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**SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 2006, 12:00 NOON**  
**INDIANA STATE MUSEUM**  
**650 W. WASHINGTON ST.**  
**INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA**



### TUCSON 2006

**Nelson Shaffer and President David Straw will present the program on Tucson 2006 with a report, slides, pictures and other tid-bits' from the show(s) they attended.**

**They also ask that other members that have attended the Tucson show this year or in the past and have a collection of slides, pictures, specimens, etc. that they would like to share, please bring to this meeting.**

**There is a rumor that there will also be a song and tap dance with ROCK Music**

#### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Just returned from our trip to Tucson, Arizona, and attended the fabulous Mineral Show(s).

There are a few things that we will need to discuss during the business portion of the meeting. First—we need to come to a decision about the Symposium for 2006. Alan Goldstein and Ernie Carlson have been exceptional in planning past Symposiums. Let's get our heads together and plan for another. Your ideas and suggestions will be greatly appreciated.

Second—the Clement Mineral Museum in Kentucky has asked for our help, but in trying to get further information, I have been unsuccessful in talking to the right person. Ideas for the museum will have to be discussed.

Nelson Shaffer will conduct a class on Indiana Geodes on Thursday, April 27 and Saturday, April 29. See the minutes for more details.

Dwaine Edington's slide presentation of the Trancas Station geodes of Chihuahua, Mexico, in January, was very good and our thanks from the members.

I would like to see more of you members attend our meetings. When you are able to attend, please introduce yourself.

See you on Sunday, March 19.

**David Straw, President**  
**765-966-4249 or [strawdl@aol.com](mailto:strawdl@aol.com)**

#### **FIELD TRIP**

#### **FLUORITE DISTRICT IN KENTUCKY**

**APRIL 1-2, 2006**

**Registration fee \$25.00**

**Columbia Mine, Eureka, Babb-Barnes Mill Complex, Hutson Zinc Mine, Lafayette Mine. Evening at Clement Mineral Museum on Saturday.**

**Contact Alan Goldstein for further information**  
**[deepskyspy@insightbb.com](mailto:deepskyspy@insightbb.com)**

#### **BEN E. CLEMENT MINERAL MUSEUM MARION, KENTUCKY**

**Presents**

#### **THE 1ST ANNUAL MINERAL & GEM SHOW JUNE 3 & 4, 2006**

**Museum Tours\*\*Digs\*\*Silent Auction\*\*Event  
Speakers\*\*Vendor Tables\*\*Special Activities**

**Friday-Setup, Saturday 9am-5pm**

**Lecture & Silent Auction 6 pm**

**Sunday 10am-3pm**

**Call 270-965-4263 for registration and information.**  
**205 N. Walker, Marion Kentucky 42064**  
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MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
JANUARY 15, 2006

Members of the Midwest Chapter met at the Indiana State Museum in Indianapolis. In the absence of President Ernie Carlson, past president, Nelson Shaffer conducted the meeting. Mr. Shaffer suggested that everyone attending introduce themselves and tell a little about his or her hobbies and life.

Robert (Bob) Harman is retired and collects geodes from southern Indiana and celestine of Indiana and Ohio. Robert (Bob) Vetter said he collected just about everything. David Straw is also retired and is interested in Midwest minerals-self collected. Len Gritzer, guest, is a collector of Indiana fern fossils, but also has an interest in tourmalines and trilobites. Lorraine Wright is a geologist and enjoys minerals, but her work is more of the environmental nature. Dwaine Edington collects minerals and fossils in micro, but is interested in geodes from Indiana and Mexico and also collects quartz and calcite. His collection consists of approximately 6000 micros and 1200 fossils. Marlene Edington is interested in pyrite from around the world and also collects quartz and fossils. Kenneth Newman will collect anything, but mostly is working in tumbling and polishing rocks. Ann Richardson is a teacher in the Indianapolis school district and has collected minerals and fossils most of her life. She also demonstrates fossil cleaning at various local shows. She is past president of 500 Earth Sciences Club. Nelson Shaffer is a geologist with Indiana Geological Survey and collects meteorites. Margaret (Peggy) Fisherkeller is Curator of Geology at the Indiana State Museum.

Mr. Harman noted that Mr. Shaffer will be conducting a class in continuing studies at Indiana University on Indiana Geodes. Classes will be held Thursday, April 27, 2006 from 7 to 8:30 P.M. and Saturday, April 29, 2006, from 9 to 2:30 P.M. with a field trip of an undisclosed location included. The fee for this class is \$56.00. For seniors \$54.00. The class will be held in S2-1 Patton Conference Room, Indiana Geological Survey, 611 North Walnut, Bloomington, Indiana. For more information call 812-955-5108 or get in touch with Mr. Shaffer at shaffern@indiana.edu.

Mr. Vetter stated that the show sponsored by Eastern Indiana Gem & Geological Society will be held March 3-5 at the Wayne County Fairgrounds in Richmond. The head cast of dinosaur "Sue" will be on display.

Minutes of the November 5, 2005 meeting were approved with motion from D. Edington, seconded by K. Newman. L. Wright, Treasurer, reported on the balance in the checking account. Bob Harman made the motion to accept the report, seconded by D. Edington. Passed.

D. Edington gave a slide presentation on the Trancas Station geodes of Chihuahua, Mexico. He explained how the geodes formed in this area. The geodes were created with silica and uranium and will glow bright green under short wave. There is no iron in this area, but nearby iron is present and agates with beautiful colors can be found. Mr. Edington passed around examples of the geodes and treated each attendee with a geode half for their collection.

Mr. Shaffer introduced the slate of officers for 2006. David Straw for President; Robert Harman as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President for programs; Ernie Carlson as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President for Field Trips (Ohio) (with assistance from D. Edington for Indiana); Albert Sicree, Secretary and Lorraine Wright, Treasurer. The vote was unanimous to accept the slate.

Meetings for 2006 were discussed. Our by-laws state that we are to have six meetings per year, but for the past two to three years, we have only had five meetings. For 2006 the March meeting will be at the Indiana State Museum on March 19, May 6 in Cincinnati, June 24 in Bloomington; September 9 in Greenfield and November 4 in Cleveland.

Copies of the letter from Alan Goldstein concerning the Clement Mineral Museum were distributed and a discussion was held as to what they (the Museum) would like for us to do. Mr. Harman related that he has been to the Museum and feels that the Museum needs to find a way to advertise their location and what they have to offer. Members agreed that we do not feel we should just give money to them, they need to help themselves by offering to the public a chance to see the specimens on display. As the Midwest Chapter has a limited budget, further investigation is forthcoming. Mr. Shaffer appointed a committee of Peggy Fisherkeller, Dave Straw and Bob Harman to find and gather more information. A letter to A. Goldstein will be sent asking "What can we do for you?" The issue was tabled until further notice.

A field trip to the Fluorspar District in western Kentucky is upcoming on April 1-2. Please contact A. Goldstein for more information.

N. Gary Lane, well-known paleontologist of Indiana University passed away. A moment of silence in memory of Mr. Lane was held. Ms. Wright made motion to make a donation in memory. Motion passed.

Editor M. Edington announced that the newsletter will be sent electronically for a trial period, but paper copies will be mailed to those without internet access. A copy of the January newsletter was mailed to members that had not responded to Mrs. Edington's request of a reply. After the Bloomington meeting, newsletters will only be sent via e-mail with the exception of the members that do not have e-mail (continued on Page 3)

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(or we do not have it on record). It was requested that main links be placed in the newsletter and a system of letting members know that they have paid their dues for the current year. Lorraine will help set up this system. Len Gritzer, guest, will hopefully join our organization. Mr. Shaffer asked if he would help with our out-reach programs. Mr. Gritzer has for years given talks to students and other gatherings. He helps out at the Museum's GeoFest.

Mr. Shaffer stated that he would be attending the Tucson Gem & Mineral Show and would man the booth at the show for Friends of Mineralogy. He requests that any members attending the show get in touch with him and volunteer to be in the booth for a short while.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Shaffer with a second by Mr. Harman. Passed.

Marlene Edington, Secretary pro-tem

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#### MEMBERS—ATTENTION

Our by-laws state that March 1 is the deadline for renewing your membership in Friends of Mineralogy-Midwest Chapter. This will be the last newsletter you will receive if you have not paid your dues for 2006. We are extending the deadline until the meeting of March 19, 2006.

Membership fees are \$15.00 for the first member, \$10.00 for each additional family member. Checks can be sent to Lorraine Wright, Treasurer FoM-MC, 1505 S. Randolph St., Indianapolis IN 46203

As I am preparing this newsletter for delivery and upon checking my records, I find that the following 2005 members have not renewed for 2006. If you have sent your check in to Lorraine, please ignore this portion. (There was not time to check with Lorraine about additional renewals).

J and R Blue; W. B. Bond; P and J Clifford; H. Fisher; K. Greeman; D. Hall; J. Hunt; V. Hurm, Jr.; N. Kelly; C. Kontor; G. Matyas; C. Seward; G. Simmons, R. Smith, V. Swanson; J. Vitkay

Please note: If you do not wish to receive the newsletter via e-mail, please contact me at [dandme@spitfire.net](mailto:dandme@spitfire.net) or 765-345-5514. We are still in the process of trying to get all of the e-mail addresses correct. Sending your newsletters via e-mail will cut our cost of copying and mailing, thus, membership fees will remain as they are now. If you do have an e-mail address, please let us know. If there are any questions or further information needed, please contact one of the officers. Name, telephone and e-mail below.

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The Friends of Mineralogy National Newsletter is also being sent via the Internet. Again, if you do not wish to receive your copy this way, please let us know.

Thank you.

Happy Hunting.

Marlene Edington, Editor

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