

Pacific Northwest
Chapter



Newsletter

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A Note From Our President

I have sat alone many times this last week trying to choke out the rhetoric expected to be found in a first presidential message. I must confess that I'm not at all convinced that I have a message for you. Actually I find it entirely possible that this idea of a presidential message is all backwards. See, I was placed at this post to be of service to you - does it not make more sense that you send a message to me? I have agreed to make myself available to serve you - use me! Get me all worked up about some worthy F.M. cause, give me some reason to act - give me ideas to ponder - encourage me - dare me! I am not in a position to guess what you want and need - COMMUNICATE WITH ME! I suppose that if there is a message it would be this; we are all very fortunate to have a full board this year - a board of people that sincerely wanted the job of representing you. I would encourage you all to take advantage of this.

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TREASURY REPORT

Cheryl Stewart

As incoming treasurer, one of the first tasks will be to consolidate all of the checking accounts that have accumulated throughout the Pacific Northwest Chapter. If you are aware of any that are currently open, please close them as soon as possible and forward the last statement to me along with any other records that I do not already have. It is my aim to simplify all the record keeping with one central checking account, and one account for the symposium chairperson to use.

Since all the records are not yet in from the October Symposium, I cannot, at this time, give a complete financial statement. The following is an up-to-date accounting of funds as of 11/15/89.

CASH:

Beginning Balance	\$1071.14
Deposits	<u>155.00</u>
TOTAL	\$1226.14

DISBURSEMENTS:

1989 Long Distance Phone (Mike Groben)	\$149.29
Eastside Symposium Phone (Lanny Ream)	10.50
Supplies	31.31
Symposium Liability Insurance	150.00
1990 National Dues	66.00
Eastside Symposium (Overhead Projector Rental)	10.87
Rocks & Minerals (back issues sold at Fall Symposium)	16.00
Oregon Incorporation Fees	<u>5.00</u>
TOTAL	\$438.97

NOVEMBER 15, 1989 BALANCE: \$787.17

In an effort to bring everyone current, the National Dues for all members were forwarded to the National Treasurer for the year 1989 by my predecessor back in March of this year. Advancing this amount has put a dent in our treasury, and a mailing went out on November 4, 1989 to the members that have not paid for 1989 or before. So far, the response has been very positive, with some members paying '89 and '90 as well. The Executive Board also decided that a dues reminder for 1990 will go out next May. This will simplify the amount of different monies that are taken in at the Fall Symposium, and give a larger base to work with during the planning stages of our yearly "Main Event".

Anyone who could like to send in their dues for 1990, (we already have several, thanks!) will be saving the chapter supplies and postage. We also have a new system of keeping track of who pays; all checks received are copied and that copy goes to the secretary to update his files. Hopefully there will no longer be members slipping through the cracks. If you have any suggestions that will help us, please write to your secretary, Ray Lasmanis, and it will come up at the next Executive Board Meeting.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

During the last day of the 15th Annual Mineralogical Symposium on October 1st, election results were announced by outgoing president Carl Harris. They were as follows:

		<u>Votes</u>
President:	Rebecca (Becky) A. Harris	39
Vice President:	Tom Handley	37
Treasurer:	Cheryl Stewart	30
	Jon Gladwell	8
Secretary:	Ray Lasmanis	27
	Carl Harris	12

On that date a short general meeting was held. Raymond Lasmanis described a new project to the membership. A committee has been formed, under the leadership of Mike Groben, to organize and prepare a Rocks and Minerals Issue featuring Washington State. The concept has been approved by managing editor Marie Huizing. Lasmanis proposed that this project receive support from the Pacific Northwest Chapter of Friends of Mineralogy and in fact become one of our efforts during the next six months. Lasmanis made a motion that the Washington State special issue committee receive funding, not to exceed \$250.00, to cover the cost of long distance phone calls between the authors and the publisher. The motion was seconded and approved by the membership. The following authors will be participating: Lanny Ream, Randy Becker, L. Steve Edmondson, Keith Kaler, Rudy Tschernich, Robert Gait, Mike Groben, Rick Dilhoff, Ronald Bently, Raymond Lasmanis, and Bob Pattie.

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Highlights from the
15th Annual Mineralogical Symposium
Pacific Northwest Chapter

The Pacific Northwest Chapter completed a successful symposium, September 29th through October 1st, at the Executive Motor Inn, Fife, WA. The theme this year was zeolites featuring two new minerals approved by the Commission on New Minerals and Mineral Names, IMA. They are tschernichite and boggsite named in honor of three northwest collectors: Rudy W. Tschernich, Dr. Russel Boggs, and Robert M. Boggs.

A excellent report on the symposium can be found in Vol. 5, N. 10, issue of "Mineral News", October, 1989.

In large part, the success of the symposium was due to a outstanding program and speakers. A list of presentations follows in the order they were given:

- Introduction and Origins of Zeolites -
Rudy Tschernich
- Zeolites of New Jersey Traprocks -
Bill Butkowski
- S.E.M. Research of Zeolites -
Milton Speckles
- Zeolites of Nova Scotia -
Frank Koterba
- Two new zeolites: Tschernichite -
Dr. Russell Boggs and
Gerald L. Klein
- Boggsite -
Dr. Donald G. Howard
- Their location and occurrence -
Rudy Tschernich
- Zeolites of the world -
Rudy Tschernich
- Zeolites of India -
Dudley Blauwet
- The Great Laumontite Find at Bishop, CA. -
Rudy Tschernich
- Zeolites of the S. Fork, Toutle River, WA. -
John Lindell
- Zeolites of Dallas, OR. -
Rick Dillhoff

There were only 15 mineral cases this year with displays. The individuals that did show their material are to be commended for a job well done - in particular Rudy's four cases featuring zeolites. For more on the subject, see "Some Notes on Symposium Displays" by Ed Godsey.

A outstanding Bulletin of the Pacific Northwest Chapter has been produced by Robert J. Smith, Box 85, Mailroom, Seattle University, Seattle, WA 98122. The Fall, 1989 Bulletin, with 14 pages, was distributed to all who registered at the symposium and contains articles on tschernichite, boggsite, a zeolite check list and a Pacific Northwest zeolite reference list.

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Some Notes on Symposium Displays

Another symposium has ended. From the standpoint of displays there were both successes and failures. Let's talk about the negative side first.

This was the first year in at least the past 5 years when we had many fewer displays than the previous symposium. From 24 in 1988, we dropped to only 15 cases this year, even though I expected 22 based on contacts with you. Why so few? Maybe some of you thought we wanted only Zeolites to follow the show theme. I remember a couple of unusual displays in recent years. One was a case full of historic miner's lamps. The other was Dr. Gerhold's PC program for teaching Mineralogy. A member offered to provide next year a display on "Minerals of North West Washington" and/or one called "Treasures of Past FM Symposia". Remember, the displays don't absolutely have to follow the theme --- If you want to show it, we want to see it.

Another problem - while we had lots of help setting up the cases, as usual help evaporated when the MC adjourned the meeting. Dave Todd, Bob Smith, Larry Brown, Paul Lawson, and a couple of others spent 2 hours dismantling the display cases. But we really had to scramble for transportation. Lorna Goebel and Mary and Kathryn Foster spent another hour trucking the cases to their off-season home. At 2:15 P.M., while many of the attendees were home (or well on the way) we had just delivered the last load. We must have two helpers with large pickups, or equivalent, to pick up and deliver display cases next year.

Now for the positive points. John Lindell helped immensely by volunteering to pick up the club's cases in Seattle from John Bodisch, who as most of you know, was much too ill to assist this year. And a hearty HURRAH to Bruce Woods who provided a fine storage space for the coming year(s) at his home (and shop) less than 10 minutes away from the symposium site. That offer saves the chapter about \$300.00 compared to the cost of renting the smallest storage locker at a commercial site.

The quality of the displays was superb! Rudy's 4 cases of Zeolites, including a case detailing the location, extraction, and identification of Boggsite and Tschernichite, were very well prepared. Frank Koturba's fine self-collected Nova Scotia Zeolites matched his excellent presentation. John Lindell and Bart Cannon showed self-collected Zeolites that enhanced John's Sunday talk. Tad Dillhoff showed a suite of Elmwood, Tennessee specimens and a suite from the new and very interesting Zinc deposit on Baffin Island (check your atlas). Other fine displays came from Russ Boggs, Lorna Goebel and Dave Todd, Ray Lasmanis, Wes Gannaway, Bob Smith, Jim Robison, Paul Lawson, and my wife, Nancy and I.

I've organized displays for 8 years, possibly 9. This was the toughest for me, overall, since the first year. Please help make the displays next year the best and easiest for the organizer. Plan now to assemble a display (or just a few special specimens). Let the organizer know personally that you plan to fill a case. Make a new set of liners and risers for our cases. The ones we own are a bit worn and dirty after 5 or 6 seasons. Put up your display as early as possible, and remove it as soon as we are adjourned. And more importantly, volunteer to help "tear down" and deliver the cases after the show. With your help it will be better and easier for all.

Ed Godsey, 1989 display organizer

OBITUARY

John Bodisch

An appreciation by R. Lasmanis and Ed Godsey
October 20, 1989

A long standing Pacific Northwest Chapter member, John Bodisch, passed away on October 8th 1989 after a short illness. John was 74 years old, a 21 year decorated navy veteran, chief photographer for Boeing for several years, and retired in 1982 after 10 years on the staff of the State Liquor Control Board. John was a graduate of the University of Washington in Journalism.

For many years John served as Secretary of our chapter and worked hard at producing newsletters, often spending his own money to get the job done. Each year we could also count on John to appear with mineral cases for our symposium and in a unselfish way John would go about setting up the cases and to tear them down at the end. He will be missed by us all.

John's mineral collection has been donated to the Thomas Burke Memorial Washington State Museum at the University of Washington. The museum is having a memorial display during the month of November.

John's ashes will be scattered in the Pacific where he served the majority of his Navy enlistment.

Ed Godsey, 643 154th S.E., Bellevue, WA 98007, tele: (206) 746-3306, is assisting Mrs. Bodisch in selling John's magazines and books. All proceeds will go to Mrs. Bodisch. Contact Ed for the following:

Complete set of MR - Vol. 1, No. 1 (1970) thru Vol. 20, No. 6 (1989)
Mint Condition!!
Best offer over \$1,000.00 (individual back issues would cost twice that, if available).

Rocks and Mineral Magazine - Vol. 53, No. 1 (1978) thru Vol. 64, No. 6 (1989) 12 full years in excellent condition. Asking \$125.00 (back issues would cost over \$250.00).

Bloss - Crystallography and Crystal Chemistry (1977 ed.) \$20.00

Bloss - An Intro to Methods of Optical Crystallography (1961 ed.) \$15.00

Berry & Mason - Elements of Mineralogy (1968 ed.) \$10.00

Agricola - De Re Metallica - Hoover Translation of this 1558 classic (1950 ed.) (Like New) \$15.00

Sinkankis - Mineralogy (paper) (1975 ed.) \$10.00

Foote - Complete Mineral Catalog (1909 ed.) \$15.00
(Very good condition)

Brush & Penfield - Determinative Mineralogy and Blowpipe Analysis (1904 ed.) \$10.00

The last 3 are LONG out of print!

MEETING NOTICE

The next meeting of the Pacific Northwest Chapter will take place on Saturday, February 3d, 1990 at the Clark County PUD on 117th Ave. in Vancouver, Washington.

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