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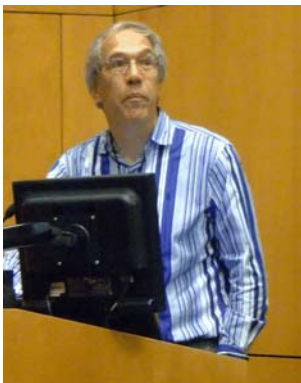
## Another Rewarding Pennsylvania Chapter Symposium and Field Trip by Dave Glick

Our Chapter's annual Symposium was held on the first weekend in November at Franklin & Marshall College, Lancaster, PA. We heard several talks by experts on minerals, geology and mining in Pennsylvania and beyond. On Sunday, the field trip to Iron Valley Golf Club property at Cornwall, PA, provided an opportunity for mineral collecting.



Chapter President Joe Marchesani had led the efforts to organize the symposium. He welcomed the participants and introduced the speakers.

Stan Mertzman, professor and our host at F&M, spoke on Spring Break in Hawaii, AKA: Volcano Boot Camp for F&M Mineralogy-Petrology Students.



Robert Kulp, PhD student at West Chester University, spoke on The Dunite occurrence in the Serpentinites of the Pennsylvania - Maryland Chrome Mining District (2014 photo).



Ryan Mathur, head of the Geology Department at Juniata College, included SEM micrographs of a variety of pyrite morphologies in his presentation on Cenozoic mineralization ages for sulfides and calcite in Pennsylvania.

Bill Stephens, PG: Lapidary Grade Agate and Other Semi-Precious Gemstones from the Penn-MD Serpentine Quarry, Lancaster County, PA.



(Photos on this page by D. Glick)  
(Article and photos continue on page 2)

## There's Still Time to Pay Dues

This newsletter is being sent to all members who were paid for 2016. If you have not yet paid your dues for 2017, there's still time to pay so that your membership benefits, including delivery of this newsletter, will not lapse. Please be sure to provide any updates to your contact information, such as a new e-mail address; the member data sheet is available at the chapter web site [www.rasloto.com/FM/](http://www.rasloto.com/FM/) under "Join FM." Rates are \$20 for full membership, \$15 for students and seniors (over 62). Checks should be made out to "Friends of Mineralogy, PA Chapter" and mailed to the Membership Chairman:

Ron Sloto  
PO Box 13  
St. Peters PA 19470

Please remember to provide updates to Ron whenever your contact information changes. -Editor



## FM-PA Symposium Cornwall Field Trip November 6, 2016

Participants are invited to submit the specific sites at which they found specific minerals, as a reference for future collecting. Contact the Secretary (see p. 4) for a Google Earth KMZ file of annotated locations.



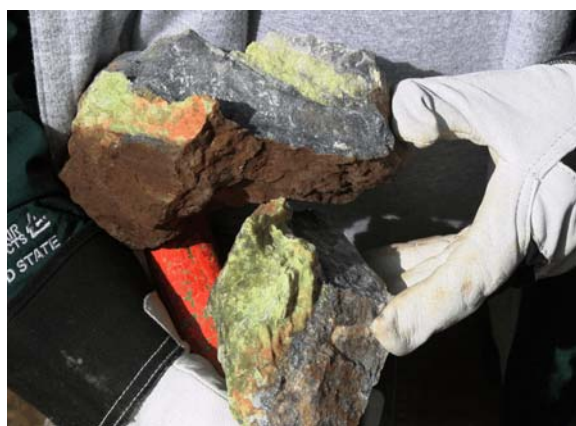
The group met in the parking lot and picked up golf carts.  
*D. Glick photo.*



Serpentinite, magnetite, chalcopyrite, and magnesite.  
Scale bar is 5 cm. *W. Kochanov photo.*



Serpentinite near approach to hole #11.  
*W. Kochanov photo.*



Serpentinite near approach to hole #11.  
*W. Kochanov photo.*



Green andradite garnets in meta-conglomerate.  
Scale bar is 5 cm. *W. Kochanov photo.*



One of the collecting areas of exposed mine dumps at Iron Valley Golf Club. *D. Glick photos & digital compositing.*

## Dick Wright, 1936-2016

from obits.pennlive.com

Founding President and lifetime board member of the Pennsylvania Council of Professional Geologists (PCPG), Richard "Dick" Eugene Wright, 80, of Hershey, passed away on December 26, 2016 in Arden Courts of Susquehanna.

He championed the Pennsylvania state requirement for professional geologists to be licensed; he held license number one. Dick was the owner and founder of R. E. Wright Associates, Inc., Earth Resources Consultants; he was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Hershey and the Hershey Rotary Club, and civically active through the years in many other organizations. He was also a very devout and active Alumnus of Franklin & Marshall College, in both athletics and education.

Dick was a graduate of Hershey High School "Class of 54" and received his bachelor of Science in Geology at Franklin & Marshall College in Lancaster, PA, his Master's degree in Geology from Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah, and did Predoctoral studies in Earth and Planetary Sciences at the University of Pittsburgh.

Funeral services were December 30, 2016; interment was in the Hershey Cemetery. Contributions be made to the "Dick and Gwen Wright Endowed Scholarship Fund" c/o F&M College, PO Box 3003, Lancaster PA 17604-3003. This was established in 1987 through a gift from Richard and Gwen Wright, and is used to provide scholarship funds for students who have established a record of noteworthy academic achievement and have demonstrated financial need. - See more at: <http://obits.pennlive.com>

## Mineralogical Record's Axis Online Journal

Mineralogical Record occasionally publishes *Axis*, a free journal, at <http://www.minrec.org/journal.asp>. We have not previously mentioned the compilation of "Legal Nuggets" columns, posted earlier this year. There are seven essays published in the Mineralogical Record magazine by the late Judge Francis Allegra between 2008 and 2012:

Fragile Minerals and the TSA  
The Taxman Cometh  
Collectors, Investors and Dealers  
"My Word is My Bond"  
Specimen Defamation  
Warranties  
Estate Planning for Your Collection

## FM-Pa Treasurer Ron Sloto has created an FM-PA Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Friends-of-Mineralogy-Pennsylvania-Chapter/1174230635931641>  
Members and friends are invited to *Like* the page, post, and generally provide a good level of activity.

## Classifieds

**FOR SALE:** I am preparing to sell a large percentage of my worldwide collection and thousands of Pennsylvania specimens, many self collected and old classics. There's plenty of variety, and plenty for different levels of collector interest. Anyone interested should call to set up an appointment. Thanks,  
Skip Colflesh, Hershey, PA  
phone 717-805-2027

**FOR SALE:** Wide-ranging, good-sized **collection;** concentration on a nice variety of mineral crystals but also metallic specimens, several types of hematite, some gemstones and rough for cabbing or faceting, volcanic material, fossils. Most fairly small, most purchased from dealers through the years. Prefer to sell the collection as a whole, although sale of certain subsets (hematite, quartz, gemstones, or fossils) is possible. Located in Burnham, PA. Contact Mike, [mikerockcutter@aol.com](mailto:mikerockcutter@aol.com) or 814-571-9672.

**FOR SALE: Microscope & Accessories, Mineral Specimens, Crystal Models.**

----- UPDATE - FEBRUARY 2016 -----

See the listing at [www.nittanymineral.org/beall.pdf](http://www.nittanymineral.org/beall.pdf) which has been **updated** to reflect the current list of specimens available. Those already sold since the 2014 listing have been removed, and some additional specimens and other items have been added. The Meiji binocular microscope set up for photomicrography with trinocular head, zoom, photo eyepieces, iris diaphragm to control depth of field, two-arm fiber optic illuminator with focusing ends, anti-vibration table, etc., is still available. Contact Frank & Gail Beall, 724-789-7290.

### DONATIONS WELCOMED

The FM-PA Chapter is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization; donations are gratefully accepted and may be deducted from your federal income tax. Donations of any size help to offset the general operating costs of the Society, helping to keep dues low.

## From the Editor

David Glick

THANK YOU to everyone who has been providing material for the Newsletter! Everyone else - join the fun! **Please provide materials for the next issue by March 10, 2017.** Feel free to contact me at xidg@verizon.net, or 814-237-1094 days and evenings. **Mail can be sent to** 209 Spring Lea Dr., State College PA 16801.

Materials related to Pennsylvania mineralogy, collecting or collectors are invited for this newsletter: articles, long or short; announcements from FM-PA committees; photographs of specimens, field localities, collections, etc.; reports on publications about PA minerals or by PA authors, or actual book reviews; or other items within the mineralogy and mineral collecting areas of interest. **Photographs** should be of good resolution (at least 1000 pixels across) without much JPEG compression, so that they will look good in print. Please provide captions including photographers' names.

We are producing four issues each year; **your material is needed** to make them worthwhile! If you know people who have interesting material, please encourage them to submit it.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

See [www.mineralevents.com](http://www.mineralevents.com) for more

**Jan. 28, 2017:** Rutgers Geology Museum Open House  
See [geologymuseum.rutgers.edu/](http://geologymuseum.rutgers.edu/)

**March 4-5, 2017:** Earth Science, Gem and Mineral Show by Delaware Mineralogical Society. NEW LOCATION: U. Del. Wilmington campus, Arsh Conference Center, 2800 Pennsylvania Ave (Rt. 52), Wilmington DE 19806. Sat 10-5, Sun. 11-5. Info and coupons at [www.delministry.org](http://www.delministry.org)  
- - - **AND A Symposium** with a variety of topics and speakers; watch for details.

**March 25-26, 2017:** Franklin County Rock & Mineral Club Annual Show, Hamilton Heights Elementary School, 1589 Johnson Rd, Chambersburg PA Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4.  
Flyer at [www.mineralevents.com](http://www.mineralevents.com)

**March 25-26, 2017:** Che-Hanna Rock & Mineral Club Annual Show, NEW LOCATION: Wysox Volunteer Fire Company, 111 Lake Rd., Wysox, PA; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-4; \$3.00, \$1.00, under 8 free; 48th Annual Show. Club members exhibits, museum exhibits, lapidary demonstrations, door prizes. Kids' scavenger hunt. Kids mini mine. Fluorescent show. Geode-cutting. Dealers selling minerals, fossils, jewelry, lapidary; [www.chehannarocks.com](http://www.chehannarocks.com)

**June 3, 2017:** Spring Mineralfest, Macungie, PA. Sat. Only, 8:39-3:30, Macungie Memorial Park, Macungie PA. <http://www.mineralfest.com/>

**October 21-22, 2017:** EFMLS Convention & Show, Bristol, Connecticut.

### FM on the WWW

Please explore the FM-PA web site at  
[www.rasloto.com/FM/](http://www.rasloto.com/FM/)

### National News

The Bulletin of Friends of Mineralogy, links to other chapters, and much more can be found on their web site:  
[www.friendsofmineralogy.org](http://www.friendsofmineralogy.org)

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