

F.M.P.A. Chapter



On The Passing of Jay Lininger October 18th, 2004

"Friendships... just not shaking hands and saying 'Howdy Do'...it fills a fellow's heart and thrills him through and through....."

When I was a boy that poem graced a wall in my bedroom. It had little meaning to me at that time. Jay put meaning into those words for me .

Last evening I received an 11 P.M. phone call. You know... the late night call that no one wants... but we all get them at some time in our lives. As you pick up the phone, you know that something terrible has happened to someone you know. You wish the phone had never rung, had no reason to, but it did and you had to answer it!

Life as we know it, can change in a flash. In my case, after hearing of Jay's death, think "Why Jay?" Jaywe had many plans and unfinished things to do and yet... you are left with just memories.

I've known Jay for close to 30 years. We met on one of those many field-collecting trips.

He got me into FM. Jay enriched my life by sharing his with mine. I shall miss my friend!

The Mineral Collecting Community, as well, has lost a dear and wonder friend! His passion for mineral history and mineral collecting was a large part of his life . He had great hope for his publication Matrix, the new FM Newsletter, and FM in general.

Jay and I spent many fine hours together chasing minerals in Tucson and Denver....and a hundred different places I can no longer name .

He and his lovely wife Paula spent a week with me at my Colorado Cabin during the Denver show one year. On our dining room table, he spread out some of the most fantastic Phoenixville, PA specimens that he had acquired at the Denver Show. Feasting on steaks and wine that night, at ten thousand feet, in the cool Rocky Mountain air.... our eyes feasted ,as well, on those specimens aligned on the dinner

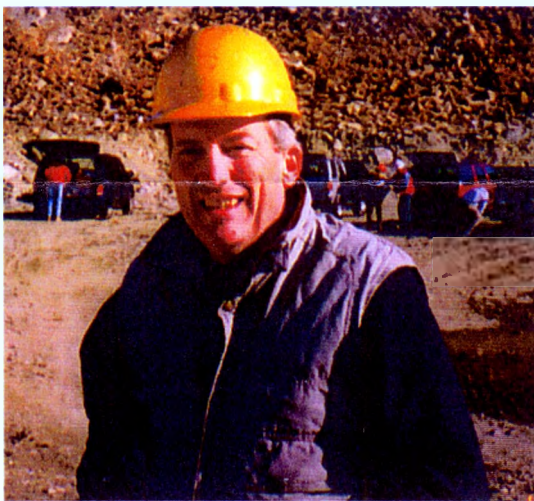
table.....Life was good

Jay was always there! His assistance was a welcome addition to any, and all activities of FM.

He had time, it seemed, for everyone..... his many talks, his smile.....I know. I have some mineral momentos from Jay...a few specimens "from the collection of Jay Lininger". Each one of those specimens has a story or memory behind it, that only the collector knows. These memories are tucked away in my mineral room, in a drawer to be drawn upon from time to time. To the casual observer these are just cold, hard rocks; but to the collector, they are reminders of many fine days and great times.

Jay loved to write! I wanted him to cut back on his many articles for the newsletter. He let me

know this would not happen. He always wanted me to write articles on Western Mineralogy for Matrix... as you can see, I'm not much of a writer. However, I feel this needs to be written...even though it seems like so little a tribute, for such a large "Icon in our world of Mineralogy". Jay will be missed. He is probably having a good time right now, unbeknownst to us mortals! Face it... he's



getting his information first hand from Gordon, Montgomery,Vaux ,Wheatley and so many others- -It takes me back to the 1999 issue of a Matrix editorial written by Jay. "The little 8th grade acorn did become a 'mighty oak of Mineralogy' and can take his place in the ranks he so admired." Yes, I'd say, it is true; although Jay would dismiss this.

Jay loved life and he loved what he was doing. He always greeted me with a warm smile and a heart-felt handshake. To his wife Paula: You have our deepest sympathy and prayers. I shall miss your husband and my friend.

Arnold Mogel

President: Friends of Mineralogy Pennsylvania Chapter Inc.

Chapter Items

Office of the President

Hi Folks,

Well, here we go into another Symposium !This year we have, what I believe to be, a very informative symposium. Do come out and support the chapter! The speakers this year are: Steve Chamberlain, Johnny Johnsson, and Steve Okulewicz. Field trips on Sunday are to Silver Hill and Burkholder Quarry **Full safety gear is required**. Remember you may only attend the Luncheon if you pre-register. Fred Stohl has worked hard to put the entire symposium together along with the Board members. We Need to thank Roger Mitchell for the use of the Delaware County Institute of Science in Media, PA again this year.

The Symposium is November 6th and 7th Hope to see you there!!!!

This brings me to another important issue. For those planning to attend the Symposium

I would really like to see our "give away table" full of specimens . The other is a donation of a specimen for the Auction itself.

The Symposium will be in Memory of Jay Lininger, whose sudden death will/has

Changed the face of the Newsletter. Jay's efforts to produce a quality newsletter for the

Chapter were well received, along with many suggestions from members including things from what they'd like to see, to items we could possibly eliminate. The board will meet again in December - and the Newsletter will be a top priority.

Next year's Symposium (2005) will also be on the table. As of today it looks like we will be getting that off to a great start. Another issue will be the spring field trip. Inputs and suggestions are always welcomed! Members may contact me by phone or E-mail.

At the last Board meeting, we made some changes: Pen Ambler is now our field trip Chairperson and Juliet Reed is our PR person. The field trips for this Symposium were arranged by Pen.

The recent Dues increase was affected by the rising insurance cost (since 9/11). I'm afraid this is a fact of life. We have paid those costs from the general funds for the last two years (with no increase). With a decline in our book sales, a lack of tax deductible donations, and increase costs for Chapter operations, we found it imperative to raise the dues. Dues for the National are \$5.00 per member paid from your dues payment to the Chapter. This also tends to deplete dues that we realize from each of our members. Membership has remained fairly constant over recent years.

For this past year we had about 115 members. ***Dues are now due for 2005! Please try to pay them by Jan 1, 2005 If you have paid already - I want to say thank you ! Regular members \$20.00 Seniors and Student members \$15.00***

One last item is: the call for papers for next year's Mining History Association

Annual Conference in June - I plan to attend this event and encourage other FM members to as well.

See you all at this Fall's Symposium!!!!!!

Arnold Mogel

- SYMPOSIUM FIELD TRIP
- By Skip Colflesh

The "Burkholder" quarry was started in 1923, by David M. Burkholder, and later expanded to include an asphalt plant and paving construction company.

Martin Limestone Inc. purchased the operation on February 1, 1982, making it their Burkholder Paving Division.

Mining is primarily in the Epler Formation of Ordovician age. It consists of medium to dark gray, thickly bedded, high calcium limestone, interlayered with lighter colored dolomitic beds.

Notable structural features include steep bedding, tight folds, faulting and small Triassic Age diabase dikes. The east-west fault, along the south wall appears to truncate the dikes. The igneous activity does not appear to play any major role in the mineralization of the quarry.

The most prevalent mineral to be collected is calcite, with scalenohedral and prismatic crystals common. Perhaps the most sought after species from this locality is fluorite. The crystals are usually a deep purple color, often as flattened cubes,

commonly coated, on one or more face, with micro calcite.

One specimen of very pale fluorite cubes, stacked together, covering an area of 4"x3" and 1" high, was found this summer. My excitement was noticeable as I started to remove it from the boulder face. My disappointment was even more apparent as it immediately fell apart into dozens of individual, heavily contacted cubes!

Barite has been found in tabular and elongated prismatic crystals. Their color ranges from near colorless to yellow and yellow/green, to brown. The tabular crystals can be found as singles and clusters and some show excellent color zoning.

Some of the other minerals found include; goethite, chalcopyrite (some with secondary malachite), pyrite, hematite, sphalerite, dolomite and quartz.

The quarry is located in northern Lancaster County and can be reached , from Ephrata, by travelling east on U.S. Rte.322, approximately one mile, to Martindale Rd. (S.R. 1010). Turn left and proceed another mile. The quarry is on the left and the office building , on the right.

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NOTICE, MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!
Mining History Association 2005 Annual Conference
Scranton, Pennsylvania -- June 16-19, 2005

Highlights Include:

- ❖ Underground Tour of the Lackawanna Coal Mine
- ❖ Pennsylvania Anthracite Heritage Museum
- ❖ Quality Papers, Meals, and Social Activities
- ❖ Sunday Tour to the New Jersey Zinc Mining District including the Sterling Hill Mine and Franklin (Fluorescent) Mineral Museums
- ❖ Optional Post-Conference Tour on June 20th

Other Historic Sites in the Area:

- ❖ Scranton Iron Furnaces
- ❖ Steamtown National Historic Site
- ❖ Electric City Trolley Museum

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Call for Papers

Mining History Association Annual Meeting
June 16-19, 2005 --- Scranton, Pennsylvania

The Mining History Association invites proposals for papers to be presented at its 2005 meeting. Papers may be on any topic or geographic area associated with mining history. Presenters will have 20 minutes to make their presentations; proposals for individual papers, or sessions featuring three papers, are encouraged.

The meeting's venue - Scranton - is in the heart of Pennsylvania's anthracite coal mining region and near historic metals-mining locales in Pennsylvania and adjacent states. Attendees will meet mining historians from all regions of the United States and some foreign countries.

Proposals must include the name and mailing/e-mail address of presenter, title of paper, abstract of paper (not to exceed one page). Proposals must be submitted by November 30, 2004 to Richard Francaviglia, Program Chair, The University of Texas at Arlington, The Center of Greater Southwestern Studies and the History of Cartography, Box 19497, Arlington, Texas 76019. Presenters will be invited to submit their papers for consideration in the Mining History Journal which is published annually. Please note, speakers must register for the conference in order to give their presentations.

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