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There was no “GRINCH” at Leidy

By Eric Brosius



On December 17, 2022, the Leidy Microscopical Society met on a rare Saturday morning session for our revised meeting schedule that was approved earlier in the year. The group celebrated the Holiday Season during the extended meeting time with foods galore, superb specimens and countless conversations covering a cavalcade of comments and subjects. Those who attended viewed the magnificent microscopic mineral world some which were mounted by some of the Society’s notable micromounters Leonard Morgan and Ralph Thomas.

One of the highlights of the meeting was the “Holiday Ralph Thomas Memorial Silent Auction.” Most of the specimens that were donated were of extremely high quality and those who won the item took home a cherished treasure.

In other Society business, the Election of Officers for the 2023 term as approved by the membership present are President Eric Brosius, Vice President Karenne Snow, Secretary John Ferrante, and Treasurer Don McAlarnen. Robert Carlton reported on the joint meeting with the Philadelphia Microscopy Society at the Delaware County Institute of Science held on November 19, 2022. Don McAlarnen went over some of the final plans for the upcoming March 10-11, 2023, 47th Annual Leidy Microscopical Society Micromount Symposium. Karenne Snow, on behalf of the Philadelphia Mineralogical Society, made a request for the Leidy Microscopical Society to have a display and demonstration of micromounts at their March 25-26, 2023, Lulu Temple Show. Don McAlarnen agreed to organize the display and demonstration. Final documentation has been received from the US Department of Treasury confirming the Society’s 501(c)(3) status. Finally, the February 18, 2023, Saturday meeting program will be mostly a business type meeting as the group will work on the photo documentation of the Society’s Historical Microscope collection. The group will also finalize plans for the March Symposium and as usual we will enjoy some micromounts via a “Micromount Roundtable” of specimens from your collections.

Before the meeting was over, Santa McAlarnen distributed gifts to all the good little micromounters present, who gratefully thanked him for his generosity. We also thank all those who attended the meeting for their donations to the silent auction and for all the treats for the Holiday Celebration. Thank you all.

There was no “GRINCH” at the December meeting only micromounters whose hearts grew three sizes that day.



From Left: Mike Spevak, Bill Prince, Dick Tillett, Dick Braun, Karenne Snow, Brian Schwab



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