

Dear Friend of Mineralogy:

I'll attempt, in this brief newsletter, to tell you what has been going on with FM, where we are at present, and of our future plans. For what has happened, let's begin with the report of our Secretary, Bob Trimingham, for the General FM Meeting at Tucson, Arizona:

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF FRIENDS OF MINERALOGY
February 14, 1976

The annual general meeting of Friends of Mineralogy was called to order at 4:10 p.m. by President H. Earl Pemberton in a meeting room of the Tucson Community Center, Tucson, Arizona. About 120 people were in attendance.

President Pemberton thanked Paul Moore and Bill Panczner for their work on the joint FM/MSA conference to be held Sunday, February 15. Paul Moore then reported on the conference. At least 200 people have registered. The future of the joint meetings would be discussed after the joint session was over. Discussion of the location and spacing of the meetings then followed. President Pemberton stated his hope that annual FM/MSA meetings be held at Tucson for the next year or two. He asked that suggestions for the joint conference be sent to Paul Moore, Dick Erd, Clifford Frondel, Bill Panczner, or himself.

The President then reported on the highlights of the Special FM Board Meeting of February 13, 1976. The structure of local FM chapter organization has been worked out and approved. The exact extent of "local" was not defined. Pennsylvania, Detroit, and the Northwest were mentioned as prospective chapters. Decisions on chapter financing, incorporation, names, etc. were reached.

Barbara Muntyan was introduced, and she reported on the progress of the Locality Register project. She called for volunteers to examine the first print-out of the Register and make corrections and additions.

The Locality Preservation project was mentioned. A casebook of preservation examples is being prepared and will be presented in the *Mineralogical Record*. Chairman of the project is Mike Groben, Route 1, Box 16, Coos Bay, Oregon 97420. FM members were urged to contact Mike.

The guidelines for forming FM chapters will be prepared and mailed to interested members.

Del Oswald reported for Veryl Carnahan on the results of the FM election. 370 ballots were received. The six nominees for director (three-year term) were all elected. Among the comments received on ballots, one stated a need to know more about the people nominated. It was proposed that a nominating committee list the background and qualifications of the people running.

The new FM officers were introduced by Earl Pemberton. They are Dick Erd (President), Arthur Johnstone (Vice President), Robert

Trimingham (Secretary), and Abel Selburn (Treasurer). Dick Erd then thanked Earl for his work on behalf of FM the past two years.

President Erd called for volunteers to serve on a membership committee and a nominating committee. He then described his training and background and called for more help from professional mineralogists in working closer with interested amateurs.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Robert Trimingham
Secretary, Friends of Mineralogy

Our financial status was presented at the Tucson Meeting by our Treasurer, Abel Selburn, as follows:

TREASURER'S REPORT
(as of January 31, 1975)

Starting Cash Received from Wayne Leicht \$2,817.96
Balance - January 31, 1975 \$3,598.55

EXPENDITURES:

Awards	\$ 75.00
President's Expenses	457.39
Secretarial Expenses	179.71
Accounting Charge	50.00
Treasurer's Expenses	27.92
(including Bank charges)	
<i>Mineralogical Record</i>	2752.50
Projects (indecks)	35.75
Locality Project	42.12
Region 1	32.61
Region 3	68.65
Region 5	69.60
Region 12	559.71

An interim Treasurer's Report (as of July 31, 1976), also prepared by Abel, shows that we had Cash on Hand of \$2,153.74 and a Savings Account balance of \$2,250.00 not including accrued interest.

AT PRESENT. The regional concept of FM has been abandoned in favor of the organization of individual chapters in an attempt to provide better contact between members at the local level. The size of an FM Chapter may vary from a minimum of ten members to an areal chapter such as the Pennsylvania Chapter that was formerly FM Region 3. Information on the Issuing of and Application for a Charter for a Chapter may be obtained by writing to the

Secretary:

Mr. Robert J. Trimmingham
5319 Charlotte Way
Livermore, California 94550

The Chapter organization represents much effort on the part of the Vice-President, Art Johnstone, who drafted the guidelines for establishing the chapters, and I'd like to take this occasion to thank him on behalf of FM. If this reorganization results in a stronger FM, and we feel that it will, then it will have been well worth the effort. There are a few "growing pains" accompanying the change, but this is typical for any organization.

It was also decided that the financial affairs of each individual Chapter should be handled by themselves and that they should incorporate under the laws of the particular state in which they are located. This is fully explained in the information on the Issuing of Charters, but I mention it here in connection with a very frequently asked (and reasonable) question: "What does FM do with the \$5.00 dues that I send them?" Presently, dues are used first to support the *Mineralogical Record* (see the Treasurer's Report), for the FM Column in the *MR*, for operating expenses, and for building reserves for our forthcoming projects such as the Locality Register Project. In the past, a portion of our dues were used to reimburse expenses incurred by the various Regions. Now that this will no longer be the case, perhaps we can lower our dues accordingly. We should examine this question at our next meeting at Tucson this February.

FUTURE PLANS. The Mineralogical Society of America and the Friends of Mineralogy are planning to have a third joint meeting at Tucson on February 12-14, 1977, in conjunction with the Tucson Gem and Mineral Society Annual Show. Mr. Arthur Roe will be General Chairman for this meeting and will be assisted by Mr. William D. Panczner (both at the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum, Tucson). Dr. Gordon E. Brown, Stanford University, will be the Technical Chairman for the Symposium. Dr. Brown's request for papers (which appeared in the last issue of *The American Mineralogist*) is repeated here. Note that although the deadline is close at hand all that is required at this point is the title plus a brief outline.

THIRD JOINT MSA-FM MEETING AND SYMPOSIUM

Tucson, Arizona
February 13-14, 1977

"CRYSTAL GROWTH AND HABIT"

In February of 1974 and 1976 joint meetings of the Mineralogical Society of America - Friends of Mineralogy were held in Tucson, Arizona in conjunction with the Annual Tucson Gem and Mineral Show. Last year's MSA-FM symposium on the "Crystal Chemistry and Paragenesis of the Gem Minerals" was so successful that the organizing committee has scheduled a third joint MSA-FM meeting and symposium to be held on February 13-14, 1977 in Tucson, Arizona.

The topic chosen for next year's symposium is "Crystal Growth and Habit". Dr. Kurt Nassau of Bell Laboratories will present the keynote address on the topic "Gems: Science, Beauty and Deception". Twenty-four titles are solicited for the technical sessions which include Session I on crystal growth, morphology and compositional variations of minerals, natural and synthetic (12 papers), and Session II on general topics (12 papers). Each presentation shall be 30 minutes in length with an additional 10 minutes for discussion.

Because of the mixture of professional and non-professional mineralogists that will attend these technical sessions, general papers are favored over highly specialized ones. Topics concerning crystal growth, chemical zonation, crystal morphology, the genesis of twinned crystals, and the occurrence and genesis of crystals of varied and unusual habit are especially welcome.

Titles of papers with a brief outline of the topics should be mailed to:

Professor Gordon E. Brown
Department of Geology
Stanford University
Stanford, California 94305

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF TITLES AND OUTLINES: SEPTEMBER 30, 1976

Authors will be notified of the status of their papers by October 31. If accepted, a 250 word abstract will be requested.

ADVANCE REGISTRATION

Because of heavy attendance at the concurrent Tucson Gem and Mineral Show, prospective attendants of the Mineralogical Society of America - Friends of Mineralogy Third Joint Meeting are urged to request advance registration. The necessary forms can be obtained by writing to:

Mr. Arthur Roe, General Chairman
MSA-FM Third Joint Meeting
Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum
P.O. Box 5607
Tucson, Arizona 85703

More on the 1977 Tucson Meeting. There will be a Micromount Symposium, chaired by Neal Yedlin, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Monday night. No registration will be required for this meeting.

A Field Trip is *tentatively* planned for the Washington Camp area near Patagonia, Arizona. This is one of the oldest mining areas in Arizona and is famous for Japan twin quartz crystals. There are many other specimens to be collected by the micromounter to the cabinet collector in this area. Details will appear in the next newsletter.

New Book. From the Spring Edition of the Friends of Mineralogy, Pennsylvania Chapter:

"Friends of Mineralogy, Pennsylvania is updating 'The Mineralogy of Pennsylvania 1965-1975' with a new book that will be published

in the near future. Since Dr. Montgomery's 'The Mineralogy of Pennsylvania 1922-1965' approximately 50 new species have been recorded for the state. The new mineralogy will include pictures of collecting areas, collectors and minerals. We need additional pictures of old time collecting areas, collectors and minerals. The donor will be given credit for any picture used and all pictures will be returned. Pictures should be sent to Martin L. Anné, 509 Maple St., Wrightsville, Pennsylvania 17368."

Symposium. And, from the Friends of Mineralogy, Pacific Northwest Chapter, an announcement of a Symposium on "Pegmatite Minerals and Gems" to be held at the Sheraton Hotel, Portland, Oregon, on October 2, 1976:

"The Friends of Mineralogy, Pacific N.W. Chapter, is sponsoring the 2d annual Northwest Mineral Symposium. The theme this year is Minerals and Gems from Pegmatites. The purpose of this symposium is to bring together fellow mineral and crystal collectors to hear eminent speakers. There will also be a mineral auction, dealers, displays, and ample time to visit and generally exchange ideas and specimens." Speakers and topics are Frederick Pough (Pegmatites), W. L. Roberts (Phosphate minerals of the Black Hills), Richard H. Jahns (Pegmatite minerals of southern California), and Anthony Kampf (Mineralogy of Palermo #1 Mine, N.H.). Further information may be obtained from:

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Seattle, Washington 98122

Next Newsletter. I intend to put out another newsletter in November together with the ballots for the next election of Board of Directors. If you have items which should appear, please send them to me:

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Palo Alto, California 94306

If there are many items some of them may have to be condensed. However, all news, suggestions, gripes, or whatever are welcome. You are the Friends of Mineralogy and the success of our organization depends upon *your* help and thoughts.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Richard C. Erd
President, Friends of Mineralogy

P.S. I have just received the following report from Barbara Muntyan, who has been putting in much time on the Locality Register project:

LOCALITY REGISTER

Work on FM's Locality Register is continuing to progress, although somewhat slower than originally anticipated. The first draft, which was presented to the Board of Directors at the February meeting in Tucson, has now been sent out to the initial group of reviewers and their corrections are coming in. In many cases the corrections and additions have been very extensive.

Barb Muntyan's husband John had a ruptured disc and a rough time of it earlier this year, and she apologizes for not acknowledging all the many people who have put in many valuable hours of effort on the Register. She had her hands full just trying to cope with John's illness and with keeping track of the incoming data. She sends a special "thank you" to all of the volunteers.

The second draft of the Register is now in preparation, with all the corrections and new entries currently being computer-coded. A clean run of this second version should be ready some time in October. It will then be submitted to a second group of reviewers for additional corrections. The final editorial review board, consisting of Dick Erd, John Sinkankas, and Barbara Muntyan, will then make the final judgment on size and scope for the finished product. While we wish that we could include all the information gathered so far, simple costs of publication will limit us to a modest-sized companion to the Glossary of Mineral Species. Hopefully, as for the Glossary, we shall also be able to produce a bigger and better second edition later on.