



PNWFM



President's Message Toby Seim

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Greetings All,

The pandemic environment has been challenging in many different aspects but has shown us what we can accomplish when we stand together. As we continue to build a culture of inclusion that supports diversity in its broadest sense, let our PNWFM organization lead by our actions to engage each other to listen and share, as well as strive to learn and understand each other's experiences and perspectives.

Determining how our mineral events and activities advance is no easy feat. Just because a state, province or region removes restrictions does not mean PNWFM will return to "normal conditions". We are within a higher range of risk and ensuring the health of our members is priority over everything. In order to return to "normal conditions" there will need to be full assessment and concurrence by our executive board in assisted by member input.

Our May 24th, 2020 FM meeting was a true reflection of empowerment to our members and all suggested input being carefully considered. These won't always be easy discussions – and may be uncomfortable at times – but it will make us stronger and I commit to personally leading our efforts to build an inclusive Friends of Mineralogy – Pacific Northwest Chapter culture we can all be proud of.

Symposium 2020

The Talks

The annual Symposium, *Aesthetic Minerals – Color & Crystallography*, will not be held onsite at the Red Lion Inn this year. Due to current conditions and the unknown conditions within the upcoming months, we will be presenting a Virtual Symposium. The Virtual Symposium will consist of our speaker presentations being pre-recorded then displayed on Saturday, October 17th, 2020 with a live segment (with the speakers) for questions and answers at the time of the showing. This is exciting because it will allow registered members to interact from the comfort of their homes. In addition, we will have our first fully recorded Symposium where the content can be utilized in future activities.

Special thanks to Julian Gray for providing a fantastic proposal and taking a lead role to work with the talented Bryan Swoboda, Blue Cap Productions, in providing a great solution to address symposium talks.

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Vendors & Auction

Because our annual Symposium is a key event for member vendors, we plan to ensure there is a live feed/online show for our vendors to make sales and participate. Brittany Burkhardt is currently working towards developing the process/conditions and will communicate further instructions once finalized.

As criteria of the 2020 Virtual Symposium (*Aesthetic Minerals – Color & Crystallography*) start to take shape, stay tuned for an event flyer which will communicate in full detail, the event activities, conditions and processes. Through adversity, new ideas and discoveries are developed. I am excited to see the end result of the 2020 Symposium. Thanks to all involved.

-Toby Seim, President, PNWFM

May 24, 2020

PNWFM Minutes of Virtual Meeting

President, Toby Seim, called the meeting to order. Ten members were present. Toby wished all members good health.

Old Business:

The video tour of the PNW display at Whatcom Museum has been captured. Still on the agenda for the video are personal interviews.

Case repairs – We have six cases with various issues. Le Snelling volunteered to repair the cases. Bruce Kelley, treasurer, will order any parts needed. Karen and Gary Hinderman will coordinate with Bruce and Le to get this project completed.

New Business:

Symposium 2020 – Jessica Robertson, symposium chair, was introduced. She is a lifelong collector who is growing into a key player in the mineral world. Welcome Jessica.

We spent the majority of the meeting discussing options for our annual symposium. With the corona virus pandemic still a concern, we must think about the health of our members. Should we continue as usual, postpone, or have a virtual symposium?

After much discussion, a motion was made, seconded, and passed (10 yes, 0 opposed), to hold a virtual symposium Saturday, October 17, 2020, instead of a live symposium. The theme remains the same: *Aesthetic Minerals – Color & Crystallography*.

Julian Gray suggested we hire Bryan Swoboda, Blue Cap Productions, to videotape speakers and their power points. After each presentation, the speaker could host a live chat for questions.

Motion/seconded/passed to hire Bryan Swoboda to be our videographer for the 2020 virtual symposium.

We discussed having 3 – 5 talks. Ray Hill volunteered to be one of the speakers. The symposium committee will discuss the number of talks and speakers at a separate meeting.

Next, we discussed vendors. We discussed the Seattle Mineral Market's virtual show, how it was presented, and how it could be improved for our group. Discussion included having a set of rules for vendors to follow such as providing information about locality and specifics about each specimen (just like a great label). We also discussed limiting vendors to those involved in PNWFM. Motion/seconded/passed to work with Brittany Burkhardt and the rest of the symposium committee to come up with a viable plan for vendors to have a virtual show.

We discussed whether it was feasible to have a live auction. Symposium committee will need to discuss this further.

Finally, we had a discussion about fees. Should there be a fee for viewing the virtual symposium or should it be free? Motion/seconded/passed (one opposed) that you must be a current member of PNWFM to view the virtual symposium on October 17, 2020. This will include the Q & A with the speaker and the vendor show. The goal is for all members to pay their annual dues by October 17. We may also ask members for donations to help curb the costs of the videographer.

In other business, we discussed the annual camping clean-up project. Again, in order to protect the health of our members, we will cancel this event. Those wishing to gather may do so unofficially.

Good of the Order: Jessica has a zoom account which we can use in the future. The Rice NW Museum of Rocks & Minerals has a new interim curator, Angela Piller. We will need to reach out to her soon to continue our collaboration with the museum.

Meeting adjourned.

Karen Hinderman, Secretary

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Editor's Note: Some of you may have read my article in the last edition on collecting last winter. Since then I have been taking advantage of the quarantine and been taking stacked pictures of some portions of the Lundgren micro-mineral collection that I purchased in Tucson. Enjoy and stay safe and healthy!



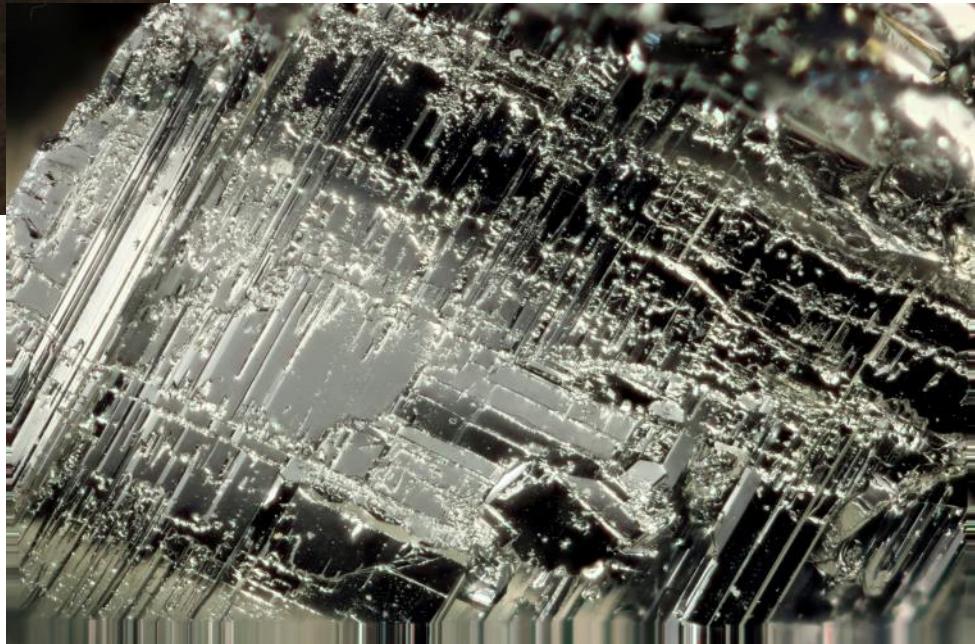
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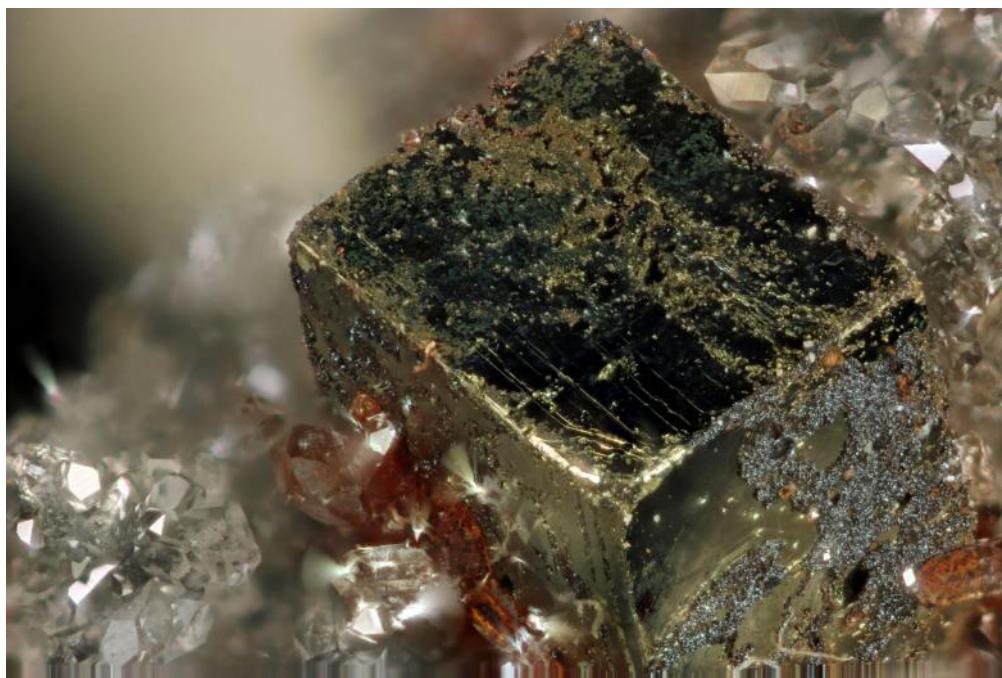
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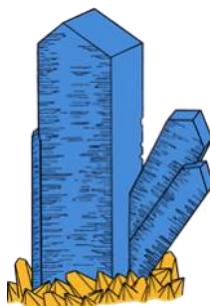
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### MINERAL MEETING CALENDAR

#### 2020:

##### **Washington Pass Cleanup Cancelled**

August-September

##### **Seattle Mineral Market Rescheduled**

August 29-30

Lake City Community Center

12531 28th Ave NE Seattle, WA 98125

##### **46th annual PNWFM Symposium Virtual**

Theme - *Aesthetic Minerals*

*Aesthetic Minerals – Color & Crystallography*

October 17 -- See President's Message for information

##### **Micro Mineral Study Group ?**

November 7, 11 am to 4:30 pm

Camas-Washougal Fire Station #42

4321 NW Parker Street

Camas, Washington