

# CHIP & LICK

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

**PLACE:** Small Business Development Center, 300 E. Auburn Ave.,  
Springfield, OH 45505. Phone: 322-7821

**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).



**MIAMI VALLEY MINERAL AND GEM CLUB, INC.****2006 OFFICERS**

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**2006 COMMITTEES**

Anti-Litter	All Members
Canceled Stamps	Kay Faux
Chaplain	Udean Babyak
Field Trips/ Safety	Phil Lind
	Ken Newman
	Tim Fosberg
MWF Liaison	Hugh Fulton
Photographer	Andreas Ruben
Program	Andreas Ruben
Refreshment	Joyce Perry
Scholarship	Joyce Perry
Show Chairman	
Spring Banquet	Udean Babyak
Sunshine	Joyce Perry
Swap	Hugh Fulton
Webmaster	Katrin Ruben

**November Birthdays:**Jane Freeze Nov 4<sup>th</sup>Emory Stewart Nov 12<sup>th</sup>**December Birthdays**Hugh Fulton Dec 11<sup>th</sup>**November Anniversaries:****December Anniversaries**

**PRESIDENTS MESSAGE NOVEMBER 2006**

Last month I started out with how great a month October is. Well, this year October passed so fast all I can remember is that it was cold and very wet. Beautiful days were few but came at just the right times. Now November you know no flowers, no leaves, no birds November.

In October we note the passing of another former member. Beth Stewart, passed away on the eighteenth. Beth and Emory Stewart became members in 1977. Beth served as president in 1986 and 1987. Beth's father had been a rock hound and passed the love of nature and history on to Beth. She had been a school teacher before retirement. Beth and Emory loved to travel as well as go on field trips. Emory said he misses the field trips. He would like to return to Ohio, but knows he won't. He still follows the Ohio State Buckeyes football team. I am sure Emory would like hear from all of us. He ask about members who were in the club when they left for Kansas. His address is Emory Stewart;1120 E Broadway;Newton,Kansas 67114.

On a more pleasant note I received a letter from Allen Cowan. Allen and Fay are both fine and are preparing for winter. Allen is wondering if they can still belong to the club and if so he sent money to cover their dues. Allen wishes all the best to the club. Of course Allen you are most welcome to remain members of the club after all it gives us bragging rights to claim we have members in Canada. And we will keep you informed as to what is going on.

Hope no one gets lost getting to or from the November meeting at Wittenberg Geology Department.

I wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving Day and Veterans Day and I hope you had a happy Election Day.

Hugh Fulton

**The Thanksgiving Turkey**

The turkey shot out of the oven and rocketed into the air,  
it knocked every plate off the table and partly demolished a chair.  
It ricocheted into a corner and burst with a deafening boom,  
then splattered all over the kitchen completely obscuring the room  
it stuck to the walls and to the windows, it totally coated the floor,  
there was turkey attached to the ceiling, where there'd never been turkey  
before.

it blanketed every appliance, it smeared every saucer and bowl,  
there wasn't a way I could stop it that turkey was out of control.  
I scraped and I scrubbed with displeasure,  
and thought with chagrin as I mopped, that I'd never again stuff a turkey  
with popcorn that hadn't been popped

From a church seniors club in Allen's home town

**DON'T FORGET CLUB MEETING THIS MONTH AT WITTENBERG UNIVERSITY  
GEOLOGY MUSEUM.**

**MEET IN THE PARKING LOT AT NORTH PLUM STREET AND BILL EDWARDS DRIVE AT  
1:45 PM AND WE'LL ALL GO IN TOGETHER.**

**MIAMI VALLEY MINERAL & GEM CLUB MINUTES****OCTOBER, 2006 MINUTES**

Hugh Fulton called the meeting to order.

Richard Faux read the minutes of the last meeting and they were approved.

The treasurer's report submitted by Joyce Perry was accepted.

REPORTS: REFRESHMENTS, Joyce Perry, reminded us that there will be no refreshments at the November meeting since we will be meeting at the Wittenberg University Museum.

CORRESPONDENCE: Phil Lind received a flier about a class on making micro mounts which will be offered by the Cleveland Museum of Natural History. Hugh Fulton described a bead catalogue that was being offered to interested rock club members.

LIASON: Hugh Fulton reported that the last issue of the AFMS Newsletter gave an interesting report on the National Conference held in Nashville.

PROGRAMS: The November meeting will be held at the Wittenberg University Geology Museum. Members should gather at the parking lot at the intersection of North Plum St and Bill Edwards Drive. A professor will meet us there and guide us to the meeting room. Members should plan to be in the parking lot by 1:50. A map showing the location of the parking lot was available. Hugh Fulton invited the club to come to his house for refreshments following the program.

The December program will be the Christmas Party.

OLD BUSINESS: The members who helped with our Kulturefest booth reported that the project was worthwhile. There was no report from the Nominating Committee so the election of 2007 officers was deferred to another meeting.

NEW BUSINESS; Hugh Fulton said we needed to plan for our Christmas Party since we could not have a business meeting in November at the University. It was decided to have a carry-in meal at the Small Business Development Center on Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>. Phil Lind will bring a ham and Tim Fosberg promised to bring a turkey. Andreas Ruben will bring some German desserts. Phil Lind suggested that we make a special effort to invite people who used to be active members to come to our Christmas Party.

Hugh Fulton asked what to do about club equipment that we no longer use but still ask members to store. A number of suggestions were made, including a yard sale, but no decision was reached.

Phil Lind said that recent information on the field trip to Marion, Ky. described in the last Chip and Lick was available from Ken Newman

The meeting adjourned for refreshments and a silent auction.

Richard Faux, Recording Secretary

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**NOVEMBER PROGRAM**

**PROGRAM: - TRIP TO WITTENBERG                      REFRESHMENTS – N/A**

Members should gather at the parking lot at the intersection of North Plum St and Bill Edward Drive.

**DECEMBER PROGRAM**

Christmas party at the meeting hall. Please bring

**UPCOMING SHOWS & EVENTS:**

- Nov 18-19, TOLEDO GEM & ROCK CLUB OPEN HOUSE, CROSBY CONFERENCE CENTER, TOLEDO BOTANIAL GARDENS, 5403 ELMER DRIVE, TOLEDO, OHIO SAT & SUNN, 10-5 CONTACT DEBRA HOFFMASTER, 517-265-6284

**FEDERATION NEWS**



Since we won't be having a regular meeting this month contact Hugh or Phil to see the newest federation newspaper.

**FIELD TRIP****. Miami Valley Gem and Mineral Club Field Trip Report**

October 21, 2006

***Ben E. Clement Mineral Museum and Fluorite Dig, Marion Kentucky***

Kentucky Fluorite

Wow! What a wonderful weekend, 7 members of the club were able to be present on the field trip. We had a beautiful day for digging with abundant sunshine and temperatures in the 60's. Our group was joined in treasure hunting by quite a few other fellow rockhounds.

The day was started by meeting outside of the museum at about 8:30am. Before going in, we all had a little fun checking out the sample mineral piles outside of the building. As the museum personnel arrived, we went in, took a tour and got signed up for the dig. The museum is well worth spending a few hours in. One of the highlights was a fluorescent mineral room, with many samples of colorful material.

A little information about the Clement museum.

Ben E. Clement left an outstanding, one-of-a-kind collection of minerals, period journals, photographs, mining tools and other items. The collection has been visited by various authorities on minerals and is believed to be one of the finest in existence. The Clement Mineral Collection is comprised of specimens of exquisite beauty from throughout the world. Thousands of these minerals are from the mines of the famous Southern Illinois and Western Kentucky Fluorspar Region. The mineral specimens range in size from a fraction of an ounce to hundreds of pounds. Each specimen is a "rare accidental find".

(taken from the museum website)

We left for the mines after the museum tour forming a caravan following our tour guide. Arriving at the mine sites we all got a very good history lesson about the mines, one of which was actually started by Andrew Jackson himself. Both of the sites had old spoil piles that we searched, the actual mines shafts were covered over long ago. We all then began searching and digging for various minerals, namely purple fluorite, galena, calcite and sphalerite. One area of the mines produces fluorescent specimens. I think we all took some of this material, none of mine turned out to be fluorescent. Over the next few

hours I think we all found some nice material to take home. Specimens were found by digging, wading in the creek and just by looking about on the surface.

Many thanks to Ken Newman for setting this event up.

The dig was attended by Phil Lind, Ken Newman, Andreas Ruben, Philipp Ruben, Tom Bolka, Andrew Bolka and Alex Bolka.

Submitted by Tom Bolka

**A sign-up sheet will be available at the monthly meeting refreshments, displays, and programs. Please sign up. I know each of you has a specialty that would interest the entire club.**

