



# Pacific Northwest Chapter FRIENDS OF MINERALOGY

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## Harvey Gordon: 2001 Noble Witt Award Recipient

*Sharleen Harvey*

Harvey Gordon was selected as the 2001 Noble Witt Award recipient in appreciation of his long standing support of our FM Chapter and his work in the field of mineralogy. For many years Harvey has attended our symposiums as a floor dealer with a wide variety of quality specimens and most of the time it has been a labor of love without much remuneration. In addition, Harvey has provided program material with tales and pictures of his many mining ventures, especially the ZAPOT (topaz spelled backwards) Mine in Nevada. Harvey has spent a lifetime seeking out new mineral locations and bringing fine specimens to the marketplace for the enjoyment of our members and all mineral collectors. Friends of Mineralogy and the entire earth science community have greatly benefited from his dedication to the profession and the hobby.

## A Tribute to Joe Nagel

*Sharleen Harvey*

*Society of Mineral Museum Professionals, Vol. 5, #1 --* In 1997 (the Rice Museum) was essentially a brand new museum, in a residential facility, with an extraordinary mineral collection gathered over a period of 49 years by Richard and Helen Rice who, as collectors, had curated the collection for their personal pleasure and to share with others on a personal level. It was now my responsibility, with only a collector's experience, to curate this collection and make it available to students, professionals, hobbyists and the general public in a meaningful way. We did have a hand written log of the specimens but it needed updating and not a specimen had a label. Joe spent time, energy, and expertise directing me in the most efficient way to computerize the collection catalog and prepare the collection for labeling and appraisal. In the process he filled in much locality information that was not included on our specimen records and made valuable recommendations for aesthetic changes in our display. In one week, Joe and I had 3,500 specimens cataloged and labeled, ready for the appraiser. With the help of the computerized catalog, the appraisal was completed within three days with a valuation printout ready for estate lawyers, IRS and our insurance company. On top of all this, he was always just a phone call away to answer my many questions. I will always be grateful. He gave us the jump start to go from "a private collection" to a "professional museum."

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# The President's Message

The Pacific Northwest Chapter of the Friends of Mineralogy got off to a slow start this year. Several officers are settling into new jobs (paid) assignments, other members have had health problems. Progress is being pulled from the jaws of defeat, thanks to the several officers pulling together.

We were all saddened December 5 when long time FM member Joe Nagel was killed in an auto accident in Vancouver BC. There was no memorial or funeral service held for Joe at that time, but a celebration of life was planned for January. The family has asked that donations be made to either [www.vancouverhumaneociety.bc.ca/home.html](http://www.vancouverhumaneociety.bc.ca/home.html), the Vancouver Humane Society, or [www.mssociety.ca](http://www.mssociety.ca), the Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Several members have had serious health problems.

- Cheryl Burchim, of West Richland, WA, just retired as long time treasurer, had a back injury and was confined to a wheel chair. Meanwhile, her husband, Jim, was experiencing some heart problems. Both were much improved by the fall symposium at Longview.
- Mike Groben, of Coos Bay, OR, had a stroke but is slowly recovering. The partial paralysis on one side is making it more difficult for Mike to get around in his wheel chair than before.
- While on a trip through Texas, Don Guthrie of Seattle, WA, experienced a stroke. Lorna has gotten Don transferred back to Seattle where he is recovering at a health care facility. Short visits from friends would be appreciated.
- Rusty Etwiler, Secretary, had an abscessed tooth with swelling that threatened to close off her breathing. That put her in the hospital for over a week of intravenous antibiotics followed by

several more weeks of medication at home. Tooth is gone, swelling is down, life is returning to normal.

I wish all our members a speedy recovery and a return to normal activities.

I was fortunate to be able to attend the annual show in Tucson this winter. While there I attended the National FM board meeting, the FM Symposium, and the FM general membership meeting. I saw several FM members that were also able to attend, although I was not able to catch up to all of them on the show floor. At the board meeting we reviewed the priority list from the previous year, the progress that had been made and reprioritized the list for this year's goals. National FM is truly trying to help the chapters and making some progress. The symposium had some wonderful talks about collecting activities in Africa.

One of the things noted at the meeting was the significant drop in membership for the Pacific Northwest Chapter. We believe that many of our members intended to renew their membership at the symposium, but September 11 events combined to keep them from attending. We hope that with this newsletter you will be reminded and take the time to send in your dues.

I want to hear from members if you have any concerns, suggestions for FM activities, criticism (constructive), or praises for what the other officers are doing. You can reach me at 3935 Interlake Ave N, Seattle, WA 98103-8131, or (206) 633-1512, or email: [kd7bat@arrl.net](mailto:kd7bat@arrl.net).

Until next time,

Jim Etwiler

## Add to your Mineral Library

"Minerals of New Mexico", by Stuart A. Northrup, 3rd Edition, revised by Florence A. LaBruzza. A scholarly examination of minerals and records of occurrences, with mineral species arranged by counties and mining districts. 346 pgs, University of New Mexico Press, 8x10, Published at \$75.00, available at \$9.95 plus \$3.50 P&H from Edward R. Hamilton, Falls Village, CT 06031-5000.

## National Friends of Mineralogy Website has New Look

One of the actions taken at the annual board meeting in Tucson was to authorize a redesign of the FM web site. Material for the redesigned site is still being collected but the new look and feel of the site is apparent. Visit the site at <http://www.friendsofmineralogy.org/> and see for yourself.

There are separate pages listing the regional chapters, the Warner-Lieber photo contest, links to associated organizations, upcoming symposia, officers, and other subjects.

The left side of each page has a linked directory. This arrangement provides an easy access to information without having a gigantic web page; yet you don't have to "leaf" through all of the web pages to find the desired information.

There have been informal discussions about a web site for the Pacific Northwest FM. Please share any thoughts about content, comments in favor, comments against, with Jim Etwiler (3935 Interlake Ave N, Seattle, WA 98103-8131, (206)633-1512, [kd7bat@arrl.net](mailto:kd7bat@arrl.net)).

# 28th Annual Symposium

## INCLUSIONS: THE INSIDE STORY

The 28th Annual Pacific Northwest Friends of Mineralogy Symposium will be held at the Red Lion Hotel, in Kelso/Longview, Washington, September 27 through 29, 2002. The topic for this year's symposium will be "Inclusions: The Inside Story." Guest speakers John S. White and John I. Koivula will be presenting on the topic. Additional information will be provided in the near future.

### HELP US PUBLICIZE THE SYMPOSIUM

We would appreciate your help in getting the word out to the mineral community this year. If you or any one you know will be attending an event where you believe there may be an interest in the Symposium, please contact Jade Wieting (pdxpounder@hotmail.com) about getting fliers for the event.

### MAIN FLOOR DEALERS

Once again, we look forward to seeing tempting mineral specimens for sale from the following four dealers:

1. Harvey Gordon Minerals
2. Lehigh Minerals
3. The Aesthetics Underground
4. Oxcart Minerals.

Please contact the appropriate committee member to volunteer time, to present a display or ask questions about the Symposium.

## Upcoming Events

**July 21<sup>st</sup>, 1 p.m., Sunday, -- Mid-Year Meeting.** The mid year meeting is scheduled in conjunction with the AFMS/NFMS meeting in Port Townsend, WA (July 18-21). At the 2001 Symposium meeting it was suggested that we meet at this time. We, FM, are not directly associated with either the American Federation of Mineral Societies or the Northwest Federation of Mineral Societies. If we provide several display cases and hold our meeting there, this could be a good outreach. Meeting space has been confirmed and the exact location will be published next newsletter. More information about the show is available at <http://www.amfed.org/show2002.htm>.

**May 1<sup>st</sup> -- AFMS/NFMS Display Case Response.** Please contact Jim Etwiler if you are willing to place a display case. We do not want to create a poor impression by committing the organization, if there is insufficient response. Setup is Wednesday, July 17, 12 Noon - 8:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m., Thursday, July 18. Take down is after 5:00 p.m., Sunday, July 21. (Contact: Jim Etwiler, 3935 Interlake Ave N, Seattle, WA 98103-8131, (206) 633-1512, [kd7bat@arrl.net](mailto:kd7bat@arrl.net)).

**Aug. 10<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> (tentative) -- Washington Pass Cleanup.** We had to cancel the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Cleanup last year due to fires in the area and the Klipchuck Campground was in use as a staging area for fighting the area forest fires. Efforts are underway at this time to confirm the date and coordinate with the Forest Service. If you can attend, please send a message to John Cornish so that sufficient camp sites can be reserved. (John Cornish, 40 Cedar Glen Lane, Port Angeles, WA, 98362-9126, (360)457-7630, [j&gcornish@tenforward.com](mailto:j&gcornish@tenforward.com))

**September 27<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> -- 2002 Symposium.** "Inclusions: The Inside Story".

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## **2001 PNWFM Annual Meeting**

The 2001 PNWFM Annual Meeting was held Sunday morning, September 30th. The meeting was conducted by President Sharleen Harvey. Secretary John Lindell read the minutes from the previous meetings and Cheryl Burchim, Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's Report. The election of officers for the next two years was held and the officers listed below were elected.

### **2002 - 2003 Officers**

#### **President**

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## **“Rainbow of Minerals” 2001 Symposium Summary**

*Sharleen Harvey*

The 27th Annual Pacific Northwest Friends of Mineralogy Symposium was held at the Red Lion Hotel, in Kelso/Longview, Washington, September 28 through 30, 2001. It was truly a “Rainbow of Minerals,” and enjoyed by 90 registrants. The Fluorescent Mineral Society joined with us this year and provided many of the very fine colorful exhibits. There were a total of twenty-six displays. We thank the Mt. Baker Club for again loaning us display cases.

There were four dealers on the main floor: Harvey Gordon Minerals, Lehigh Minerals, The Aesthetics Underground and Oxcart Minerals. Just off the main floor in the North Wing of the hotel there were 15 Satellite Dealers. We thank all of them for their part in making this a very successful symposium.

Presentations began Saturday morning when Master of Ceremonies, Dave Waisman, welcomed all symposium participants and introduced Don Newsome, who opened the Saturday morning program with a “live display” of fluorescent minerals and his talk “Fluorescent Minerals – Simple to Sublime.” Jesse Fisher, the second featured speaker, presented on two topics. His first slide show was of “Recent Work at the Rogerly Mine, Weardale, England”, followed by a slide program featuring the “Gem and Rare Element Pegmatites of Southern California.” Sunday morning, Sharleen Harvey showed slides of Arizona’s “Purple Passion Mine – Fuzzy Wulfenites and 5-Color Fluorescent Specimens,” and Lanny Ream brought us up to date on “What’s New in the Northwest” focusing on the zeolite locality at Challis, Idaho.

The annual and lively specimen auction, spearheaded by Bob Smith was held during the Saturday night banquet and netted \$1,148. The proceeds were used to help defray symposium expenses. Silent auctions were held throughout the weekend and added an additional \$165 to the PNWFM coffers. All specimens were donated by dealers, members and friends.

Rudy Tschernich and Lorna Goebel hosted the micromount booth on the main floor. Bob Meyer organized the challenging contests and awarded two \$25 prizes at the Saturday morning meeting.

The Noble Witt award was presented this year to Harvey Gordon for his long time support of the PNWFM Chapter and his many contributions towards the collection and preservation of mineralogical specimens.

Everyone enjoyed the interesting programs, displays and specimen shopping with a great group of dealers. We especially enjoyed visiting with friends and sharing collecting tales.

## **FM National Board of Directors Meeting**

*Sharleen Harvey*

TUCSON – February, 2002, Friends of Mineralogy National Board of Directors Meeting. PNWFM members Bill Dameron and Sharleen Harvey were elected as Vice President and Director, respectively. President Jim Etwiler attended the meeting and reported on PNWFM 2001 activities and plans for upcoming 2002 meetings and programs. He announced that the next meeting will be held in Port Townsend, Washington, in conjunction with the 2002 NFMS and AFMS Gem and

Mineral Extravaganza July 18-21. The annual Washington Pass Cleanup is tentatively scheduled for the second weekend in August, and the 2002 Symposium will be held at the Kelso/Longview Red Lion September 27-29. PNWFM Chapter members will be encouraged to place exhibits at the AFMS show on behalf of Friends of Mineralogy to introduce the organization to potential new members. The Werner-Lieber Mineral Photo Contest is available for entrants again this year. Information and applications will be available at the September Symposium.

## **Pacific Northwest Chapter Friends of Mineralogy Board Meeting -- April 6, 2002**

*Jade Wieting*

In attendance at the Board meeting were Aaron Wieting, Vice President, Bill Dameron, Treasurer, and Sharleen Harvey, Director. Jim Etwiler, President, and Rusty Etwiler, Secretary, were unable to attend. Also in attendance were Diana Dameron, who kindly hosted the meeting with her husband, Bill, and Jade Wieting, editor of the newsletter.

Acting on behalf of the president, Aaron called the meeting to order. As the secretary was not in attendance, minutes from the last meeting were not read. Bill provided the treasurer's report, which included an update on the organization's funds — currently \$8,941.11. Bill sent dues to the national Friends of Mineralogy for all members who have paid for 2002. However, he mentioned that many individuals are past due, which he asked to have addressed as an item of new business.

Old business items discussed briefly and tabled until the next meeting were: the issues of an insurance plan for field trips, and owner/director insurance.

The first item of new business was the Symposium. First, the topic for the symposium was confirmed. Both Bill Dameron and John Cornish confirmed speakers who will be talking about inclusions. Therefore, the decision was made to title the symposium, "Inclusions: The Inside Story". Security was discussed in detail, based upon breaches in security at the 2001 symposium. Between 10 p.m. and 8 a.m., both Friday and Saturday nights, a member will be on the floor. Additional measures will be taken to address security during dealer and exhibitor set-up and break-down.

Sharleen passed out a tentative budget for the symposium, which stands at an estimated expense total of \$7,040.00. This includes an increase in the registration fees from \$38 to \$45. Sharleen explained that costs have gone up, though our fees have stayed constant for many years. Bill moved that the fees for the symposium be raised to \$45. Sharleen seconded the motion. It passed unanimously. Bill moved to approve the full budget for the 2002 Symposium.

Sharleen seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

Other agenda items discussed included: the newsletter — Jade Wieting volunteered to put together the April newsletter; field trips — Aaron will call John Cornish to confirm that he will take this on and to confirm the date as the second weekend in August; membership; the Noble Witt Award for 2002 and the call for nominees; a local chapter website — topic was discussed and tabled; data management — Aaron and Bill will be working on building in consistencies to make it easier to pass on data to future officers; and communicating with the National Friends of Mineralogy.

Items of new business discussed included: information confirming that the NW chapter is still currently registered as a non-profit organization in Oregon; and the date for the next meeting, which will be held as part of the meeting being held in Port Townsend.

The meeting was adjourned.

# Dues and Membership Roster

## Complete and Return

Please check next to your name on the mailing label. If the year is 2002, your dues are paid for this year. Please complete and return the form regardless so we can verify your current information and e-mail address -- mark "already paid" on the form to indicate you are up-to-date with your dues.

If there is NOT a 2002 next to your name on the mailing label, we have no record of your payment for this year. Please complete the form and enclose a check for \$15 by June.

After June 1st, we will not be collecting any annual dues for 2002. This is to simplify the bookkeeping with National FM, avoid confusion, and enable us to plan each year's symposium more easily. Dues for 2003 can be paid any time from receipt of the symposium registration form (in June 2002) through May 2003. Dues paid at the annual September symposium are for the **next** calendar year. We encourage you to pay your dues shortly after your receipt of the registration form in June, regardless of whether you plan to attend the symposium.

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## Noble Witt Award Call for Nominees

If a member of the FM community stands out to you as making great contributions to minerals, the science and the life-long hobby, please submit your nomination to one of the Board members. All nominees will be considered and the recipient will be honored at the Symposium.

- 2001 Harvey Gordon
- 2000 Rudy Tschernich
- 1999 Bob Boggs
- 1998 Arlene Handley
- 1997 Richard and Helen Rice
- 1996 Ray Lasmanis  
Cheryl Burchim
- 1995 Norm Steele
- 1994 Bob Smith
- 1993 Mike Groben

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