

FRIENDS OF MINERALOGY, INC.
MIDWEST CHAPTER
Vol. 15 No. 4 JUNE 2001

MEETING: JUNE 23, 2001
12:00 NOON (Ind. Time)

Listen for the announcement as to the location.
BLOOMINGTON GEM, MINERAL & FOSSIL SHOW
MONROE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA

PROGRAM

NELSON SHAFFER: HEAVY MINERALS IN INDIANA

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

1. Note—Change of time—12:00 Noon. Location will be announced on Saturday.
2. Remember—Vote on the new logo. Out of more than 65 members we have received a total of 14. This is your club—vote. (See page 5).
3. Don't forget to bring items for the silent auction. (See details at right).
4. If you haven't been on George's field trips, you have missed out on finding some great mineral specimens and fossils. (See pages 2-4).
5. Membership renewals have been great this year, but we would like to become better acquainted with more of you. Come to our meetings. Join us for great programs and discussions.
6. Symposium—Attendance was poor this year in Cincinnati. We need to make a decision as to continuing next year, possibly changing locations, date change, etc. Ernie Carlson has done a tremendous job of chairing the Symposium for the last four years, but would like to turn it over to someone else.
7. Midwest Chapter Board of Directors meeting immediately following the regular meeting.

Hope to see everyone at Bloomington.

Dwaine (Ed) Edington, President

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SILENT AUCTION

Send your items to Nelson Shaffer, 530 Cabot Court, Bloomington IN 47408 or bring them to the show on Saturday, June 23.

We will have our first bidding at approximately 10:30 AM and then another one approximately 2:30 PM. The times could change depending on the hour that the Lawrence County Rock Club has their own silent auctions.

If donations are sufficient, we will continue for the remainder of the afternoon until everything is sold. Volunteers are needed to help out at the table.

If you are unable to donate for this show, remember, we will be permitted to have one at the Greenfield show in September, so get the items ready.



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FIELD TRIP REPORTS BY GEORGE HEATON

VICE PRESIDENT (FIELD TRIPS)

BLUFFTON, OHIO, APRIL 21, 2001

Approximately eighteen people showed up for our field trip to The Bluffton Stoneco Quarry at Bluffton, Ohio, on Saturday, April 21st. Seven were members of my Lansing, Michigan, club and the rest were Midwest Chapter—Friends of Mineralogy people.

The morning began with some rain, but by 7:30 AM when it was time to enter the quarry, this had stopped and the weather, so typical of a George Heaton field trip, turned out very nice for collecting.

The weather was nice, but the mineral collecting was mediocre. I did see a few decent fluorites that some of us found, but most of what I saw was only good for my Lansing club's children's table. A lot of material others and I collected will be used at the children's tables at the show in October.



FLEMINGSBURG, KENTUCKY, MAY 19, 2001

Twelve people showed up for our field trip to the Hanson Aggregates Quarry near Flemingsburg, Kentucky. Six were from the Lansing Club and six were Friends of Mineralogy members. Except for being slightly damp from all the recent rain and an occasional light sprinkle, the weather was nearly perfect for collecting. The rocks had been washed clean by the rain, it was cool enough so we could work hard without becoming too hot, and there was no need to use sun screen to prevent sunburn.

We began by working in the newer part of the quarry, but soon the quarry manager came and told us we would need to move from that part. The creek we had to cross to get there was beginning to rise and we might not be able to get back across if we waited too long. He took us to the old pits which are now flooded and somewhat overgrown, but there were still plenty of rocks around the perimeter of the old workings with some nice calcite filled vugs.

The collecting here was actually better than what we were having in the new part of the quarry. Ed Edington collected the best calcite specimen I saw. Roger Heaton and Neal Snepp also collected some decent calcites. Some of the others may also had some nice specimens, but I may have missed seeing it. I found items good enough for the Lansing club's children's table and possibly a yard rock.



JUNE FIELD TRIP

For my June field trip I have always collected geodes at the road cuts near the Harrodsburg and Lake Monroe exit on Rt. 37 in conjunction with the Bloomington Rock Swap and Show. The show this year is at the Monroe County 4-H Fairgrounds, Bloomington, Indiana, June 22-24. We have our Friends of Mineralogy—Midwest Chapter meeting at 12 NOON, on Saturday, June 24.

For those who wish to join me collecting geodes, I will be at the road cut on Saturday and Sunday mornings until about 11:30 AM Saturday and noon on Sunday before it begins to get hot and then possibly again during late afternoon when it begins to cool down again. This is hard rock collecting so don't forget to have hammers and lots of sharp chisels to dig the geodes out of the rock.



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VOTE THE LOGO OF YOUR CHOICE---VOTE THE LOGO OF YOUR CHOICE

JULY 14, 2001, FIELD TRIP—BAY PORT, MICHIGAN
Friends of Mineralogy—Midwest Chapter
George Heaton, Vice President (Field Trips) 517-339-8914

Thanks to the efforts of Bob Frost, Midwest Chapter member, we will be able to visit the Wallace Stone Quarry near Bay Port, Michigan, on Saturday, July 14th. This quarry has been closed to most collectors for the past few years, so I am happy for this opportunity. We are scheduled to enter the quarry at 10:00 AM, so try to arrive at the quarry a little before ten, if possible.

Those people who will be coming from Ohio or Indiana will probably want to leave home Friday afternoon and camp or find a motel within an hour or two driving distance from the quarry. If you enter Michigan via Rt. 23 from Ohio, it is about 167 miles from the border to the quarry. If you are entering from Indiana via I-69, it is about 205 miles from the border to the quarry near Bay Port. Both ways will take you to Flint, Michigan, where you will take I-75 north to Rt. 25 at Bay City. At Bay City take Rt. 25 East and North to Rt. 142 just South of Bay Port. Turn right (East) on Rt. 142 and go about two (2) miles to Riskey Road. Turn left (North) on Riskey Rd., cross the railroad tracks and go until you will have to turn right and follow this road to the quarry office.

Material to be found here includes brown and iridescent calcite, selenite, pyrite, millerite and fossils. Bob Frost informs me the collecting of millerite has been poor lately, but this does not affect me too much since I like to collect the calcite and selenite.

EQUIPMENT NEEDED INCLUDES THE USUAL ASSORTMENT OF SAFETY DRESS AND TOOLS. HARD HAT, HARD TOED BOOTS, SAFETY GLASSES OR GOGGLES, CHISELS IN ASSORTED SIZES FROM LARGE TO SMALL, CRACK HAMMERS AND A SLEDGE HAMMER (very useful to break large rocks to look for calcite filled vugs), plus boxes, buckets and paper to wrap specimens. Be sure to bring water and snacks (energy bars, etc.) Don't forget Michigan is on Daylight Savings Time. MAP ON PAGE 4.

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AUGUST FIELD TRIP ?????

As of newsletter time I do not have a field trip lined up for August. If I have a trip for August, it will probably be sometime during the latter half of the month. If you are interested, you may check with me around the end of July or the middle of August to see if there is anything scheduled. My phone number is 517-339-8914.

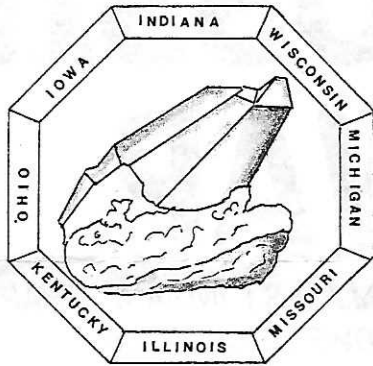
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**SEPTEMBER FIELD TRIP
FLINT RIDGE, OHIO, DURING LABOR DAY WEEKEND
SEPTEMBER 1-3, 2001
DETAILS WILL BE OUTLINED IN THE NEWSLETTER
MAILED APPROXIMATELY AUGUST 24TH.**

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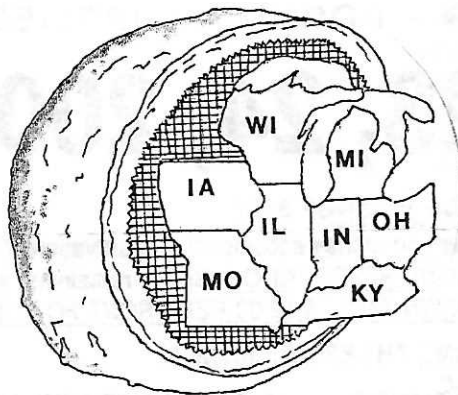
There is still time for you to vote on our new logo. We will accept votes by mail on Friday, June 22 and by email and telephone until 9:00 PM on Friday, June 22, or if your plans are to attend the Bloomington show you can turn in your vote before the meeting. We feel this is of importance in that this is your organization and you should have a voice in what we do. So please, call, mail, email or bring your vote.



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notice

The meeting will be held Saturday, June 23, at 12:00 NOON  
LOCATION AT FAIRGROUNDS WILL BE ANNOUNCED

# 36th Annual GEM

# MINERAL ~ FOSSIL SHOW & SWAP

AND JUNE MEETING OF MID AMERICA PALEONTOLOGY SOCIETY (M.A.P.S.), INDIANA CHAPTER  
ALSO JUNE MEETING OF FRIENDS OF MINERALOGY, MIDWEST CHAPTER

**SPONSORED BY THE LAWRENCE COUNTY ROCK CLUB, INC.**

AT MONROE COUNTY 4-H FAIRGROUNDS, BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA  
SOUTHWEST OF JUNCTION OF IND 37 & IND 45 S, 1 2/10 MILES ON IND 45,  
THEN 7/10 MILE ON AIRPORT ROAD, WEST OF BLOOMINGTON

**BUYING ☆ SELLING ☆ TRADING**

**GEMS - JEWELRY - GIFTS - LAPIDARY MATERIALS  
MINERALS - FOSSILS - ROCKS - SUPPLIES**

**FREE  
ADMISSION**

**JUNE 22, 23, 24, 2001**

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ADMISSION**

**INSIDE AND OUTSIDE SET-UP SPACE**

RESERVATIONS TAKEN "when number of feet requested and money accompanies reservations." SPACE RESERVED  
ACCORDING TO POSTMARK ON ENVELOPE, NO TELEPHONE RESERVATION. Space remaining, when door opens, will be  
sold on a first come-first served basis. BRING YOUR OWN TABLES, \$2.00 PER FRONT FOOT SPACE CHARGE.

**GATE OPENS AT 2:00 P.M., THURSDAY, JUNE 21**

**DISPLAYS WELCOME ☆ FOOD SERVICE ON GROUNDS ☆ DONATIONS WELCOME FOR AUCTIONS**

## FRIDAY

8 a.m. - 10 a.m..... set-up  
10 a.m..... doors open  
7 p.m..... close for day

## SATURDAY

8 a.m..... doors open  
12 noon..... FoM-MC meeting  
2 p.m..... M.A.P.S. meeting  
7 p.m..... close for day

## SUNDAY

8 a.m..... doors open  
4 p.m..... show closes

**NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ACCIDENTS**

**CAMPING \$6.00 PER NIGHT ~ LIMITED ELECTRICAL SERVICE**

**Hotels and Motels  
Available**

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**Daily  
Silent Auctions**