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FGMS October 11 Meeting at 7:00pm

Mark Mauthner, Assistant Curator of the Gemological Institute of America

“THE PACIFIC MINERAL MUSEUM: A RETROSPECTIVE”

This presentation is a sharing of Mark's experiences while involved in the establishment of a new mineral museum (Pacific Mineral Museum of Vancouver), from founding the non-profit society to finding a location for the museum, then the designing, building, filling and finally running of that museum.

He was born in a silver mining community in the Yukon where his Father worked in the mines and operated a gold placer on Mayo Lake.

He has been collecting minerals, rocks and (some) fossils since infancy (earliest recorded, self-collected, *extant* specimen is a trilobite fossil collected within weeks of his 4th birthday).

Mr. Mauthner has been involved in (employed by) mineral museums since 1988 when he started at the M.Y. Williams Geological Museum at the University of British Columbia, with the exception of one year that he spent in mineral exploration “between” museums.

Mr. Mauthner holds bachelor and masters degrees in the field of geology, in addition to an impressive amount of experience in museum management and geological consulting,



REFRESHMENTS

The refreshments will be provided by FGMS for Oct. It is our usual donuts and cider month.

SUMMARY OF THE FGMS BOARD MEETING, SEPTEMBER 1, 2007 AT 10:00 AM

At the September 1 Board Meeting the Treasurer's Report showed a Cash Allocation Estimate of \$95,662.91 in checking and a money market total of \$25,000. The checking account total included \$83,393 from the Escrow and \$9,917 from FCDC Reconciliation funds. After accounting for allocated funds, the total available cash was \$105,157.83. A motion was made and approved to

authorize the Treasurer to move funds from the checking account to the money market account as needed.

A letter from Wil Gower to a Fallbrook newspaper was also discussed. It thanked those who had supported him financially in his race for Honorary Mayor and among the names listed was that of the Fallbrook Gem & Mineral Society. The Board of FGMS has never authorized money or support for Wil Gower's campaign. Anne said that the money was given by individual members of FGMS. President Palculich asked that the minutes show that the use of the Fallbrook Gem & Mineral Society name was unauthorized – was a mistake – that FGMS did not support Wil Gower in his campaign for Mayor.

The picnic/sale with MSSC was full of fun and fellowship. This could be a prototype for future events with Southern California Clubs. Garth was commended for his new policy of selling items from his personal collection and donating the proceeds toward pay down of the mortgage.

Vanessa presented her completed fundraising reconciliation (through 7/31/07). Total Fundraising Income (including \$62,500 to close Escrow on the building, plus the results of the Phase II campaign and Rummage Sales, donation jars and special mineral sales) amounted to \$137,913.67. Total mortgage pay down is \$138,222.64 and the mortgage balance is \$276,829.65. Plaques are being made for the Museum with the names of Founders and Charter Club members. The Board accepted her recommendation to close out the Phase II campaign at the end of 2007 and begin a new one so that letters can be sent to donors in case they might want to

go to a new level. Then a new campaign will be started. The Board agreed, and details of closing the old campaign will be discussed again, especially the definition of Tourmaline Club membership. Vanessa reported that John Watson, (formerly in charge of fund raising) had been asked to assist with this reconciliation, but kept putting it off. He did not finish the Phase II campaign, but instead turned it over to someone else (Kerith Graeber). Neither presented a final report of activities or total amounts.

For the Fall Festival, Janice is working on the street plan for booth placement. Blue aprons with our logo patch will be worn to identify FGMS members. JuleArt made a large donation of Gift Shop items, including a new Donation Box. Elizabeth Cheatham, Black & Gold Committee Chair, reported an article on the Gala in the North County Times. The first batch of invitations has gone out. Senator Hollingsworth's office has responded and will present a Senate Resolution. Alec Conley is making a display item for the Museum. Oscar Warren is making the wheel beautiful with black and shades of gold. Mary showed the brochure that will be sent out with fund raisers. 10,000 brochures will be printed using TOT funds designated for the purpose. Gina thanked the Committees for their hard work and reported that there will be ten pony cases in the meeting room for member displays.

President Palculich listed the seven litigation letters sent and responded to by our Attorneys and their Attorney since the last meeting. There was also an e-mail and a two page report from Anne Ondraka. (These documents were attachments to the

Agenda and may be viewed in the public Minutes Book in the Office.)

After conferring with John Crawford, our Attorney, the Reorganization Committee updated the attached Chart and Committee List to reflect his recommendation that Directors be elected without reference to position or number. Directors will be voted in, and then responsibilities will be assigned.

Bill Hollingsworth reported that the MSSC Newsletter had an article about the Picnic and Sale they enjoyed here, and with pictures and good things to say about the Museum. Laura Coleman did a wonderful job handling the Chili Contest for the last Hot Summer Nite.

Anne Ondraka talked about her report of estimated costs for permitting and lot preparation. The estimates were from a document done several years ago by Joe, Cal and Pete. Joe said they were provided by men who had done work on the new Ondraka residence in Fallbrook. The costs were in a letter to the Board dated June 12, 2007 from Pete Bancroft, Cal Graeber, Dave LaMarr, Joe Ondraka and John Watson. Anne said the estimate given for ADA permitting was \$10,000 and for ADA compliance was \$100,000 or more. Anne also included the first floor drawing from FCDC's Visitor's Center four page plan that was first presented to the Board in July of 2006. Anne's copy had a date of 6/3/07 written in on it. Liz Yamaguchi called attention to the chart used as a reference tool when considering new funding sources. Discussion concerned how to spend those printed in blue (new ones not spent yet), especially the \$600 from Rally for Children. Suggestions included fossil rubbing plates. Liz and

Dave Mitchell will attend the County meeting on CDBG funds this month to find out about applying for assistance with handicapped requirements.

Elizabeth Cheatham is helping Alec Conley with the Fallbrook Library display that will showcase the FGMS 50th Anniversary celebration. Bonnie Parsley has agreed to give another wire wrap class. Julianna Brisco was given half of the Don Layton Scholarship Award set up by FGMS. Julianna will receive the other half of the scholarship next year. She is the first person in her family to go to college.

New members: Lorrie Culver, Toni Callaway, Bob & Bonnie Cummins were announced.

Matt Boeck's last field trip was successful, with many minerals found.

President Palculich gave out copies of a Ramirez document requesting return within 15 days of gifts that the Ondrakas had conditionally donated to FGMS. The reason was that the gifts were to be displayed for public benefit and education but now the small public museum has been eliminated. Also distributed were two 2003 letters sent by FGMS Curator, Garth Bricker, thanking the Ondrakas and accepting the gifts (Thompsonite on Inesite, appraised at \$7,500, and Rhodochrosite, appraised at \$6,000), into the FGMS Collections. Curator Bricker explained that the gifts are legally FGMS property. It has always been FGMS policy to accept donations with no strings attached.

The Nominating Committee reported that they would have a slate of nominees at the November Board meeting. President Palculich pointed out that the Volunteer of the Year Committee (David LaMarr)

needed to meet and prepare a Report for the November Board meeting. He said yes.

CLUB/MEMBERSHIP MEETING SEPTEMBER 13, 2007

The September 13, 2007 FGMS Membership meeting began at 6:00 pm with delicious food provided by members. The speaker for the evening, Ken Rucker, joined us. The Club meeting began at 7 pm with the flag salute.

President Gina Palculich welcomed all and read her statement updating everyone on our legal battles. Club members: David LaMarr (who is also a Board member), Anne Ondraka (who is also a Board member), and Peter Bancroft and Cal Graeber are continuing their threat of a lawsuit against the Club. They have reported us to the California Attorney General and had their attorney send information to his office instead of to our attorney. Our attorney is presently responding to the letter from the Attorney General's Office.

Vanessa Jones, Treasurer, reported on revenues over the summer. The June silent auction brought in \$570 after tax; at the SD County Fair, \$4,274 worth of FGMS merchandise was sold; the MSSC picnic brought \$110, plus Garth donated all the proceeds of his personal mineral sales (\$689). Store sales are back on track after the move, bringing in almost \$8,000 so far this year.

We have fulfilled the terms of the agreement with the Fallbrook Community Development non-profit regarding the lot and have closed escrow. We received a

check from escrow for \$83,393 and a check from FCDC for \$9,917 towards the interest payments.

We have transferred \$75,000 to our CD account for a total of \$100,000 that is on hold.

We would have liked to put the full amount towards paying down the building mortgage, but because we are still under the threat of litigation and have also been put on notice for our lack of handicapped access, we are unable to proceed until the situation is resolved.

Summer events included moving the museum and gift shop into our upstairs room (formerly rented to Curves) and renting the lower space to the Fallbrook Visitors Bureau. We participated in Hot Summer Nites (VFW did the Taste of Fallbrook for us, and Laura Coleman won "Best Presentation" for us with her Western themed Chili booth).

B.J.Cheatham reported on activities planned for the grand opening of the Museum (Black& Gold Gala) and Matt Boeck described the next Field Trip to Oceanview Mine (Sept. 30), which will tour our museum first. Diane Tjepkes is doing a great job getting our Fall Festival publicized.

Curator, Garth Bricker said that a letter had been received from Attorney Ramirez demanding the return of two minerals donated to the Clubs Collection by the Ondrakas in 2003. He felt it would be a shame to deny visitors the opportunity to see them (Rhodochrosite and Inesite).

Everyone enjoyed Ken Rucker's talk about his gold prospecting experiences.

Garth Bricker,

FGMS Member and Museum Curator

October 2007



At this time we are running hard and strong getting ready for Oct. 6th and 7th street closing and open house. We will have vendors on the street and demonstrators showing people some of our

the members and is being paid for by the members selling minerals, fossils and jewelry much of it donated or made by the members. We bought half a lot so we can teach children about minerals in a, Can Get Messy, environment.

The museum started after we were a mineral organization for 36 years. Chuck Weber, a retired minister in our group, knew that the Historical Society was well on their way to building a Museum in Fallbrook and asked the Historical Society if we could put a mineral museum in their new building because of all the gem mining in our area and the answer was, yes.

handiwork. There will be gold panning and geode cracking along with selling raffle tickets for \$5. One prize some lucky winner will get will be a tourmaline and gold necklace. You have to see it to appreciate it. The gold is swirled up with a large pink tourmaline 6.95 carat faceted stone from our nearby mines. Another prize is a pre-paid tour of one of our nearby mines, The Ocean View, and another is a gold specimen on quartz.

We had sold grab bags at the county fair for years and had some money to spend in furnishing one half of the basement. The building was built on sloping land so the underside was left dirt with bare joist ceiling. We had half the basement but we turned it into two rooms for us and the other half was for the H. S. We put in cement and put in walls and insulation, fire sprinklers and fixed the larger room into a museum that we had for 10 years until we bought the old telephone building right down town. We were out of the town area at the H.S spot. People could now walk right into our new museum while shopping or being in downtown Fallbrook.

We should attract a crowd from our area and some from farther away because it is a good place to go for a small town get away. One attraction is an unusual museum for gems and minerals in this small town near the famous Pala gem fields and the Himalaya mine in Mesa Grande. This is our museum that is run by

While at the H.S. location, I ran the children's education program mostly on the grounds around the H.S. museum. I could have up to 6 groups all doing something with minerals. We taught all sorts of organized kid's groups and some came as far away as one hour and a half. Teachers and group leaders knew we had the materials and the know-how to do the job. I was a 4th and 5th grade teacher for 33 years before retiring to take over as curator and education director.

We bought half a lot next to our new building and hopefully in the not to far future we can fix this lot to accommodate up to 60 kids at once in 6 groups working on gold panning, mineral study of hands on minerals, museum learning, arrowhead making, 50 million year old whale head preparation for display, and painting with crushed colored minerals and a crushed fluorescent mineral for a partial fluorescent painting.

Our mineral museum at our downtown address of 123 West Alvarado Suite B, Fallbrook, 92028 is upgraded from a small narrow room near street level to a much bigger room on the general level of the rest of the building. We rent out the small room below to the Fallbrook Visitor's Center and took over the much larger room we rented to the Curves organization, a ladies reducing group.

This room allows us to put in many more minerals and mineral related specimens and our very impressive black light minerals. It is probably one of the best in the west. We specialize in minerals from our nearby pegmatite mining districts that are known in all parts of the world. Our minerals from these mining districts are also found in private collections and in

big and small museum through out the world. I imagine that knowledgeable mineral people in any part of the world would recognize the word FALLBROOK as the town next to the famous Pala district because you go through Fallbrook to get to Pala and you can visit Bill Larson's mineral shop and stop at Cal Graebers to look at his minerals for sale. Fallbrook has a number of mineral dealers besides those already mentioned. There is Jim and Mary Walker that deal in fossils and minerals, Brazil Imports, Inc., Joe and Val's company, 4 The Ear. selling beads, Leven and Beth's company, Paleo Facts, selling fossils, and a Fallbrook Co. selling old scientific equipment at Tucson and at other shows called The Gemmary, and Luna creations sell jewelry. For a small town there are quite a few people dealing with minerals. Maybe being next to the Pala gem fields has something to do with it.

A place near us that should be visited is in Carlsbad, CA called the Gemological Institute of America where gemstones and diamonds are graded and classes on gemology are taught.

Several mines are open for paid visits. These are the Himalaya mine in Mesa Grande, CA and the Ocean View mine in Pala, CA. The person to contact for the Himalaya mine is Simon King at 760 430 5193 and for the Ocean View mine go to the computer and put in the Ocean View mine or look up Stevens Custom Jewelry in Escondido, CA. The Stewart mine's office and sales yard is near the beginning of Magee Rd just past the town of Pala on route 76. You can buy buckets of tailings containing pieces of the gems found at the mine. There is a store to buy minerals from the mine and a huge pile of lepidolite mica

there to choose your piece for so much a pound.

You can even find minerals in Fallbrook. A large smoky quartz crystal was found in digging out a sewer line in 1958 that is now in our museum. Axinite has been found in Fallbrook excavations. It's great to live in Fallbrook with mountains and snow, an ocean with water skiing, and deserts to check for minerals. That's all folks.

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IN MEMORY

Herbert A. Sulsky, 86, formerly of De Luz and Gird Road in Fallbrook, died Friday, Sept. 7 in Massachusetts, where he had moved last February.

He was born in Brooklyn, NY and was a graduate of City College and Brooklyn Law School. He practiced law in New York and upon his retirement moved to Fallbrook where he grew proteas, eucalyptus and avocados. Herb was an honorary lifetime member of the California Protea Association. He was also a member of the Fallbrook Gem and Mineral Society.

Herb leaves his wife of 63 years, Marion, daughters Deborah and Sandra, son Stanley and grandchildren Ben, Sarah and Rachel. The family requests that donations be made to a charity of your choice in his memory.

Thank you, Marion Sulsky

CALENDAR OF DATES TO REMEMBER

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September 29, Saturday 9 am to 4 pm
September 30, Sunday 9 am to 4 pm
October 6, Saturday 10 am
October 6, Saturday 5 -7 pm
October 7, Sunday 10 am - 4 pm

(Beading every other Thursday, Grab bag making every Friday)

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