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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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Spring Banquet...CANCELED
2004

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I can't believe it is November, time flies even if your not having fun. I don't have to wear the immobilizer any more that makes for more fun like physical therapy twice a day. During our last meeting we learned that our show was a financial success, better than expected thanks in part to one of our new members Tim Fosberg. We have two new members to welcome to the club. Tim Fosberg and Tim Holderman, two Tims, Tim F. is interested in all phases of the hobby and Tim H. has expertise in lapidary just what we need. Welcome aboard gentlemen.

Editor Phil Lind suggested we have an impromptu field trip after the meeting and we did. Everyone present went along to the Hartman's rock garden here in Springfield and I believe all were impressed.

Hope all are well and able to attend the November meeting. The program is on "Diamonds", you know they could be a boys' best friend too.

Hugh Fulton (President)

MIAMI VALLEY MINERAL & GEM CLUB MINUTES OCTOBER 10, 2004

The meeting for business was opened by our president, Hugh Fulton.

Hugh Fulton recognized Tim Fosberg and Tim Holderman as guests. Both became members before the meeting had adjourned.

Chaplain Udean Babyak gave the meditation.

Editor Phil Lind was asked to record minutes since our secretary (Dick Faux) was unable to attend this meeting.

The minutes of the September meeting were read by Hugh (our secretary not here) and approved after a couple of small corrections.

REPORTS:

CORRESPONDENCE: Hugh had received a large package of information from Al Cowen. It was placed on display and given to the editor after the meeting for further examination.

TREASURY REPORT: The show was a financial success, and we were able to return one dealers fee since he was unable to attend do to illness.

PROGRAM REPORT: Andreas gave a report on what to expect for November program and the beginning of the new year. We will continue to try to include this program information at least two months in advance. This allows for those that do not receive their newsletter before the meeting date.

OLD BUSINESS : Udean and Jim have been working on nominations for officers for the 2005 business year. They stated that most have been selected, however, a few offices still need to be filled.

Hugh stated that some dealers didn't make the show because of weather and that we had less than 300 people attend.

NEW BUSINESS: The Stewarts have completed their move to Kansas and will celebrate their 61st anniversary in November. We will include their new address in the November bulletin so that we may send cards of congratulations on this great occasion.

Hugh stated that we need to discuss the spring swap and do much work before the first of the year if the swap is to continue.. He also said that we will not be having a fall show do to the lack of a chairperson.

Phil Lind mentioned a field trip in North Carolina that he was going to and stated that he had room for a couple of extra people if anyone wanted to go.

The meeting was adjourned for refreshments and a program on "**Share your Summers collections**" with numerous club members bringing in samples of there collections from over the summer. Each member gave a short talk on where the collecting was done and a little about the method of collecting was shared with all present. We had samples of wood from Colorado, pyrite from North Carolina, Tourmaline from California and other locations, a beautiful jewelry collection, and ??? I hope I didn't miss anyone. Please accept my apology if I did.

The meeting was concluded with an impromptu field trip to an Old Springfield Landmark (Rock Garden)

Philip Lind (recording for) Richard Faux, Recording Secretary

NOVEMBER PROGRAM

**November Program: – DIAMONDS Refreshments - Ed & Marie Shinabarger
(Everyone please bring items you collected over the summer or anytime of the year).**

Future Programs and Refreshments:

December Program – Annual Christmas Party WHERE????? I'm glad you ask!!

**Teaberries, 1600 East Leffel Lane, Springfield, Ohio
1:30 P.M. on Sunday, December 12th. We will order from their menu. Please contact Udean by 10
December at 1-937-342-1511.**



WHATS BEEN HAPPENING?

A spontaneous field trip took place after the October meeting. It was a beautiful afternoon and almost everyone that was at the meeting attended. Near the meeting hall is an old rock garden that was very popular to visit in the 1940's through the mid 1960's.



WHO DRIVES 487 MILES, SPENDS 4 HOURS ON A FIELD TRIP AND DRIVES 487 MILES BACK TO OHIO.

A second field trip was suggested and although it was on very short notice to the members three brave rockhounds (two members and a soon to be, hopefully). Departed on Friday morning to Glendon, N. C. to hunt for Large pyrite cubes, Blue green Flourite, and other various minerals.

Devoted Blue-green Florite hunters with large sledgehammers look for samples, others hunt the large pyrite cubes. Did we find any, no, but we saw between 5 – 10 others locate 4- 8 inch pyrite cubes. There must have been over 100 rockhounds from approximately 10 states. Everyone had a great time, although, one of the favorite locations in the quarry was closed due recent rains, and a high wall making it an unsafe area. From what we could see everyone honored the quarry operators request and plenty of pyrite samples were obtained from the available areas.

One young girl was looking with her father, he had metal detector and was checking out the area while she was walking in a very muddy area sinking in 6 to 12 inches in the mud. She stepped on a hard object and dug up a very nice cube about 4 inches across. A perfect example that you don't have to have a detector to find large samples.


The bottom line is that everyone had a great time and we want to thank the quarry for allowing us to collect there and also the various clubs that were instrumental in setting up the collect and inviting others to join them. Sharing is one of the greatest joys of the many clubs. Thanks to you all from Ohio.



Emory Stewart Nov 12th

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARY

Beth & Emory Stewart Nov 25th
(61 years)



The Stewarts new address is as follows:

Presbyterian Retirement Center
Emory & Beth Stewart
1120 E Broadway
Newton, Kansas 67114

December Birthdays:

Hugh Fulton Dec 11th
Tim Holderman Dec 16th

December Anniversaries:

None recorded



MARRIAGE SEMINAR

While attending a Marriage Seminar dealing with communication, Tom and his wife Grace listened to the instructor,
"It is essential that husbands and wives know the things that are important to each other."

He addressed the man, "Can you describe your wife's favorite flower?"

Tom leaned over, touched his wife's arm gently and whispered, "It's Pillsbury, isn't it?"

The rest of the story gets rather ugly, so I'll stop right here



UPCOMING SHOWS & EVENTS:

NOVEMBER 12-14, 2004, LOUISVILLE, KY. KYANA GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY 33RD ANNUAL MINERAL, GEM, & FOSSIL SHOW (TREASURES OF THE EARTH) EXECUTIVE INN HOTEL, I-264 AT THE FAIRGROUNDS (978 PHILLIPS LANE, LOUISVILLE, KY. HOURS 12TH & 13TH 10 A.M. TO 7:00 P.M. AND THE 14TH 10:00 A.M. TO 6:00 P.M.



FEDERATION NEWS



The Federation newsletter will be available for reading at the monthly meeting. Be sure to check it out.

A.F.M.S. Newsletter

This will also be available to check out at the monthly meeting. Be sure that you do, it is always filled with good information.



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.



Wishing you all a happy holiday season. I know the stores have Christmas (profits) in mind, but remember **THANKSGIVING IS IN NOVEMBER** and we all have much to be thankful for.

Remember our veterans, no matter what our personal thoughts, without the veterans we wouldn't be the great country we are!

ROCKS OF AGES A NATIONAL LANDMARK IN SPRINGFIELD, OHIO

(See back page for photo)

Harry "Ben" Hartman would have preferred working as an iron molder at the Springfield foundry where he had been employed for many years, but in 1932, at age 49, with the depression at its height he was laid off. Ben wanted to be busy doing something so he began building the rock garden.

Starting with a little corner church he had to have a schoolhouse. Then came old stone houses and wishing wells. Historic buildings like Washington's Mount Vernon home, Lincoln's log cabin, Betsy Ross's home and a 12-foot medieval-style castle with turrets, a moat and drawbridge. Having been a molder Ben used cement instead of iron to mold many of the small 3 inch to one foot tall statues scattered about the garden. During the depression other out of work people would stop by to watch him work he would tell them stories about his projects if they gave him a nickel or dime he would wait until he had 50 cents and then send his wife Mary to get a bag of cement.

The largest project took 14 days to build and has 107 windows and more than 10,000 stones gathered from a nearby creek and gravel pit. This was the castle a favorite of adults. Children liked the small Noah's Arc with the animals two by two. Nearby you can find Hoovers Dam. Is that a large cactus in the middle of the garden? No, it was meant to be a patriotic monument, an American Eagle sitting on a globe. The arms of the cactus anchors a church on one side and a school on the other. With the first US flag in front. Harry (Ben was a nickname) worked from post cards and history books for his ideas. He was working on building the Swiss Alps when he died in 1944 of lung problems that were job related probably silicosis from breathing the molding sand. The North yard had taken seven years. Did you notice the white picket fence? Each of its 400 stakes individually molded made of cement. Lessons written in the walk range from "let us smile" to "when the rest of the world don't want you, come back mother and dad."

Mary Hartman remained as caretaker of the nationally known rock garden until her death in August 1997 at age 91.

The miniature world built by a bored man during the depression is facing a depression of its own. Time, weather and vandals have taken their toll on this piece of Ohio's folk art heritage. Harry's son Ben inherited the garden he played in as a child. He has a heart problem and can no longer work in the garden. He is at a loss as to what will happen to the garden that has for the last 72 years given so much to so many. Hugh Fulton

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SAVE COMMEMORATIVE STAMPS

