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INDIANA STATE MUSEUM

650 W. WASHINGTON ST., INDIANAPOLIS INDIANA

(Meeting room directions are on Page 4)

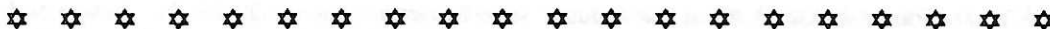


## MR. LEONARD GRITZER\*\*\*\*\*THE TOURMALINE GROUP A Slide Presentation with Tourmaline Specimens on Display.

Mr. Gritzer is a current member of the 500 Earth Sciences Club and Indiana Society of Paleontology. He has studied and collected fossils and minerals most of his life having been introduced at the young age of ten to the wonderful collections housed at the Carnegie Museum in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. His main interests include the mineral tourmaline especially from California, the fern fossils of Indiana and

Midwest minerals to include calcite, fluorite and pyrite.

He is also an avid stamp collector, has an interest in photography and has been studying and painting icons in the ancient Russian tradition for several years.



### PRESIDENT CARLSON'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year! The officers for 2005, elected at the Cleveland meeting in November are Ernie Carlson-President; Sylvia Sicree-Vice President Programs; Albert Sicree-Secretary; Lorraine Wright-Treasurer; Ernie Carlson and Dwaine Edington-Temporary co-Vice Presidents Field Trips; Marlene Edington, Newsletter Editor and Paul Schwin-Manager of Silent Auction. The position for Field Trips is temporary, as we will seek a person willing to plan and run field trips in our region. Please let me know if you are interested in this important position.

Our next meeting will be held at the Indiana State Museum in Indianapolis and we are hoping for good weather. Our speaker will be Len Gritzer and his topic is Tourmaline.

Following that, we will meet in Columbus, Ohio, Saturday, April 2, in conjunction with the Central Ohio Mineral, Fossil, Gem and Jewelry Show. We will not have a speaker in Columbus since the Show has an active speaker program.

The Illinois-Kentucky Fluorspar Symposium run by Alan Goldstein was quite successful, and it will be a hard act to follow. But, we need ideas right away for our next Symposium. Please bring them to the Indianapolis meeting or contact me by email or phone if you have any thoughts on this.

I have six extra copies of the Fluorspar Symposium Guidebook for sale at \$10.00 each. Let me know if you would like one. Make checks payable to Midwest Chapter, Friends of Mineralogy.

See you in Indianapolis.

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## MINUTES OF THE MEETING NOVEMBER 6, 2004

Members of the Midwest Chapter held their November meeting at the Cleveland Museum of Natural History in conjunction with the Micromineral Symposium held that weekend.

In the absence of our President Ernie Carlson, Past President Nelson Shaffer, called the meeting to order at 3:10 P.M.

The first order of business was the nomination of officers for 2005. Nominated were Ernie Carlson, President, Sylvia Sicree, Vice President Programs, Ernie Carlson (Ohio) and Dwaine Edington (Indiana) co Vice-Presidents Field Trips, Albert Sicree Secretary and Lorraine Wright for Treasurer. William Cook made a motion that we accept the slate of officers as there were no other nominations from the floor. George Simmons seconded and the nominations were closed and approved.

Anne Cook made a motion and a second from W. Cook that we give a heartfelt thanks to Kim Greeman for his loyalty and dedication as Vice-President in charge of Programs for the last few years. The motion was unanimous.

Minutes of the September meeting were approved as printed in the newsletter.

The Fluorspar Symposium was briefly discussed and from our Treasurer the balance after expenses was \$75.14.

We will ask President Carlson to write a letter of accommodation to Alan Goldstein for his work in putting together the activities of the symposium and the guidebook. A suggestion was made that on future field trips and/or symposiums a location/destination map would be very helpful. Members are urged to give ideas and suggestions for a symposium to be held in 2005.

The Ben E. Clement Mineral Museum, which was the location of the Friday night reception during the Symposium, is in need of financial support. W. Cook made a motion to send a \$100.00 donation and it was seconded by G. Simmons and approved. More discussion will be held at the January meeting as to what further help we can be. Mr. Shaffer will also bring this subject up at the National Organization of Friends of Mineralogy at their meeting in Tucson in February 2005.

The National dues have been raised by \$1.00 and a discussion was held as to whether the Midwest Chapter dues should be also raised to cover this increase. The discussion was tabled and more information and discussion will be held at meetings during this next year.

The Midwest Federation of Mineralogical and Geological Societies is an organization in which we have considered joining. The Midwest Federation offers programs and services, plus insurance for club activities. Further investigation into cost and other services will be made. A motion was made by G. Simmons and seconded by P. Schwin to table this discussion and decision until a later meeting.

The Midwest Chapter joined in GeoFest3 at the Indiana State Museum October 22-23. N. Shaffer and Lorraine Wright were instrumental in setting up the booth with specimens and information about the Chapter. Thanks go to those two members.

Earth Science Week was held during October. Members of the Cleveland Micromineral Society gave away specimens at the museum. Ideas and suggestions are needed to reach out to younger people to get them interested in the study and collecting of minerals.

As there will not be a show in Cincinnati in 2005, President Carlson suggested that we should consider meeting at the Columbus, Ohio, show. The meeting would be Saturday, April 2 and final plans will be given in the April newsletter.

Mr. Shaffer gave a tremendous thank you to the Cleveland Museum of Natural History and the Micromineral Society for having us as a part of their symposium.

Paul Schwin has volunteered to be in charge of the Silent Auctions for 2005 and would like to have all members participate by donating specimens. Bring to the meetings in January and April, plus the June and September meetings and he will stockpile them until the auctions can be held.

The Rocky Mountain Federation, member of the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies, will hold their meeting in conjunction with the Colorado Springs Micromineral Symposium in June 2005. More information will be in the April newsletter.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 P.M.

Marlene Edington, Secretary pro tem

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Time to renew your membership in the Midwest Chapter.

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### IT'S TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2005

To update our records, please fill out the membership renewal form sent with the November newsletter and send to our treasurer, Lorraine Wright, 1505 S. Randolph St., Indianapolis IN 46203 \$15.00 per individual; \$10.00 for each additional individual



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#### MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE BEN E. CLEMENT MINERAL MUSEUM

In an e-mail received by your editor with a copy to President Carlson on October 14, 2004, from Alan Goldstein he writes:

In a nutshell, the Clement Museum is struggling and on the verge of closing. I think our symposium provided a small "shot in the arm." I wish that it were within the ability of this chapter of the Friends of Mineralogy to "adopt" the Clement Museum and help promote it nationally (while promoting itself, too). I have offered to help develop mineral programs for elementary and secondary schools, but my educational forte' is paleontology, not mineralogy, so additional input is needed. There are probably 100 schools within a one hour radius of Marion (Kentucky) that could benefit from earth science programs at the Clement Museum.

Possible events and programs to support the Clement Museum:

Museum-sponsored annual symposium.

Museum-sponsored minerals, fossil & jewelry show and auction.

Mineral-geology-fossil education programs including a mine dump dig at the museum.

Mineral education trunk for classroom use

Develop a book similar to our guidebook for their gift shop.

Encourage collaborations between the American Fluorite Museum and Clement Museum (they don't talk to each other).

I realize it is difficult to talk about supporting a museum when the group itself is struggling, but this might be another way to increase membership.

Regards,

Alan

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#### MR. BEN E. CLEMENT

Mr. Clement graduated in 1915 from Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee, with a Bachelor of Science degree. He completed aviator's school near the close of World War I and was drawn to Kentucky by an interest in the fledgling fluorspar industry, which was centered in Crittenden County. He served as head of the science department at Henderson High School from 1920 to 1922 before organizing the Alpine, Holly Davenport and National Fluorspar Companies from 1925 to 1950.

From 1920 until his death in 1980, Mr. Clement accumulated what has become known as the largest and finest collection of fluorite specimens in the world. Neatly blended into the collection are other minerals and archeological specimens that he found all around the world.

It was Mr. Clement's dream, especially in the closing years of his life, for the collection to be on permanent display in Marion at a place accessible not just to scientists and university groups but also to the general public.

Meeting January 9, 2005

From Peggy Fisherkeller, Curator of Geology at the Indiana State Museum:

From the parking garage go to the third floor guard station at the top of the elevator. Tell the guard why you are at the Museum. The guard will give you directions, however, if the guard does not know what is going on, then you will have to talk to the guard anyway to get beyond that point. Turn left and cross the bridge. At the other end, turn left again and go through the glass doors directly ahead of you. We'll be in the meeting room. The meeting room is in the Administration part of the Museum.

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#### INSURANCE INFORMATION

At the meeting in November when the subject of joining the Midwest Federation was discussed it was brought up that we did not know whether the Midwest Chapter had insurance. During correspondence with Ms. Wright, this is what we have found out via email on 11/18/04

Insurance for Friends of Mineralogy  
Coverage date 4-22-2003 through 4-22-2006  
Company issued with The Cincinnati Insurance Company

Agent Miller-Hawes-Phelan Insurance Group  
Policy Number CAP 769 93 43  
General Liability Coverage Part-\$250.00 each year

Name of Insured	Friends of Mineralogy Midwest Chapter
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Limits of Insurance	
Each occurrence limit	\$ 500,000
General Aggregate limit	\$1,000,000
Products-completed operations	
Aggregate limit	\$1,000,000
Personal & advertising	
Injury limit	\$ 500,000

There are a lot of requirements, exclusions, etc. It is very specific in what it does and does not cover. For more information or to request a copy, please contact Ms. Wright.

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#### SILENT AUCTIONS

Perhaps, again this year, we will be allowed to have Silent Auctions at the Bloomington and Greenfield shows. In that regard, Manager Paul Schwin reminds you to bring your donated specimens to the meetings. Be sure that you have identified the type of mineral, location and a starting bid.

Meeting dates for 2005:

January 9; April 2; June 25; September 10; November 5

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#### RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP IN THE MIDWEST CHAPTER TODAY!

If your mailing label shows 05 it indicates that we have received your renewal as of December 29, 2004

Thank you.

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Add to your 2004 membership list....

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