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SATURDAY, MAY 3, 2003, 4:30 P.M.
CINCINNATI CONVENTION CENTER
5th & Elm, Downtown---CINCINNATI, OHIO
IN CONJUNCTION WITH GEOFAIR 2003
39TH ANNUAL GEM, MINERAL, FOSSIL & JEWELRY SHOW



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Spring has come to the Midwest and it is beautiful! In keeping with spring, Peggy Fisherkeller, our FoM Representative to the State Museum, has had her baby. I know no details at this time, but you may wish to send her congratulations. (Her address at the State Museum is shown on the membership list.) The road cuts around Bloomington have produced several nice specimens. Dave Rush has been seen tearing away at outcrops and the Evansville Junior Rockhounds are in the field. We all have felt the primal pull of the great outdoors, so dust off your winter woes and let's get going!

Ernie Carlson has scheduled a field trip for May 10. See page 3 for details.

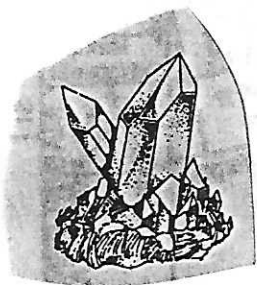
Our group will meet at 4:30 PM (Ohio time) on May 3 at the Cincinnati Mineral Show again this year. Please see the notice above and on page 4 for details. There will be a short business meeting following a talk about trilobites and an earlier talk about calcite. Check at the Cincinnati Convention Center for the meeting room number. Thanks are due to all the Cincinnati folks for having us at their show.

Mark your calendars---on October 25---the Midwest Mineral Symposium will be held in conjunction with GEOFEST at the Indiana State Museum in Indianapolis. We have a number of excellent speakers lined up and there will be mineral dealers, displays and a museum tour. We will meet at the Lawrence County Rock Club's Show at Bloomington on June 28 and at the 500 Earth Sciences' Greenfield Show on September 6. Details on those meetings will be forthcoming.

Nelson Shaffer, President



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MINUTES—MARCH 8, 2003

The Midwest Chapter of Friends of Mineralogy held its March meeting at the Eastern Indiana Gem and Geological Society's clubhouse in Richmond, Indiana. President Nelson Shaffer presided with twelve members and friends present.

Prior to a short business meeting, Dwaine Edington gave a tour of the club's facilities, which included a kitchen, lapidary workshop, meeting room and library for hobby-related books and periodicals.

The minutes of the January 12, 2003, meeting was accepted as printed in the newsletter. There was no treasurer's report.

The symposium scheduled to be held in June at Miami University has been canceled. A committee chaired by President Shaffer and co-chaired by Fred Lewis will look into other possible venues for the symposium. GEOFEST to be held October 25-26, 2003, at the Indiana State Museum was discussed as a possible site.

D. Edington will check out MSHA accepted training programs on open pit mining safety which might be useful in helping amateur collectors gain entry into Midwest collecting sites which are now closed to our entry.

The Midwest Chapter of FoM is a 501-3c 'not for profit club' and in keeping with the National FoM policy cannot advertise items for sale by individuals in this newsletter.

The club welcomed new member, Tina Tuttle, who recently moved from Southern California to Indianapolis. Tina brought with her a display of evaporite type minerals she collected, including nice crystals from the Mojave Desert.

Vice-President for programs, Kim Greeman, presented the award winning video "The Southern Appalachians: A Changing World" to an appreciative audience.

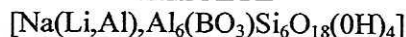
The meeting was adjourned and those present enjoyed snacks provided by the Edington's.

The Midwest Chapter of FoM wishes to thank the Eastern Indiana Gem and Geological Society for their continued hospitality to our organization.

Albert Sicree, Secretary



ELBAITE



Elbaite is a multicolored tourmaline found in a variety of colors varying from rose to red (rubellite variety) to blue to blue green (Indicolite variety) and green to dark green (Verdelite variety). There may be a combination of colors within a single crystal. A crystal with green or black termination with a yellow base is known as Achroite. Elbaite is named after the Italian Island of Elba located in the Tyrrhenian Sea only six miles from the shore of Tuscany in central Italy. It has only 86 square miles. It was here that Napoleon I was exiled. At that time the island was made a sovereign principality and the rule of the island was given to Napoleon where he repaired roads and improved agriculture until he escaped. He was recaptured and then exiled to the lonely island of Saint Helena where there was no chance of escape. Elba again became part of Tuscany.

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39TH ANNUAL
GEM, MINERAL, FOSSIL & JEWELRY SHOW OF GREATER CINCINNATI
Featuring Calcite and Cincinnati Crinoids
CINCINNATI CONVENTION CENTER, 5TH & ELM, CINCINNATI, OHIO
Saturday, May 3, 10 am-7 pm**Sunday, May 4, 11 am-5 pm**



CASH PRIZES FOR BEST
 Fossil Exhibit, Mineral Exhibit
 Lapidary Art Exhibit, Show Theme Exhibits
 Single Mineral & Single Fossil Specimen
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 Sunday 11-4

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 Saturday 11-3
 Sunday 1-3

Free Gemstone ID
 Saturday & Sunday 1-3

SWAP AREA
 Saturday 10-6
 Sunday 11-4

SATURDAY, MAY 3

1:00 pm ABC’S of Calcite
 Dr. Carl Francis, Harvard Univ.
 3:00 pm Trilobites of New York State
 Tom Whiteley, Rochester, NY
 4:30 pm Friends of Mineralogy Meeting

SUNDAY, MAY 4

1:00 pm What’s New in Gems & Minerals
 Jeff Scovil, Phoenix, Arizona
 3:00 pm Cincinnati Crinoids
 Dr. Dave Meyer, Univ. of Cin.
 4:30 pm Awards Presentation

ADMISSION

Adults.....\$7.00
 Two-Day Pass..... \$10.00
 Children 6-15.....\$2.00
 Under 6.....Free
 Scouts in Uniform.....Free

This show is produced by the non-profit:
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MILLERSVILLE, OHIO, FIELD TRIP

Field trip on Saturday, May 10, 2003, to the Millersville quarry of Carmeuse, Ohio, Inc., near Millersville, West Sandusky County, Ohio. Meet at 9:00 AM (we can stay till mid-afternoon if collecting is good) on the road leading to the plant which runs North from Greensburg Pike (County Road 41) and lies just East of the intersection of Greensburg Pike with RR tracks East of Millersville and just West of the intersection of Greensburg Pike with State Rte. 635. (I-75, Bowling Green to US Highway 6 East. Millersville is south of US 6.) See map.

We will sign release of liability forms at the quarry office and then drive to the quarry. Hard hats, glasses and boots required. The quarry is active and our movements will likely be restricted. The rocks at the site are dolostones of the Middle Silurian Lockport Dolomite. In the past, we have collected attractive groups of celestite, fluorite and calcite and also sphalerite. At times galena and brown fluorite have been plentiful. FoM visited this quarry last on May 20, 2000.

Please notify me at 330-672-3778 or ecarlson@kent.edu by Sunday, May 4, if you plan to come. If you call and get my voice mail, leave your phone number in case last minute changes are necessary.

