



November 2022

“Math Class”
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The October 20, 2022, meeting of the Leidy Microscopical Society was the first meeting under the new meeting schedule that was approved by the membership at the July 2022 meeting and annual summer picnic.

Things don't always work out as planned. We experienced this during the October meeting. The good intentions, of changing the meeting schedule, resulted in much less time viewing and discussing micromounts. It was all business. When you try to combine two business portions of a meeting into one you end up with only half the time of enjoying what you really like to do. However, overall, we did have a very productive meeting as we discussed a variety of subjects concerning the future of the Society.



October 20, 2022 Leidy Microscopical Society Meeting

From Left clockwise around the table: Don McAlarnen, Christel Hoffmann, Bill Prince, DickTillett, Dick Braun, Karenne Snow, Dr. Robert Carlton

After approving the Treasurer's Report and reviewing what occurred in the previous meeting we began with a discussion on the status of the Society's historical microscope collection. Plans are still in the process to photograph the full inventory and find a permanent storage or display location for the full collection. Unfortunately, John Ferrante had to resign from the committee handling the collection, but Dr. Robert Carlton and Don McAlarnen will still proceed with the committee's intentions.

Dr. Robert Carlton, President of the Philadelphia Microscopy Society, invited the Leidy Microscopical Society membership to attend a meeting of the Philadelphia Microscopy Society on November 19, 2022, 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM at the Delaware Institute of Science in Media, PA.

Several suggestions were made for upcoming speakers for meeting and especially the March 2023 Leidy Micromount Symposium.

There is no regular meeting scheduled for November, as the new meeting scheduled dictates, so the next regular meeting will be on Saturday December 17, 2022, from 9:30 AM to 1:00 PM at the Northminster Presbyterian Church, Fairless Hills, PA. The subjects of the meeting will be the Election of Officers, Christmas Celebration, Holiday Auction, Micromount Roundtable and normal discussions of Leidy Society business. All are invited. Please bring microscopes, auction items for donation and your favorite Holiday treat to share.

Other Society business included: a motion, which was approved, for Treasurer Don McAlarnen to pursue obtaining a 501C3 status with the government and the fee of \$270 for the application. A discussion on constructing a single official record folder of the Society's holdings, minutes and other official documents. Finally, to accept an offer from the Philadelphia Mineralogical Society to attend their next meeting from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM on November 10, 2022, at the Community Center of the Giant Supermarket, 315 York Road, Willow Grove, PA for a program titled "Soft Rock – Local Evidence for Malleable (Non-crystalline) Quartz in the Early Paleozoic by Frank Fawcett.

Our program for the evening, A Micromount Roundtable, did not start until approximately 9:00 PM due to all the Society business. However, we enjoyed some amazing botanical mounts recently created by Don McAlarnen, Give-A-Ways from Dick Braun obtained at Mont St. Hilaire, Canada and the Eureka Quarry near Doylestown, PA. Karenne Snow also shared some mounts from the Cynthia Payne collection.



**Don McAlarnen's
Botanical Mounts**



Overall, the meeting was quite productive and very enjoyable, especially when spent with great members and guests. It will take time and adjustment as we venture forward into having two months of meetings into one.

“Most of us spend too much time on what is urgent and not enough time on what is important.” – Stephen Richards Covey (October 24, 1932 – July 16, 2012)

