

Pacific Northwest Chapter



NEWSLETTER

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NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

August 15, 1992

Dear Friends and Fellow Collectors:

We've reached the midpoint of summer. I'm sure most of you spent the early summer in the hills at your favorite collecting localities in search of that extra special something that will be just right to donate to the F.M. Symposium auction in September. Those who got lucky may have even had time to collect a specimen or two for themselves. For the unfortunate, less lucky individuals who have not yet hit the "big one" this summer, take heart, the Symposium is still three weeks away. Get out there and get busy while the sun still shines.

The summer started out with two F.M. member hosted special events. Over 50 club members and other invited guests dropped by at our home near Seattle for an outdoor get together. Kristin and I unveiled our just completed mineral space. A number of people set up trading tables in the pasture and most everyone found something new to pack home with them. People socialized around the campfire well into the evening with a few even camping over night.

The gathering at Wallace, Idaho two weeks later was a huge success. Norm and Carla Radford were excellent hosts and arranged a number of activities for club members. People from as far away as B.C., Seattle, and central Oregon attended. The two day weekend included a dinner with slide show presentation by Norm, a private showing of Ben Sheppard's collection, and a tour of the Sierra Silver mine. The real treat however was on Sunday. Somehow, Norm was able to arrange for members to have access to the Omaha Dump at the Bunker Hill Mine for a few hours on Sunday morning. It is my understanding that this is the first time that anyone has been allowed on the mine dump since its closure. Since this is an E.P.A. toxic cleanup site it is doubtful that this will ever be permitted again. This was possibly a once in a lifetime opportunity. Most of the dump was bulldozed and grass seeded but everyone was able to find some representative micro pyromorphites. The afternoon collecting trip to the Little Giant Mine was also worthwhile. A short, but hot and steep hike, was rewarded with an abundance of micro

pyromorphites. People loaded up with all they were willing to carry back. All in all a very good weekend. This was undoubtedly one of the best informal F.M. gatherings to date.

There were not enough members at the June business meeting to conduct any formal business but one important item was discussed in depth. Arlene Handley, National F.M. President and local chapter member, has asked our local chapter to spearhead a project to develop mineral kits for school programs. Danny Steward, a member of our local education committee and an experienced curator and arts consultant, gave a detailed presentation on the project's needs and feasibility. This subject was re-introduced at the August meeting (see minutes of meeting). Here is an excellent opportunity to further one of F.M.'s primary goals; the promotion and protection of mineral specimens through education.

The Rock Candy mine field trip was canceled. Due to logistical problems and mis-communications as to who would be there and when, there was no field trip. Bob Jackson has suggested that we reschedule for next year, as this summer is extremely busy for him and another suitable date is hard to arrange. Hang onto your rainchecks and we'll put it back together for next season.

The highlight of the F.M. schedule comes in September. The Symposium is all set and a registration flyer has been sent out. It's only three weeks away so register now and contact the motel with room reservations as soon as possible. If you've been sitting on a donation to the auction please bring it to the Symposium. This Symposium should be a great one. Mike Groben has done an excellent job of putting it together and the program is exceptional. Flyers have gone out to over 1,450 people so make your plans early this year.

See you at the "Big Show" in September if not sooner in the hills.

Keep Rockin',

John L.

MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 15, 1992 MEETING AT SEATTLE UNIVERSITY

John Lindell opened the meeting with a discussion of various national issues that are of interest to our membership. It was pointed out that on July 22, 1992 the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies decided to take a pro-active role in trying to preserve what access rights we have to public lands. The American Lands Access Association (ALAA) has been organized as a non-profit corporation under I.R.S. Code 501 (c)(4). The President is Jon Spunaugle and the Treasurer is R. Ed Romack.

The ALAA is a 501 C 4 organization (permits lobbying) organized for the purpose of promoting and ensuring the right of amateur hobby collecting, recreational prospecting, mining and the use of public & private lands for educational and recreational purposes. To carry the voice of all amateur collectors and hobbyists to our elected officials, government regulators, and public land managers. Contributions are not deductible as charitable contributions for Federal Income Tax purposes.

For those interested in joining ALAA, an application form is attached.



AMERICAN LANDS ACCESS ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Please Enroll Me as a Member of the A.L.A.A.

Annual Membership Fee: Name _____

\$25.00 Address _____

City _____

Remit to: A.L.A.A.

R. Ed Romack, Treasurer
655 - 8th St.

Idaho Falls, ID 83401

HOBBY INTEREST _____

CLUB AFFILIATION _____

The April/May/June 1992 national FM Newsletter gave a chronological account of the seizing of *Tyrannosaurus rex* named "Sue" from the non-profit Black Hills Institute. Spirited discussion took place during our meeting. Although this issue is not mineral related, the real concern is the arbitrary exercise of power by representatives of the federal government. Will U.S. Attorneys seize quartz crystals next? A petition was circulated for those wishing to express their displeasure with the U.S. Attorney's office in Sioux Falls, SD.

During the business part of the meeting, the treasurer's report was presented and accepted. A motion was presented and passed transferring our locality ledger to Seattle University. It will be stored there as a "closed" document.

John Lindell mentioned that 1,450 flyers have gone out advertising our 18th Annual Mineralogical Symposium. The issue of magazine ads was discussed earlier in the year. At the time it was decided that the money saved from not placing ads would be instead used for a broad based mailing. There will be awards for the competitive events, so make sure you participate. Most important, bring good (keepers) specimens as donations for the auction. That is our major fund raiser to pay for the speaker's airfare and expenses.

The group acknowledged the very nice job Kristen Lindell did in preparing the symposium brochure. She is also designing this year's symposium T-shirt. I know each of us will want to buy one.

Mary Foster pointed out that the Puget Sound Gem and Mineral Show will run from September 18th through the 20th. Friends of Mineralogy will participate with five cases and several members are also special exhibitors. Mary Foster still needs, on loan, minerals from Northeast Washington for the Washington Mineral Council case.

Our mineral cases still need upgraded liners. John Lindell has again offered facilities so that FM members can prepare their own professional looking liners. The date chosen is **September 12th**. Plan to be at the Bayless Bindery in Renton by late morning. The cost will be \$12.00 per liner for supplies. Contact John Lindell, 206-432-4939 (home) or 226-6395 (after 3pm at work) for arrangements.

Under new business, national FM president Arlene Handley presented details of an educational project that national FM has initiated. A set of educational minerals and appropriate teaching aids would be developed for primary school use. Our own chapter member, Daniel-Harry Steward, would be engaged to design the materials including information sheets, slides, and posters. Steward brings to the project many years of arts management and museum affiliations. During the meeting Daniel-Harry showed us some preliminary information sheets he had developed. National FM has decided to use the State of Washington as a test area so there is ample opportunity for our Pacific Northwest members to get involved in this important project. Contact our education committee

chairman Dan Ice, (206)850-8067. National FM has already contributed \$200.00 seed money towards this project and Arlene Handley asked the Pacific Northwest Chapter to contribute \$50.00. After discussion, there was unanimous approval for us to set aside a \$50.00 appropriation towards the education project.

It was pointed out that the chapter can purchase a Noble Witt built Federation style case for \$35.00. The purchase was approved by the members at the meeting.

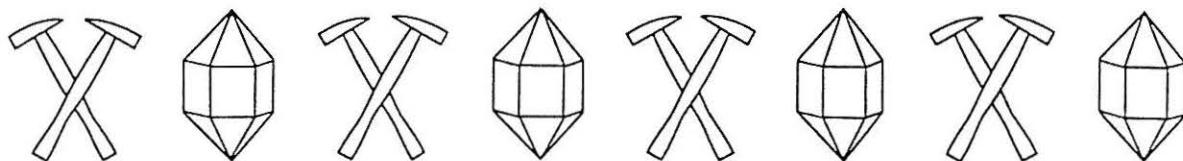
John Lindell presented a wonderful idea - that is, to honor some of our distinguished members for their service to the Friends of Mineralogy. Carl Harris will develop the idea for approval at our next meeting.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Raymond Lasmanis
Secretary

MEETING NOTICE

The next Pacific Northwest FM meeting will be in Olympia on Saturday, November 14th. Since the Geology and Earth Resources Division will have moved into the new Natural Resources Building on Capitol Campus, the location of the meeting will be announced in a subsequent newsletter.



TREASURER'S REPORT:
AUGUST 1992

Balance as of April 1992 -
\$1,478.15

Expenditures

Treas Supplies	8.69
Postage	103.99
Yearly Corp. Dues	10.00
Mar/Aug Bank Chgs 8.00 each	48.00
National Dues	160.00
91 Symp Phone Bill (M. Groben)	70.00
Heldref Pub (mailing list)	80.00
John Lindell phone bill	43.00
('92 symposium) Jeff Scovil (airfare)	271.00
('92 symposium) Q. Wight (airfare)	382.66
'92 symposium postage	450.00
TOTAL	1,627.34

Deposits

Dues	368.00
Symposium pre- registration	60.00
TOTAL	428.00

Ending Balance as of August 10,
1992 - \$279.31

Cheryl Stewart
Treasurer

