

SMP NEWSLETTER

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The Spring Meeting (Annual) will be held in Tucson on Thursday Feb. 9th at the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum. The SMMP Board will meet from 8 A.M. to 9:15 A.M., followed by the general membership meeting from 9:30 until 10:45. If you have any items to be discussed at the Annual Meeting, please contact one of the Executive Board members to have them added to the agenda.

Dr. Carl Francis will moderate a panel discussion on "Curating Gemstones" at 11 A.M. following which a lunch will be served. Several curators will each describe briefly how they collect, document and store gems in the hope of illustrating a spectrum of curatorial styles. Germane questions from the floor will be a part of the discussion.

David Thayer of the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum is arranging for coffee and donuts to be available for both the Board Meeting and the Annual Meeting.

The current Officers and Board members are:

- Pres. - Dr. George E. Harlow
- V.P. - Dr. Carl A. Francis
- Sec. - Dr. Jean DeMouthe
- Treas. - David Thayer
- Bd. - Dr. Ferdinand Damaschun
- Bd. - Dr. Susan C Eriksson
- Bd. - Patricia A. Gray
- Bd. - Dr. Jeffrey Post
- Bd. - Dr. Anthony R. Kampf (omitted in original version of newsletter)

Patricia Gray will have current membership directories to pass out at Tucson. This directory will contain the email addresses that have been sent in. If you are not going to attend Tucson mail a request for your directory to the Treasurer with your dues payment.

Dr. George Harlow wrote an article for the MSA Lattice on SMMP and its goals and purposes. He has received several contacts from that article.

Dr. Susan Eriksson has suggested that SMMP prepare an informative brochure on our organization to present to new and prospective members. Please bring your ideas and suggestions to the Tucson meeting or mail them to Dr. Eriksson <museum@vtmi.cc.vt.edu>, or Dr. Harlow <gcharlow@amnh.org>.

Treasurers report summary for January thru June 30, 1994. Beginning Balance: \$6,720.19, Expenses: \$541.07, Income: \$799.41, leaving a total balance of \$6,978.53 as of June 30, 1994.

Dave Thayer wants to remind all members that your 1995 dues are due and should be paid at the beginning of the Annual Membership meeting in Tucson. Send to Dave Thayer SMMP Treasurer, Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum, 2021 N. Kinney Rd., Tucson, AZ 85743.

If your label has a red border, your 1994 dues are delinquent, this will be your last newsletter and your membership will be discontinued. If you feel an error has occurred please write to Dave Thayer and explain your problem.

Our president and several members had a very interesting time in Lisbon, Portugal, at the International Mineralogical Symposium. A report will be given at the Tucson meeting.

Job opening announcement

CURATOR AND D. C. GABRIEL PROFESSOR OF MINERALOGY

Michigan Technological University

The Seaman Mineral Museum and the Department of Geological Engineering and Sciences at Michigan Technological University seek an outstanding candidate for a joint position as Curator and tenure track D. C. Gabriel Professor of Mineralogy, at the level of Associate Professor or higher. The Professorship is funded by the D. C. Gabriel Endowment to Michigan Tech, and is intended to strengthen the academic role of the Museum. The Seaman Mineralogical Museum, the Mineralogical Museum of Michigan and one of North America's premier mineralogical collections, is located in Michigan's mineral rich Copper Country, the continent's first great metal mining area. The Museum plans a major expansion with greater interaction with K12 schools, the general public and the University community. Successful applicants must have a vision for the role of mineral museums on University campuses, evidence of past and continuing mineralogical research activities, teaching experience and a commitment to quality teaching. Experience as a curator of mineral collections is critical, including expert knowledge in specimen mineralogy, mineral occurrences, specimen valuation, and modern mineral markets. A Ph.D. is required, preferably in the geological sciences with a specialty in mineralogy. Applicants should send a curriculum vitae, a statement of teaching and research interests, and the names and addresses of at least four references, to Dr. S. D. McDowell, Museum Search Committee, Department of Geological Engineering and Sciences, Michigan Technological University, 1400 Townsend Drive, Houghton, Michigan 49931-1295. Screening of applicants will begin January 31, 1995, but applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Michigan Technological University is an equal opportunity educational institution/equal opportunity employer.