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PRESIDENT'S PAGE

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I hope this finds all of our members and their families healthy and safe during these trying times. I have intentionally written this on the eve of our 2020 elections so I am not swayed by the predictions of what might happen over the next four years, based on the results of the elections.

As you know, we have restarted monthly meetings via Zoom and I encourage everyone to participate. Starting with the upcoming November 9 meeting we will include a business portion to the meeting so we can begin to return to the normality of our meetings. There should also be some time to answer any questions you have about the Show cancellation.

Over the past several months the members of the TGMS Show Committee, the Board members and Pat and Rose have been working diligently to determine whether the 2021 Tucson Gem and Mineral Show® was going to occur. It meant double work for Pat and Rose because they had to prepare for putting on the Show at the same time there was the real possibility of not having the Show.

Multiple joint Zoom meetings took place with Show Committee and Board members attending, along with additional meetings that took place with the 50+ Show Promoters from throughout Tucson and city and county officials. In the end, you all know the difficult decision both the Show Committee members and the Board had to make. Having attended 58 Tucson Shows, exhibiting in most since 1971, and being involved with the Show Committee for 35 years, I, like Pat McClain and Peter Megaw, each with 42 years of involvement with the Society and the Show, along with the many other long-time members, had emotions that were tough to overcome. However, with the Show Committee's recommendation and the Board's decision to cancel the 2021 Show, this was definitely the right decision.

The ultimate decision was based on keeping our members, their families, our dealers, exhibitors and the public attending our Show safe. While many factors were considered, this was the most important one. Second, was the realization we could not put on the type of Show we are known for. Once we realized we could not have our school children visits, the Junior Ed area, the lectures, the micromount symposium, virtually none of the displays from museums and individuals, and many of our dealers, both domestic and international, the decision became a bit easier.

I want to thank Pat and Rose for all of their hard work during these trying times. I would like to thank our Show Committee and Board members for their diligence and willingness to attend Zoom meetings scheduled sometimes with just a day or two of notice. Also, I want to thank all of these members for keeping the information and decisions to themselves until we had conversations with others at the city, county, TCC and AGTA. Finally, I want to thank all of our members for being patient and understanding the difficulty of the decision.

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We are already looking forward to the planning for the 2022 Show. It is the intention to move the themes for 2021, "The Show That Glows," celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Fluorescent Mineral Society, and the Apatite Supergroup to 2022, pending final approval by the Show Committee.

As we all enter the holiday season, please continue to wear your masks, use sanitizers and be diligent about washing your hands. These are the actions that will help keep everyone safe. No one has a 100% guarantee of anything in this life, except as the old adage states about death and taxes, but these measures will go a long way to helping all of us get through this.

Les Presmyk
TGMS President



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Why We Have A Show!

From: Karen Strickling
Sent: Monday, March 9, 2020 4:56 PM
To: TGMS <TGMS@tgms.org>
Subject: 2020 Gem and Mineral Show

Dear TGMS,

I moved to Tucson in November 1986. Every year since then I have attended the Tucson Gem & Mineral Show®. I can't tell you how much I look forward to it each year – I even take time off work to attend different shows! All my friends laugh at me and say that I should be an Ambassador for the Gem Show(s) – I always print out schedules and tell them which shows to attend. I always tell them, if they have never gone, to be sure to go to the TGMS show at the TCC because it is always such a wonderful variety of Gems and Minerals. I love the way Museums and Collectors bring items from all over the world, here to Tucson! – and we get to see beautiful and amazing things that we would not have the opportunity to see otherwise. I always encourage my friends with children to go there for the great kids area and for the kindness of the vendors in teaching them and sometimes giving them small specimens! I am always in awe of the beautiful things that are found in the dirt and the people who risk so much to find them!

So... I am writing this to tell you all how much I appreciate all the hard work that goes into the annual Gem and Mineral Show. Every year I learn something new, see something amazing, and meet new people from all over the world. It gets better and better every year, and I can't wait to see what beautiful treasures come to Tucson in 2021!

Thank you all so much!
Sincerely,

Karen Strickling
Tucson, AZ

TGMS General Meeting – March 2, 2020

The General Meeting of the Tucson Gem and Mineral Society was called to order by Vice President Michael Hollonbeck at 7:00 p.m. Visitors and new members were recognized and welcomed to the meeting. Visitors were encouraged to join TGMS online.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: TGMS has books for sale, “The 100 – A Practical Guide to Mineral Collecting in Today’s World.” by Bill Shelton. Books are \$15.00 each and proceeds go to the library fund.

PROGRAM: Mike Hollonbeck introduced Brad Ross, an avid mineral and mining artifact collector who presented “Minerals and Mining Artifacts.” Brad shared that miners and mines are the sources of the minerals, crystals, lapidary stones and gems that we collect. As a tribute to the hardworking generations of the miners before us, he shared the history and tools from their days of mining and photos of the mineral treasures we now enjoy.

BREAK: Thanks to Florence Gores for providing refreshments. A volunteer is needed for the September meeting. Sign-up sheets are on the back table. Volunteers shop for and set out the refreshments. The club will reimburse expenses up to \$100.00.

OLD BUSINESS:

Approve the minutes for two General Meetings, January 6, 2020 and February 3, 2020 as published in Rock Talk. **MOTION:** to approve and second the minutes. Seconded and approved.

TGMS Show recap: Pat McClain thanked all the volunteers that helped make the Show successful. Many people visited the Naica Movie. The Naica Movie will be shown to members in conjunction with a future club activity.

Micromount Meeting: March 9, topic: “Micro(s) You Bought at the 2020 TGMS Show.” Sign-up sheets available.

Educational Class: March 11, topic: “New Finds from the 2020 TGMS Show and Other Comments.” Sign-up sheets available.

Field Trips:

Red Cloud Mine, March 13 (evening - camp out) and March 14, collect fluorescent minerals.

Catalina Mountains, March 21, collect fluorescent minerals.

Benson, April 18, collect selenite.

DoBell Ranch, May 16, collect petrified wood.

Future field trips are still being planned.

Science City: March 14 and 15, at the UofA Book Festival. Volunteers are needed to staff tables in the tent.

NEW BUSINESS:

Approve that TGMS will conduct the 2021 TGMS Show. **MOTION:** to approve and second the 2021 TGMS Show. Seconded and approved. The theme will be “The Show that Glows.”

DRAWING FOR DOOR PRIZES: Florence Gores as meeting host, was given the first selection. Winners were Zoey Zeszut, Kathy O’Donnell, Louis Pill, Laurie Smalla, Cedrick Stevenson and Blaize Naasz.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Ross,
Recording Secretary



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TGMS Board Meeting – July 23, 2019

Board Members Present: Ellen Alexander, Diane Braswell, Mark Candee, Michael Hollonbeck, Mark Marikos, Les Presmyk, Marilyn Reynolds and Bill Shelton.

Absent: Linda Ross

Executive Manager: Pat McClain

Parliamentarian: Alrene Hibben

Audience: Tim McClain, Richard Nassi and Kent Stauffer.

Call to Order: The Board Meeting was called to order by President Les Presmyk at 5:38 pm in the TGMS meeting room.

Call for Orders of the Day: No changes were made to the agenda.

Minutes Approval: MOTION: To approve the March 20, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes as written. Seconded and approved.

President's Remarks: We are here to make TGMS better. The President stated his philosophy is if something is working, leave it alone, but if not, fix it. He said that he wants the Board to make suggestions on the goals for 2020 (see suggested goals for 2020 below). He suggested that a staff member take the minutes so every Board Member is fully engaged in what is going on in the meeting. This was met with disapproval.

Treasurer's Report: Income was \$153,974.74 and expenses were \$8587.11.

Old Business: The Executive Manager reported that parking wheel stops will be ordered for the back edge of the parking lot for approximately \$400 and the parking lot needs to be sealed for which she will get bids. Neither item was in the budget. **MOTION:** To approve both expenditures using funds from a holding account. Seconded and approved.

New Business:

Internal Audit/Examination and Selecting the Committee: The President reported that six people were invited to participate. Out of the four who responded, Bruce Kaufman, Janette Simister and Kent Stauffer were appointed, with Kent to be chairman. The examination must be completed by August 5 so the books can go to the CPA.

Show Committee: The Show Committee recommended Peter Megaw and Dick Gottfried as Show Co-Chairs. **MOTION:** To approve Peter Megaw and Dick Gottfried as Show Co-Chairs. Seconded and approved. The Guest/Special Exhibits Chair proposed getting new lighting for the display cases as new technology lights have true color. This would cost an estimated \$60,000 which would come from holding accounts and money from the Dallas Symposium. Up to \$5000 would be needed to test the new lights recommended. The President stated options would be to add a new row of lights to each case or buy all new lights. The Vice President stated that testing lights has already been done by the Exhibits Chair and others to pick the truest lights which are those sold by Tony Glecker. The recommendation was to set up three cases, ask vendors to provide the lights and Show Committee members to select their choice.

Family Fun Day: MOTION: To approve October 12th as the date. Seconded and approved. The Vice President will be in charge of the event.

Goals for FY 2020: Where do we want TGMS to be a year from now? Suggestions were: Increase number of young people; have a host at the beginning of meetings; continue and add more Community Outreach in schools; add a holding account for a building fund to buy or build a new TGMS building; don't change what's

TGMS Board Meeting - July 23, 2019 CONTINUED

working; more disclosure, transparency and accountability; encourage more use of the TGMS library; develop a questionnaire to hand out in meetings for answers to our questions; reach out to kids to add to their education after their Earth Sciences classes; encourage more members to volunteer; encourage members to stay after the program and snacks for the business meeting; encourage people to respect and acknowledge Pat and Rose for all they do for the Society; have mall shows and give out information and mineral specimens. Suggested goals will be revisited at the next meeting.

Committees: Scholarships – per Jessica Kapp at UA, the best time to give students the application for the TGMS scholarship is in the fall. **MOTION:** To start the application process now and send Jessica the information. Seconded and approved. The Executive Manager will send Board members information on how it was done last year. Everyone will read the applications submitted prior to the meeting and will bring in remarks and choices.

By-Laws Revision: Section I. Membership. D and E need to have TGMS lawyer define “congenial and in harmony.”

Board Meeting Schedule: The following dates were agreed on: October 2, November 18, January 13 and March 30. All meetings to start at 6:00 pm.

Orchid Society: **MOTION:** To approve November schedule change. Motion withdrawn. **MOTION:** To give the Executive Manager authority to approve the schedule. Seconded and approved.

Call to the Audience: Tim suggested TGMS have a Children’s Rockhound Day.

Meeting adjourned at 8:13 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Marilyn Reynolds
Recording Secretary Pro-Tem



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Zoom TGMS Meeting and Lecture

When: Monday, November 9, 2020

Lecturer: Phil Persson

Time: 7:00 p.m. – Tucson, Arizona Time

ZOOM Link: <https://zoom.us/j/98085057922?pwd=aVZyYXZLdjRURVh4SlDsUkVKeVd0Zz09>

Meeting ID: 980 8505 7922

Passcode: 562976

Topic: "Outstanding Crystallized Minerals of the Colorado Mineral Belt"



TGMS Board Meeting – December 18, 2019

Board Members Present: Ellen Alexander, Diane Braswell, Mark Candee, Michael Hollonbeck, Mark Marikos, Les Presmyk, Marilyn Reynolds, Linda Ross, and Bill Shelton.

Executive Manager: Pat McClain

Parliamentarian: Alrene Hibben

Audience: Tim McClain, Richard Nassi, Brad Ross and Ortrud Schuh.

Call to Order: The Board Meeting was called to order by President Les Presmyk at 6:02 pm in the TGMS meeting room.

Call for Orders of the Day: No changes were made to the agenda.

Minutes Approval: MOTION: To accept the October 29, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes as written. Seconded and approved.

President's Remarks: The President remarked that the holiday season was upon us and to enjoy the season. In January and February, we will be busy with the TGMS Show.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer reported on current income and expenses. The income and expenses are typical for this time period.

Old Business:

By-Laws Revisions: The following sections of the By-Laws were reviewed:

Section III E: The Board determined that although the minutes are approved by an attorney, approval by an attorney does not need to be stated in the By-Laws. Section will remain as written.

Section IV H: The proposed expenditure limit of \$1,000.00 was reviewed and determined to be appropriate. Section will remain as written.

Section VII A 1 b: The Board reviewed the statement regarding the vote allotted to two persons acting as one chairperson. The statement will remain as written.

Section VII A 1 c iv: The statement was changed as follows: All Chairpersons who propose *changes to budgets or expenditures exceeding ~~\$5,000.00~~ 10% of their budget* shall prepare written documentation outlining a plan of action for adoption by the Show Committee.

Section VII B: The Ad Hoc Committees section will be deleted.

Section VII C: The statement was changed as follows: Appointive offices may be named by the President *on a fiscal year basis*, with the approval of the Board of Directors.

Section IX A: Grammatical changes were made to clarify monthly meeting dates.

Section XI: The Board considered a two-year term (elected annually) for the directors. The two-year terms would alternate so that only half the Board would be up for re-election each year. The Board determined that this is not a concern. The Section will remain as written.

When the revised By-Laws have been approved by the attorney, they will be published to the membership to be voted on in the next regular meeting. **MOTION:** To approve the amended By- Laws and the changes made by the Board. Seconded and approved.

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Naica Cave Project: The project entity has not yet made a clear proposal that includes services and costs. The stage of the film production is not clear as well. Board Members propose that a TGMS Committee member review the film before a contract is signed. Board members are concerned about the timeline to complete the contract for the 2020 TGMS Show. **MOTION**: If the Naica project contract is not approved by the TGMS attorney and signed by the President by January 15th, the project will not be funded for the 2020 TGMS Show. In the event the contract is not signed, the project can be revisited for the 2021 TGMS Show. The motion was seconded and approved.

Renew Trademark: The Board was advised that the cost to renew the trademark would be \$2,800. **MOTION**: to approve \$2,800 to renew the trademark. Seconded and approved.

New Business:

Scholarship Evaluation Process: The President suggested that the process to evaluate applicants be revisited. The President and the Recording Secretary will develop a matrix to evaluate future applications. A timeline for the scholarship award needs to be established as well.

Nominating Committee: The past President will establish a nominating committee and results will be communicated to the Board.

Budget Schedule: Treasurer will have the budget drafted by the next Board meeting for discussion.

Chinese Invitation: An invitation was sent to Chenzhou City Government officials to attend the Tucson Gem and Mineral Show® for immigration clearance purposes.

Conflict of Interest: The attorney made changes to the Conflict of Interest Policy and Procedures to align with Arizona Law for Non-Profit entities. **MOTION**: To accept changes in the Conflict of Interest Policy as written by the attorney. Seconded and approved.

Contract Signatures: The President must sign all contracts for the TGMS Show. Contracts are updated annually by the attorneys. The Board may review these contracts in the spring.

Call to the Audience:

TGMS Show has spaces available for dealers. Refer to the website for additional information.

Next Board meeting is March 30th.

Donations of minerals, fossils and related material are needed for the Junior Education Area at the Show.

The Executive Manager continues to work with the Tucson Convention Center to accommodate TGMS needs as the TCC expands the addition of sporting events. Although Arizona Cine expenditures are high, the costs are reasonable for the services and facilities they provide.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p. m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Linda Ross
Recording Secretary



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TGMS Board Meeting – June 19, 2020

Board Members Present: Ellen Alexander, Diane Braswell, Mark Candee, Michael Hollonbeck, Mark Marikos, Les Presmyk, Marilyn Reynolds, Linda Ross and Bill Shelton.

Executive Manager: Pat McClain

Parliamentarian: Alrene Hibben (absent)

Audience: (none in attendance)

Call to Order: The Board Meeting was called to order by President Les Presmyk at 2:13 p.m. via Zoom. A Zoom conference was held due to the current COVID-19 Pandemic.

President's Remarks: The President welcomed all attendees to the virtual meeting and hoped all was well with everyone. He commented on how COVID-19 was impacting all we do. He encouraged everyone to wear a mask and wash their hands.

Minutes Approval: **MOTION:** To accept the December 18, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes as written. Seconded and approved.

Old Business:

TGMS Society Budget for 2020-2021: The Board reviewed the proposed 2020-21 Fiscal Year Detailed Society Budget Draft. Items and changes were reviewed. The Board discussed building and property maintenance items that should be submitted for bids. **MOTION:** To approve the budget as submitted. Seconded and approved.

2020/2021 Election of Officers and Directors: Due to COVID-19, the Board determined that all current Board members would be nominated for their current positions, except for Diane Braswell who was nominated as a Director and Marilyn Reynolds as Membership Secretary. The Nominating Committee determined that the current Board members have the experience to move the Society forward in the uncertain future.

Due to COVID-19, if Legal Counsel advises as such, the Board discussed that the general membership be notified by email, regular mail or by phone, of the proposed 2020-2021 Budget and Slate of Officer nominations. The Board recommended a timeline of one week to mail the Budget and nominations to the membership, allow one week for comments, and one week for members to vote. Board discussed that a quorum could be 125 votes, the average number of voters in past meetings. **MOTION:** To approve the process of setting the two seven-day periods and getting final guidance from our attorney on how to proceed with getting the Budget and Slate of Officers voted on by the members, and what constitutes a quorum. Seconded and approved.

Board determined that the membership would be reminded to renew their 2020-2021 dues, (normally due by July 1st, 2020), and that the deadline should be extended to July 31, 2020. **MOTION:** Membership 2020-2021 dues will be due by July 31, 2020. Seconded and approved.

Members on the current roster will be eligible to vote, even if the timeline to vote is beyond the annual membership period. Members will be encouraged to vote electronically.

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Orchid Society Lease: The Orchid Society has not held meetings in the building since April. The lease is due for renewal. The Board discussed the cleaning that would need to take place before and after meetings. It was determined that the safety of TGMS employees was paramount, and the lease would not be renewed at this time. **MOTION:** To postpone the Orchid Society Lease due to COVID-19. Seconded and approved.

Approval of 2021 TGMS Show Co-Chairs – Peter Megaw & Dick Gottfried: **MOTION:** To approve Peter Megaw and Dick Gottfried as the 2021 TGMS Show Co-Chairs. Seconded and approved.

Approval of TGMS Employee Discretionary Time Off: **MOTION:** To approve five days of Employee Discretionary Time Off for each employee to be used by the end of the calendar year. Second and approved.

Summary Report on the 2020 TGMS Show and Naica Video: The Show was successful from the standpoints of budgets, coupon usage, and staging the Naica Cave Presentation. Producing the 2021 TGMS Show will be reviewed in the fall, with consideration to COVID-19.

New Business:

Future Topics: Agenda for the next meeting may include finishing the review of the Bylaws, scenarios for producing the 2021 TGMS Show, approving building expenditures, and methods to engage members electronically during and after the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Schedule Next Zoom Board Meetings: The Board agreed to meet monthly, on the 3rd Friday of the month at 2:00 p.m. via Zoom. Future meetings will be July 17, August 21, September 18, October 16, November 20, and December 18.

Adjourn Meeting: Meeting was adjourned at 4:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Linda Ross
Recording Secretary



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Rocks & Minerals Magazine and Our Show By Peter Megaw

In case you've missed it somehow, every year Marie Huizing, mild-mannered editor and chief of Rocks & Minerals Magazine, dedicates their January-February issue to the Tucson Gem and Mineral Show® with articles devoted to our Show theme by the best experts she can find on the subject. This is excellent advertising for us and does a lot to get folks prepared to enjoy our exhibits with a lot more background than they would without her efforts. Not coincidentally, these issues also tend to be replete with gorgeous images and illustrations that make Jan-Feb one of the most visually appealing issues of the year. If you subscribe to Rocks & Minerals, her e-mail address is on the flyleaf, so send her a note thanking her for her long-term efforts for our Show and the job she has done elevating R&M to the top quality publication it has become under her aegis. If you don't...check out R&M on line and subscribe or pick up a few prior Jan-Feb issues so you can see what I mean...and then send her a note of thanks! Once it is possible again, we have a good run in the TGMS library you can peruse!

This year she...and we...are faced with a conundrum as the issue is already on the way to the press despite the fact that COVID-19 has spoiled our party. Her gorgeous articles on Fluorescent Minerals and Minerals of the Apatite Supergroup are going to miss their complement in the guise of our Show and exhibits, so it is up to us to make sure they don't fall on the visual equivalent of deaf ears. *How do we do this?*

First, we make sure we are all subscribers to Rocks & Minerals (and as many other mineralogical publications as you can find room for... like Mineralogical Record, Mineral Monographs and Mineral Up!, not to mention the German, French, Spanish and Russian language periodicals) so we can enjoy the fruits of her labors and live our *show-that-wasn't* remotely through the words and pictures.

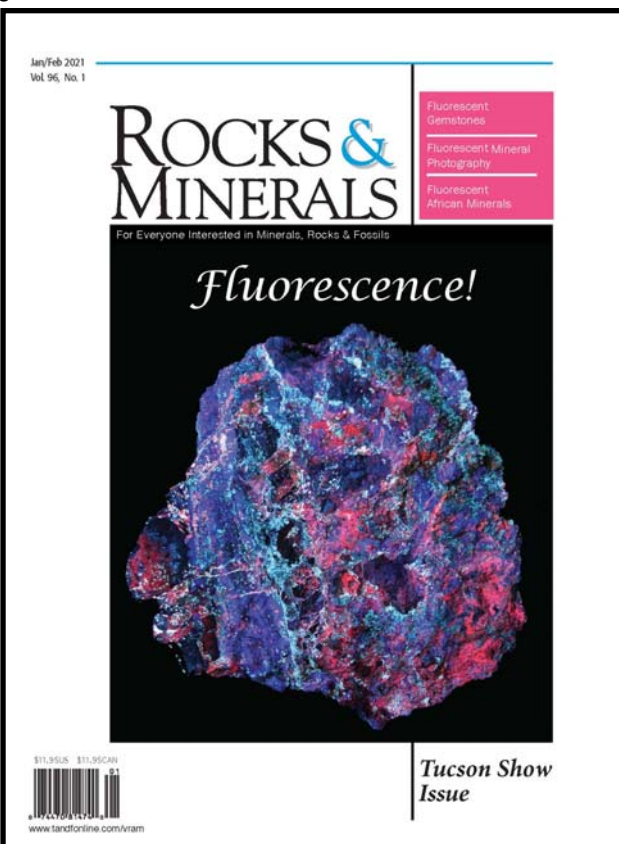
Second, we can use the issue to make ourselves much more learned on the subject of Fluorescent Minerals and Apatite Group Minerals so WE enjoy that theme more when it comes out of hibernation in 2022 (making you a prime candidate for joining Ellen's Docent program!).

Third, and perhaps most importantly, we can think about what we personally are "saving" by not having a Show to spend our mineral budget on in person...and make a concerted effort to find and buy things on-line from the websites of our participating dealers.

We already have the advantage of NOT having to travel here for the Show, eat out and stay in hotels (Hat Tip to Jim Bless), so include that in your acquisition budget too. This will give you a specimen(s) with a unique souvenir story linked to the "Year of the Plague" and knowledge that you helped keep your favorite dealers in business until our Show resumes.

The COVID-19 toll on small businesses is terrible and for many dealers our 2020 Show was the last show they had to sell at. So, find a nice fluorescent piece...perhaps the beginning of a whole new collection or subcollection (fluorescent minerals are actually quite affordable and a good UV light opens a whole new world of field collecting... and scorpion detection). Or seek out a killer Fluorapatite from Mexico, Brazil, Pakistan or Portugal...or a matching suite of mimetite-vanadinite-pyromorphite as entrée to the world of apatite *group* species (minerals with the apatite structure but not composition). These are colorful and fascinating rabbit holes to go down...and burying one's head for a little while longer until we can again breathe freely in public might not be the worst thing we can do!!

The special January February issue of Rocks & Minerals on our Show is available starting in December. Here is the link to subscribe or for a single issue: <https://www.tandfonline.com/pricing/journal/vram20>



Show Co-Chairman's Lament - By Richard Gottfried

I am sitting here, two days after the presidential election, and still don't know who will run our country for the next four years. These are certainly uncertain times -- there's a great oxymoron for you.

We do not deal well with uncertainty. Everything should be yes or no. Black or white. Wearing masks and social distancing are sure to keep us safe from the Coronavirus, say some experts while other experts tell us masks are not the answer. What gives? Certainly experts should know. What good are they if they don't?

What we don't realize is that scientists -- and doctors -- deal with uncertainty. They know that nothing is 100% and are comfortable with it. They state that there's a 90 – 95% chance that they are right. This is good enough for them to say that something is good enough to render a solid position. But, remember there's also a 5 – 10% chance that they are wrong. They aren't 100% certain, but close enough. Close enough is usually "close enough" for them. This is where the arguments start.

What am I leading up to here?

The Show Committee had a problem this year.

We apparently dodged the bullet with our 2020 Show (close enough). Covid-19 was not an international pandemic at that time (or so it seemed). Unbeknownst to us, President Trump had banned all travel from China, preventing some large-ticket buyers from attending all Tucson shows. But domestic travel was not as severely affected, nor was other international travel. We had a successful Show (as usual). We congratulated ourselves, and rightly so, never expecting the 2021 Show to be a problem. But this wasn't certain.

And then the pandemic hit. We were infected worldwide with a virus that we thought will kill all of us if we didn't shut everything down and stay at home. I remember that Sharon and I had reservations for our St. Patrick's day corned beef and cabbage dinner at 4:00 p.m. Good timing... because starting at 8:00 p.m. that evening, the Mayor shut down every restaurant in Tucson completely for the following two weeks.

Now with all the uncertainties, what was the Show Committee to do? Two alternatives:

Have the Show.
Don't have the Show.

Before making a final decision. The Show Committee continued to plan for the 2021 Show as if it would occur, making all the usual decisions the Show Committee would have: the theme for the Show; the Show poster; advertisements; floor plans; etc. But now we had additional things to consider. Would it be safe to have the Show? How could we ensure that we didn't become a "super spreader" with people coming in from all over the world? We contacted the Pima County Health Department for guidance. They came up with several recommendations, that were major impacts on our decision.

We had meetings with city and county officials to discuss the options we would have, and met with other show venues throughout the city about their plans for continuing their shows next year.

After many weeks of discussion, The Show Committee made their decision, recommended to the Board of Directors that we do not have the 2021 Show but that we delay it until 2022. The Board approved our decision. In all the meetings that were held, everyone was given the opportunity to dissent, but no one did. It was unanimous that this was the only alternative.

So what does that mean for our Society in 2021? The Show is our greatest fundraiser, and we rely on it for funding our activities throughout the following year. Fortunately, according to our Treasurer, this is not our only source of income. We have some rainy day funds that could help eke us through 2021 without the proceeds of the 2021 Show.

Let me make this very clear. Financial considerations were only one part of our considerations. If we didn't get enough dealer booth revenues, or if we couldn't get enough of the public's admission revenues, the Show would end up costing us money. The funds we have to keep us going for the following year could be severely depleted.

This would be the least of our considerations because:

We are known internationally as an educational event. This is the chance for many in the field to make

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contacts with their peers, and to meet other experts in the field. If we decided to put on the Show, it would be a sad travesty of our usual offerings. Major exhibitors and museums would not bring their fantastic displays because of travel bans and fear of infection. Junior Ed would be cancelled, and there would be no school visits. There would be no lectures as the attendance would be too severely restricted by Health Department rules.

The Health Department rules would also restrict the number of people allowed on the Show floor at any one time. This number would also count dealers and volunteers, not just the general public. I envision long lines waiting for someone to leave before someone can get in.

Education is our Show's forte. I'm afraid putting on the Show in 2021 would make it more like a Show's "fort"!

But look on the bright side! Those of us optimists know that there will be vaccines against the virus by the end of the year. First responders and health care workers will get the first doses. Then, in 2021 come the "old farts" like me (and several others on the Show Committee). By the middle of the year, the vaccines will be available for the general population, and by 2022, the crisis will have passed. Then we can have our 2021 Show in 2022. And the planning has already begun! Rest assured that we will have an even more fantastic Show in 2022 that will knock your socks off!

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"The Show That Glows"

*Featuring the "Apatite Supergroup" and a
special exhibit by the Fluorescent Mineral
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The Tucson Gem and Mineral Society was founded in 1946 and began as a small group interested in the hobby of mineral collecting and lapidary. The Society's intent from the start was to further the knowledge and appreciation for a hobby that was just beginning to grow.

For more information on the Tucson Gem & Mineral Society, please visit our website: www.tgms.org



Apatite, Peter Megaw specimen, Jeff Scovil photograph



Mimeticite, Peter Megaw specimen, Jeff Scovil photograph

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