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Over the holidays in these winter months we've some time to reflect on the activities that we've experiienced over the past year. We appreciate the leadership. Leadership we've re-

received from our officers and their committees that made this ancher successful year. However, we cannot overlook the fact that you, the members, have generated a lot of enthusians by your attendance at the lectures, the labs, and the field trips that have been prepared for us. For this we have a lot to be thankful for.

We are about to enter the fourth sequence of lectures in our program entitled "MINNESOTAL DUR PIECE OF THE ROCK THROUGH 4.5 BILLION VERBS" conducted by faculty members from the University of Minnesota and Macalester, and geologists from the Minnesota Geological Survey, Again we've noticed from the attendance records that



we have another great program going. If you have not attended any of the lectures yet, be sure to make plans to begin the new year with attendance at the lectures and participation in the field trips this coming year.

A word of thanks to our lecturers and to all who have been so gracious to supply beverages and goodies for our lecture nights. They are greatly appreciated by all who attend the lectures.

The editors wish you a blessed holiday season.

Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of GSM was held September 28 at the Old Country Buffet ELECTIONS across from Maplewood Mall in St. Paul.

Five members were elected to the Board of Directors. Jan Mitchell, Walt Blowers, and Bruce Leiding were elected to a twoyear term. Marian Marien and Goldie Johnson were elected for a second twoyear term.

Highlighting the meeting and serving as an introduction to this years public lecture series was a slide presentation "Minnesotat The Land that Glaciers Built." This slide presentation was beautifully put together for the Minnesota Geological Survey by Marcia Gunville whose memory we hold dear. We wish to thank the program and social chairpersons for another preat get-together. Seautiful gourds supplied by Ireme Carlson decorated the tables. Again, the meeting was well attended as the room was filled with both local and out-of-town members.



At the November GSM Board Meeting, the following officers were elected: Marian Marien, President; Fran Corcoran, Vice President; Janet Mitchell, Secretary;

and Ed Huppler, Treasurer. We would like to express our deepest thanks to the retiring board members who have given so generously of their time and talents: Warren Mitchell, President 1986-87; Dwight Robinson, Treasurer 1986-87 and Jeff Garry 1985-87. We congratulate our new directors and officers and pledge our support to them as they lead us into the new year.



Two months of our membership year are now past history but still ahead are seven lectures, two labs, plus field trips. Membership in GSM continues to be

a bargain. We are happy to report many new members whom we welcome, plus all the renewals.

Notices will be sent soon to those who have not renewed. If you get one, please consider renewing your membership and support your society.

Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

Bob Handschin, Membership Chairman

STILL AVAILABLE, A SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP BONUS

The Society still has a limited supply of Rocky Rocky and the soffered free to those who pay their annual dues. One copy per family is the limit, however. This very attractive 36-page booklet describes building stones used in downtown St. Paul structures. Sister Joan Kain, a long-time active GSM member, prepared it in 1978 as a teacher's guide. It gets out three walking tours, with maps and illustrations and other interesting information. Copies are available at the lectures.



PUBLIC LECTURES

Th our last newsletter you received a copy of the 1987-88 Program. The first three sequences have been

very well attended. If you have not attended yet this year, you have been missing an excellent program. Look over your 1987-88 Program again and be sure to join us for the remainder of the year.

Meetings: 7:30pm Mondays, December 7: January 11 & 25: February 8 & 22, March 7 & 21; April 4

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Where: 170 Physics Building, U of M, from October through December. From January through April in Room 150 Physics Building.

Copies of the GSM 1987-88 Program may still be picked up at the lectures if you have misplaced your copy.

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The Board is in the process of forming new committees for the coming year. If you are approached to serve on a committee, give it some serious and positive

thought. If you are not approached and would like to contribute your ideas, please let anyone on the board know of your interest. GSM needs your ideas and help in order to progress and grow.



STATE FAIR BOOTH ATTENDANTS:

Staffing our 1987 fair booth were 42 persons, scome of whom served two fourhour periods. Attendants included the following: Virginia Baker, Grace Benz(2), Wait Blowers, Irene Carlson, Rita Childs, Francine Corcoran(2), Warren Fiebener, Fern Belle Frost, Henry & Maryorie Gangl, Bob And Macie Gunville, Fred Hallberg, Bob Hardschin, Dr. Ed and Sylvia Huppler, Jay Hitchimson, Allen Ismerfall, George and Soldie Johnson, Mary Kimball (2), Bruce Leiding, Paul Lemke, Dr. Alex and Marlys Lowe(2), Everett and Doris Lummann, Nyberg, Clarence and Liz Ooten, Dwight Andre Jan Mitchell, Glenn and Marian Nyberg, Clarence and Liz Ooten, Dwight Ards Solston, Phil Homes Schmalz, Dick and Eva Selander (2), Allen Siekmeier, Nike Solveson, Phil Thompson, and Mrs. Dode Konson (with a friend, Mrs. Hinnedell Hilson).

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All were astonished at the number of fair visitors who signed up for a free copy of the next newsletter, setting a new record of 1035, compared with 435 in 1985, our first sign-up year, and 700 in 1986.

These newsletters serve as a reminder of our program just before our first fall lecture.

Helping at the fair is a fun experience. Some of you may want to try it next year, says Bob Handschin, who did the calling for volunteers again. Thanks $\frac{362}{2}$

to every-body who helped make it a fine attraction.





Jay Hutchinson, Writer/ Editor for the North Central Forest Experiment Station, has another article in the October

issue of the Minnesota Out-of-Boors magazine. MOD is a publication of the Minnesota Conservation Federation. Jay's article "Mhen Pines Get Thirsty, Do Bark Beetles Listen?" describes how bark beetles and other insects looking for a seal know that a drought-stressed tree can be "heard". Jay is a professional forester by training and a communicator by choice.

Frank Gohlke, Landscape Photographer, was featured in the Sunday, October 4, 1987 issue of the Star Tribune's Arts and Entertainment section. A three-page spread described Frank's work here in the Twin Cities, the Midwest, the United States - especially Mount St. Helens, and most recently in France. A book of his classic photographs of Midwestern grain elevators is to be published next year. He returned this fall from France where he photographed the countryside on a French government grant. Frank says that he is going to miss Minnesota much. We remember Frank for his Mount St. Helens presentation at our 1985 GSM Spring Banquet. Frank's wife, Lucy, was recently named assistant director of the Wellesley College Art Museum in Massachusetts. We'll miss you too. Frank.





The publications listed below aid in understanding Minnesota's geological history. Look for some of them in the local bookstores. Others may be purchased at the Science Museum of Minnesota and the Minnesota Geological Survey.

Minnesota Geology Publications:

--MINNESOTA'S GEOLOGY - R.W. Ojakangas & C.L. Matsch, University of Minnesota Press, 1982. \$16.95

--MINNESDTA UNDERFOOT, A FIELD GUIDE TO THE STATE'S OUTSTANDING GEOLOGIC FEA-TURES C.J. Sansome, Voyageur Press, 1983, #18, 95

--THE LAKE SUPERIOR AGATE - Scott F. Wolter, Star Press, 1986, \$12,95

--BILLIONS OF YEARS IN MINNESOTA, THE GEOLOGICAL STORY OF THE STATE - Edmund C. Bray. The Science Museum of Minn., 1977.

Minnesota Geological Survey Publications:

--GEDLOBY OF MINNESOTA: A CENTENNIAL VOL-UME - A comprehensive review of the geology of Minnesota written by 33 authors, 1972. \$7.50 plus \$2.00 for postage and handling.

--AN INTRODUCTION TO CAVES OF MINNESOTA, IOWA AND WISCONSIN - E. C. Alexander, Jr., 1980. \$5.00

---EARTHQUAKE HISTORY OF MINNESDTA - H. M. Mooney, 1979. \$2.00

--ENVIRONMENTAL GEOLOGY OF THE NORTH SHORE - Green, Jirsa & Moss, 1977. \$5.00

