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#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

##### President's Outgoing Letter

To my friends and colleagues in the PNW Chapter of the Friends of Mineralogy,

Our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary symposium will be here in about one month and with it will be my last opportunity to experience the pleasure and honor of being our chapter's president. It has been an interesting journey. When I look back upon these two years, I am largely satisfied at the progress of our chapter. For the time being, we are strong, both financially and in terms of the dedication of our members. *I can report to you that I feel we will continue to be strong and successful for a long while.* That is what I learned.

When I agreed to undertake this job, I was worried that I would not have the time to do this job properly. I knew that whatever I accomplished, it would not be as much as I would want. However, I hoped that it would be enough for the members. As I look back upon the past year, I know it to be one of the most significant in my life in terms of personal changes. Months have gone by where I have not been able to dedicate much time to FM. Luckily, for me and for our chapter, others (most especially Lanny Ream, who almost single handedly planned the Spring Symposium!) have stepped forward and made this a very successful and enjoyable year for us so far. Moreover, with our upcoming 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary symposium, I feel that it could still be one of our best years!

Concerning the symposium, I am determined that it will be one of the most enjoyable that we have ever had. Long hours have already gone into its planning. I have attended our symposia for many years now, and I know what aspects of the symposium that I like, and what I don't like. More importantly, I think I know what the membership as a whole tends to like. For that

reason, we are trying some new things this year that are designed to maximize the enjoyment of the symposium. I want our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary symposium to be a celebration. By the way, if there's anything I know how to do, it's how to throw a party.

**Friends of Mineralogy is about its members:**

Whatever your level of participation has been in our activities over the last couple of years, I want you to know that you are appreciated. I hope that you have enjoyed whatever you have taken part of, even if it is just to receive and to read the newsletters. We are all members of the same group. Our bond is our common interest in minerals. However, if you wish to increase your involvement, I urge you to do so. Your input will most assuredly be appreciated!

My mind harkens back to a time when my own involvement consisted of paying my dues and attending the symposium. One symposium seemed disorganized. The people who were putting the symposium on did not seem to be very professional or organized. I was about to complain, but I kept my mouth shut. It was then that I realized that the people putting the symposium on were only members, just like you and me. My involvement began at that moment. About five years later, I was president!

We have a number of members who are very dedicated to Friends of Mineralogy. To them, my sincere thanks! This organization literally would not survive without your hard work! It is because of you that I am optimistic about our future. We will continue to have successful field trips, meetings, and symposia because you will be willing to host them, to take on committee positions, and to participate in our functions. Now that my presidency is about over, I ask to be admitted into your group.

I would like to recognize my fellow officers and board members; Vice President, Sharleen Harvey; Secretary, Karen Hinderman; Treasurer, Cheryl Burchim; and Past President and Newsletter Editor, Wes Gannaway. The experience of working with you is a pleasure that I will long remember. On behalf of the members of the Pacific Northwest Chapter of the Friends of Mineralogy, I would like to express my sincere thanks for your jobs—well done!

To the incoming officers I offer my congratulations. Knowing you all, I am not at all hesitant to turn the reigns over to you. I am actually excited to experience whatever activities you will plan. If you desire some input or assistance, I ask that you do not hesitate to call upon the other outgoing officers or me. We are here for your assistance.

Sincerely,  
Bob Meyer

## **MEETING NOTICES, UPCOMING EVENTS, FIELD TRIPS:**

### **1999 Symposium Committee**

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If you have any input, questions, or wish to help please contact any committee member.

Please mail your registration forms to Karen Hinderman.

### Speakers:

For this year's 25<sup>th</sup> symposium on Silver, we have some fantastic speakers lined up. Peter Megaw and Stan Dyl, as previously mentioned in our last newsletter, will be our 2 main speakers. They will both be presenting 2 major talks for our enjoyment. We will also have several other talks scheduled, including one on the DeLamar Silver Mine of Owyhee County, Idaho by Ray Lasmanis, and a special presentation from Bob Smith on the history of our group. Also, on Sunday, we will be re-introducing our What's New in the Northwest special mini-symposium. Personally, I'm looking forward to this being one of our very best symposiums ever!. See you there!

John Cornish

### 1999 Symposium Displays:

As this years Display Chairperson, I am very pleased to be able to invite you to display at our 25th annual symposium. With the new dual room design offered this year, it may be that we will have to limit the amount of cases displayed. With this in mind, I will be assigning cases on a first come first serve basis. Currently we have displays confirmed by both the Rice Northwest Museum of Rocks and Minerals and from the Pacific Mineral Museum. Bob Smith will be displaying two very special cases, one from the collection of Seattle University featuring specimens selected from the Noble Witt collection, and the other will be a very special Northwest Chapter of the Friends of Mineralogy Historical 25th Anniversary display. We'll also have a display from the Washington State Mineral Council of specimens selected by Mary Foster. Ray Lasmanis will display a case full of specimens from the DeLamar Mine coinciding with his talk, and other special display's are being encouraged from our other Speakers. Don't miss out on your chance to display during this special symposium, send in your filled out Display Registration Forms now and we'll look forward to seeing both you and your display there!

John Cornish

### Symposium Micromounters:

Mini Me

I just finished watching a totally frivolous movie called that "Spy Who Shagged Me". In the movie, the evil doctor who wants world domination is enthralled by a cloned but perfectly small mini version of himself that his followers created for his pleasure. He dubbed him "mini-me".

I'm often of the mind that most collectors, like to see big and beautiful, rather than the identical mini clones of the specimens that micromineral collectors like myself seem to prefer. These "mini-me's" of the mineral world, which has been still slowly and constantly growing its list of members, are often the only versions of the rarer minerals. In fact, many more members of the species collectors' group are going to have to be viewed with magnification, if they are to be

appreciated, let alone seen by their owners. If 'getting species' was the *raison d'etre* of my collecting, then micromounting and micromineral collecting would be very attractive. This in part, being due to the considerably lower costs for mini minerals, and in part also, due to the fact that they don't need expensive displays. But it isn't the main reason for me collecting micros. In fact, I love the aesthetics, contrast, symmetry, and sheer wonder of micros. Their perfection, their often brilliant colors and of course the opportunity of seeing larger numbers of association minerals in one specimen than often happens in larger specimens. This is in some people's minds, one of the few remaining bastions of the science of collecting, made all the more wonderful by the fact that it is possible for anyone, even if they only own a good loupe, to be a collector.

One of the fathers of Micromineralogy, the late Neal Yedlin, of the Baltimore Micromineral Association, had collected for over half a century before we lost him, and his definition of a Micromineral, was "any mineral specimen which would be best appreciated with the aid of magnification", regardless of the overall size of the piece.

We want to celebrate the "mini-me's" of the mineral world at the fall symposium. As part of the 25th Anniversary meeting, we will be stepping up the role of the Micro Mineral by having a contest for the best Micromineral Suite, with a suitable prize. The parameters are simple: six to twelve micro specimens of different species from the same locale, and the primary species of each specimen must be different (the associated species can overlap). The specimen must fit under a scope. Also, specimens do not have to be mounted in boxes. They must be clearly labeled, however, just put a number on the piece instead of your name so as to maintain the judge's neutrality. The prize will be awarded solely at the discretion of the judges, but will go to the best overall suite, taking into account quality, aesthetics, rarity of form, species, and association. The location and it's significance and history will be given additional weight.

So please dig up your micromineral contacts, and bring them out to the show. If you're a micro collector yourself, then we want to see you, your specimens, and if possible, up to 5 superb slides showing off micro specimens, to share with the assembled mineral worshipping throngs. The micro room will be open 7:30 Friday and 8:00 on Saturday, and it will close when it closes. You will have every opportunity to learn about collecting, photographing and mounting. If you've never mounted a specimen, then I will personally encourage you to try with one of mine. We will also need "your surplus" micro specimens for the 'free' table to help, not only the old timers like myself, but also those just venturing into this Lilliputian version of Mineral Collecting.

Please join me in helping us all celebrate the joy of collecting minerals by coming out this year, in particular, by coming into the Micro Room, and by contributing slides and minerals for others to see and appreciate those finer things that we have hidden away in our collections. Looking forward to seeing you all out at the show this September.

Sincerely,  
Ray Hill  
Micromineral Committee

### Spring Symposium '99

This was a great symposium, with as large a turnout as we usually get in the fall. The location was very nice and the speakers, dealers, and displays were topnotch. Lanny Ream did a great

job. The guest speakers, Rock Curier, Patrick Haynes, and Jeffrey Patterson were all interesting and had some very good points on finding and collecting minerals, and the Sunday group followed through with more of the same, with Randy Becker, John Cornish, Mike Menzies, Lanny Ream, and Rudy Tschernich all giving their views on mineral collecting.

The displays were mostly related to the theme of finding minerals. I wasn't able to get around to make up notes on all of the cases but needless to say, they were all special and if you weren't there you missed some great minerals.

The symposium was followed by open houses from two of our members that live in the Coeur d' Alene area; the Sorensens and the Boggs.

Again, we can't thank Lanny enough for the fine job that he did.

#### MEETING MINUTES:

April 24, 1999

Western Washington University

12 members were present as President Bob Meyer opened the meeting by thanking our host George Mustoe.

Committee reports- 25th Silver Anniversary Symposium chair Bob Meyer reported that fees will be \$38. for pre-registration and \$45. if you register at the door. The theme includes silver, silver mines, and silver associations. John Cornish is the speaker chair and master of ceremonies. A discussion followed on using the 2 rooms separately with lectures, meals, and the auctions. It was agreed that we should try it. We discussed limiting the auction materials to the most valuable including a possible field trip with a pro. Ray Hill has volunteered to chair the micro program and he hopes to expand this program. We are still in need of a volunteer to chair the competitions. Dealers will be Harvey Gordon, LeHigh Minerals, Rob Belcher, Bart Cannon, and WA State Mineral Council. Seattle Regional- the show will continue being held at the Puyallup Fairgrounds for the time being. This year's show will be held the 5th-7th of November. It is possible that a few additional clubs may be joining this group.

New Business- Field trip ideas and possibilities - may be able to include the Tacoma Smelter as a side trip during the symposium. Olympic Peninsula with John Cornish is a possibility. Bob Meyer is working at trying to get a trip to S Dakota in the summer of 2000 and of course we have our annual Washington Pass trip. Website - Jim Etzwiler is working on a website for our organization. Vice President duties- at this time our vice president has no assigned tasks or official duties. Should there be specific tasks for this office? Discussed and tabled for future review. Nominating Committee- John Lindell, Bob Smith and Rudy Tschernich are the members of the nominating committee. Membership and Newsletter refund problems- to try and alleviate the time delay in new memberships reaching the secretary and delays in refunds for printing of the newsletters it was discussed that the secretary have a checking account which would be a fund supplied by the treasurer. This fund would be used strictly for processing memberships and paying for the mailing of newsletters and other FM business. MSP to begin this account with \$200.00. Meeting adjourned.

May 30, 1999

Coeur d' Alene Symposium

Announcements and Good of the Order: Lanny Ream did a superb job of putting on the symposium and we all thank him much. Brief discussion on the Fall Symposium. Meeting date set for Saturday, June 19th, 1 PM, Rice Museum. Open house at the Sorensens and Boggs. All are welcome. Meeting adjourned.

June 19, 1999  
Rice Museum

Committee reports: Symposium - information fliers will be sent out with the next newsletter. We will be trying the two room format. We may also try having the auction before dinner. Specimens are needed for the auction. Please inform Bob Meyer or Jim and Rusty Etwiler of your donations. Remember that the auction is a major source of profit for each symposium and your generous donations of auction material are greatly appreciated and desired. John Cornish has Stan Dyal and Peter Megaw as our keynote speakers. He also advises that due to the new room set up there will be limited cases available. If you want a case please notify John immediately. We are still in need of an individual to chair the contest/competition activities. Please call Bob Meyer if you are interested. Seattle Regional - Jim and Rusty reported that the committee is trying to get a balance of dealers to represent the various aspects of the hobby. Promotional efforts are ongoing and soon there will be requests for cases.

New business: 10th annual WA Pass cleanup will be August 7th and 8th. Plan on attending this fun get together. Call Cheryl to reserve your camping spot. Remember that the newsletter could use your contributions such as locality information and recent or past collecting stories. We discussed a need for placards to identify our organization when we display cases at various shows. Karen will research the costs for this item. The question was raised of what our organization could do to support the Rice Museum. This brought up another question about our treasury. How much is needed in the treasury and what should we do with any amount above this? After much discussion which also included having a color fund for Rocks and Minerals it was decided that the board needed to look at the budget and come up with a financial report and some recommendations to be presented at the meeting in September. One member suggested that an article be written about the museum for Rocks and Minerals and that our organization pay for the color photographs for this article.

Good of the Order: There will be a registration form in the next newsletter for the symposium registration. Many, many thanks and congratulations to Lanny Ream for providing our organization with an excellent spring symposium at a terrific locality. Thanks again, Lanny. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully,  
Karen Hinderman, Secretary

#### WASHINGTON PASS CLEANUP

Seven FM members showed up for this trip. The snow was off the roadside but still deep on the upper slopes of the mountains which made for some great photos. It rained a bit in the Kilpchuck campground but was not a hinderance to collecting. I did get some Zektzerite Saturday night with the aid of a sw uv light.

edited report from Don Newsome

## SEATTLE REGIONAL GEM AND MINERAL SHOW

The 45th annual show will be held at the Puyallup Fairgrounds again this November 5, 6, and 7th in Expo Hall. Hours are: Friday noon to 6 PM, Saturday 10 AM to 6 PM, Sunday 10 AM to 5 PM. Since we are a member organization of the SRGM Committee it would be nice if we all participated in this show. Our own Jim Etzwiler is the Dealer Chair this time and we will have some mineral people there. Admission is \$5.00 for adults with a dollar off for a non-perishable food donation at the door.

### MUSEUM NEWS:

I'm trying to show the miner or collector on each label in our Northwest Minerals exhibit and I have two specimens purchased at FM auctions for which I have no information. I think I got both of them at the 1998 Symposium auction in Tacoma. One is a Cinnabar and Stibnite from the Red Devil Mine, Alaska and the other is a Cerrussite and Silver from Coeur d'Alene Mining District, Kellogg, Idaho. I would like to know who donated the specimens so I can contact them and get information on when they were collected and who mined them. I can be reached at the Rice Northwest Museum of Rocks and Minerals email: [info@ricenwmuseum.org](mailto:info@ricenwmuseum.org). Or phone 503-647-2418, mail to 26385 NW Groveland Drive, Hillsboro, Oregon 97124. Hope to hear from somebody soon as I want to add information to the labels for those two specimens. Thanks - Sharleen Harvey

### NEW OFFICER ELECTION:

The following candidates, recommended by the nomination committee, have agreed to run for office. Please return this ballot by September 22 (or hand in NLT 6:00 PM Saturday at the Symposium) to Karen Hinderman, 6217 Tyler Lane, Ferndale, WA 98248

BALLOT			
PRESIDENT:	SHARLEEN HARVEY	Y	
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	WRITE-IN CANDIDATE		
VICE-PRESIDENT:	JIM ETZWILER	Y	
	_____	Y	
	WRITE-IN CANDIDATE		
SECRETARY:	JOHN LINDELL	Y	
	_____	Y	
	WRITE-IN CANDIDATE		
TREASURER:	CHERY BURCHIM	Y	
	_____	Y	
	WRITE-IN CANDIDATE		

## NEW MEMBERS, ADDRESSES:

Wes and Deb have a new email address: wesndeb@premier1.net

## EDITOR'S COMMENTS:

The Gannaways have already been out to Utah and got rained out with the Dagenais but still managed to get some nice micros from the Centennial Eureka Mine dump. The Gannaways then followed this up with a trip to the Black Pine Mine, where we collected in between rain showers, and in Philipsburg, Montana, there was talk of snow on the 4th of July. I have vowed to get out despite the rain and cool days. As we all know up here in the northwest, if you wait for nice weather you might as well stay home and watch TV. Save the worst days for writing up your collecting trips and send them to your editor for inclusion in this bulletin.

There seems to be some concern that we don't send out the symposium registration form soon enough. Please remember that this newsletter prints out the main information early in the year so that everyone knows when and where to go and make reservations.

Please mail your reservations to Karen Hinderman if you haven't already done so.

THINK SILVER!

Wes Gannaway

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## Exhibitor information:

The inner dimensions of the F.M. provided Federation Style cases is 22 inches deep by 23 ¾ inches tall by 46 inches long and will have beige liners.

Exhibitor to furnish own risers as needed

Time period for case set-up is Friday evening. Case tear down will happen Sunday directly following the symposium

F.M. will provide tools, locks, tape, paper towels and Windex for exhibitor usage.

F.M. will provide security in the main exhibit hall only, as a preventive measure. However, all exhibitors display at their own risk. F.M. will not be responsible for any loss or damage to specimens or other display materials. If exhibitor wants materials insured, exhibitor must make arrangements for and pay for any insurance to cover his/her own exhibit.

Thank you for your cooperation. We hope that you have a wonderful symposium and look forward to seeing your display. If you have any questions please feel free to call me. Thank you.

Displays Chairperson John Cornish (360)-457-7630 or email j&gcornish@tenforward.com



Display Registration Form

Would you like to display at this years symposium? If you do, please fill out the form below and mail it, along with a self-addressed and stamped envelope. We will send this back to you with a map showing where your case will be positioned with your display. To facilitate display case rental arrangements, all entries must be received no later than August 31st.

Exhibitor Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Exhibit case requirements:

Number of cases to be exhibited \_\_\_\_\_ Will you furnish your own case/cases? \_\_\_\_\_

F.M will provide a Federation style case for you if you do not use your own, if you use your own case, what color liners will you use? \_\_\_\_\_

Type of exhibit:

Please describe briefly the type of materials you will be exhibiting in each case. Be as specific as possible, i.e., will photos or other display enhancers be used, what colors will be displayed, is your display an educational display, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

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Are the specimens to be exhibited field collected or purchased? \_\_\_\_\_

send this form to:

John Cornish  
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Port Angeles, WA 98362-9126

# REGISTRATION FORM

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

REGISTRATION-Includes Banquet:

- Before September 8: \$38.00 x no. of registrants = \_\_\_\_\_
- After September 8: \$45.00 x no. of registrants = \_\_\_\_\_

MEALS: (Include tax and gratuity)

Please note any dietary restrictions.

Additional banquet meals for guests not attending symposium meetings: \$18.00

number \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_ x

Saturday lunch: \$8.50

number \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_ x

PNW CHAPTER FM DUES:

Unpaid 1999 dues: \$15.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Dues for 2000: \$15.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Yes, I will be a room dealer \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*Please see section on Satellite Dealers

Room Dealer Fee \$15.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

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