



THE MINERAL VEIN

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OCTOBER MEETING CANCELLED

TUCSON SHOW- We were fortunate to make it to the Tucson Gem and mineral show in February 2020. I was there to research, what would be involved to send our Fluorescent display, to the 2021 Tucson Show. I have since been in touch with my contacts in the USA and it appears that the show for 2021 may be postponed, till 2022. Pictures from Show below

Written by Jack Bauer

To do our part, to minimize community spread of the COVID-19 Virus, the FALL meetings, will be cancelled. Our classroom in the Manitoba Museum is still closed, until further notice.

We will plan to reschedule, Marty Lewadny, Ron Zeilstra, Ralph Croning, Ed Cloutis, Bill Hood and others in 2021



Check these video's out!

Bill Hood has suggested that you can watch some interesting Mineral collecting films,

By Patrick Voillot on You Tube

MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE

With the current situation the executive is hoping for the situation to improve, we support the recommendations of local government and businesses. Once we get an understanding of what the new normal will look like, The Mineral Society will not be able to hold it's events in a safe manner. The MSM is committed to the health and safety of its members.

This is an uneasy and different situation. Please know that we will do our best to provide events and meetings in the future. These plans are always subject to change due to the nature of the situation. We hope that all of our members support each other and the communities that they live in. Winnipeg is cautiously opening up and we hope that we can resume regular meetings in 2021. Outdoor events are encouraged in Manitoba, keeping social distancing in mind.

We would like everyone to stay healthy and enjoy the outdoors.

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Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month from September to May inclusive at the Manitoba Museum in room P47 on the Planetarium level. They begin at 6:30 PM and feature announcements, an invited speaker and a raffle. Members are encouraged to bring along any new, interesting specimens, or 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

**ALL UPCOMING EVENTS, have been cancelled,
BASED ON CURRENT SITUATION**

CAT LAKE-CENTRAL PEGMATITE CLAIM- CANCELLED

GILLIS QUARRY, RUBBLE PILE- CANCELLED

ANNUAL MSM BBQ- CANCELLED- till further notice

**ALL MONTHLY EVENTS ARE
CANCELLED FOR THE FALL OF 2020**

We are not sure when normal events will resume in 2021

MEMBERSHIP

Meetings and events cancelled or postponed due to COVID-19 concerns, all paid up members in good standing for the 2019-20 season, will automatically be paid up for the 2020-21 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.

SMILE MOMENT— In late 2019 we had decided that we would sell our current home in the spring of 2020 and buy a new house. That meant packing everything up, putting my possessions in storage and then unpacking everything. I was not looking forward to that, but, I was excited for a new adventure.

I have been in my new place just over two weeks and I'm opening boxes and come across minerals! I was so happy, as they were not just any minerals, but were the Gypsum Crystals that I had collected on 2019 dig. I could not resist just a quick peek.



I found a Gypsum Crystal, that looks like a sunflower (pictured above). That got me reminiscing about the dig and then I remembered that right before you enter the dig area there was a beautiful field of sunflowers (picture below).



With everything on hold or cancelled- moments like a beautiful hot sunny day while digging for the Gypsum Crystals is an experience that I'm truly thankful for. The days we got to spend with each other doing what we love are moments that are truly special and should not be taken for granted. I look forward to, when we can dig again!

Written by: Carrie Carino

FIELD TRIP UPDATES

Gypsum Crystal recovery dig; Has been postponed till 2021, to coincide with Manitoba's 150th birthday celebrations.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Mineral Society is growing as there are still new inquiries to join our group. However, due to the COVID 19 situation, our events have been cancelled or postponed till 2021 or till some time that we can safely resume these events.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

The members are an integral part of our club and we appreciate your support. We look forward to the day that we can resume our usual events, like field trips, public promotional events and meetings with knowledgeable speakers with interesting and exciting topics. Stay tuned to this news letter for updates.

Thank you, to our knowledgeable speakers with exciting, new and interesting topics. We appreciate that they volunteer their time, to come and speak at our monthly meetings and share their experiences.

Thank You to our Executive members for organizing field trips, paying bills, taking notes, doing school presentations, organizing speakers, editing the newsletter and attending executive meetings. I just want to personally thank all of you for your support, help and commitment to the Mineral Society.

I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy Fall season.