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MEETINGS: Second Sunday of the month except June, July and August.

PLACE: Small Business Development Center, 300 E. Auburn Ave.,
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TIME: 2:00 P.M.
Guests are always welcome!

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Purpose and Memberships

The objectives of the Miami Valley Mineral and Gem Club are:

To promote interest and increased knowledge in the fields of mineralogy, geology, and the lapidary arts.

To further the art of mounting and setting stones.

To encourage the collecting, identifying and displaying of specimens in these fields.

The annual dues are \$7.50 for an individual membership, \$10 for a couple, or \$12 for a family membership.

This club is a member of the Midwest Federation of Mineralogical and Geological Societies (MWF), which is a member of The American Federation of Mineralogical Societies (AFMS).



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**APRIL BIRTHDAYS**

Joan Fulton Apr 10
Andreas Ruben Apr 12

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

Spring Banquet...CANCELED Swap Date...June 12-13, 2004 Show Date...October 2-3, 2004

President's Message

It's official now; I read it in the AFMS Newsletter. "The Miami Valley Mineral and Gem Club in Springfield, Ohio, honors Joyce Perry, as our rockhound of the year." Thank you for being here Joyce.

I hope every one got the word. This year Easter came on the second Sunday in April. The club voted to change the meeting to the third Sunday for the April meeting. This was the first time the club has done this I hope no one was hurt by the change. Also the spring banquet was canceled for this year.

A good note from last meeting was the program. Fluorite is one of my favorite minerals. I hope everyone present learned more about this beautiful, useful, available, and affordable mineral. Thanks Andreas, good program.

Seems as if all the local shows are early this year. Either that or I'm just getting slower. I'm not ready slow down. I hope you all have an enjoyable spring break and Easter. Now back to work yard work and spring cleaning we have to hurry up and get with it. Oh well it beats the alternative.

Hugh Fulton (President)



MARCH 14, 2004

The president, Hugh Fulton, opened the meeting.

The chaplain, Udean Babyak, shared a devotional entitled, "A Friendship Bouquet."

The minutes of the February meeting were read and approved. Joyce Perry presented the treasurer's report for February. It was accepted.

REPORTS: EDITOR, Phil Lind shared with us his efforts to learn his new duties.

REFRESHMENTS, Joyce Perry announced that she had placed a sign up sheet at the back of the room for people who could bring refreshments and rock displays.

SUNSHINE, it was reported that Emory Stewart had had a heart attack following oral surgery. He and Beth are staying at the Inn at Fox Run in Enon. They need assistance because Beth is subject to falls. They may decide to move to Pittsburgh, Kansas to be near family.

LIASON: Hugh Fulton discussed an article in the AFMS newsletter on legislation that would make it very difficult for amateurs to collect fossils and rocks. He encouraged members to write to their Congressmen about this proposal.

PROGRAM: Since our next meeting would fall on Easter Sunday, it was decided to move it back a week to April 18th. Phil Lind moved that we make the change, Andreas Ruben seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. "How to Organize Your Collection," will be the subject of the meeting. Plans for the Spring Banquet were then considered. Udean Babyak moved that we cancel the banquet for this year; Kay Faux seconded the motion and it too, was passed unanimously.

Joyce Perry reported that our subscription to the Lapidary Journal had been cancelled and that the new 2004 Membership Directories were available to be picked up.

The meeting was adjourned for refreshments and a program on the mineral Fluorite presented by Andreas and Katrin Ruben.

Richard Faux, (Recording Secretary)



REMEMBER APRIL'S MEETING WILL BE ON THE 18TH



APRIL PROGRAM

PROGRAM - HOW TO ORGANIZE YOUR COLLECTION

REFRESHMENTS - Dick & Kay Faux



Future Programs and Refreshments:

May Program: - (Movie) Petrified Forest (AZ) **Refreshments –** Becky Dobbs
(Members please bring in samples of any petrified woods you may have collected)

June: – Club Swap

July: - no meeting

August: - no meeting

September Program: unavailable at this time **Volunteer needed for refreshments**

October Program: – unavailable at this time **Refreshments -Jim & Udean Babyak**

November Program: - unavailable at this time **Refreshments – Ed & Marie Shinabarger**

December Program – Annual Christmas Party



UPCOMING SHOWS & EVENTS:

- **APR 3-4 CINCINNATI, OH**

GEO FAIR 2004, 40TH ANNUAL GEM, MINERAL, FOSSIL & JEWELRY SHOW OF GR. CINTI. CINCINNATI CONVENTION CENTER, 5TH & ELM. SAT 10-7 SUN 11-5

- **APR 16-18TH INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA**

6TH ANNUAL INDIANAPOLIS SPRING GEM, MINERAL & JEWELRY SHOW. INDIANA STATE FAIRGROUNDS
FRIDAY AND SATURDAY 10-6, SUNDAY 11-5. ADM. \$3.00

- **APR 24-25TH TROY, OHIO**

21ST TROY GEM, MINERAL, FOSSIL AND JEWELRY SHOW; MIAMI COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS, TROY, OHIO
SAT. 10-6, SUN 10-5

- **APR 23-25, 2004 CEDAR RAPIDS, IA**

2004 MIDWEST FEDERATION SHOW AND CONVENTION
FOR MORE INFORMATION CHECK OUT; WWW.ANGELFIRE.COM/IA3/CVRMS (ALL LOWERCASE)
4400 6TH ST SW
FRI 10-6; SAT 8:30-6; SUN 9:30-5

- **APR. 23-25TH, ROSEVILLE, MI**

MT. CLEMENS-MACOMB COUNTY GEM & LAPIDARY SOCIETY ANNUAL SHOW
ROSEVILLE RECREATION CENTER, 18185 SYCAMORE
FRI & SAT 10-7, SUN 11-5 ADM. - FAMILY \$5, ADULT \$2, 12-17 \$1

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FEDERATION NEWS



If you are heading out to the MWF show and convention in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, be sure to read the April MWF newsletter before going. There is quite an article on places to collect minerals in Iowa while in the area. There should be a copy of the newsletter at our meeting on **April 18th**



THEY BITE, STING, AND SOMETIMES CAN BE SERIOUS HEALTH RISKS

Well it's spring and we are all ready to leap out and start our mineral collecting activities again. When we travel to areas away from home we usually stop and think about what type critters are out there that could cause us health problems. But we need to remember that there are local critters that we need to protect ourselves from, too. Listed below are a few of the common critters that we need to be aware of in our Ohio surroundings:

FLYING INSECTS (MOSQUITOES, BEES, WASPS):

Most of us are not allergic to them, but the sting or bite is very uncomfortable. Unless we disturb a nest or step in one they are not going to bother us. Well, that snack you brought may cause them to visit you? Just be aware of their presents, usually they will move on after a few minutes of pestering you.

Mosquitoes, on the other hand have always been an irritant when outside in the spring, summer, and fall, but these days they have become a health problem with the spread of problems such as West Nile Virus. I am not ready to hide inside from them, however, be sure to carry and use insect repellents to reduce your chances of being bitten. Your pets should also be protected by seeing your local veterinarian for protection against things such as heartworm.

TICKS:

We have an ample abundance of ticks in our woods and fields. They even show up in our yards by traveling on birds, groundhogs, deer, and our pets. There are good insect sprays that can reduce our chances of making contact with these little pests. Always check the bodies of your children, pets, and yourselves upon return from field trips or any outdoor activities where you may have had the opportunity to pick up a hitchhiker. The big brown ticks are not normally dangerous, but the small deer ticks sometimes carry lime disease. Should you notice swelling or a red bull's-eye shape infection have it checked by our doctor.

SNAKES:

We are very fortunate to not have many poisonous snakes in our area, but we do have some rattlesnakes, and copperheads around. We seldom see them, but we should always be aware since we are always turning over rocks, wandering near ledges, and wading in streambeds to find the rocks, minerals, and fossils. Even non-poisonous snakes can cause bad infections due to their bites. By the way don't kill or injure them, just give them some room. When we are in the field, we're invading their homes and they are not looking to cause us problems, just protecting themselves.

SPIDERS:

They're everywhere and that's good. They control the population of many other insects. Most are not harmful. The exceptions are the Black Widow and the Brown Recluses. If you are bitten by any spider try and get a good look at it so that you can describe it to your doctor if you need medical attention due to swelling or discomfort.



THE ROCK I THREW AWAY -- -- A POEM

By Charles G. Schweitzer

He picked up the stone I had cast aside
And I smiled with good wide smile;
There was nothing I saw in that piece of rock,
For cutting, not really worthwhile.

He was new at the game, and perhaps did not
know

What rocks could be polished right well;
But I, an old timer, had hunted a lot,
And the values of rock I could tell.

In spite of my kidding, he treasured the stone,
And said he thought it was good;
And I, patronizing, said sometime he would
learn,
Of agate and jasper, and wood.

It was sometime later I saw his display.
He showed with considerable pride;
The stones looked quite well, but one far
excelled,
The others that lie at it'd side.

"And where, may I ask, did you get this fine
rock?"

"Tis the best you have in the tray".

"Oh, that," and he hardly concealed a sly smile,"

"Was the stone you once threw away".

(from Old Timers Club via Crack N Cab)
from Jefferson County Rock Club, New York
past to me via Al Cowan

Life is like a lapidary wheel
And whether it rinds you down
Or polishes you up
Depends on what you're made of.

(author unknown)

past to me via Al Cowan

COMMON ROCKHOUND AILMENTS

Cabochon Convulsions:

Fits that are commonly associated with grinding
of the fingertips and knuckles.

Faceter's Fever:

Denoted by an uncommon brightness of the eye,
characterized by symmetrical refraction of the
light emitting therefrom.

Lapidary Lament:

Also known as post polishum depression.

Brought on by the rude discovery of heretofore
an unseen fracture after the cab is complete.

Stone Tumbler's Tinnitus:

A persistent ringing in the ears, curable only by
the permanent removal of the rock tumbler from
the premises.

Hobby Pocket:

This is the most common ailment of all, one that
is rapidly becoming epidemic. It is a deep-seated
emptiness brought on by over-exposure to rock
shows, supply catalogs, and gem and mineral
shows.

Via Nickel Basin Rockhound (unknown date),
via Surrey Rockhounder (Dec03) provided by Al
Cowan.

MURPHY'S LAWS

When the going gets tough, everyone leaves.

The hidden flaw never remains hidden.

At any event, the people whose seats are farthest
from the aisle arrive last.



Refreshments, articles, and displays needed for future newsletters and meetings. A sign-up sheet will be available at the monthly meeting. Please sign up. I know each of you has a specialty that would interest the entire club.



Age Activated Attention Deficit Disorder

This is how it goes. I decide to wash the car, I start toward the garage and notice the mail lying on the table. Ok, I'm going to wash the car, but first I'm going to go through the mail. I lay the car keys down on the desk, discard the junk mail, and notice that the trashcan is full. Ok, I'll just put the bills on my desk and take the trashcan out, but since I'm going near the mailbox anyway, I'll pay a few bills first.

Now where is my checkbook? Oops, there is only one check left. My extra checks are in my desk.

Oh, there's the coke I was drinking. I'm going to look for whose checks, but first I need to put my coke further away from the computer or maybe I'll pop it in the frig to keep it cold for a while.

I head towards the kitchen and my flowers catch my eye. They need some water. I set the coke on the counter and uh oh! There are my glasses. I was looking for them all morning! I'd better put them away.

I fill a container with water and head for the flower pots —Aaaaagh!

Someone left the TV remote in the kitchen. We'll never think to look in the kitchen tonight when we want to watch television so I'd better put it back in the family room where it belongs.

I splash some water into the pots and on the floor. I throw the remote onto a soft cushion on the sofa and I head back down the hall trying to figure out what I was going to do?

End of the day: The car isn't washed, the bills are unpaid, the coke is sitting on the kitchen counter, the flowers are half watered, the checkbook still only has one check in it and I can't seem to find my car keys! When I try to figure out how come nothing got done today, I'm baffled because I KNOW I WAS BUSY ALL DAY LONG!!! I realize this is a serious condition and I need help, but first I think I'll look at some of my rock collection...

(Author Unknown, minor modifications made)

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SAVE COMMEMORATIVE STAMPS

