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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Fall Symposium is fast approaching, and it is my understanding that the field trip for Sunday, Oct. 10, is in the final stages of planning. My personal thanks to Andrew Sicree of the Penn State Mineral Museum, members of the Geology Department, and others who have put together what appears to be an outstanding event.

Please note that we have enclosed in this newsletter a preregistration form. I would encourage you to send this in by September 30, as it is a great help for those of us who plan the Symposium. You will receive an acknowledgment of your registration from me, with information about motels, etc.

Many thanks to Bill Lorah, whose knowledge of the area made for a very interesting Spring Field Trip to a working slate quarry, and then on to an old iron ore (siderite and hematite) mining area north of Palmerton, near Lehigh Gap.

The first half of 1993 has gone rather fast for me. In January I took over a new job, when I was transferred from Reading to Pottsville. I was married the end of May, bought a new home near my job (note the new address and phone number), and sold my farm. Who'd believe I had time to do the Berks Swap and Macungie? Don't look for me at the July 24 picnic. I'll be in Cancun, Mexico, on a belated honeymoon. Well, enough of me, now!

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MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Dues: Dues for the Pa. Chapter, which include \$5.00 for the National dues, are now \$10.00, or \$8.00 for seniors over 62 and students.

Please send dues to Vince and Marge Matula, 10231 Honeysuckle Drive, Walnutport, PA 18088.

New Members: Raymond Tyl, 8 McFarland Ave., Ivyland, PA 18974.; Dr. William Brice, 116 Luna Lane, Johnstown, PA 15904.

New Address: Arnold R. Mogel, 15 Oak Rd., Schuylkill Haven, PA 17972.

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Mineralogist Gene Foord (see below) has sent in information on two minerals from the Wheatley Mine, Phoenixville Lead and Zinc District, Chester County.

The Fall *Newsletter* will feature his article on atacamite, a new mineral for the state, as well as the confirmation of stolzite, which was reported in the 19th century literature from the Wheatley Mine, but was discredited by Arthur Montgomery in the *Mineralogy of Pennsylvania, 1922-1965* (1969), because specimens were not then available.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP AWARDED TO EUGENE E. FOORD

Arnold Mogel, President, on behalf of the Board and membership of the Chapter, has announced the award of a Life Membership to Dr. Eugene Foord, of Golden, Colorado, a mineralogist with the U.S.G.S. in Denver, author of many papers, including contributions to the F.M. *Newsletter*, and a world traveler, especially in pursuit of pegmatite minerals, the subject of his Ph.D. dissertation at Stanford.

We are fortunate that, as a graduate of Franklin and Marshall College in Lancaster, Gene has a special interest in Pennsylvania mineralogy. He was introduced to the *Newsletter* by frequent contributor Dr. Allen V. Heyl, a Pennsylvanian who worked in economic geology at the U.S.G.S. in Denver until his recent retirement. Gene plans to continue research on minerals from the state, and send in more reports for the *Newsletter*, in which his article on siegenite, a new mineral for Pennsylvania, appeared in the Fall, 1992, issue.

Gene, who is currently working with Dick Erd on the "safflorite-Fe" from Huffs Church, Berks Co, discussed by Robert C. Smith, II, in the *Mineralogy of Pennsylvania, 1965-1975* (1978), recently wrote the editor that they have found several other interesting minerals from this locality, on which he expects to report soon.

Arnold's June 20, 1993, letter to Gene follows:

"In recognition of your outstanding contributions to the Pennsylvania Chapter, Friends of Mineralogy over the years, it is my pleasure to present to you the status of Life Membership in this organization. We are extending to you our heartfelt appreciation for your work and contributions to Pennsylvania mineralogy.

"It is a privilege for me as President of the Friends of Mineralogy, Pennsylvania Chapter, to bestow up you the status of Life membership in the Pennsylvania Chapter. This was voted on by the Board at our fall Board meeting, receiving a unanimous vote.

"I had hoped to present the plaque to you in person on one of my many trips to the Denver area. Since that was, or has not been, possible, I am sending it to you. It is my hope that you will display it as the true honor that it is. Possibly we could meet sometime during the next Denver mineral Show so that I may personally congratulate you."

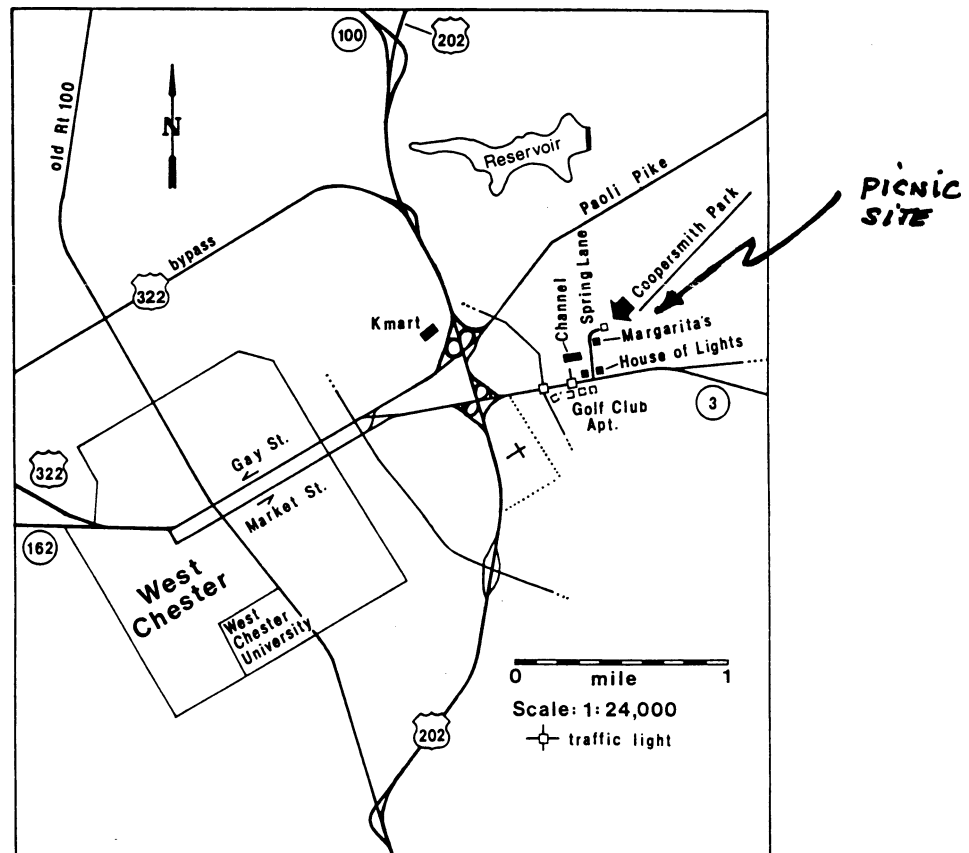
PICNIC, SWAP, AND SELL (July 24, Rain or Shine)

This enjoyable annual event is sponsored by the Mineralogical Society of Pa., the Chester Co. Rockhounds, and the F.M., Pa. Chapter. Members of other clubs are invited to Coopersmith Park, West Chester for this social get-together, for which there is no charge (and no commercial dealers).

Hot dogs, snacks, and sodas will be provided at cost for those who do not come with their own food. Bring something extra with your picnic, such as lemonade, brownies, salad, or any specialty, to share with the group. Also, bring your own tables, chairs, and blankets, in case you wish to set up outside the pavillion (minerals do show off well in the sunshine). There are grills available, along with restrooms, walking paths through a lovely tree-shaded park, and a playground.

The pavillion is good-sized, with many tables, so remember that the event will be held rain or shine. Rain has never dampened the good spirits of the group!

Directions: From the Rt. 202 and Rt. 3 overpass, head east on Rt. 3, passing two traffic lights. The Golf Club Apartments will be on your right (south) at the first light, and the Channel Home Center will be on your left (north) at the second light. Immediately past the second light (-300 feet), turn left onto Spring Lane, the first road east of the second light. This road is marked by the "House of Lights and a sign for Torchiana Automotive and Margarita's Restaurant. Follow Spring Lane all the way to the end (-1/4 mile), past Margarita's, a large white building on your right (east) and its parking lot. The road bends to the right and enters Coopersmith Park. Bring your minerals and picnic things to the pavillion, and then park your vehicle near the entrance.



Editor's Note: The following press release has been received from Andrew Sicree, Curator of the Pennsylvania State University Earth and Mineral Sciences Museum.

**THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY
EARTH & MINERAL SCIENCES MUSEUM
Room 122, Steidle Building
University Park, Pennsylvania 16802**

Penn State Mineral Museum to Host Friends of Mineralogy Symposium

On October 8th, 9th, and 10th, the Earth and Mineral Sciences Museum of the Pennsylvania State University, State College, Pennsylvania, will host the Fall, 1993, Symposium of the Pennsylvania Chapter of the Friends of Mineralogy.

The theme of the Fall, 1993, Symposium is "World-Class Mineral Deposits," featuring lectures on famous mineral localities, mines, and mining districts. On Friday evening, Oct. 8th, the Symposium will commence with a wine-and-cheese reception and open house in the Penn State Mineral Museum. Lecture sessions are scheduled for Saturday morning and afternoon, followed by the annual Mineral Auction for the benefit of the Friends of Mineralogy. Tours of the Penn State University X-Ray Diffraction and Mineral Constitution labs will also be conducted. The Friends of Mineralogy Banquet and a speaker are slated for Saturday evening. Scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 10th, is a field trip to several mineral collecting areas in central Pennsylvania.

The Pennsylvania Chapter of the Friends of Mineralogy is dedicated to the conservation and preservation of minerals, and to improving mineralogical education.

The Earth and Mineral Sciences Museum at Penn State houses more than 22,000 mineral and rock specimens, with additional collections of fossils, artifacts, metals, plastics, glasses, and ceramics. The Penn State Mineral Museum is noted for its collection of mining-related art, and for its mineral properties displays. The Museum houses the world's largest collection of electro-mechanical "push-button" devices for the demonstration of the physical, electrical and optical properties of minerals and materials. Demonstration exhibits include displays on fluorescence, triboluminescence, magnetism, piezoelectricity, resistivity, double refraction, flexibility, and dozens of other mineral properties.

To register, or for more information regarding the Friends of Mineralogy Symposium, contact F.M., Pa. President Arnold Mogel at 15 Oak Rd., Schuylkill Haven, PA 17972 (717-739-4967), or Andrew Sicree, Curator, Penn State Earth & Sciences Museum, 122 Steidle Building, University Park, PA 16802 (814-845-6427). The Symposium is open to all members of the Friends of Mineralogy, as well as interested non-members. Persons interested in participating in the Symposium by delivering lectures on a "World-Class Mineral Deposit" are invited to contact Arnold Mogel.

FALL SYMPOSIUM
Sponsored by F.M., Pa. Chapter, and Pennsylvania State University

Name(s): _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

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Regular (Symposium Only)	_____	\$ 10.	\$ _____
Senior (Symposium Only)	_____	\$ 8.	\$ _____
Regular (Sunday Field Trip)	_____	\$ 2.	\$ _____
Senior (Sunday Field Trip)	_____	\$ 1.	\$ _____
Banquet (Saturday Evening)	_____	\$ 18.	\$ _____
		TOTAL	\$ _____

Please pay by check or money order (no cash). Send payment, by September 30, made out to F.M., Pa. Chapter, to Arnold R. Mogel, President, F.M., Pa., 15 Oak Road, Schuylkill Haven, PA 17972 (phone, 717-739-4967).