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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).



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

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Sunshine	Joyce Perry	372-8228
Swap	Hugh Fulton	322-1021
Webmaster	Katrin Ruben	390-2081

Spring Banquet...CANCELED
2004

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

In the September message I noted I would have surgery on my right shoulder on September 1st. I did, but was no way recovered by show time. It will take much longer than I thought. Also I stated that we would need a new chairperson for future shows. No one appeared and this became our last show, at least for now. The Lions, facing the same problems announced that this would be the last year they would provide food during the show. Also dealers had complained that our attendance did not provide them a profit margin to continue coming even though they liked our club.

I became show chairman in 1981 when I took over for Beth Stewart. There have been so many changes in the ensuing 23 years. Biggest change the number of members available to work and display at the show. We had a chairperson for everything. No one had to work every minute of the show. There were member displays on both floors and working demonstrations all around the work area. A swap area, field trips to nearby quarry, ribbon cutting by political figures like now senator Mike DeWine. Crowds waiting to get in and off duty police to watch over things. And we were open until seven PM.

The rock and gem show was the only thing going on in those days. When the Fairborn Art Association began to have a show downtown the same weekend the club ask how dare they do this to us. At that time television stations, radio and local newspapers gave us free space and air time this does not happen today.

As things turn out this years' show was the best of last few years. We almost went on with just four dealers when a local on-line dealer became a last minute replacement for a dealer who become unable to attend. We had two new dealers.

Things I'll miss most are talking to visitors, seeing or meeting other rockhounds from around the country. Watching the neighborhood kids grow up. Several adults thanked us for bringing the show to them all these years how they had grown up coming to the show. Every year there would be surprises like this year the dealers were all late to set up and needed to get in early Saturday morning. A jogger stopped in to see what was going on. He runs in the quarry and runs in marathons. He came back Sunday to buy some grab bags. I had hoped to have a field trip to the area Fairborn is to preserve as a city park. A call to the city said no not open yet and no word when it will be open. Sunday morning early surprise a man and woman upset because they can't get into the upstairs dealer area. The preacher and his wife hold church services there and had to go elsewhere because we were there and they needed their collection plates. I couldn't get the lock open either we called the den manager couldn't reach her.

Allen was able to pry the lock open to save the day for all. However we neglected to find where the services would be held to pass the word to those who would come for church later. Kids who used to come to spin the wheel for a dime or three for a quarter this year they had dollar bills and wanted 12 spin for a dollar.

I very much want to thank those who worked all day all three days on this our last show. Ed and Marie sitting out in the cold to welcome visitors. Joyce made filled and sold 100 grab bags. See why she is rockhound of the year.

Allen drove 12 hours from his home in Canada, to be here while Fay celebrated their anniversary home alone. Jack Lahr, on his way home from the William Holland School of Lapidary in Georgia, stopped by Sunday to entertain and educate our visitors. Jack is one dedicated rockhound. And I thank the seven members of my family who helped load, set up, tear down, unload, put up and take down the signs, sat behind the wheel of fortune, sold grab bags, and welcomed visitors. I don't know how we would have done it without you. Allen sure took a load off my shoulders he manned the mike and ran the silent auction along with keeping us laughing "Happy Birthday Allen".

And now for today. What did you do this summer and the nomination of next years club officers will be the topics of the day.

Hugh Fulton (President)

MIAMI VALLEY MINERAL & GEM CLUB MINUTES

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

Hugh Fulton recognized Tim Fosberg as a guest.

Chaplain Udean Babyak gave a meditation on the events of September 11, 2001.

The minutes of the May meeting were approved as read. The reports of the treasurer for June, July and August were read and approved.

REPORTS: CORRESPONCE, Alan Cowan sent a card from New Hampshire. LIASON: Hugh Fulton shared with us parts of the report in American Federation News Letter on the Syracuse Show, PROGRAM: Andreas Ruben reported that October program will be a time for sharing rocks that we have collected.

OLD BUSINESS A new dealer will participate in our show in October; he features beds and cut gems. The Rock Swap was a financial success although some dealers did not participate because our fees increased.

NEW BUSINESS: It is time for a Nominating Committee and Hugh Fulton asked Jim and Udean Babyak to serve.

The meeting was adjourned for refreshments and a program on tourmaline presented by Andreas Ruben. Following the program the members addressed the fliers for our October show.


Richard Faux, Recording Secretary



Al Cowan Oct 5th
 Paul smith Oct 14th

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARY

Fay & Al Cowan	Oct 1
Elsie & Paul Smith	Oct 30





OCTOBER PROGRAM

October Program: – Share your Summers collections Refreshments -Jim & Udean Babyak
(Everyone please bring items you collected over the summer or anytime of the year).

Future Programs and Refreshments:

November Program: - unavailable at this time

Refreshments – Ed & Marie Shinabarger

December Program – Annual Christmas Party



UPCOMING SHOWS & EVENTS:

•OCTOBER 15TH -17TH FORT WAYNE, IND. THREE RIVERS GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY, ALLEN COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS, 726 CARROLL RD.

• OCTOBER 22ND - 23RD INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA "GEOFEST" INDIANA STATE MUSEUM, 650 W. WASHINGTON STREET

OCTOBER 23RD -24TH CUYAHOGA FALLS, OHIO SUMMIT LAPIDARY CLUB, AKRON MINERAL SOCIETY; EMIDIO & SONS EXPO CENTER, 48 E. BATH RD.;

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 (978PHILLIPS LANE, LOUSVILLE, 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

The AFMS newsletter contains the National Rockhound & Lapidary Hall of Fame Winners for 2004. Be sure to read all details in the October issue of the A.F.M.S.



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.



TRADITIONAL BIRTHSTONE LIST

Certain gems have traditionally been associated with different months of the year, and are thought lucky or important for people born under their “influence”. This probably stems from the ancient belief that gems came from the heavens. The most popular selection today is shown below:

MONTH	COLOR	GEMSTONE
January	Dark Red	Garnet, Rhodolite
February	Purple	Amethyst
March	Pale Blue	Aquamarine
April	White (Clear)	Diamond
May	Bright Green	Emerald
June	Cream	Alexandrite, Pearl
July	Red	Rudy
August	Pale Green	Peridot (Olivine)
September	Deep Blue	Sapphire
October	Variegated	Tourmaline
November	Yellow	Citrine, Topaz
December	Medium Blue	Turquoise, Zircon

Many cultures associate gems with the signs of the Zodiac, and others with the months of the year, but the selection varies from country to country, perhaps influenced by availability of gems, local traditions, or fashions. The custom of wearing birthstone jewelry started in 18th century Poland, and has since spread throughout the world.

Via Dusty Rocks, September 2004

Shop Tips & Handy Hints

If you have sore hands from hard rock mining, soak your hands in warm vinegar water; the swelling and soreness will disappear.

(From *The Show Me Geode* 12/03, via *Stone Age News* 02/03, via *Quarry Quips* 12/03.)

When using chrome oxide for polishing jade, mix it with a solution of 1/2 water and 1/2 vinegar.

(From *The Show Me Geode* 12/03, via *Stone Age News* 02/03, via *Quarry Quips* 12/03.)

Cabbing Tip: Transparent stones should be polished on both front and back. Otherwise, saw marks can show through and appear to be cracks.

(From *The Show Me Geode* 12/03, via *The Pegmatite* 10/03, via *Quarry Quips* 12/03.)

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SAVE COMMEMORATIVE STAMPS

It's time to renew your dues. Pay early, avoid the last minute rush.