THE MINERAL VEIN

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THE MINERAL SOCIETY OF MANITOBA

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JANUARY MONTHLY MEETING

Jack Bauer will be speaking on; Collecting Gypsum crystals in the Red River Floodway. This may be a Virtual only meeting.

NEW MONTHLY MEETING LOCATION, DATE AND TIME CHANGE

FOR 2021-2022 SEASON

Our temporary location is at the St. James Legion 1755 Portage Avenue and our next meeting is January 12th, which is the **SECOND WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH.** In person meetings are now available for the double vaccinated members.

When entering the legion, please remove any headwear. (It's a show of respect for the "Fallen") Then Head down the stairs, show proof of vaccination and sign in.

Turn left to meeting room. Doors open at 630 pm.

MAILING ADDRESS ANNOUNCEMENT

Due to the change at the Manitoba Museum the MSM has had to make some adjustments , please send all membership cheques to:

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Please make cheques payable to The Mineral Society of Manitoba Inc.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

This year has been a challenge for all of us. The executive team has done a wonderful job adapting to all the changes that have happened this year and I want to THANK each of you for your support and help– the changes that have happened this year to the MSM would not have gone smoothly without your contributions. You are appreciated!

THANK YOU to the members for being patient with all the changes that have happened this year. We appreciate your continued support, as the members are what makes the MSM. THANK YOU to the speakers of 2021. I know this was not the ideal way to do a presentation but your patience is appreciated. We were able to make it work with everyone's support. **Wishing you and your family good health and a wonderful Holiday Season.**

A MESSAGE FROM OUR VICE PRESIDENT

I would like to wish our members and families a wonderful time over the Holliday Season and Good health into the New Year.

Thank You, for your understanding and support during these difficult times of change.

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Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month from September to May inclusive at the St. James Legion on 1755 Portage 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 September to interesting sites in Manitoba or neighbouring provinces and states.

Membership: A single membership is $15 while a family membership is $20. Memberships run from October to October.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

MONTHLY MEETING; January 12, 2022; Jack Bauer will be talking about collecting Selenites *This meeting may be a virtual meeting only*

MONTHLY MEETING; February 16, 2022; Dr. Eva Pip "Displaying and Storage of your collection"

CAT LAKE; CENTRAL PEGMATITE; *May/June 2022*

RED RIVER FLOODWAY DIG, May/*June 2022*

MEMBERSHIP

Please note; Our in person meetings are now at the St. James Legion, 1755 portage Avenue. We are now collecting membership renewals for the 2021-2022 season.

Founded in 1971, the Mineral Society of Manitoba is dedicated to promoting the study of 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 and fossils and local trade events.

VIRTUAL MEETING ETIQUETTE

When joining; check if your microphone is on/off. When a presenter begins speaking; turn off your MIC When your MIC is on: refrain from eating or creating back round noise.

When a presenter is speaking; please keep questions on topic or preferably after the presentation.

Keep off topic questions to the end of meeting

INSTRUCTIONS FOR USING TEAMS FROM YOUR WEB BROWSER:

Step 1: The Teams meeting invite should look like this:

You're invited to join a Microsoft Teams meeting

Title: Carrie Carino's Teams Meeting

Join on your computer or mobile app
Click here to join the meeting

The link will be sent with the newsletter and then again on the day of the meeting, to join the meeting you just click on the "*click here to join the meeting*" the link will be blue in color. This link will take you directly to the "*lobby*" of the meeting and the host will let you in. You can add this event to your calendar, if your e-mail is set-up with the calendar function.
During the meeting there will be a chat function, through out the presentation you are more than welcome to pose questions or make comments. The presentation will begin at 6:30pm, the meeting room will be open at 6:15pm for those who would like to see and chat with other members prior to the presentation.

If you want to watch the presentation on a tablet/ cell phone or desk top computer, you may need to install the Teams App or free software prior to the meeting.

MONTHLY MEETINGS AT ST. JAMES LEGION

Amenities at the St. James legion; Private meeting room available, to the MSM on second Wednesday of the month. Our room offers seating for 30 members and ample parking, 3 lots, behind the Legion.

Extra perks; adult beverages available and a small reasonably priced eatery. Platters and sandwiches are priced from $4.00 to $8.00.

FIELD TRIP UPDATES

Please advise; Jack Bauer if you are interested in attending any of these field trips.

METEORITE HUNT; May/June 2022

CAT LAKE; CENTRAL PEGMATITE; *May/June 2022*

RED RIVER FLOODWAY dig*; May/June 2022*

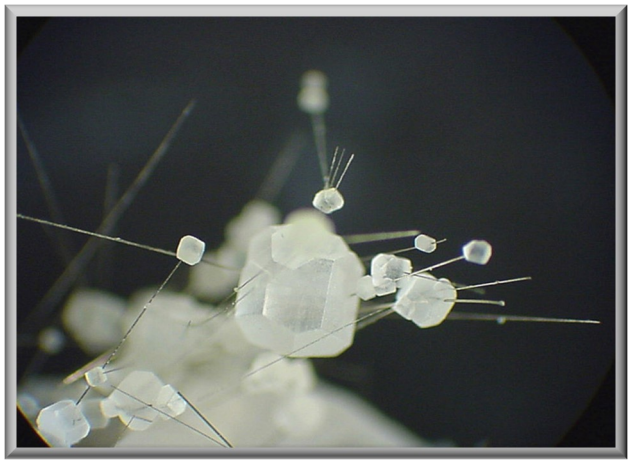
We will be watching the weather closely in March.

HOLIDAY PARTY UPDATE

We had everything arranged and then things changed , again. Tracy, Canteen owner in the Legion, had to cancel our event due to personal family problems. New rising Covid numbers creating concerns among members. These factors prompted us to cancel our event.

We can only hope that the Spring of 2022, will allow us to have an out door event that all of our members can attend, like our Spring BBQ.

NOVEMBER MEETING SUMMARY



Above; Calcite xls, impaled on Millerite needles

Our meeting was off to a slow start, due to technical difficulties.

Marty's "attention to detail" presentation, had a small group of 10 members wondering what we may be missing. The microworld was quite impressive with the stunning crystal specimens, that he put on the screen, from his (past) personal collection.

A good point to remember would be to closely inspect larger multi-mineral specimens, that may have vugs/openings that may be hiding smaller, but rarer crystal minerals.

Above; Smithsonite crystal aggregate, in the form of a beautiful heart. From Broken Hill Zambia

Micro Mounting; is the same as a field trip, but without the travel.

Definition of Micro-mounting:
"Micro-mount": a natural mineral specimen, preferably in distinct crystals, mounted, properly labeled and requiring magnification for meaningful observation. By, Neil Yedlin - a pioneer in micro-mounting

A good quality microscope would be an essential piece of equipment for this hobby. Plastic specimen boxes would also be important, to properly mount and protect your collection.

It is also important to note that high quality micro-specimens would be easier to acquire and are usually more affordable than larger cabinet specimens.

Above; Hopes Nose, Dendritic Feather Gold; From; Devon England