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What Goes Around Comes Around By Eric Brosius



The June 5, 2023 meeting of the Leidy Microscopical Society was a typical ‘Micromount Roundtable’ where those members present shared and viewed a variety of mounts and rough material from their collections. Some of the mounts were for sale, while others were giveaways, and some were just for viewing and analyzing the spectacular mineral and exceptional craftsmanship. Everyone enjoyed a great evening discussing many subjects and viewing some exceptional mounts.

Don McAlarnen had a variety of items from a field collecting trip, Robert Carlton shared some items from the Hugh Mc Cullouch collection, Christel Hoffmann had some rough material she recently collected at Mount Mica, South Paris, Maine, Bill Prince had a selection of 20 type locality specimens from his collection for viewing and John Ferrante provided several trays of unmounted Don Smoley material that was for sale.

In other Society busnes, the hybrid meetings will continue and a planned duel society meeting with the Philadelphia Microscopy Society is being planned for the future. Additionally, John Ferrante gave a brief synopsis of the Atlantic Micromounters Conference that he attended on June 3, 2023 in Harrisonburg, Virginia. Plans for our own Symposium in March of 2024 were also discussed. Finally, we will revisit the trial meeting schedule, that was followed over the past year, at the annual summer picnic when more members are in attendance.



The 2023 Leidy Microscopical Society Annual Summer Picnic
Standing from Left: Paul Langer, Peter Fireman, Karenne Snow, John Ferrante, Wayne Geller, Eric Brosius, Bill Prince, Don McAlarnen, Robert Carlton. Sitting from Left: Christel Hoffmann, Dick Tillett, Beverly Geller. Photographer not in picture: Karen Ferrante.

What went around came around again as a large group of members descended on the Ferrante household this past July 15, 2023. The Annual Leidy Microscopical Society Summer Picnic is a much anticipated event for all the members and the threat of thundershowers and high humidity throughout the day would not put a damper on the fun. Thanks to John and Karen Ferrante and their large air conditioned sunroom, that was recently added to their home, everyone was safe and comfortable while viewing magnificent micromounts, filling our faces with fantastic foods and creating a chorus of conversations continually throughout the day.

The Society's meeting schedule for the upcoming year was the main point of discussion during a brief business meeting. A motion was made to return to having regular meetings each month except July and August. The motion was unanimously approved. Additionally, another motion was made and approved to suspend the business portion of the meeting in March due to the hecticness of the annual Symposium. Other discussions included a possible joint meeting with the Philadelphia Microscopy Society the second Saturday in September, possible speakers and programs for the 2024 Symposium and a possible meeting on viewing the mounts from the Society's Keeley Collection.

Everyone who attended the picnic had a great time. All of our group appreciate and thank John and Karen Ferrante for sharing their magnificent home with a 'rowdy' bunch of micromounters.