

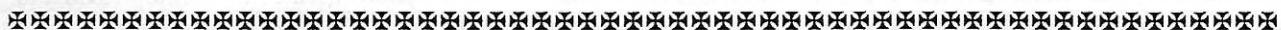
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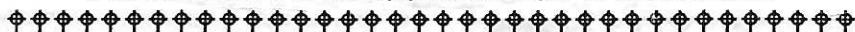
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**MEETING: SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 2002, 4: 30 PM
CINCINNATI CONVENTION CENTER
5TH & ELM, CINCINNATI, OHIO**

See enclosed show flyer for details on programs.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE NOT AVAILABLE



MINUTES—MARCH 9, 2002

The March 9, 2002 meeting of the Midwest Chapter of the Friends of Mineralogy was held at the Eastern Indiana Gem & Geological Society Gem & Mineral Show in Richmond, Indiana. Fourteen members and guests were present.

Former President Dwaine Edington presented a slide program featuring an assortment of micromounts from his collection including a specimen of four interconnected micro 'Herkimer Diamonds' mounted on two crossed hairs.

A short business meeting followed led by President Nelson Shaffer. The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as printed in the newsletter. There was no treasurer's report available.

The 2002 Midwest Chapter of FoM Symposium will be held on Thursday, June 20th at Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana. Several speakers have been identified including Jay Lininger speaking on the influence of the New Harmony Colony on the development of geology in Indiana. There will be a lunch for attendees in the Tudor Room in the Union.

Affiliation with the Midwest Federation of Mineralogical & Geological Societies and the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies was discussed.

The next meeting of the Midwest Chapter will be held at 4:30 PM on Saturday, April 20 at the Cincinnati Gem, Mineral, Fossil & Jewelry Show at the Cincinnati Convention Center in downtown Cincinnati at 5th & Elm.

The meeting was adjourned.

Albert Sicree, Secretary



MEMBER ANNE COOK APPOINTED AFMS SECRETARY

A native of New York City, but a 50-year resident of Ohio, Anne Cook became interested in minerals shortly after she became interested in Bill Cook, whose interest in minerals led him to a Ph.D. in geology. They are founding members of both the Mineralogical Society of Cleveland and the Micromineral Society of the Cleveland Museum of Natural History, and each has served as president of each club.

Anne is past president of the Midwest Federation, and has served the AFMS as parliamentarian, uniform rules chair, and keeper of the eligibility files for uniform rules. Anne and Bill have a small business, Virgin Valley Sales. The acorn does not fall from the tree as two of her four children have

master's degrees in geology. Besides her interest in minerals, Anne is a classical music lover who has sung in her church choir over 40 years, a math tutor in one of the Cleveland high schools, and a teacher of investment classes through the non-profit National Association of Investors Corp., whose Northeast Ohio Chapter she currently leads. Via AFMS Newsletter Dec/Jan 2002



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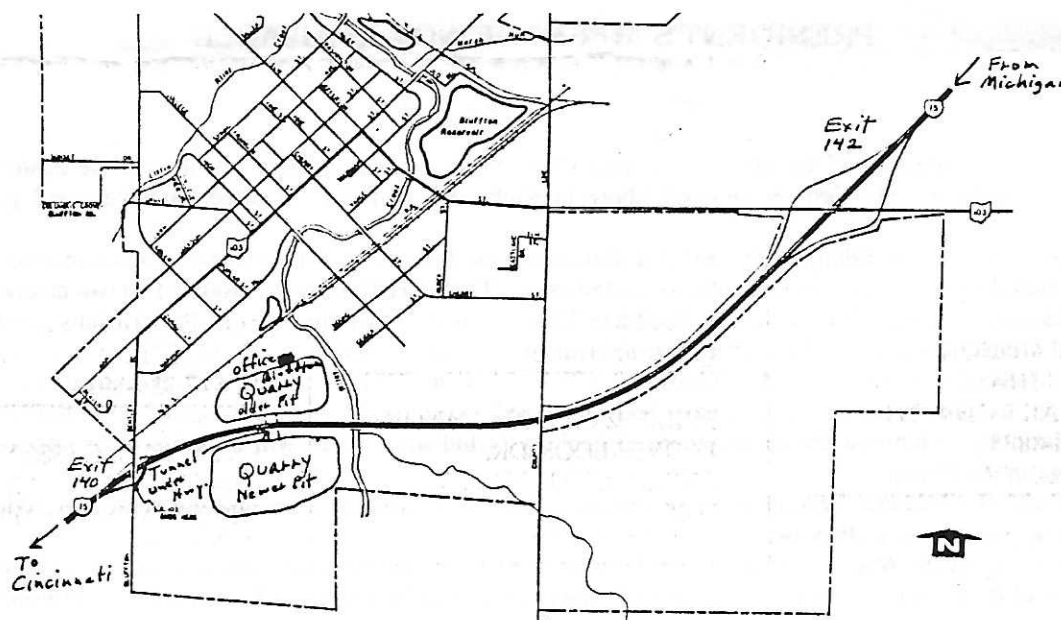
FIELD TRIP SCHEDULED APRIL 27, 2002, TO BLUFFTON, OHIO

By George Heaton 517-339-8914

Our April field trip will be to the Bluffton Stone Co. Quarry at Bluffton, Ohio, on SATURDAY, APRIL 27. WE WILL MEET AT THE QUARRY OFFICE AT 7:30 AM (DST)

All members on this field trip must wear a hard hat, hard-toed boots and safety glasses/goggles. Tools needed are chisels in both large and small sizes, crack hammers of 2-3 lb. size, pry bars and sledgehammer of 8-10 lb. size are sometimes useful. Also, don't forget wrapping paper and boxes for packing specimens. Minerals to be found include fluorite, dolomite and sphalerite.

To get to the Bluffton Stone Co. Quarry take I-75 in Ohio to Exit 140. If you are traveling south on I-75 you will see the quarry next to the highway, just before coming to Exit 140. Take Exit 140 and turn right. If you are coming from the south you would turn left at the exit ramp and cross over I-75. Go a short distance to Harmon Road and turn right. Take Harmon Road to the next street, turn right and cross a railroad track. You are at the quarry.



MARCH FIELD TRIP REPORT BY GEORGE HEATON

We had twelve people show up for our field trip to Duff Quarry near Huntsville, Ohio, on Saturday, March 23—six from my Lansing Club and six members from Friends of Mineralogy.

Our weather was a little cool and windy, but bright and sunny. The bright sun is always a big help in locating the pyrite. The collecting was mediocre in the upper level since there were no recent blasts. The quarry spends most of their time working the lower level now. The lower level has been worked all the way to the east wall and now when they blast, they take the whole wall down from the top of the upper level to the bottom. This includes the more productive upper rock layers and the less productive lower layers into one large blast pile on the lower level. There was a large blast pile in that area and we were asked not to go there until the quarry quit work at noon. When noon came we went to collect in the lower level where we did find better collecting. I believe all of us found at least a few good specimens and even I found several nice pyrite specimens and some dolomite crystals for my Lansing club's children's table.

**Friends of Mineralogy
Tentative Schedule - 5th Midwest Mineral Symposium
June 20, 2002
Indiana Geological Survey (Rm. S-201)
Indiana University
Bloomington, Indiana
Just prior to Lawrence County Mineral Swap also at Bloomington**

**Nelson Shaffer - Indiana Minerals Education
9:00 - 9:20**

**Alan Goldstein - Minerals in Kentucky
9:20 - 9:40**

**John Medici - The Munich (Germany) Show
9:40 - 10:00**

**Dan Behnke - Copper Country (MI) Minerals
10:00 - 10:20**

**Jay Lininnger - New Harmony - Beginnings of Mineral Study in the Midwest
10:20 - 10:40**

**Garry Getz - Mineral Collecting - A Miner's View
10:40 - 11:00**

**John Rakovan - How and Why Minerals from Beautifully Faceted Crystals
11:00 - 11:30**

**John C. Huffman - Determining Crystal Structures
11:30 - 12:00**

**Lunch - Tudor Room - or on your own
12:00 - 1:00**

**Tour of Indiana University Molecular Structure Center (IUMSC) by Dr. Huffman
1:00 - ?**

Optional tour - Department of Geological Sciences Collections following

Lunch will be at the Tudor Room of the Indiana Memorial Union if you choose and will cost \$10.00 in addition to the registration fee.

The Tudor Room is a magnificent reproduction of a European Great Hall and is known for its excellent fare. Fast food is also available from the Commons, also in the Union Building.

Registration to Friends of Mineralogy Symposium

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Please send registration of \$10 for Symposium \$10.00 for Lunch to:

**Nelson R. Shaffer
Indiana Geological Survey
611 North Walnut Grove
Bloomington, Indiana 47405**

April 11, 2002

FoM – MC Members –President's message arrived after the April issue of the newsletter was mailed. The following is from Nelson Shaffer----

Mineral shows are popping up like so many spring flowers. Several of us braved the wood carvers and a huge windstorm at the Richmond Show to hear "Ed" Edington tell us why tiny minerals are collectible. We had our first field trip of 2002 to the Duff Quarry and the Columbus show has come and gone. We look forward to the Cincinnati show on April 20. Friends of Mineralogy will have a short business meeting on Saturday at 4:30 PM following the 3:00 PM Cleaning and Preparation of "Sue" (See show flyer) I will be at the identification desk part of the day so please be kind to me. The annual Midwest Mineral Symposium will be in Bloomington, Ind. on June 20. See the tentative program in the newsletter. I hope many of you can attend this new format symposium just prior to the rock swap in Bloomington. Our group is strong and active with over 50 members, but we could become stronger if each of you invite just one friend or fellow collector to attend a function or to join our band. Wishing you great collecting. I look forward to seeing you in Cincinnati.

Nelson
