



NEWSLETTER

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INDIANA CHAPTER, FRIENDS OF MINERALOGY, INC.

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PRESPROSE:

RICH EDDY has done it again! As you have probably already learned he has arranged two (3?) field trips in August. In case you didn't see his direct mailing, the first one, August 15TH, at DUFF'S QUARRY, Huntsville, OH, attracted a dozen collectors, including a member from Wisconsin! The second one was Aug. 22nd at STONECO - MAYBEE QUARRY, Maybee, MI. Eight ardent collectors found some great specimens of celestite, calcite and crystalline sulfur. Because this was limited to 12 people Rich has scheduled a re-run Saturday, the 29th. Rich is getting ready to announce another trip to Lime City, Ohio, for September 5th. Keep an eye open for that announcement. Call Rich or Karen Eddy (812/-372-2745) to reserve a place on one of those trips and for maps and other information. **Attend and bring a friend!**

While I was out west with the Ball State Geology Field Camp, FRIENDS of MINERALOGY - INDIANA held its June meeting at the Gem & Mineral Show in Bloomington. The minutes of that meeting, provided by our Secretary/-Treasurer SYLVIA SICREE, appear elsewhere in this newsletter, and I hear that the talk by GARY ROSENBERG, IUPU-I, on the mineralogy of fossils was very well received. Thanks Gary!

Our famous vice president-in-charge-of-programs, NELSON SHAFFER, has found a real "gem" of a speaker for the FRIENDS OF MINERALOGY meeting at the Greenfield Gem and Mineral Show (see attached flyer).

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

SEPTEMBER 12, 1992

4PM IN THE SHOW BARN

500 EARTH SCIENCES GEM AND MINERAL SHOW

HANCOCK COUNTY 4-H FAIRGROUNDS

GREENFIELD, IN

Speaker:

Gloria McGrew Cooper, Certified Gemologist

"GEM PEGMATITES OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA"

This should be a really lovely presentation, judging from the specimens I've seen from that area. I strongly encourage you to attend the show and come to Ms Cooper's presentation. (continued, next page)

Purposes of the Indiana Chapter:

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5. To support publications about mineralogy and about the programs of kindred organizations.

Thinking ahead! In a few months, at our November meeting, we will again be looking for leaders to carry FRIENDS of MINERALOGY, INDIANA CHAPTER forward into 1993. We will be electing a new President (my gavel is just about played out!) and electing or re-electing Vice President for Programs, Vice President for Field Trips and Secretary-Treasurer. We may also elect members for the Program and Field Trip committees. Please seriously consider the role you want to play in the leadership of this interesting and enthusiastic organization. You may find that your spouse or room-mate is willing to share the duties of one of these offices, making it more fun and less of a chore.

Earl Pope has submitted the following announcement regarding a new issue of mineralogical stamps. I'm sure you will want to stock up when they become available in mid-September.

SNEAK PREVIEW

The last time it was possible to send off a letter with a U.S. mineral stamp on it, the stamp would have cost you just 10c. That was in the mid 1970s, when the U.S. Postal Service issued its first four mineral heritage stamps, featuring amethyst, rhodochrosite, tourmaline, and petrified wood. Lillian Turner, Chairman of the Commemorative Stamp Committee of the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies (AFMS), fought 10 years to see the first stamps printed and has worked tirelessly over the past 18 years — along with Wendell Mohr and others on the committee — to see a second set of four finally become a reality.

The official unveiling of the new mineral stamps is set for July 23 at the AFMS National Show in Brunswick, Ohio. Assistant Postmaster General Gordon Morison plans to attend. The U.S. Postal Service is scheduled to release the stamps September 17 in Washington, D.C., at the National Museum of Natural History. You may obtain a first day cover at your local post office starting September 18. It is Postal Service policy to sell commemorative issues for 60 days, but mineral enthusiasts have been waiting 18 years for these, so mark your calendar and when September 18 rolls around, don't delay. Another way to get your commemorative mineral stamps is to send a self-addressed envelope along with instructions about number and combination of stamps, and a check or money order (made out to the U.S. Postal Service) to: Customer Affixed Envelope, Mineral Stamps, Postmaster 900, Brentwood Road, N.W., Washington, DC 20066-9991. But wait till September or your request may get lost.

Have Lillian Turner and the AFMS started working on the next set of mineral stamps? "There are more than eight minerals in the U.S.," Turner says. Here's hoping it doesn't take as long for the rest of them to get the stamp of approval from the U.S. Postal Service.



Just in case you have misplaced your copy of the membership application information, I am enclosing another copy for you to share with the mineral enthusiasts in your neighborhood; round up a passel of new members, take 'em out on one of our collecting trips with you and share your interests with those who haven't yet discovered the beauty of mineral crystals!

If you come across a newspaper or magazine article or cartoon, or an announcement of a mineralogical/ geological/environmental meeting or political action that could affect or be of interest to FRIENDS of MINERALOGY or its members, please feel that your contribution would be welcome.

Cheers! Hal Roepke, Pres. '92



INFORMATION ABOUT THE INDIANA CHAPTER

HISTORY: The Indiana Chapter of the Friends of Mineralogy, Inc. was formed in January of 1987, and has been active since then in promoting interest in minerals, focusing primarily, but not exclusively, on the mineralogy of Indiana and its neighboring states. The Chapter is chartered by the national Friends of Mineralogy, is incorporated by the State of Indiana, and is a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) educational and scientific organization, with about 40 paid members as of June, 1992.

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MEMBERSHIP: Open to any person regardless of residence or level of knowledge about minerals. Current members come from six states, and include both professionals and amateurs. Members also belong to the national organization of Friends of Mineralogy.

MEETINGS: Held 6 times a year at the Indiana State Museum, 202 N. Alabama St., Indianapolis, or at various mineral shows in the area. Meetings are open to the general public, and are free of charge.

FIELD TRIPS: To area mines and quarries. Participation is limited to members of our Chapter, to members of other FM chapters, and on a one-time introductory basis, to prospective members. The Chapter carries liability insurance.

OFFICERS: The officers of the Indiana Chapter for 1992 are:

President: Dr. Hal Roepke, 4806 W. University, Muncie, IN 47304; 317/284-7929(H), 317/285-8266(O)

First Vice President: Nelson Shaffer, 611 N. Walnut Grove Ave., Bloomington, IN 47405, 812-855-2687(O)

Second Vice President: Rich and Karen Eddy, 5235 Hartford Avenue Columbus, IN 47203

Secretary/Treasurer: Sylvia Sicree, 4052 Butterwood Ct., Dayton, OH 45424.

HOW TO JOIN: Mail completed form on the back of this sheet along with your dues (\$15.00 for the first person in a family, \$8.00 for any additional family member) to Sylvia Sicree, at the given address. The dues cover chapter and national dues, and liability insurance.

FRIENDS OF MINERALOGY, INC.
Application For Membership
(New or Renewal)

Name _____
Last, First, Middle

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Address _____
Street City or town
State or Province Country Postal code

For FM's records, please answer the following questions:

Profession, occupation of principal activity _____

If you are a professional geoscientist;

- 1. Your specialty _____
- 2. Research areas _____
- 3. Gov't Agency or Company _____

Curatorial duties? Where? _____

Speak to amateur groups? Subject(s) _____

What are your chief interests-

- __ 1. Cabinet specimen
- __ 2. Thumbnails
- __ 3. Miniatures
- __ 4. Micromounts
- __ 13. Other
- __ 5. Gems
- __ 6. Photography
- __ 7. Descript. Mineralogy
- __ 8. Writing
- __ 9. Curating
- __ 10. Field coll'g
- __ 11. Teaching
- __ 12. Educ. displays

Activity preferences -

- 1. Educational uses of minerals; exhibits _____
- 2. Collection description; specimen registration _____
- 3. Field trips; locality and specimen preservation _____
- 4. Photographic services _____
- 5. Mineral locality registration _____
- 6. Other _____

Are you a member of any professional or amateur geoscience organizations?

Name(s) _____

How did you learn about FM? _____

Proposed chapter affiliation (if any) _____

Signature _____ Date _____

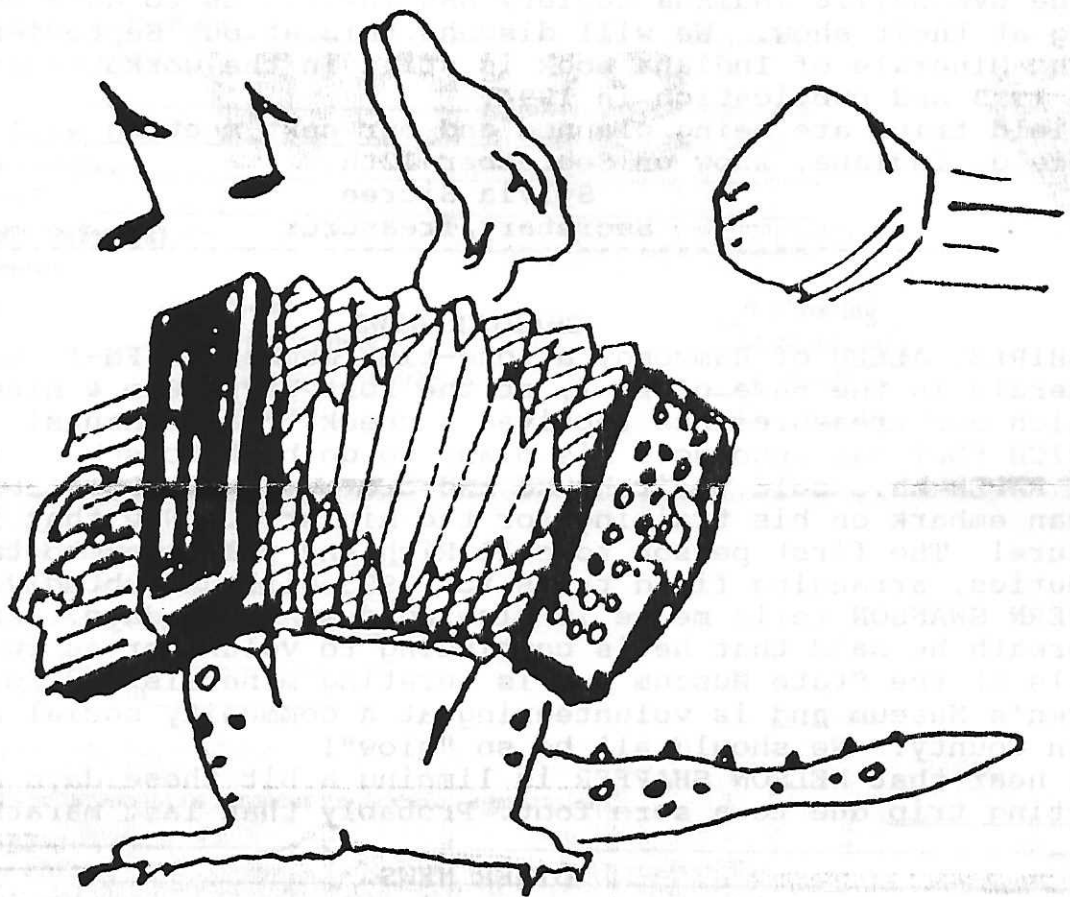
* Mail this application to: Sylvia Sicree, 4052 Butterwood Ct., Dayton, OH 45424

* Enclose a check for \$15.00 (\$8.00 for each additional family member to join). This one check covers your

* chapter dues, your national dues, and your insurance.

Application approved on _____ Dues rec'd _____

Signed, for Board of Directors of Friends of Mineralogy- _____ Date _____



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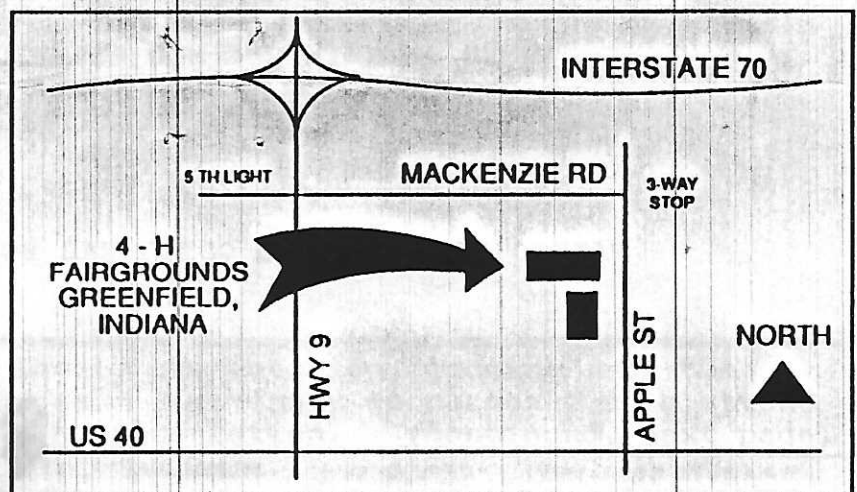
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