



# THE MINERAL VEIN

*Official Newsletter of*

## **THE MINERAL SOCIETY OF MANITOBA JUNE 2023**

### **MESSAGE FROM OUR VICE PRESIDENT**

**The MSM Executive would like to thank our many members for showing their support at our MSM dinner and fundraiser event.**

This club was put together by like minded people, to create an opportunity to meet and talk about their favorite subject, which is Minerals in this case. The objective is of course, building a collection for study, research and/or investment. Purchasing, collecting and trading being part of the process. Having said that, "Mineral collecting" rewarding as it is, is a very complex subject/hobby and may involve considerable time or cost, which may not work for everyone.

The number of mineral clubs/groups in Manitoba have declined from four to one, which is the MSM. These groups were organized and operated by passionate volunteers. Many of them can no longer support their groups because of health concerns related to old age. Club survival depends on public relations, professional connections, membership growth and support in these uncertain and changing times.

The MSM has developed important connections with related professional groups which need to be maintained Manitoba Mines branch, U of M, Manitoba museum and Oak Hammock, just to name a few.

*Message from vice president, cont.*

It is important for us as a group and as individuals to be aware of our public relations and our "Not for Profit" priorities. The MSM executive is looking for members with leadership skills to help keep the MSM tradition alive and well. Contact, Carrie Carino or Jack Bauer

### **MSM BBQ**

We look forward to seeing everyone at the BBQ on Saturday June 24, 2023 from 2pm to 6pm, with dinner being served around 3:30-4pm. If you would like to bring a dish for the pot luck, let Carrie know when you RSVP for the event. The BBQ will be hosted at Carrie's house in West St. Paul, address and directions in the email with the newsletter.

### **Membership**

Please be advised that MSM memberships are good only for one year, from October to September of the next year. New memberships after March 31, 2023 will have field trip restrictions.

### **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY**

Oak Hammock Marsh, Archeology and minerology weekend, September 9 &10, 2023. Contact, Jack Bauer for details

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**Meetings** are held on the second Wednesday of each month from September to May inclusive at the ANAF legion at 300-1395 Ellice Avenue. They begin at 6:30 PM and feature announcements, an invited speaker and a raffle. Members are encouraged to bring along any interesting specimens, appropriate to the speaker's topic.

**Field Trips** take place from May to October to interesting sites in Manitoba or neighbouring provinces and states.

**Membership:** A single membership is \$15 while a family membership is \$20. Memberships are valid from October to September of the following year.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**MSM BBQ, POT LUCK;** Saturday June 24, 2023 bring specimens, for show and tell, trade, sale or donations. Contact Carrie Carino at 204-293-1715 to RSVP and minimize duplication

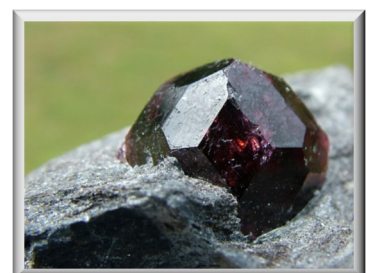
**RED RIVER FLOODWAY DIG;** Tentatively scheduled for June 27. Still waiting for Government approval. Start date may be delayed.

**CAT LAKE trip,** July 29; led by Jack Bauer

**DUMBARTON MINE;** August 5th; Still awaiting confirmation; May be replaced with another Trip

**OAK HAMMOCK ARCHEOLOGY AND MINERALOGY WEEKEND;** September 9 + 10th

**MEMBERSHIP;** Our in person meetings are now at the John Osborn ANAF Legion at 300-1395 Ellice Avenue. Door entrance is on Empress.



Founded in 1971, the Mineral Society of Manitoba is dedicated to promoting the study of crystal minerals, rocks and fossils for their scientific and recreational value.

The Mineral Society of Manitoba hosts monthly meetings covering a variety of mineral related topics. In addition, the Mineral Society organizes summer field trips to collecting localities, hosts educational exhibits about minerals, fossils at local trade events.

## FIELD TRIP UPDATES

### OUR ITINERARY FOR 2023

If you plan to attend a field trip, please advise/confirm your attendance with the field trip leader.

Also, if you have registered and your plans change, please advise our field trip Leader.

If a one day trip does not receive enough interest, there may be a possibility of cancellation.

1. May 27, Souris field trip we had three people in attendance. Thank You Peter Harms, for taking the time to lead this trip.

2. Gillis Quarry; Ordovician fossils, we had three people in attendance. Thank you, Ken Fumerton for taking the time to lead this trip

3. The Red River Floodway Selenite dig is scheduled for June 27th, but may be delayed by one week as I am still waiting government confirmation. Please be advised that the Government department, originally was called the Floodway Authority in 2017. This department has been absorbed into the Manitoba Waterways, Transportation and Infrastructure. Management and employee contacts have also changed over the past 5 years. Their turn around time is now three weeks plus. If I do not receive a response/confirmation within the next couple of days, the Floodway dig start may be delayed by one week. RSVP Jack Bauer, 204-632-6934. I look forward to seeing everyone at our BBQ and we can discuss our options.

4. July 29th, Cat lake; will be revisited. We will look for three /four types garnets at this locality. Open only to members in good standing. RSVP, Jack Bauer, 204-632-6934

5. August 5th, **still tentative**, Dumbarton mine. If I do not receive a response/confirmation to my inquiry soon, this trip will be replaced. Contact Jack Bauer, 204-632-6934

**STAY TUNED FOR MORE UPDATES**

## NEW ROCK DOCTOR

Corey Leblans has volunteered to be our new ROCK DOCTOR. Members can contact Corey with information and a **good quality close up of your specimen**. Any pertinent information that you can provide, like hardness or if it is magnetic, would be useful. Contact Corey; geologycl@gmail.com

### Field trip etiquette

Field trips # 3, 4, and 6 will be open only to members in good standing, as determined by the executive of the MSM.

All members participating in our field trips are expected to follow the safety rules and direction from the field trip leader.

Any members that are found to not respect any safety regulations/concerns may be asked to leave our field trip event, as determined by the field trip leader.

Disrespectful words/behavior towards our field trip leaders or members will not be tolerated. Disciplinary action will be determined by the Field trip leader.

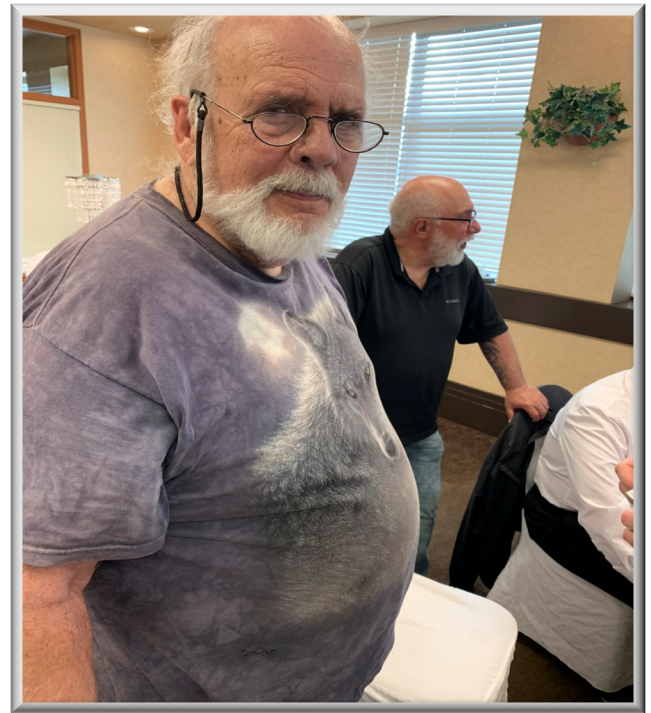
Registered members are not allowed to bring non members on field trips, without first gaining approval by the field trip leader.

We expect all of our members to read and abide by the rules and regulations as set in our "Field Trip Etiquette document".

I understand that our members would like some solid dates for our field trips, especially for our floodway dig. Please understand that this event has become complicated due to new government regulations, involving geotechnical information. I would greatly appreciate your patience and understanding in this matter. I will post the dates ASAP, when I receive government confirmation.



Picture above; Mineral Society members at event in Canad Inns, for the MSM dinner and live auction fundraiser.



Above; Tony Smith, our long time auctioneer and one of the original founders of the MSM.



Above; seated, Evelyn Bauer our Secretary, is working with Michael Dickman the treasurer (standing) to calculate our funds raised. Mavis Bedford a long time member.



Above; Jacques Bourgeois left showing excitement over his purchases of a classic "Gold Show" T shirt and Anne Sabina guide book. right, Ken Fumerton, (member at large).



Above left; Dirk Schmid admiring some newly purchased specimens. (center) Tony Merkle right is, Michael J. Way (Member at large)

**A big THANK YOU, to all of our members, for your donations and coming out to show your support.**

**From the Mineral Society executive.**