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NEXT MEETING

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9, 2010, 1:00 PM
INDIANA STATE MUSEUM,
650 W WASHINGTON ST, INDIANAPOLIS, IN
SPEAKER: RICK CROSSLIN
"GETTING KIDS INTERESTED IN GEOLOGY"

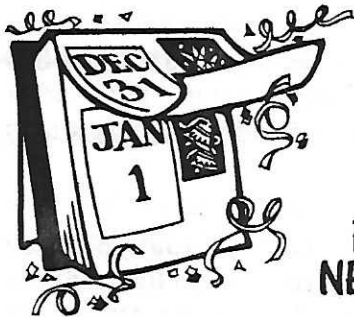
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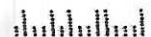
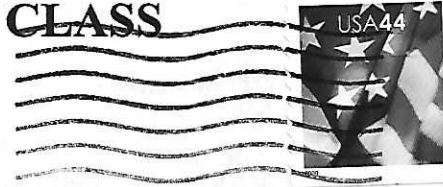


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PURPOSE

Friends of Mineralogy, Inc - Midwest Chapter is organized to promote interest in and knowledge of mineralogy; to advance mineralogical education; to protect and preserve mineral specimens and promote conservation of mineral localities; to further cooperation between amateur and professional and encourage collection of minerals for educational value; and to support publications about mineralogy and about the programs of kindred organizations.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL !!!!! The holidays have now come and gone; I hope you all had a great holiday season and are now ready to hit the New Year running.....and collecting! I wish to thank all those who have helped our FoM chapter this past year. Special thanks goes to ERNIE CARLSON, NELSON SHAFFER, LEN GRITZER, DAVE STRAW, JANET CLIFFORD and ANN COOK in the Cleveland area, and PEGGY FISHERKELLER at the Indiana State Museum. And a very special thank you (!) to JOHN BLUE for putting all this together in our newsletter. If I have inadvertently omitted anyone, please forgive me and thank you as well. For all you other members, please consider giving a bit of your time to help make our hobby.....your hobby.....better.

My first year of FoM Chapter Presidency is over. We, as the Midwest FoM Chapter, have grown, had several good programs and a symposium, and despite slowing quarry operations, managed to go on several successful field trips. But not everything is rosy. Many quarries became inactive and unavailable for field trips.....some perhaps forever. The Indiana Department of Transportation became heavy handed attempting to squelch roadside rock and fossil collecting at our famous Indiana roadcuts. More needs to be done! In my second year I will attempt to work hard to address problems and make this hobby better for all of us.

Also looking ahead, the Tucson show and other spring shows are just around the corner. Spring field trips will (hopefully!!) be scheduled shortly. And the winter field collecting season, in periods of snowless warm weather will be upon us so make the most of the upcoming nice days. **GOOD HEALTH AND GOOD NEW YEAR HUNTING TO ALL.**

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Midwest Chapter of the Friends of Mineralogy will be on Saturday, January 9, 2010, at the Indiana State Museum, 650 West Washington St, Indianapolis, IN at 1:00 PM. Program Chairman Nelson Shafer has scheduled speaker Rick Crosslin who's topic will be "Getting Kids Interested in Geology" Let's have a good turnout for this program.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 7, 2009 CLEVELAND, OHIO

The November meeting of the Midwest Chapter, Friends of Mineralogy, was held in conjunction with the annual Micromineral Symposium at the Cleveland Museum of Natural History. Since the secretary was the only officer present (and she was taking notes during the meeting) Janet Clifford had been asked to run the meeting by president Bob Harman, so she called the meeting to order at 3:40 PM, following a talk about minerals of the eastern slopes of the Andes in Bolivia by Alfredo Petrov. There were no corrections to the minutes of the previous meeting. In the absence of the treasurer, there was no financial report.

Several members had been on field trips sponsored by the group, and they reported on them. At Delphos, George Simmons said they were in the lower part of the quarry, and found dolomite and sphalerite, and saw fluorite. The trip to Indianapolis was a good one, with lots of minerals found. As usual, there was a great deal of dolomite found at Corydon; several members commented that a club was there at the same time, and its members did not observe good safety practices, though the Friends of Mineralogy members did. It was suggested that trip leaders should check that each member going physically carried his/her MSHA safety training certificate with him/her, so that they could be produced if questioned.

Several members had attended the Detroit Show, which had moved to a different location because of construction in the building where they had been. They felt it went well considering the new site. The South Bend Show had also gone well, with attendance up about 15%.

Janet said that Bob Harman had had a scam related to minerals sent to him via e-mail and cautioned members to be careful if something similar is sent to them. It was suggested that the treasurer contact former members of the group, probably via e-mail when that was possible, inviting them to return to membership.

Since the November meeting is the election meeting, Janet asked for nominations. Hearing none, there was a motion to re-elect the current officers, and it passed unanimously. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Anne Cook, Secretary

Editor's Note: Anne suffered a severe stroke approximately two weeks ago. She is currently undergoing rehabilitative therapy and progressing very well. Her home address is 684 Quilliams Rd, Cleveland Hts, OH 44121-1955. We wish her well in her recovery.

TREASURER'S MESSAGE

To all members:

Membership in the Friends of Mineralogy, Midwest Chapter is on a yearly basis from January 1, through December 31 of each year. There is only one kind and that is on an **INDIVIDUAL BASIS**. The annual dues for each individual to be a member are: **\$15.00** for the first individual and **\$10.00** for each additional individual in that immediate family or household. Dues must be sent to: Len Gritzer, Friends of Mineralogy, PO Box 22581, Indianapolis, IN 46222. **DO NOT SEND DUES TO THE NATIONAL ORGANIZATION!**

Note: Please include a note along with your check or money order with the proper spelling of your name and all pertinent information to include address, phone number and email address. If any information changes, please send me an email at: lengritzer@hotmail.com so that I can update the membership list.

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LET'S START 2010 RIGHT!!!

A woman has twins and gives them up for adoption. One of them goes to a family in Egypt and is named "Ahmal". The other goes to a family in Spain; they name him "Juan". Years later, Juan sends a picture of himself to his birth mother. Upon receiving the picture, she tells her husband she wishes she also had a picture of Ahmal. Her husband responds, "They're twins! If you've seen Juan, you've seen Ahmal".

Did you hear about the Buddhist who refused Novocain during a root canal? He wanted to transcend dental medication. *From AFMS Newsletter, Sept 2003*

Oh my! Have a happy and healthy New Year!!!