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A Groundhog Day Once Again By Eric Brosius



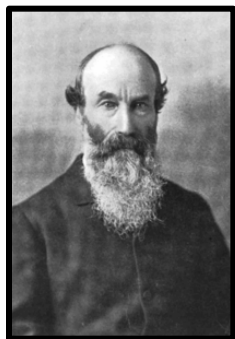
February is known for Valentine's Day, President's Day, cold weather, heavy snow and of course Groundhog Day. The later was made internationally famous in the 1993 film "Groundhog Day" starring Bill Murray and directed by Harold Ramis. The film repeatedly covers the recurring events of a day.

The February 17, 2024, meeting of the Leidy Microscopical Society took a clip out of that Groundhog Day movie. Once again, the monthly meeting was cancelled due to a snowstorm. The only difference is the Society was able to sort of meet via ZOOM on-line as 8 members tried to settle some important Society business in preparation of the March 8-9, 2024, 48th Annual Leidy Microscopical Society Micromount Symposium.

Thanks to symposium chairmen Don McAlarnen and John Ferrante, who have perfected the symposium preparations, only a few important items needed attention. Don McAlarnen had received some comments after last year's symposium that the speakers were a little difficult to hear during their talks. This year will feature a full pa-type system which hopefully will resolve that issue. A plea was also made for donations for the silent auction and the give-away tables. Since the Society has not met in person since December, Don McAlarnen has requested that those who plan to attend the symposium notify him, via phone or email, how much table space that you would like to reserve. Payment for the space can be made at the symposium.

In other Society business, the Leidy Microscopical Society sponsors a demonstration table at the Philadelphia Mineralogical Society's Mineral Treasures and Fossil Fair at the Lulu Temple, 5140 Butler Pike, Plymouth Meeting. Volunteers are needed on March 23 and 24 to staff the table. Please contact Don McAlarnen for the times that you would be able to help.

Finally, the Leidy Microscopical Society will once again meet on the 3rd Thursday of the month, March 21, 2024, at the normal meeting time of 7:30 PM at the Northminster Presbyterian Church, Fairless Hills, PA. The subject of discussion will be a rehash of the symposium and a Micromount Roundtable of green minerals or minerals from Ireland. All are invited even if you do not have a microscope.



“What is seen with the microscope depends not only upon the instrument and the rock-section, but also upon the brain behind the eye of the observer. Each of us looks at a section with the accumulated experience of his past study.”

- Thomas George Bonney

(27 July 1833 – 10 December 1923)