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SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 2003, 1:00 P.M.

INDIANA STATE MUSEUM

650 W. WASHINGTON ST., INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA
PROGRAM

PEGGY FISHERKELLER

MS. FISHERKELLER WILL HOST A TOUR OF THE NEW INDIANA STATE MUSEUM.

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317-232-7172

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year! It is bleak midwinter and minerals are hard to find, but cleaning, trimming, labeling and other house keeping duties are in full swing.

Spring will come and crystal will be once again brought to light, but now we all wait or dig through the snow. There is good news for spring activities. The Tucson show will commence in a month, then the Richmond show will occur in March. Please contact me if you wish to bring anything before the National FM Directors.

Dr. John Rakovan of Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, has volunteered to arrange and to host this year's Midwest Mineral Symposium at his institution. He plans to focus on gems and precious minerals and to highlight recently donated collections. Look for details about the symposium in upcoming newsletters.

Several states have established mineral or fossil collecting parks recently. Proposing such a site in Indiana would be an interesting experience and a useful exercise for our group. Have you any ideas? Perhaps we could propose sites such as a geode mine near Lake Monroe or a pyrite dig near Pleasant Ridge to the state Department of Resources. Let me know your suggestions. Keep cleaning, studying and hoping for spring.

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MINUTES—NOVEMBER 2, 2002

The Midwest Chapter of the Friends of Mineralogy held its November 2002 meeting at the Cleveland Museum of Natural History in conjunction with the annual Cleveland Micromineral Society Symposium. Dwaine (Ed) Edington presided at a short business meeting in the absence of current president, Nelson Shaffer. Eight members and two guests were present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as printed in the newsletter.

There was no treasurer's report.

Sylvia Sicree, representing the nominating committee, gave a slate of nominees who have been contacted and have agreed to continue serving in 2003.

- Nelson Shaffer – President
- Kim Greeman – Vice President for Programs
- Al Sicree – Secretary
- Lorraine Wright – Treasurer

The Vice President for Field Trips is open, as George Heaton cannot continue in 2003.

A motion was made by Anne Cook and seconded by Bill Cook and voted by all present that the slate be accepted as given and that whoever is selected and agrees to fill the open position will also be included as an officer for 2003

A discussion was held on possible venues for a 2003 Midwest Mineral Symposium – including Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. The consensus was that the Symposium should stand-alone and that it would be desirable to have an accompanying field trip. The specific date chosen should avoid, as much as possible, conflict with major related events which would adversely impact attendance.

Dues for 2003—please send \$15.00 for the first family member and \$10.00 for each additional member (same address) to Lorraine Wright, Treasurer, 1505 S. Randolph St., Indianapolis IN 46203.

Albert Sicree, Secretary



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Jan. 29-Feb 2—QUARTZSITE AZ: 37TH Annual Quartzsite Pow Wow Gem & Mineral Show. Located in middle of town—235 E. Ironwood Dr. Sponsored by Quartzsite Improvement Assoc. Field Trips daily by Roadrunner Gem & Mineral Club.

Feb. 2-15—TUCSON AZ: Arizona Mineral & Fossil Show. Best Western Executive Inn, InnSuites Hotel, Mineral & Fossil Marketplace, Vagabond Plaza. A Martin Zinn Exposition.

Feb. 7-11—TUCSON AZ: Westward Look Resort Mineral Show. Mineral Dealers. Information: Dave Waisman 509-458-2331.

Feb. 13-16—TUCSON AZ: 49TH Annual Tucson Gem & Mineral Show. Convention Center. Exhibits, Micromount Symposium, dealers. Featured Mineral—Andean minerals. Hrs. Thurs.-Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5. Adm.

Mar. 7-9—RICHMOND IN: 30TH Annual Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show & Sale. Wayne County Frgds. Dealers, exhibits, displays, door prizes, silent auction, demos. Fri. 9-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 11-4. Adm. Sponsored by Eastern Indiana Gem and Geological Society, Inc. Information: Gene Clark 765-935-5144

Mar. 8—RICHMOND IN: Friends of Mineralogy—Midwest Chapter meeting. Kuhlman Center, Wayne Co. Frgds. 12 Noon.

Mar. 22-23—MONROE WI: 53RD Annual Mineral, Gem & Fossil Show. Monroe High School, 1600 26th St. Speakers, exhibits, demos, door prizes, silent auction. Sponsored by The Badger Lapidary & Geological Society. Sat.-Sun. 9-5.

An Invitation to Mineral Collectors, Science Teachers and everyone interested in Maine's Natural History to help establish the

NEWRY MINERAL PARK

A new State property that will include several of Maine's most famous mineral localities, including the Dunton Tourmaline Mine

The Oxford Hills in western Maine are known throughout the world as a prolific source of gems such as tourmaline, amethyst and aquamarine, as well as many rare mineral species. Thousands of people come to Maine every year to search for those minerals in the rock piles left behind by earlier mining operations. Historic mining for feldspar and gem tourmaline in the town of Newry opened up several deposits rich in uncommon minerals. These mines are located on a scenic mountaintop that also offers great opportunities for hiking, geologic studies and other outdoor recreation.

Unfortunately, many of the most popular mineral collecting sites in Maine have been closed to the public in recent years due to encroaching development and other factors. But the State of Maine now has the opportunity to acquire a 100-acre tract of land in Newry that encompasses the famous Dunton tourmaline mine and other neighboring mines.

The Maine Geological Survey (of the Department of Conservation) has launched a fundraising drive to purchase the Newry mines for a permanent park whose principal use would be for recreational mineral collecting. Partners in this effort include the *Maine Mineral Symposium Association*, the *Federation of Maine Mineral and Gem Clubs* and the *Threshold to Maine Resources*.

All mineral hobbyists, earth science students, educators and outdoor enthusiasts will benefit from the Newry Mineral Park. The *Land for Maine's Future* Board has made a generous pledge toward the purchase price, but most of the funds to acquire the property must be raised from other sources. The Maine Geological Survey is committed to this effort, and we are asking mineral clubs and individuals to help by donating whatever you can.

Contributions are tax-deductible and will be acknowledged. Donations of \$100 or more will receive a special recognition certificate! Please fill out the form below and send with your check payable to "Newry Mineral Park".

More information on Newry Mineral Park on Page 4

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Enclosed is my donation in the following amount to help establish the "Newry Mineral Park"

- \$25
- \$50
- \$100
- \$500
- \$1000
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Please send your donation to: Newry Mineral Park
c/o Maine Geological Survey
22 State House Station, August ME 04333-0022

NEWRY MINERAL PARK

From Douglas E. Rambo, Friends of Mineralogy-Pennsylvania Chapter Board of Directors

Dear FM National and Chapter Officers:

The Maine Geological Survey has just launched a fund raising drive to establish a mineral collecting park in Oxford County, Maine, around many of the classic Newry mines. Discussions with the paper company that controls the property have been going on for the past two years and a mutual agreement has been achieved – assuming the State can come up with the funding to acquire the land. They are actively pursuing funding from public and private sources as well as the mineral collecting community.

A website has been set up for more information on the project. It can be viewed at the following link:

<http://www.state.me.us/doc/nrimc/mgs/mincolec/newry.htm>

Woody Thompson at the Maine Geological Survey has been very active in the discussions and can provide more information if you need it. His e-mail address is Woodrow.B.Thompson@maine.gov His phone number is 207-287-2801.

Please distribute this to regional and local newsletter editors and club officers as possible. There is no definite time limit on this project as of today, but the sooner the funding goal can be reached, the sooner we all can collect in seven of Maine's classic mineral localities without fear of the sites being closed.

Thank you very much for your time and help.

Sincerely,

Doug Rambo

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2003

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