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## Spring Cleaning By Eric Brosius



The April Leidy Microscopical Society meeting was sort of a laid-back affair after a hectic March with the Annual Micromount Symposium, the General Meeting and the Demonstration table at the 2024 Mineral Treasures and Fossil Fair at the Lulu Temple in Plymouth Meeting, PA. The program for the evening was a basic Micromounting Roundtable of what you were currently working on and cleaning out of the Society's cabinets at our meeting venue.

The Society was able to rid itself of many unused, outdated, and useless material that had been clogging up the cabinets and were a general burden to the Society. We are now lean and mean.

Other business involved final preparations for the joint working demonstration for students on micromounting with the Philadelphia Society for Microscopy at the Delaware County Institute of Science. The working demonstration will involve making micromounts at several stations along with some historical micromounts and mounting techniques for display. (See Attached Flyer). Additionally, the annual summer picnic date was set for July 13, 2024.

The May 16, 2024, the meeting's subject will be Micromounts of Iron Minerals. Don McAlarnen will give a very brief talk on the element, iron (Fe). Members and guests are to bring specimens that contain iron in their formula, from their collections, to share for viewing with those who attend. All are invited even if you don't have a microscope.



**Above Left: (From Left) Bill Prince, Matt Okasinski, John Ferrante, Dick Tillett;  
Above Right: John Ferrante photographing one of the Society's microscopes at the museum.**

Lastly, Don McAlarnen accompanied John Ferrante to make the final photo documentation of the Society's Historical Microscopes at a local museum. We thank Don McAlarnen, Karen Ferrante and especially John Ferrante for all the hard work on this important project.



**As a final note: It is with great great sadness that we inform the membership of the passing of long-time member, Dr. David C. Rilling.**

**You touched so many lives and cared for so many people, you will be greatly missed.**

