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

PLACE: YMCA, 300 South Central Ave., Fairborn, Ohio 45324

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:

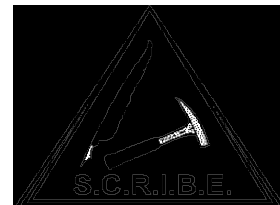
To promote interest and increased knowledge in the fields of mineralogy, geology, and the lapidary arts.

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).



The Editor of the MVMGC is a member of S.C.R.I.B.E.

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	Becky Dobbs	372-9022
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Swap		



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Ginny Bignell Jan 6
 Eugene Husted Jan 19
 Elsie Smith Jan 23
 Philipp Ruben Jan 28

February Meeting

Article Display Refreshments

John Mercer
 Emory & Beth Stewart

President's Message

I hope everyone has had a glorious joyous holiday season. Now, safely returned home, renewed, rested and ready for the Real Millennium.

Our Christmas Party was very nice. The food delicious, the decorations outstanding - were to become door prizes for all. Gifts were exchanged and we had music. Udean Babyak brought a brand new keyboard which when unpacked, it was discovered arrived batteries not included. A call went out for anyone having 6 D cell batteries. Can you believe it, Philip Lind had 8 D cell batteries in his car! Udean played some Christmas carols, and Philipp Ruben played also.

Allen Cowan sent a copy of "The Night Before Christmas for Rockhounds" by Edna F. Pauli of the Golden Spike Gem and Mineral Society, which I read. Very humorous, and appropriate for the crowd.

Among the Christmas cards we received many newsletters. From Paul and Elsie Smith I learn they pretty well covered the west in 2000, even the Canadian Rockies and the Caribbean. How I envy their travels. Their health is fine, they wish us all a wonderful holiday season and a very Happy New Year.

From Patty Detty, who when she heard her good friend Isephine Schiller had died this past summer, was inspired to write a little poem, which she included. "A Rockhound Farewell" brought back fond memories and tears to our eyes. (The poem is printed later in this newsletter. Editors note).

Today is our annual meeting at which all committees for the coming year will be chaired. Only with your help can we meet the objectives of the Miami Valley Mineral and Gem Club.

Hugh Fulton



When you are up to your ears in trouble, try using the part that isn't submerged.
Via MWF 01/01

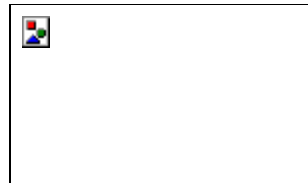
MIAMI VALLEY MINERAL & GEM CLUB MINUTES - December 10, 2000

Our December meeting was the annual Christmas party, and we did not hold a formal meeting. Hugh bid a fond, but sad farewell to longtime club members Anne Yokell and Betty Husted who will not be returning in 2001 as members. Both Anne and Betty will be sorely missed. Good luck to you and your families in the coming years, and we sincerely hope that you stay in touch.

Respectively Submitted,
Becky Dobbs, Editor



It's that time of year again!



Don't Forget!



HINTS & TIPS

Silver and rubber don't get along very well. Never put a rubber band around sterling silver or you will end up with a permanent stain.

From Mid-Tenn Gem'ers, via Rocket City Rocks, Via Fort Hamilton Gems 12/00



To get something done, a committee should consist of no more than three people, two of who are absent. Robert Copeland
Via Nickel Basin Rockhound 10/00

UPCOMING SHOWS & EVENTS:

- JANUARY 1-FEB 16, QUARTZSITE, AZ
DESERT GARDENS GEM, MINERAL & ROCK SHOW
- FEBRUARY 7 - 10, TUCSON, AZ
TUCSON GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY
TUCSON CONVENTION CENTER, TUCSON, AZ
- MARCH 3 - 4 KLAMATH FALLS, OR
ROCK & ARROWHEAD CLUB GEM & MINERAL SHOW
- MARCH 10 - 12 RICHMOND, IN
EASTERN INDIANA GEM & GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY, INC.
WAYNE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
- MARCH 17-18 CANTON, OH
STARK CO GEM & MINERAL CLUB 34TH ANNUAL SHOW
CANTON MEMORIAL CIVIL CENTER
1101 MARKET AVE N. CANTON, OH
SAT 10-6 PM SUN 10-5 PM
- MARCH 24-25 CHAMBERSBURG, PA
FRANLIN CO ROCK & MINERAL CLUB 24TH ANNUAL SHOW
2463 LOOP RD.
SAT 10-7 PM SUN 10-5 PM
- APRIL 1 -2 COLUMBUS, OH
COLUMBUS ROCK & MINERAL SOCIETY
VETERANS MEMORIAL BLDG.
- APRIL 28 - 29 TROY, OH
BRUKNER GEM, MINERAL FOSSIL & JEWELRY SHOW
TROY, OH
- MAY 5 - 6 CINCINNATI, OH
GEM, MINERAL, FOSSIL & JEWELRY SHOW
CINCINNATI CONVENTION CENTER
- JUNE 8-10 ROSWELL, NM
ROCKY MOUNTAIN FEDERATION SHOW
- JUNE 11-17. ARLINGTON, TX
AFMS/SCFMS CONVENTION AND SHOW
- JUNE 16 - 17, CLIO, MI
MICHIGAN GEOLOGY AND GEMCRAFT SOCIETY'S 27TH
ANNUAL ROCKHOUND SEMINAR
- JUNE 23 - 24 BLOOMINGTON, IN
36TH ANNUAL GEM, MIN & FOSSIL SHOW & SWAP
FRI 10-07 PM SAT 8-7 PM SUN 8-4 PM
- JUNE 22-24, PASO ROBLES, CA
CALIFORNIA FEDERATION SHOW

- JULY 13-15 SYRACUSE, NY
EASTERN FEDERATION SHOW
- AUG 30-SEPT 2, ENUMCLAW, WA
NORTHWEST FEDERATION SHOW
- SEPT 7-9, RICE LAKE, WI
MWF SHOW AND CONVENTION



Midwest Federation News



- The Spring meeting of the MWF will be held on April 7, 2001 in Canton, Illinois (just west of Peoria) in conjunction with the Fulton County Rockhoulder's Show. Plans are being made for a fossil field trip and geode field trip during that weekend. It is late enough in Illinois that the weather should cooperate so we can get outside and enjoy good collecting. Dean Stone, President of the MWF hopes that many of you will enjoy spring with us and visit West Central Illinois that weekend.
- Clubs are encouraged to enter the **All American Club Award Program**. **This is not** a competition of one club against another. **This is an evaluation of quality** based on a standard of excellence. Established in 1967 by the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies and the seven regional federations, the All-American Club Award is meant to:
 - Encourage local club members to share their expertise and enthusiasm for the hobby within their respective regions.
 - Provide a model for organizing an annual historical account for the posterity of each club, and offer an opportunity for national recognition of exceptional clubs. (see MWF January newsletter for details)

New Years Resolutions from Kitty Starbuck,
Editor MWF:

- RESOLVE - to attend all meetings
- RESOLVE - to go on all field trips
- RESOLVE - to introduce someone to the hobby
- RESOLVE - to donate material for auctions at Conventions
- RESOLVE - to write articles for the newsletter
- RESOLVE - to make guests feel welcome
- RESOLVE - to participate and attend area shows
- RESOLVE - to give programs at school
- RESOLVE - to get more involved, help with more activities
- RESOLVE - to reach out in your community
- RESOLVE - to donate to the specimen table and the auction
- RESOLVE - to learn to do lapidary work, silverwork, etc.
- RESOLVE - to display at your own show as well as area shows
- RESOLVE - say "YES" if asked to be an officer
- RESOLVE - if asked to chair a job, say "YES"

AND ABOVE ALL.....

RESOLVE TO BECOME A BETTER CLUB MEMBER!!!

Via MWF Newsletter January 2001



What is a Rockhound

He's not an animal, for most of the time he walks on two feet. Although when seen in the field, he's on all fours and sometimes all you see are two big boots protruding from a hole no bigger than a posthole, or wading in a stream with ice floating by, or half buried in sand on the beach. He will have a ragged tattered coat, or he will be well groomed and trimmed. You can find him most any place as long as no one has been in that spot since the Indians ran wild. But at home he could be your friend next door, your doctor, your minister, your favorite movie star or most

anyone. For he's a person who believes in the beauty of nature, who loves the great outdoors, who loves to create with his hands! He's an honest man, close to God! He's a Rockhound!

Author unknown, Via Flint Flashes 12/00



According to a geologist, the earth is made up of six layers, like a cake, and the similarity is carried even further with nuts sprinkled on top.

From Fractured Agate via The Glacial Drifter and MGAGAS, Fall 2000, via Glacial Groove 12/00



A Rockhound Shops for Christmas

Where did you shop for Christmas?
In a crowded department store?
I shopped on the hills and deserts,
And along a rocky shore.

In Horse Canyon I looked for agate,
At Jade Cove I hunted jace.
I combed the beaches for jasper.
And such beautiful things I made.

Cufflinks, bolas and tie bars,
Earrings, pendants and pins,
Bracelets, buckles and bookends
For my friends and all of my kin.

No haggling with sales girls -
No waiting in line -
Just a rocksack on my shoulder,
And a feeling sublime.

What joy on Christmas morning
To hear them all exclaim -
"You found it?" and "You made it?"
Netxt year I'll do the same.

*Via Rocky Mountain Digest via Prospector 11/00
via The Rocky Reader 12/00*

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SAVE COMMEMORATIVE STAMPS

A Rockhound Farewell - June 2000
By Patty Detty

To Isephine we say our last goodbye
We'll plan our final rock trip in the sky!
Her beloved Dale will be first in line
Next will be Paul and Nedra; Lilly May.
Hughey, Udene with Jenny, Eric, Curtis;
Bob and Dottie; Debbie, Paul and Elsie.
Hugh and Joan with their Johnny too,
Larry, Patty; Martha, Hugh.
Virginia, Ernie; Laverna, John,
And the others following along.

Dud once more will take us far and wide
To find that all elusive "Fairburn".
Displayed for our very own delight;
Flint, jasper, thompsonite;
Crystals, ruby, fossils, gold;
Silver, diamonds, agates: all behold!
What a glorious "Camp Out" this will be!
When we again have our Gem boree!
Harold, the leader now - as then
And Patty being at the End.