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## **NEXT MEETING:**

**1:00 PM, Saturday, March 1, 2008**  
**Eastern Indiana Gem & Geological Society Show**  
**Wayne Co Fairgrounds, N Salisbury Rd, Richmond, IN**



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**PRESIDENT' MESSAGE**

Happy New Year everyone. Remember, dues are due again. A number of folks have sent them in, but many have yet to renew. \$15 for the first family member and \$10 for each additional person. Send to Lorraine Wright, Treasurer, 1505 S. Randolph St, Indianapolis, IN 46203.

We will have an informal meeting at 1:00PM on Saturday, March 1, at the Richmond, Indiana show. It is held at the Wayne Co. Fairgrounds, 861 N Salisbury Rd, Richmond, IN 47374. No program is planned and I will not be there as I will not have returned from Arizona by then. Those present may meet in the food service room and discuss any current issues. Someone please take notes and send them to me (strawdl@aol.com) and our newsletter editor, John Blue (jblue@n2net.net). The next meeting after that will be at the Cincinnati show on May 3. Ernie Carlson has arranged for **MSHA safety training** at the Fountain Square, Columbus, OH facility on Friday, April 4. Contact Ernie (ecarlson@kent.edu) if you will be there. Another class will be available at the Wegerzyn Center in Dayton OH on April 15; contact Kathy Kovacs-Bailey (jimkatbailey@aol.com) for info. Nelson Shaffer may have another session later in the year at Bloomington, IN. This training is also available in

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other locations. **Remember**, if you want to go on our field trips, you must have this training updated each year.

Set aside November 1 & 2 for the Symposium that Alan Goldstein is planning on the Central Kentucky Mineral District. See Alan's note in this newsletter for information. Sounds like it will be great!

Dave Straw

**MEETING MINUTES FOR SATURDAY, JANUARY 19, 2008**

Indiana State Museum, Indianapolis, Indiana

In attendance: Dave Straw, President; Lorraine Wright, Treasurer; Bob Armstrong, Nelson Shaffer, Peggy Fisherkeller, Len Gritzer, Linda Gritzer, Bob Harman, Dave Rush.

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm in the Museum Conference Room. Dave Straw welcomed attendees and guests and presented the day's program on Iron Minerals, to be given by Len Gritzer. After a very interesting program, Lorraine Wright gave the treasurers report. \$1226.13 is in savings and \$1331.01 is in checking. Dues are to be sent to Lorraine at 1505 S. Randolph, Indianapolis, IN 46203. A motion to accept last meeting's minutes as published was given and accepted.

Nelson Shaffer is up for re-election to the board of FOM. Voting can be accomplished through the website, but the newsletter has information about it as well.

A \$200.00 scholarship from the Friends of Mineralogy will serve as a memorial for recently deceased Bill Cook and Marlene Edington.

Field Trips: Erie Carlson is working on field trips to Sylvania, Auglaize and Lime City. No dates are set yet, though it may be in May. MSHA training will be on April 4 at the Fountain Square, Columbus, OH facility. A training at Wegerzyn Center in Dayton, OH on April 15 may also be a possibility. Nelson offered that the Indiana Geological Survey training may be a possibility as well. Contact Nelson for those dates.

Fliers from the Michigan club are available. Nelson offered that any appropriate fliers could be posted on the Indiana Geological Survey website.

The previously mentioned field trip rules were accepted. Nelson made the movement and Lorraine seconded it. A suggestion was made that new members might appreciate receiving a packet with these rules and other FOM information. Dave Straw will work on this.

The FOM, Midwest Chapter symposium will be on November 1 and 2. Further information will be in the newsletter. The dates and locations for this year's meetings are as follows: March 1, Richmond, Indiana; May 3, Cincinnati, Ohio; May 31, Columbus, Ohio; June 28, Bloomington, Indiana; September 6, Greenfield, Indiana; November 8, Cleveland, Ohio.

Nelson Shaffer had several items: A new Geode poster from the Indiana Geological Survey (IGS) is undergoing final review; The IGS is putting together a UV mineral display. Please come by and have a look and also see their walking tour; Nelson requested help for the FOM booth at Tucson. Let him know if you can be there. If you have any handouts for the FOM booth, get them to Nelson.

### Minutes of Meeting (Cont'd)

Earth Science week is at the end of October this year. An educational video, "The Natural History of Indiana" will be for sale. A new series, "Indiana Explorations" is looking for pitches. The National Geographic will be doing an article on diamonds and Nelson has an Indiana diamond that may be pictured in it.

Bob Harmon stated that Graves Mountain is open for collecting. Dave Rush wondered whether the MSHA certification is based on 1 year from date of issue or calendar date. It is based on 1 year from date of issue.

At 3:30, Bob Harmon motioned for the meeting to be adjourned and that motion was accepted.

*Editor's Note:* Thanks to Peggy Fishkeller of taking and sending the minutes of the January Meeting

## **FRIENDS OF MINERALOGY, MIDWEST CHAPTER 2008 SYMPOSIUM Central Kentucky Mineral District**

On November 1st and 2nd, 2008 the Friends of Mineralogy, Midwest Chapter, will host the first symposium on the Central Kentucky Mineral District, ever held for mineral collectors. This is among the older mining area districts west of the Appalachians. It was an early producer of lead and later was a source of calcite, zinc (primarily sphalerite), barite, and fluorite. Dozens of mines and prospect pits cover a large portion of the Inner Bluegrass, extending as far north as Owen County and as far south as Lincoln County

The symposium will be held at historic Shaker Village, located in the heart of the district. (They even have the Chinn Calcite Mine on their property!) All activities will be based at or from this location. We will be using their conference center for the banquet and program of speakers. Field trips will begin and end at the Village. Rooms are competitively priced and the food is renowned. Reserve your room when you register! Normally this is a very busy time for Shaker Village, but as this is Halloween weekend, more rooms are available than usual.

We have several major sponsors for this event. The Kentucky Crushed Stone Association will provide box lunches for all participants on both days. WMB Engineering, Inc. of Lexington will pay for the color printing of the symposium guidebook. The guest speakers will write the chapters - basically the subjects of the evening programs (which will have more stories and anecdotes). We anticipate the guidebook will run at least 30 pages and will include color photos of minerals from localities throughout the district

Registered participants will be transported to sites throughout the district in 15 passenger vans provided by our third sponsor - the Kentucky Geological Survey. Planned stops include two active limestone quarries with mineralized veins running through and several abandoned mines (with small dumps). A spectacular exposure of the Kentucky River fault zone will also be visited. We are using vans to move participants on the field trips because safety is paramount! Narrow country roads and scarce parking at several locations makes convoys impractical. We will provide "chase" trucks to carry your tools and specimens. Several stops still need to be confirmed with property-owners before the stops will be announced.

The Central Kentucky Mineral District has a history of producing fine specimens with diligence and luck. Typical ore material can include (alone or in combinations): barite, calcite, fluorite, galena, gypsum var. selenite, and sphalerite. We are working with mine owners to maximize access to mineral collecting opportunities, but do not want participants to have high expectations. People can get lucky, but do not expect to find good display quality specimens! The primary function of this symposium is educational. We will encourage participants to bring their surplus stock of good specimens for the swap / sale.

## 2008 Symposium (Cont'd)

The evening banquet will feature fine Kentucky cuisine followed by a series of presentations by knowledgeable speakers. Topics / speakers will include: Warren Anderson - Geological overview; Tab Farthing - Mining History; Alan Goldstein - Mineralogy overview; Ed O'Dell - Minerals of the Thomas Vein, Georgetown; Charles Oldham - Mines of the Lower Kentucky River; Danny Settles - Caldwell Stone Quarry; Bill McKenzie (not confirmed) - Mines and minerals of Mundy's Landing

Before the banquet, a swap and sale will be offered. Participants are encouraged to bring minerals. We will not charge a fee, but participants must be registered for the symposium. Local collectors will provide door prizes of good mineral specimens from the district

Shaker Village offers many activities for family members that do not share your interest in geology. Go to [www.shakervillageky.org](http://www.shakervillageky.org) to discover what it is about! There are motels in Harrodsburg, the closest major town. There are also campgrounds at nearby Herrington Lake, although we still need to find out if they are open this late in the season.

We hope to finalize the details and begin registration in the spring. Since only 50 slots are available, it will be offered to chapter FoM members first with a two month window, then it will be opened to the National FoM = chapters for another two months. Finally, if there are still some slots left, it will be opened to geology clubs in Kentucky and surrounding states. Respectfully submitted, Alan Goldstein January 16, 2008

### **2008 MEMBERSHIP DUE ARE PAST DUE**

The Midwest Chapter of Friends of Mineralogy and its parent organization operate on the calendar year. Most operating expenses for both organizations are mainly supported by membership dues. It is therefore essential that membership dues are paid promptly on or before the start of each calendar year. This will be the last issue of this newsletter you will receive if membership is not renewed promptly. *Please renew now!*

### **ONE ALERT READER**

This newsletter has at least one alert reader who called the following error to my attention. In the article on "Rust Minerals" I inadvertently typed "spectacular" hematite. The correct term is "specular" hematite. The error was not that of the author - John Blue, Editor

### **2008 SAFETY TRAINING & FIELD TRIPS**

We will need updated MSHA training certificates to gain entry to some quarries again this year. Our one day training session is set for 8:00 AM Friday April 4<sup>th</sup> at the Fountain Square ODNR facility, Columbus, Ohio 43229-6693. The address is: 2045 Morse Road, Columbus, Second Floor Conference Room. Stop at the guard-house and obtain a visitors pass. There is an exit off I-71 for Morse Rd. north of downtown Columbus. Be sure to notify me by March 28<sup>th</sup> if you are planning to attend the Columbus session. Another training session will be held in Dayton Ohio in conjunction with the Dayton Gem and Mineral Society. This one is scheduled for Tuesday April 15<sup>th</sup> 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM, at Wegerzyn Garden Center, 1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave., Dayton, Ohio 45414. You must notify Kathy Kovacs-Bailey by April 8<sup>th</sup> if planning to attend at: [jimkatbailey@aol.com](mailto:jimkatbailey@aol.com) or at home 937-426-0056.

Regarding field trips, I have contacted the Hanson Sylvania quarry for permission to enter but have received no reply yet. I think we can get permission to enter Shelly Materials quarries at Junction (Auglaize quarry), Lime City, and Maumee where we will need MSHA certificates. We apparently will not be able to enter Clay Center

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this year, although I'll keep trying. We should be able to get into the Genoa quarry again. Another concretion mineral trip to the West Branch of the Huron River will likely be offered. Will be shooting for a couple of Saturday trips in May (not May 3rd or 31st), with details coming up later.

Ernie Carlson, Vice President Field Trips, [ecarlson@kent.edu](mailto:ecarlson@kent.edu), Home:330-678-8875, Office:330-672-3778

**BREAD IS DANGEROUS**

More than 98% of convicted felons are bread users. More than 90% of violent crimes are committed within 24 hours of eating bread. Bread is made from a substance called "dough". It has been proven that as little as one pound of dough can be used to suffocate a mouse. The average American eats more bread than that in one month. Bread has been proven to be addictive. Subjects deprived of bread and given only water to eat begged for bread after as little as two days. Bread is baked at temperatures as high as 400 degrees F. That kind of heat can kill an adult in less than one minute. Fully **half** of all children who grow up in bread-consuming households score below average on standardized tests. *From Internet via AFMS News, Jan 2001*

**FRIENDS OF MINERALOGY-MIDWEST CHAPTER  
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM**

Dues are for the year January 1st through December 31st

Dues should be paid by January 15th

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

Dues: 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

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ADDITIONAL FAMILY MEMBER NAME(S) \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip

TELEPHONE NUMBER - Home \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_ Are you a commercial mineral dealer? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

If yes - Company Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Collecting Interests \_\_\_\_\_

Total Number of Memberships \_\_\_\_\_ Total Remittance \_\_\_\_\_

Newsletter via e-mail? YES. \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_