

NEWSLETTER

MIDWEST CHAPTER, FRIENDS OF MINERALOGY, INC.

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PRESPROSE:

Our November meeting, this Sunday, November 13th, will again be at the Indiana State Museum in Indianapolis. Please be sure to attend, even though it is short notice. Vern Swanson has offered to take us on a tour of the museum mineral and fossil collections! And it is your chance to turn those rascals that have been running this outfit out of office. Please come and *** VOTE for new officers ***

My third year as President of our Midwest Chapter of Friends of Mineralogy is about to end. I have to say that it has been a very interesting and enjoyable experience but I will not be able to continue as President. Other responsibilities have arisen for me and the club would benefit from new ideas and the creative energies of another leader.

Sylvia Sicree, our Secretary/Treasurer, has also expressed the need to pass her responsibilities on to another member. Al Sicree has agreed to stand for re-election to Vice President for Programs and Mike Davis is willing to continue as Vice President

for Field Trips. Kim Greeman has agreed to be nominated for Secretary/Treasurer.

As you know, it would be pointless for me to arbitrarily put someone's name on the ballot if they were uninterested in the job and it is not practical for me to start at one end of the membership list and call each

member in search of a nominee. So, because this is a volunteer organization, I am asking YOU to volunteer for nomination to the office of President. The duties include being a figure head, convening meetings, editing the newsletter and helping others to get what they need to do their jobs.

Please let me know when you decide that you are the one to preside over this

active organization. It isn't difficult, it doesn't take a tremendous amount of time and it provides an opportunity to discover abilities and interests that you hadn't been previously aware of. This is your club!

SPEAKER

VERNON SWANSON

Charter Member, Friends of Mineralogy - Midwest Chapter

"A GUIDED TOUR OF MINERAL AND FOSSIL COLLECTIONS; INDIANA STATE MUSEUM"

Ohio Ave. at Michigan Indianapolis

1:30 PM Sunday, Nov. 13th

NOTE DIFFERENT TIME

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

o In an effort to reach out and share our enjoyment of collecting mineral specimens with young people, the Executive committee agreed to recommend that you invite a local school teacher to come with you on a collecting trip. This might be an Earth Science teacher or a Chemistry teacher or a grade-school teacher that would enjoy having a collection of minerals to use in the classroom. There will be several collecting trips this year and it would be helpful to quarry operators, teachers and eventually their students, for the teachers to learn more about the mineral industry and the beauty of minerals. Don't be shy; if you don't know a teacher, call the Principal!

MINUTES OF MEETING
September 10th, 1994

Dr. Ernest Carlson travelled from Kent State University, Ohio, to give us a great talk on Western Lake Erie Celestines, and the many places to collect them.

Afterwards the minutes of the June meeting were accepted as printed in the NEWSLETTER. The Treasurer reported a balance of \$794.72.

Al Sicree is still working on a program for November and asked for suggestions then and next year's meetings too.

Mike Davis has a field trip planned for September 17th, to Bluffton and Duff's quarries in Ohio. He also mentioned a possible trip to Amherstburg, Ontario, in connection with the Detroit Show.

Shirley Allen announced that she is selling her mineral collection in order to retire and travel.

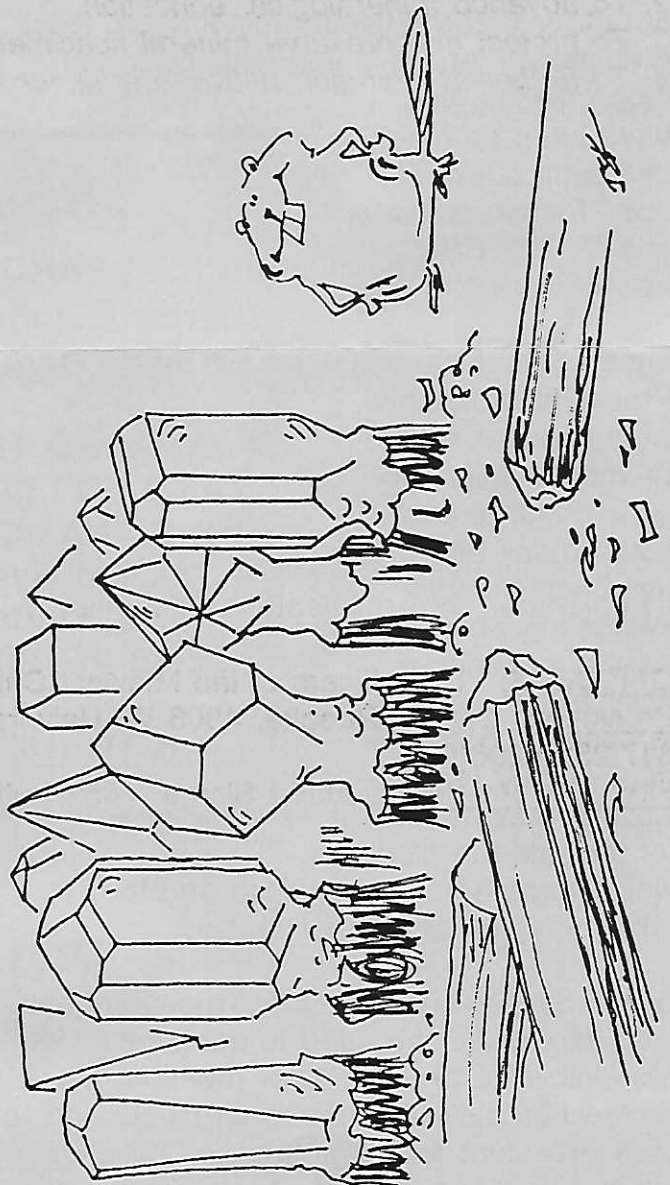
Appreciation was expressed for publishing a membership list in the last NEWSLETTER

and also for our new logo, designed by FRED LEWIS.

Pat Westby will set up our geode display at the Fort Wayne Show.

Volunteers for new officers were solicited.

Respectfully submitted by Silvia Sicree,
Secretary/Treasurer



FRIENDS OF MINERALOGY - MIDWEST CHAPTER

INFORMATION ABOUT THE MIDWEST CHAPTER

HISTORY: The Midwest Chapter of the Friends of Mineralogy, Inc. was formed as the Indiana Chapter 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 50 paid members as of April, 1994.

PURPOSES:

- 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.*

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 Midwest Chapter for 1994 are:

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

First Vice President: Albert Sicree, 4052 Butterwood Ct., Dayton, OH 45424; 513/236-1320(H)

Second Vice President: Mike Davis, 5875 Fawnridge Court, Cincinnati OH, 45239

Secretary/Treasurer: Sylvia Sicree, 4052 Butterwood Ct., Dayton, OH 45424; 513/236-1320

HOW TO JOIN: Mail the completed form on the back of this sheet with your dues (\$15.00 for the first person in a family, \$8.00 for any additional family members) to Sylvia Sicree at the address given above. 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. Govt Agency or Company _____

Curatorial duties? Where? _____

Speak to amateur groups? Subject(s) _____

What are your chief interests-

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1. Cabinet specimen | <input type="checkbox"/> 5. Gems | <input type="checkbox"/> 9. Curating |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2. Thumbnails | <input type="checkbox"/> 6. Photography | <input type="checkbox"/> 10. Field collecting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3. Miniatures | <input type="checkbox"/> 7. Descript. Mineralogy | <input type="checkbox"/> 11. Teaching |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4. Micromounts | <input type="checkbox"/> 8. Writing | <input type="checkbox"/> 12. Educ. displays |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> 13. Other _____ |

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) MIDWEST

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 (date) _____ Dues rec'd _____

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

Date _____