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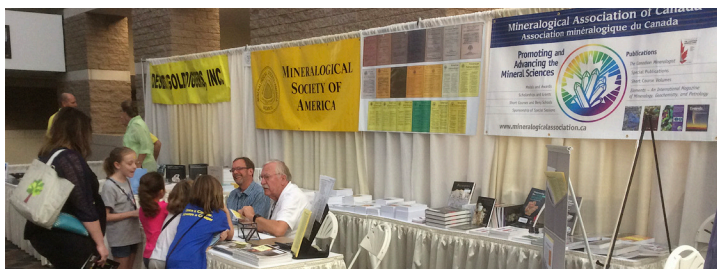
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## PRESIDENT'S LETTER – GEORGE HARLOW

### Mineral-Related Organizations – the View at the Tucson Gem and Mineral Show

As previous Mineralogical Society of America (MSA) presidents have discussed in letters to *Elements*, the Tucson Gem and Mineral Show (TGMS) is just one spectacle in a remarkable extravaganza in Tucson, Arizona (USA). The events extend for several weeks from the end of January every year and features minerals, gems, fossils and various other accoutrements, claiming to be the largest event of its kind on the planet. I have now attended 39 of these in my role as a mineral and gem curator, mineralogist, and consumer of news, views, tacos and margaritas. MSA fields a booth staffed with Alex Speer, John Rakovan, Carl Bowser, and people like myself who visit for a while. However, there are many other organizational representatives who attend or man booths at the actual TGMS show as well as the other shows for gems and fossils. I would expect for those of you who have not attended this show that you may not be aware of the diversity of mineral-related/interested organizations. So here is a short list: Mineralogical Association of Canada; Friends of Mineralogy; Gemological Institute of America; Arizona Geological Society; Desert-Gold-Diggers; US Geological Survey; US Forest Service; Rocks & Minerals; Lithographie, Ltd.; Mineralogical Record; Mindat.org; Old Pueblo Lapidary Club; Gem-A Gemmological Society of Great Britain; Arizona Desert Museum; The Carbon Mineral Challenge; Geo-Literary Society; TGMS Micromineral Group; Arizona Historical Society; and others. This is a robust group of organizations. Some are professional societies, others have diverse interests related to mineralogy as a hobby, its history and that of our mining heritage, minerals as adornment, education about minerals and geology, publishing and publications, resources, and pretty much whatever else you can think of related to minerals and society. One might ask whether we are in competition with these organizations, which to some degree, MSA probably is. However, the greater sense one gets is that most of the people in these booths have a hunger for information or of sharing information about things mineralogical; they provide an uplifting aspect to being a mineral scientist in attendance. MSA's presence at the show is appreciated by those organizations listed above, and we who are there appreciate communicating with them. Mineralogy is alive and well in Tucson.

George Harlow, 2017 MSA President

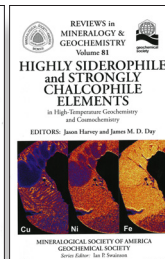
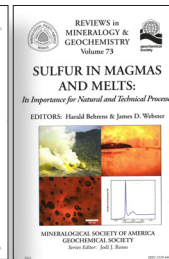
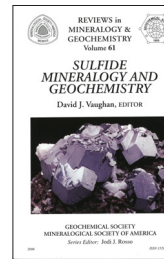


The combined MSA/MAC booth at the 2017 Tucson Gem & Mineral Show. Many of the show attendees are from the general public. They attend out of curiosity and can have lots of questions that keep the staff of the booth busy. Answering questions here are volunteer MSA members John Rakovan and Carl Bowser.

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## NOMINATIONS SOUGHT FOR 2018/2019 AWARDS

Nominations must be received by 1 June 2017

The **Roebbling Medal** (2018) is MSA's highest award and is given for eminence as represented by outstanding published original research in mineralogy.

The **Dana Medal** (2018) is intended to recognize continued outstanding scientific contributions through original research in the mineralogical sciences by an individual in the midst of their career.

**Mineralogical Society of America Award** (2018) is given for outstanding published contribution(s) prior to 35<sup>th</sup> birthday or within 7 years of the PhD.

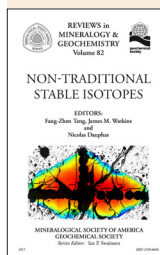
The **Distinguished Public Service Medal** (2019) is presented to an individual who has provided outstanding contributions to public policy and awareness about mineralogical topics through science.

**Society Fellowship** is the recognition of a member's significant scientific contributions. Nomination is undertaken by one member with two members acting as cosponsors. Form required, contact committee chair or MSA home page.

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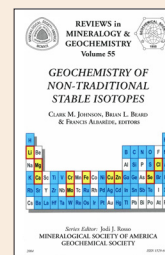
## New (and old): REVIEWS in MINERALOGY and GEOCHEMISTRY

### Non-Traditional Stable Isotopes



Volume 82: **Non-Traditional Stable Isotopes**, Fang-Zhen Teng, James Watkins, and Nicolas Dauphas, editors. (2017) i-xvi+ 885 pages. ISBN 978-0-939950-98-0

Volume 55: **Geochemistry of Non-Traditional Stable Isotopes**, Clark M. Johnson, Brian L. Beard, and Francis Albarede, editors. (2004) i-xvi + 454 pages. ISBN 0-939950-67-7; ISBN13 978-0-939950-67-6



Since the publication of *Geochemistry of Non-Traditional Stable Isotopes* in 2004 (volume 55), analytical techniques have significantly improved and new research directions have emerged in non-traditional stable isotope geochemistry. Volume 82 reviews the status of non-traditional isotope geochemistry from analytical, theoretical, and experimental approaches to analysis of natural samples. In particular, applications to cosmochemistry, high-temperature geochemistry, low-temperature geochemistry, and geobiology are discussed. These volumes provide the most comprehensive review on non-traditional isotope geochemistry for students and researchers who are interested in both the theory and applications of non-traditional stable isotope geochemistry.