



PNWFM NEWSLETTER

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Greetings, mineral lovers!

Winter is usually quiet for PNWFM, with many in the mineral community travelling south to Tucson. I love getting a break from the dreary gray of the Washington winter and a visit to a world class mineral show is the perfect excuse for a trip. This year, I will give a presentation on the 2016 theme, "Shades of Blue." If you are in Tucson for the show, come and hear the talks on Saturday, Feb. 13! I have given a preview of a few photos from the presentation elsewhere in this newsletter.



President's Message

Complaints and Suggestions

Every newsletter and event, I ask people to give me their comments on how we're doing. "How can PNWFM better serve you and the mineral collecting community?" Most are hesitant to say much, but once in a while, I get an earful. There are two general themes to the responses:

Less experienced members want more opportunity to learn at their level.

I've written about this one in the past and feel it is very important to our future, especially as we try to grow the membership. Maybe we could organize an informal one-day event every year that gives people a chance to learn collecting techniques, get help with mineral ID, explore some chemistry or crystallography, etc. In the past, I've tried to think of how to shoehorn this into our annual symposium, but I think it spreads our resources too thin at this time. I would love to hear more ideas from people about how to accomplish this within our organization.

The structure of the symposium could use some tweaks.

Number one complaint: "We don't like the banquet." The specifics vary, "don't like that it takes away from the quieter, small group social time in the dealer rooms", "don't like paying for food that I don't like", "there are minerals to explore and I don't want to sit around eating for hours."

Ironically, the banquet social time is also one of the things people like best. From the organization's point of view, the banquet is the time when we formally announce contest winners and awards and is one of the main fundraisers for the operation of PNWFM.

Don't worry, the banquet is not going to disappear, but I'd like to hear specif-

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ically from members who have opinions and suggestions on this topic. It will be an agenda item for our May business meeting at Seattle Mineral Market.

Symposium – October 14-16, 2016

We have been doing a bit of fine tuning to the theme for this year's PNWFM symposium. The general theme voted on in October was "Minerals of Butte and other Copper Localities", but we'd like something a little catchier, so some current ideas are:

"Butte and Bisbee, Copper in the USA"

"Butte, Bisbee and the Upper Peninsula"

Allan is working on getting our speakers lined up and I'm sure it will be a fantastic program!

We will announce the full program soon, but meanwhile, please consider bringing a display. One of the best aspects of our symposium is that PNWFM members share parts of their fantastic collections. I will be bringing a display of copper minerals this year, given that much of my blue collection does contain copper, but there is no requirement that the displays be "on theme."

Seattle Mineral Market 2016

Organized by Bart Cannon, the Seattle Mineral Market is in its tenth year. The Mineral Market was originally conceived as a simple opportunity for local collectors to trade and sell, but grew rapidly into much more. In addition to a couple of dozen non-commercial collectors, you will find a number of mineral dealers from the region and even a few from farther afield – all focused on minerals!

PNWFM will hold our semi-annual business meeting on Saturday afternoon (time will be announced in the May newsletter.)

May 21-22: 10 am – 6 pm

Lake City Community Center

12531 28th Ave NE, Seattle, WA 98125

For more information, visit their web site: www.seattlem mineralmarket.com or Facebook event page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1610679662528636/>

Member Participation: Even more ways to get involved!

Write an article or send in a few photos for the newsletter. Going to a Tucson? Send us a trip report! Find a weird fuzzy green mineral you'd like to share? Send us a photo whether you can positively identify it or not; I think mysteries are as fun as scholarly certainty. Thanks to Wes Gannaway, Beth Heesacker, Karen Hinderman, Al Liebetrau, Bob Meyer, Don Newsome, Lanny Ream, Alexander Schauss, and myself for providing newsletter content so far this year.

Buy and sell, meet and socialize with other collectors at the Seattle Mineral Market: **May 21-22, 2016** at Lake City Community Center, 12531 - 28th Ave NE, Seattle, WA 98125. See seattlem mineralmarket.com for details.

Plan to attend our 2016-2017 symposia:

October 14-16, 2016 **Butte and Bisbee, Copper in the USA**

October 13-15, 2017 **Minerals of Morocco**

"Like" our official Facebook page: facebook.com/PNWFM

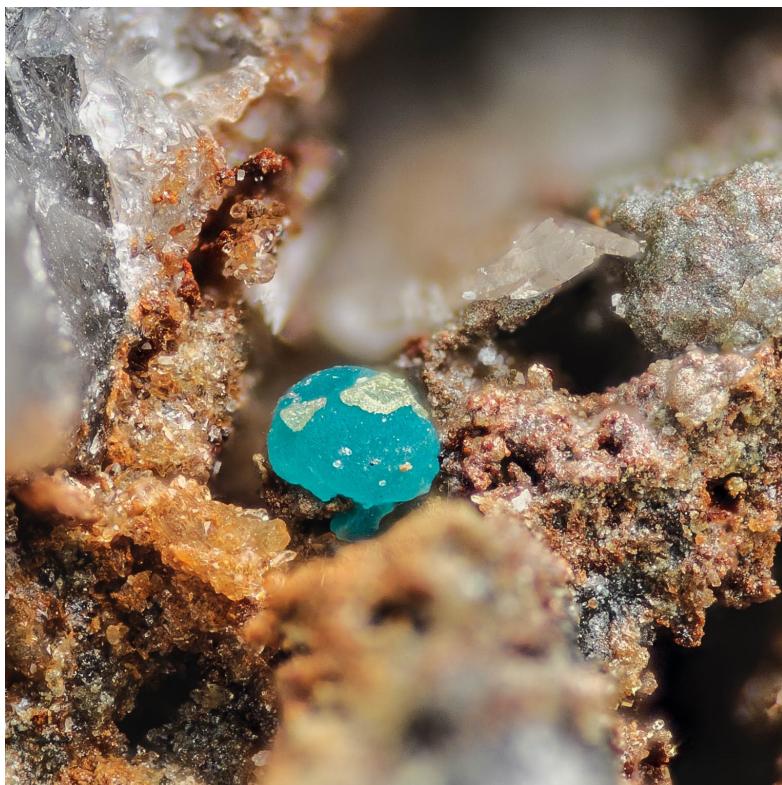
Visit the Rice NW Museum of Rocks and Minerals in Hillsboro, OR. PNWFM members get free admission and store discounts. ricenorthwestmuseum.org

Send me ideas for how PNWFM can better serve you and the mineral collecting community.

Until next time,

-- Bruce Kelley, President, PNWFM

Shades of Blue by Bruce Kelley



Rosasite and Chlorargyrite, Silver
Coin Mine, Humboldt Co., NV.
FOV: 1.29 mm



Sampleite from Engaño Fe-
liz Mine, Copiapó Prov.,
Atacama Region, Chile.
FOV: 2.54 mm



Serpierite from Mi Fiel
Rosita Mine, Huasco
Prov., Atacama Region,
Chile. FOV: 1.59 mm

Cyanotrichite from Maid of
Sunshine Mine, Cochise Co.,
AZ. FOV: 2.2 mm



PNWFM Minutes

October 11, 2015

Thirty four members were present when President Bruce Kelley opened the annual symposium meeting with many thanks to all involved in helping to make this another great symposium. Bruce thanked volunteers, exhibitors, dealers and participants.

Minutes from the May 16, 2015, meeting were approved after one adjustment. Our club purchased the wireless microphone system. We did not share the cost with the museum. Treasurer's report was presented by Linda Smith.

Symposium News: We need a volunteer to be responsible for the registration packets for next year's symposium. This involves printing, copying, stuffing, and more of the envelopes we pick up when we arrive at the symposium. Contests were discussed. How do we get more members involved in the contests? It was suggested that publicity for contests should begin several months ahead of time by publishing in the newsletter, on the website, and possibly an email to members. Forms need to be readily available at the registration desk as soon as the symposium opens. We should have a popular vote for the best specimen in a case. This year Rob Woodside did an outstanding job with the advanced Mineral ID quiz, yet we still need more participation! We had a difficult time filling cases in the main room this year. Again, how do we get members involved in sharing their collections by displaying? Thanks to the Heesackers we now have liners for all the cases. There are a few cases with electrical or mechanical issues that will need to be fixed before our next symposium. It was hoped that Paypal would be up and running for this symposium but there have been some challenges. We will continue to work on this option. After much discussion and voting, we have a theme for our 2016 and 2017 symposiums: 2016 Butte and Copper Minerals, 2017 Minerals of Morocco. Other themes with high vote tallies to consider for the future include PNW Minerals and Minerals of the Himalaya.

Future activities including field trips and the annual WA Pass cleanup were discussed. One of the biggest challenges with field trips is liability. It was suggested that we look into a hold harmless clause to be added to annual membership. This would be a form that members sign annually. Some clubs have members pay a fee to cover liability insurance. We have many members who would like to see us offer field trips as club activities so this needs to be investigated more thoroughly. It was suggested that if any members are going out collecting and wouldn't mind others joining them, that an informal invitation could be sent out via email. It was suggested that members check out the NW Rockhounds Facebook page. They offer field trips. Also, the WA State Mineral Council offers field trips via local rockhounding clubs. Check out their website for information. In the future we should look at having a club Field Trip Leader and a club Safety Chair.

We continue to struggle with our educational outreach. We need to try and notify local community colleges and universities to promote our symposium and hobby. In the past we tried offering a discount to students. Should we try this again? How do we get the word out if we do?

We reviewed the benefits of membership to the Rice Museum. It was moved, seconded and voted on that we pay the \$500 and continue with our group membership.

There was a discussion on where to get a group discount rate on advanced mineral ID services such as xray diffraction. Some suggestions included talking to George Mustoe and Western Washington; Al Liebetrau knows an individual, but he is costly; Bart Cannon may be another option, yet cost is a factor; Lanny Ream is willing to look at minerals for \$10 per specimen. He commented that black minerals do not work.

Official election of the new board for 2016 and 2017 resulted in the following:

President: Bruce Kelley, Vice President: Gary Hinderman, Treasurer: Jim Etzwiler, Secretary: Karen Hinderman.

Meeting adjourned.

Karen Hinderman, Secretary



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PNWFM CALENDAR

Micro-Mineral Study Group — May 7, 2016, 9-5
Clark County P. U. D. Building
1200 Fort Vancouver Way
Vancouver, Washington

Seattle Mineral Market - May 21- 22, 2016, 10 -6
Lake City Community Center,
12531 NE 28th Ave NE, Seattle, WA 98125

NCMA Conference—June 3—5, 2016
Eldorado Community Hall
6139 Pleasant Valley Rd.
Eldorado, CA

42nd Annual PNWFM Symposium, October 14—16, 2016
Minerals of Butte and other Copper Localities
Red Lion Inn
Kelso, Washington

2017: 43rd Annual PNWFM Symposium, October 13—15, 2017
Minerals of Morocco
Red Lion Inn
Kelso, Washington