

DR. JOSEPH M. LEIDY 1823-1891

Dr. Leidy had a long and distinguished career as a medical Doctor, Paleontologist and general scientist in the Philadelphia area. He served with distinction at the University of Pennsylvania, the Academy of Natural Sciences, and the Wagner Free Institute of Science.

He was a highly respected microscopist in the early years when the microscope was found to be the key to unlocking the secrets of nature, especially in medical science.

In addition to his many accomplishments in the medical field, chiefly in anatomy, he won distinction and lasting fame as a vertebrate paleontologist at the time when dinosaurs were first being excavated in the United States and fossil deposits found in New Jersey.

At age 35, he was one of the 23 medical Doctors and 4 scientists who organized the original study group that evolved into the society that now bears his name.



MONTHLY MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

Northminster Presbyterian Church

140 Trenton Road

Fairless Hills, Pennsylvania 19030

3rd Thursday @7:30PM

(Except July and August)

Come join us for:

- Workshops
- Specimen trading
- Information exchange and lectures
- Auctions and swaps

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THE LEIDY MICROSCOPICAL SOCIETY

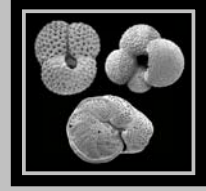


MISSION OF THE SOCIETY

- Study and explore any specimen which is enhanced by magnification through the microscope.
 - Minerals
 - Fossils
 - Zoological
 - Botanical
- Preserve old collections of slides, micromounts, and microscopes.

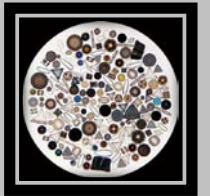


MINERALS



FOSSILS

DIATOMS



BOTANICALS



Activities

We study minerals, fossils and diatoms under the microscope. Monthly meetings include workshops, speakers, a "Mineral of the Month" presentation, and exchange of information and specimens. All attendees are encouraged to bring their microscopes. Micromount specimens are also viewed on our video projector microscope, which allows the group to see high resolution images on the screen.

ABOUT THE LEIDY MICROSCOPICAL SOCIETY

History

The Society was organized in 1858 as part of the Biological and Microscopical section of The Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia. A group of 27, including many medical doctors, met regularly to study the natural sciences through microscopy.

In 1925 the group was reorganized as an independent nonprofit educational entity under its present name. The name was chosen to honor Dr. Joseph M. Leidy, a founder and eminent member of the society.

Micromounting originated in the Philadelphia area and is the main focus of the Society.

The Society met at the Academy of Natural Sciences until January of 1995 when it moved to its present location in the Northminster Presbyterian Church in Fairless Hills, Pennsylvania.

Guests are always welcome to attend!

Our Collections

The society owns a number of antique brass microscopes such as Zentmayers and Becks and accessories that date back to the early days of microscopy. They represent a priceless heritage, and are frequently exhibited by Leidy members at mineral and fossil shows throughout the region.

Additionally, the society is the beneficiary of several 19th Century microscopic slides collections covering medical, zoological, botanical and geological specimens including the historic Frank Keeley micromount collection.

