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**Saturday, November 4, 2006, 3:00 P.M.
CLEVELAND, OHIO**

Cleveland Museum of Natural History
1 Wade Oval, University Circle

In conjunction with the weekend symposium by
the Micromineral Society of the
Cleveland Museum of Natural History

Friends of Mineralogy-Midwest Chapter
will meet following the afternoon talk—the second program

By **JOHN RAKOVAN**

“Sakura Ishi-‘Cherry Blossom Stones’-from Komeoka, Japan”

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

November 2006—Happy Fall everyone. Thanks to Janet and Paul Clifford for representing the Midwest Chapter at the National FoM meeting at the Denver show; I did not attend. Janet will also chair our meeting at the micromounters conference in Cleveland on November 4, as I will not be there either. Thanks again Janet!

The officers for next year will be voted on at Cleveland. The current slate is: President – Dave Straw, V.P. Programs – Bob Harman, V.P. Field Trips – Ernie Carlson, Secretary – open, Treasurer – Lorraine Wright. The floor will also be open for nominations. **As of this writing I have been unable to convince anyone to take the Secretary position. I am hoping one of you will volunteer for this.** It needs to be someone who attends most of the meetings. January and March at the Indiana State Museum in Indianapolis, late April/early May at the Cincinnati show, late June at the Bloomington, Indiana show, September at the Indy 500 show in Greenfield, Indiana and early November at the micromounters symposium in Cleveland. If the Secretary cannot make all the meetings, someone is always able to fill in. All it involves is taking notes at the meeting, organizing the notes into a form that can be published in the newsletter and sending a draft to the newsletter editor. Al Sicree will be vacating the secretary position. Thanks, Al, for your work in the past.

John Blue will be taking over the job of newsletter editor from Marlene Edington. Thanks very much Marlene for all your work over the last six years or so. You did a fine job! Also, thanks to John for stepping in to take over.

While I am thanking people, Ernie Carlson deserves a big thank you for all his work at arranging the field trips and symposium this year. We have added a number of members to the roster due in no small part to the field trips we have had. Also, we need to thank Paul Schwin for his efforts at managing the fund raising sales at shows. I am sure I have left out mentioning several other members who have also contributed in many ways; please forgive me for omissions.

As I have said, the next meeting is on November 4 at the micromounters symposium in Cleveland. After that we will have the first meeting of 2007 on January 14 at the Indiana State Museum in Indianapolis. Bob Harman and Peggy Fisherkeller have arranged for us to have a behind the scenes tour of the mineral section at the museum. I apologize to the Indy 500 club members for a conflict with their meeting in January. I was not aware of the conflict until it was too late to make a change. See you all later.

Dave Straw, President

MINUTES OF THE MEETING-SEPTEMBER 9, 2006

The September 9, 2006, meeting of the Midwest Chapter of the Friends of Mineralogy was held at the Hancock County 4-H Fairgrounds, Greenfield Indiana, in conjunction with 500 Earth Sciences Club Gem, Mineral, Fossil Show and Swap. President Dave Straw called the meeting to order at 12:00 noon for 32 members and guests.

Member William Wuestenfeld of Columbus, Indiana, gave a talk on his experience visiting the diamond mines in the Canadian Northwest Territory. The excellent presentation was enhanced with the display of a $\frac{3}{4}$ carat rough diamond crystal he had purchased for his wife Beulah.

A short business meeting followed.

President Straw thanked Bob Harman for persuading Bill Wuestenfeld to give his talk.

The minutes of the June 24th meeting at Bloomington, Indiana, were accepted as printed in the Newsletter on a motion made by Ed Edington and seconded by Bob Harman.

Treasurer Lorraine Wright reported that the chapter's bank account had a balance of \$1,754.86 as of this date.

OLD BUSINESS: Nelson Shaffer and Lorraine Wright are looking into the Articles of Incorporation for our chapter.

The chapter's liability insurance is paid up through March 2007. A gift of \$100 was made to the Ben Clement Mineral Museum of Marion, Kentucky.

NEW BUSINESS: Long time member William R. Cook, Jr. passed away on September 4, 2006. Bill will be greatly missed by our members and wife Anne Cook, who is also a member of the Midwest Chapter. A motion was made and passed to donate \$50.00 to the Cleveland Museum of Natural History, Department of Mineralogy in Bill's name.

A slate of officers for 2007 was presented:

President—Dave Straw

VP Field Trips—Ernie Carlson

VP Programs—Bob Harman

Treasurer—Lorraine Wright

Fund Raising Chair—Paul Schwin

Newsletter Editor—John Blue*

*Marlene Edington requested that John Blue assume editorship of the newsletter after the November issue.

A recording Secretary is still needed!!!

The next meeting will be held November 4, 2006, at the Cleveland Museum of Natural History in conjunction with the Cleveland Micromounters Symposium

Albert Sicree, Secretary

EDITOR'S NOTE: As this is my last newsletter, it is with sadness that I realize I am giving up this position that I volunteered for five years ago (I thought it was six—see how time flies when you are having fun) at the Cleveland meeting. My first efforts were rather crude, but I think there was improvement after purchasing my computer. My wish is that all the members feel that my contribution was worth the effort and now I will not have that deadline for getting this newsletter in the mail and on line. As I am also editor of two other newsletters, it was sometimes very hectic to get all three done at the same time.

Over the last five years I have served under four presidents. Thanks to each and everyone of them—Nelson Shaffer, Ernie Carlson, Dave Straw and Dwaine Edington. Thanks to Al Sicree and Lorraine Wright for getting their reports to me. Thanks to Kim Greeman, Sylvia Sicree and Bob Harman for information about speakers, A big thank you to Ernie and George Heaton for all the field trip information. Now it is time to turn this over to John Blue. Beginning after the November meeting, all information will be forwarded to John for him to continue with the newsletter. Please send all of your information to him at 16155 Shurmer Rd., Strongsville OH 44136. Telephone 440-238-4412 or e-mail jblue@n2net.net.

Thank you all. See you at the meetings.

Marlene Edington

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Bob Harman does it again. Remember that secret location he mentioned during his talk at the Bloomington show? At GEOFEST5 he proudly showed off his latest find. A geode containing blades of aragonite probably 1 ½ inches or more in length. Yes, it was iron stained, but still beautiful. I think he will probably bring it to the January meeting. How about it Bob?

FOCUS ON MICROMOUNTING

A weekend symposium sponsored by the
 Micromineral Society of the
 Cleveland Museum of Natural History

Fri. Nov. 3—3-5 pm and 7-8 pm—Registration and microscope setup in classrooms A&B on lower level.
 8-10 pm—Evening program. John Rakovan—
 “Mineral Meanderings in Japan”

Sat. Nov. 4—8:30-9:30 am Registration and setup.
 Continental breakfast

9:30-10:50 am Morning talks: David Saja—“Micro-Gypsum, a Frozen Snowstorm in the Salinas Salt Deposits Under Lake Erie” and Joe Vasichko—
 “Sulfides of the Findlay Arch”.

10:50-11:00 Coffee Break

11-12:30 pm Workshop for individual study, swapping, etc.

12:30-1:30 pm Lunch: Deli tray, potato salad, beverages.

1:30-2:30 pm Afternoon talk—John Rakovan—“Sakura Ishi—“Cherry Blossom Stones”—from Komeoka, Japan”

3-5 pm Workshop session

3-4 pm Friends of Mineralogy-Midwest Chapter meeting

6:30 to ? Pot luck dinner to be held at the home of Anne Cook. Out-of-town visitors will be our guests. All participants are welcome.

Sun. Nov. 5

9:30-11 am Museum open for early-bird mounters. Continental breakfast. Continuation of workshop activities

11-11:45 am Morning talks: Dick Green—“Update on the Eaglebrook Mine, Dyfed, Wales” and Janet Clifford—“Ohio’s Crystals”

11:45-12:45 pm Lunch: Deli tray, potato salad, beverages.

12:45-3:30 pm. Tour the Museum galleries or third workshop session.

Registration:

The fee for the entire symposium is \$35 (US) per person or \$65 for a couple. This includes admission to all activities on all 3 days, plus continental breakfast and deli tray lunch on both Saturday and Sunday.

For those wishing to attend just 1 day the fee will be \$15. For those attending just the Friday night talk the fee will be \$5.

Please fill out the registration form and return it to the Museum. (registration form on last page).

Lodging:

Some lodging for out-of-town participants will be available with members of the Society on a first-come, first-served basis. For additional information call Dick Green at 330-929-2395

Eastside hotels, motels:

Baymont Inn-I-271 & Mayfield, Mayfield Heights 440-442-8400

Super 8-I-271 & Chagrin, Beachwood 216-831-7200

Days Inn-I-90 & Rt. 306, Mentor 440-946-0500

Red Roof Inn-I-90 & Rt. 306, Mentor 440-946-9872

Holiday Inn Cleveland East-I-90 & Bishop Rd., Wickliffe 440-585-0600

Motel 6-8370 Broadmoor, Mentor 440-953-8835

Alcazar Hotel-2450 Derbyshire, Cleveland Heights 216-321-5400

Inter-Continental Suite Hotel-8840 Euclid Ave., University Circle 216-707-4300

Glidden House-1901 Ford Dr., University Circle 216-231-8900

Cleveland Museum of Natural History, 1 Wade Oval, University Circle, Cleveland OH 44106 216-231-4600

MICROMINERAL SYMPOSIUM
Hosted by the Micromineral Society of CMNH
November 3, 4, & 5, 2006

NAME(S) _____

ADDRESS: _____

Registration for entire weekend _____ people at \$35 (U.S.)/person _____
_____ couple at \$65/couple _____

Registration for Friday Night talk _____ people at \$5/person _____

Registration for one day only - Sat. or Sun. (Circle one) _____ people at \$15/person _____

Total remittance: _____

Please return this reservation slip to: The Cleveland Museum of Natural History, 1 Wade Oval, University Circle, Cleveland, Ohio 44106 Attention: Museum tickets person. Make check payable to Cleveland Museum of Natural History. Note on your check that payment is for the Micromineral Symposium

FRIENDS OF MINERALOGY-MIDWEST CHAPTER
MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM FOR 2007

Dues are for the year January 1 through December 31, 2007

Dues should be paid by January 15, 2007

Dues need to be current in order to attend FoM-MC activities such as field trips, symposiums, etc.

Fee: Individual \$15.00 per year, \$10.00 per year for each additional family member.
Send your check to Treasurer Lorraine Wright, 1505 S. Randolph St., Indianapolis IN 46203

NAME _____

ADDITIONAL FAMILY MEMBER NAME(S) _____

ADDRESS _____
Street City State Zip

TELEPHONE NUMBER _____ Home _____ Work _____

E-MAIL _____ FAX _____

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