral Show. A brief business meeting will follow.
- ☐ APRIL 30 - MAY 1, 1994 CINCINNATI GEM & MINERAL SHOW, CINCINNATI GARDENS, CINCINNATI, OHIO
- ☐ May 7, 1994, Third Annual Irvington/Corydon Collecting Trip.
- ☐ May 7-8, 1994, Troy Gem and Mineral Show, Troy, Ohio.
- ☐ September 9-11, 1994, 500 EARTH SCIENCES Gem and Mineral Show, Greenfield, IN