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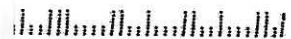
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### PURPOSE

Friends of Mineralogy, Midwest, 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

**IN MEMORIAM**

It is with sadness we report the passing of Len Gritzer, our Treasurer, in March. Len volunteered for the position in March 2009 and served faithfully until his death. He suffered from a chronic respiratory condition in recent years.

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

"What is it worth?" "What is your most valuable or expensive rock/geode??" These are 2 of the most frequently asked questions by both non rock collectors and even some collectors like ourselves when viewing my collection. On the face of it, it seems like a straight forward, easily answered question. "This one is worth \$200 or these couple of geodes are worth about \$400 etc, etc". But not so fast. Answering these questions really is not that simple. Beauty AND VALUE are in the eye of the beholder....sometimes the buyer. How much are you willing to pay for someone else's property.....the rock in question.

To non rock collectors the value might only be the intrinsic value of a diamond, gold or silver or other minerals that can be made into jewelry. To a collector it is whatever and how much he wants to pay for the particular specimen. The size, perfection and esthetics of the particular piece in question engender a specific longing and coveting by a potential buyer. For me, a very hi quality Indiana geode would be worth spending more of my money than any specimens from elsewhere. In other words I might write a check out for \$500 for a worthy Indiana geode and not look twice at a similar hi quality Keokuk area geode. This is "pursuing the chase", as only a few perfect or nearly perfect examples of specimens of any type exist. Collectors of varying means pursue this chase and will out bid each other to own the most perfect and greatest example of the species they are most interested in.

Although most collectible rock specimens have some monetary value, from trivial to great, most collectors collect not only for the monetary value, but for the emotional esthetics engendered by appreciating the natural art of mineral crystal specimens. Indeed, collectors of all types including painting, sculpture, stamps, antique furniture, classic cars etc collect primarily out of appreciation of the wonders of man and nature and only secondarily list monetary benefits as their primary reason for collecting. Monetary gain is more properly called INVESTING and primarily not collecting. So art INVESTORS and mineral INVESTORS ACCUMULATE primarily for the monetary gain. While COLLECTORS COLLECT primarily for the esthetics of perfection, they will still spend handsomely to acquire specimens with that perfection.

So if someone viewing your collection asks "What is this rock worth?" Ask that individual "what is it worth TO YOU".....and that is what it is worth! Good hunting!!!!!!!!!!!!

**FIRST 2011 FIELD TRIP**

Dear fellow collectors,

A field trip has been requested and confirmed to Duff Quarry in Huntsville, Ohio. This is the first FoM field trip of the year. Everyone should bring their MSHA certification to all field trips. By presidential decree, I have been asked to check all members for their MSHA paperwork at the first trip you attend. If I do not get to see your paperwork, then you must bring it to me in the quarry. My cell phone number on trips is 614-214-9352. If you have an emergency, use this number on field trip days only, because messages on this phone will not be answered. If you have to call me, and you get no answer, call back shortly thereafter. Driving and using the phone usually does not work well for me.

## First Trip (Cont'd)

## Quarry Travel Guide:

Field Trip Locality: Duff Quarry - Huntsville, OH  
Address: 9042 State Route 177, Huntsville, OH 43324  
Date of Trip: **Saturday May 07, 2011**  
Time of Field Trip: 11:30 am - 4:30 pm  
Travel time from designated point:  
From the intersection of I-270 in Columbus, OH area  
and Route 33W (EXIT 17b) - 0:49  
Age of the Rock: Upper Silurian (432-418 mya)  
Rock Units: Salina Group  
Specimens Present: calcite, dolomite, pyrite & sphalerite  
Training Required: MSHA  
Quarry Location: The Duff Quarry is 3.1 miles north of the intersection of Ohio Routes 33 & 117 and 2.8 miles north of the south entrance to the town of Huntsville. The quarry is located on the east side of the road.

Reggie Rose  
FoM, Vice President Field Trips  
614-875-2675

**SECOND FIELD TRIP OPPORTUNITY**

## Quarry Travel Guide: STONECO AUGLAIZE - JUNCTION, OH

Field Trip Locality: Stoneco - Auglaize - Junction, OH  
Address: 13572 Road 179, Oakwood (Junction), OH 45873  
Date of Trip: **Saturday June 11, 2011**  
Time of Field Trip: 7:30 am - 11:30 am  
Club(s) Attending: FoM  
Age of Rock: Middle Devonian  
Rock Units: The Detroit River Group  
Specimens Present: Auglaize Quarry is best known for its crystals of iridescent brown fluorite, along with sphalerite, calcite, pyrite, quartz, and hydrocarbons. The minerals are found in pockets and fractures of quarry dolostones.  
Training Required: MSHA  
Quarry Location: The Shelly - Stoneco Auglaize Quarry is in Paulding County, Ohio. Take route 111 SW from Defiance about 8 miles to Ohio State Route 637 just east of Junction. Go east a short distance across the Auglaize River, and turn south on Paulding County Road 179 to the Quarry office on the east (left) side of the road.

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**NEXT MEETING**

Saturday, June 25, 2011, 2:00 PM at the Lawrence County Rock Club 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Show & Swap, Monroe County Fairgrounds, Bloomington, IN.

One out of every three Americans is suffering from some form of mental illness. Think of two of your best friends. If they are OK, then it must be you. (George Carlin)

## MINUTES OF THE FRIENDS OF MINERALOGY

Saturday April 16 2011 2 pm

Columbus, Ohio

The chapter meeting was held during the Columbus club rock and mineral show. There were 10 members in attendance with no guests. The most important discussions were about the passing, about 3 weeks ago, of LEN GRITZER, our chapter treasurer and how this will impact chapter membership lists, field trips and the newsletter etc. Basically we are in the process of naming a new Treasurer and I will act as interim treasurer for the next short period of time. Membership lists are always in flux as renewal and new members come in and go out, but now and probably thru about year's end the flux will be great until the last lists are updated by the new Treasurer with renewals, drop outs and new members. This will be taken into account on upcoming field trips, thru the summer, but MSHA certificates will be strictly enforced where applicable. Send renewal memberships to me, BOB HARMAN 3209 St COURT, BLOOMINGTON, IN 47401 or hold off for a few weeks as we will announce the new Treasurer and addresses etc, hopefully within a short period of time. IF YOU ARE A MEMBER AND NOT RECEIVING THE NEWSLETTER.....ESPECIALLY IF YOU NEED TO GET IT VIA REGULAR MAIL RATHER THAN EMAIL..... PLEASE LET ME OR JOHN BLUE KNOW !!!!!

Reggie Rose announced several confirmed field trips for the next few months and additional field trips may be added if they can be confirmed with quarry personnel. See the current list in this newsletter. While there has been some interest in a field trip to Arkansas to collect quartz and/or diamonds, there is not quite enough interest to make it an official club trip. Let us know if you all want one for this fall or next spring!

MSHA certificates will be spot checked prior to going into each quarry !!!

There was no FoM program as the Columbus club speakers were considered our program. There was no other important old or new business.

The next FoM meeting will be held the Saturday of the Bloomington show on June 25.

Bob Harman, President

**NEW TREASURER**

President Bob Harman has announced the appointment of member Peggy Fishkeller, Indianapolis, IN, as our new Treasurer. The mailing address for business with that office will be published in the next newsletter. Please hold dues payments until that time.

**ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION AT COLUMBUS MEETING**

I forgot to mention that several people talked of more complete individual identification and important info on our person during collecting trips into the quarries (and roadsides etc).

As many of us collectors are older and have potential physical conditions affecting us, it might be a good idea to put a wrist band on with our name, phone number to call in an emergency, meds, etc etc. This might be especially true for women collectors as most men have their wallets. Another good idea might be to put this info on a strip of masking tape (or other) and stick it to the outside or inside of our hard hats since we all wear them into the quarries. If any problems arise while on a field trip, the info is right there.

Bob Harman, President