

2019 SPRING NEWSLETTER

Dear Valued Customer:

As I begin to write this Newsletter at the end of January, we have just had one of our coldest days, minus 26 degrees with a wind chill of minus 48 degrees. It is hard to believe that in a couple of months we will be saying goodbye to winter and hello spring! We will be happy to have some warmer weather, more sunshine and being able to do activities outside. I hope that you will review this NEWSLETTER and note the nice selection of books, postcards, minerals and mining memorabilia. Hopefully you will find a few items that you are interested in!

As you know postal rates went up in January. I have paid the postage on orders for 36 years. I cannot continue to absorb the postage increases; thus, I am implementing a \$2.00 charge per order to help defray the cost of postage. This is a flat \$2.00 charge regardless of how many books you order. I will pay the balance of the postage cost. If you order only postcards there is no \$2.00 postage charge. Thank-you for your understanding!

Please add \$2.00 to your order to help cover postage costs for U. S. orders. Wisconsin residents please add 5% state sales tax to your order. Please make payment by check or money order. Prices in this SPRING NEWSLETTER supersede any prices listed in previous Newsletters, pricelists, etc. I can insure your package for \$3.50. Please advise if you want your package insured? I can also ship by Priority Mail or Fed Ex for an extra charge. Customers in Canada and overseas must include extra payment for shipping costs. I reserve the right to correct any typographical errors.

H1287 PATINA: A VISUAL REFERENCE GUIDE TO PREHISTORIC COPPER USE IN THE WESTERN GREAT LAKE REGION by Paul Schanen, 2018. This book has over 1,000 photos of prehistoric copper tools and artifacts that were made from copper found in the Keweenaw 5,000 – 8,000 years ago! The author spent over four years traveling to document museum collections and dozens of private collections. It is probably the best copper artifact reference book out there! Large size, 312 pages, color photos, softcover. \$100.00

FP106 STONES OF DESTINY: A STORY OF MAN'S QUEST FOR EARTH RICHES by John R. Poss, 1975. This book gives powerful testimony to the adventures of the miner-pro prospector, the consummate skill of the metallurgist, and the never ending romance between man and earth's mineral wealth. Large size, 253 pages, photos, index, hard cover. \$26.00

H302 HIGHGRADE: THE MINING STORY OF NATIONAL, NEVADA by Nancy B. Schreier, 1981. Among Nevada's rich mines, the National Mine in the Santa Rosa Range north of Winnemucca proved to be one of the most fabulous concentrations of highgrade ore – so rich that mine employees and thieves would line their pockets with pieces of the raw ore, to their considerable advantage. 150 pages, photos, index, hardcover, dust jacket. \$160.00 Very Scarce! (One available)

FP108 STOCK CERTIFICATE – ONECO COPPER MINING COMPANY – Incorporated under the General Mining Laws of Michigan, 1910. Purple and black lettering on an off-white background. 10 shares. The Oneco Copper Mining Company was located in Houghton County, Michigan. A scarce Michigan stock certificate. \$200.00 (One available)

H1289 STAMP MILLING: A TREATISE ON PRACTICAL STAMP MILLING AND STAMP MILL CONSTRUCTION by Algernon Del Mar. Copyright 1912. (Reprint). A reprint of this scarce and expensive book. 134 pages, photos, index, illustrations, s.c. \$29.95

POSTCARDS – Postcards are mailed postpaid.

PC132 EAGLE SAMPLER MINE, CRIPPLE CREEK DISTRICT, COLORADO – Neat color photo with US flag flying atop the headframe and two steam engines pulling cars in front of the mine. \$8.00 pp.

PC133 ABE LINCOLN MINE CRIPPLE CREEK, COLORADO – Interesting black & white card showing the head frame, mine buildings, etc. \$8.00 pp.

SCENES OF THE COLORADO SPRINGS AND CRIPPLE CREEK DISTRICT, RY, PORTLAND AND INDEPENDENCE MINES, VICTOR, COLORADO – Interesting color postcard! \$8.00 pp.

PC136 MOLLY KATHLEEN MINE, CRIPPLE CREEK, COLORADO – Shows miner underground, operating a drill. \$6.00 pp.

PC137 WHERE GOLD WAS FIRST DISCOVERED IN COLORADO – CLEAR CREEK CANON – Color card showing a gold panner, panning for gold. \$6.00 pp.

PC138 LONE STAR NO. 1 URANIUM – RADON MINE – Black & white postcard showing the entrance to the mine. \$6.00 pp.

PC140 INDEPENDENCE MINE & BATTLE MOUNTAIN, CRIPPLE CREEK DISTRICT – Color view of the mines. Postmark 1906. \$8.00

PC141 AJAX MINE, VICTOR, COLORADO – Color view of the mine. (Two tiny holes, like from a staple in the card) \$7.00 pp.

PC142 PANNING GOLD – Three prospectors are shown panning for gold. This card was mailed from Denver, Colorado. Card is copyrighted 1898. (Crease on two corners) \$6.00 pp.

PC143 COPPER POSTCARD – This copper card from Michigan's copper country shows a headframe in black against the copper background. \$6.00 pp.

PC144 THE OLD HISTORIC CLIFF MINE – One of the first copper mines in Michigan. Color card. \$8.00 pp.

PC145 HULL RUST MINE, HIBBING, MINNESOTA – Neat color card showing open pit mine with train in bottom corner of card. \$5.00 pp.

PC146 CRYSTAL FALLS IRON MINE – Color card showing three miners underground. This mine was located in Crystal Falls, Michigan. \$7.00 pp.

PC147 THE HOMESTAKE GOLD MINE NORDBERG HOIST – Great color view of this famous hoist. \$6.00 pp.

PC148 UNDERGROUND IN A MICHIGAN MINE – Color card showing miners and equipment underground in a Michigan copper mine. \$8.00 pp.

H1290 WISCONSIN ROCKS: A GUIDE TO GEOLOGIC SITES IN THE BADGER STATE by Scott Spoolman, 2018. Wisconsin's geology is some of the most diverse of any state in the country. Lead and zinc were mined in southwestern Wisconsin; iron ore mined in the Penoque Range; copper discovered in glacial deposits near Lake Superior and limestone quarried from the Niagara Escarpment along Lake Michigan. 160 pages, color photographs, illustrations, maps, glossary, index, softcover. \$20.00

H1288 ROCKHOUNDING WISCONSIN: A GUIDE TO THE STATE'S BEST SITES by Robert Beard, 2018. Explore the mineral-rich region and unearth the state's best rockhounding sites, ranging from popular and commercial sites to numerous lesser-known areas. 288 pages, 84 collecting localities are included in this book, photos, index, softcover. \$24.95

H1262 COLORADO'S GREAT DEPRESSION GOLD RUSH: THE OLIVER TWIST TUNNEL by V. Larry Frank, Jr., 2017. George and Robert Elder put their savings and their sweat into the London Mountain Gold Mining Company, working devotedly to coax a bonanza from the old Oliver Twist Tunnel atop the 13,185 - foot-high Mosquito Pass. 176 pages, 125 historic photos, illustrations, softcover. An interesting book! \$18.95

V11 DVD – HOW TO FIND AGATES by Karen Brzys, 2013. This 47 - minute DVD teaches a brand - new method of searching for the elusive Lake Superior agate. \$23.00

H859 ISHPERING'S SALISBURY MINE 1872 TO 1924 by Robert D. Dobson, 2004. Here is the story of a Michigan iron mine that, because of its very high grade of ore, endured two fires, many deaths, a large surface cave-in and a great flood that destroyed a great shaft, as well as the moving of a large church. 66 pages, photos, mining terms, softcover. \$13.00.

KEWEENAW COPPER: MINES, MILLS, SMELTERS AND COMMUNITIES by Larry Lankton, 1997. The author describes the mining, milling and smelting that took place on the Keweenaw, and tells how, when, and where they operated. This book was prepared for the 26th Annual Conference of the Society for Industrial Archeology. Large size, 55 pages, photos, softcover. \$20.00

SOUVENIR BOOKLET OF THE JASPILITE by the Ishpeming Rock and Mineral Club, 1972. Prepared for the Mid-West Federation 32nd Annual Field Trip Convention. Excellent information on Michigan's iron mining, as well as silver mines in Marquette County. Large size, 26 pages, photos, fold-out map, softcover. \$12.95.

MINING MEMORABILIA – Only one of each item is available. All measurements and weights are approximate.

MM449 BRASS TAG – Osceola Consolidated Mining Company. 1 ½” diameter. Around the edge of the tag is Osceola Consolidated M. Co. In the center is 524 and below O. Excellent condition. \$35.00.

MM451 BRASS TAG – QUINCY MINING COMPANY – This tag is shaped like an arrowhead with the bottom flat. In the center is 6022. At the bottom is Q.M.Co. Excellent condition. \$35.00.

MM452 COPPER MEDALLION – 1 ¾” diameter. Around the edge of the medallion is Gary B. Laurium, May 7, 54, Michigan. In the center of the medallion is an ingot that protrudes approximately 1/16” above the face of the medallion. Unusual! \$59.00.

MM454 BRASS TAG – Empire Mine, ornate shape, 1 5/8” high x 1 ½” wide. Empire Mine is at the top, 524 is at the bottom. The Empire Mine is located in Marquette County, Michigan. \$30.00.

MM456 BRASS TOOL CHECK – Republic Mine brass tool check; size 1” diameter. At the top is Republic Mine; in the center S84 and at the bottom Tool Check. The Republic Mine is located in Marquette County, Michigan. \$20.00.

MM457 BRASS TOOL CHECK- Tilden Mine tool check. Size 1 ¼” diameter. In the center is 744 and at the bottom is Tool Check. The Tilden Mine is located in Marquette County, Michigan. \$20.00.

MM458 ALUMINUM MINE TAG – Humboldt Mine. This tag has an ornate shape; size 1 5/8” x 1 ½”. At the top is Humboldt; below is Mine and at the bottom 171. The Humboldt Mine is located in Marquette County, Michigan. \$25.00.

MM459 BRASS TAG – Lloyd Mine. This tag also has an ornate shape; size 1 5/8” high x 1 ½” wide. Lloyd is at the top and 336 is below. The Lloyd Mine is located in Marquette County, Michigan \$30.00.

MM460 PICKANDS MATHER & CO. EMPLOYEE PIN – This metal pin is 1 ½” in diameter. At the top is Pickands Mather & Co.; below is TEMPORARY; below is 6237 and at the bottom is Cary Mine. The Cary Mine is located in Iron County, WI. \$55.00.

MM461 TROJAN LOADER WATCH FOB – Size 1 ½” x 1 1/8” rectangular brass fob. On the front of the watch fob is a Trojan loader set against the clouds. Very sharp detail! \$30.00.

MM462 NEW JERSEY ZINC COMPANY WORK CHECK TAG – This tag is an eight- sided steel tag, size 1 ½” x 1 ½”. At the top is the New Jersey Zinc Company logo; below is Franklin N.J.; below is Work Check and at the bottom 2501. \$25.00.

MM463 COLLECTION OF FOUR COPPER RANGE COMPANY SAFE WORKER HARD HAT STICKERS – Size 3 ½” x 1 ½” reflective stickers. In the center is the Copper Range logo; at the top is SAFE WORKER. At the bottom is the number of years. I have Three Years; Seven Years; Eight Years and Nine Years. The logo is gold, white and green colors. The printing is black on a white background with black edge. All 4 for only \$27.00.

MM465 HANNA MINING COMPANY MINNESOTA OPERATIONS MEDALLION – Brass medallion, 1 3/8” diameter. At the top is Minnesota Operations and at the bottom is “Work Safely Today.” In the center is a large Hanna logo. \$20.00.

MM466 CLEVELAND CLIFFS BRASS BELT BUCKLE – Size 3 ½” x 2”. At the top is Team Safety Award; in the center of the buckle is a large company logo and at the bottom is Cleveland-Cliffs. The edge of the buckle and the lettering and logo are polished. The background is dark. Manufactured in 1984 BY Anacortes Brass Works Ltd. Sharp looking belt buckle! \$35.00.

STOCK CERTIFICATE – Wolverine Copper Mining Company; Organized Under the Laws of the State of Michigan. Black lettering on a white & brown background. Large underground mining vignette in the top center of the certificate. This certificate has been issued, 1919; 4 shares. \$60.00.

MM468 BRASS TAG – Shenango Mine brass tag; 1 ¼” diameter. At the top is SHENANGO; in the center, 427 and at the bottom Mine. The Shenango Mine is located in Minnesota. \$25.00.

The Following Books Are Either Used; Out-Of-Print or I Have Only One Copy Available. Used books may contain the former owner’s name, inscription, book plate or price sticker.

S1 COMPARISON OF GEOLOGICAL GEOPHYSICAL AND GEOCHEMICAL PROSPECTING METHODS AT THE MALACHITE MINE JEFFERSON COUNTY, COLORADO by Lyman C. Huff, 1963. *Geological Survey Bulletin 1098-C*. 21 pages, tables, photos, map in back pocket, s.c. \$15.00.

H489 ADVANCED PROSPECTING & DETECTING FOR HARDROCK GOLD by Jim Straight, 2010. Includes an expanded appendix on meteorites. 117 pages, color photos, glossary, softcover. \$21.95.

H1196 DOWNHILL BOTH WAYS: THE ATLANTIC MINING COMPANY'S SYSTEM OF RAILROADS by Cecil Cook, 2015. It was said that this Michigan copper mine produced in its lifetime 121,844,995 pounds from rock (ore) running 11-20 pounds of copper per ton. This would have been impossible without its system of railroads, a bright spot in the company's history. 71 pages, photos, illustrations, softcover. \$25.00

S2 CELEBRATING 150 YEARS CLEVELAND-CLIFFS INC. EIGHTEEN FORTY-SEVEN – NINETEEN NINETY-SEVEN by Richard J. Osborne, 1997. This book speaks to the company's magnificent milestone and to the vital roles that Cleveland-Cliffs and its associated companies continued to play in the North American iron and steel industry. Cliffs has major mining operations in Michigan and Minnesota. Large size, 13" x 9", 144 pages full of color photos, index, softcover. Scarce! \$50.00.

H367 SOUTHERN IDAHO GHOST TOWNS by Wayne Sparling, 1996. In this book, the author provides an excellent guide to 84 ghost towns in southern Idaho. 135 pages, photos, illustrations, softcover. \$17.95.

H321 GHOST TOWNS OF THE COLORADO ROCKIES by Robert L. Brown, 1991. Includes map, information and directions for sixty Colorado ghost towns and mining camps, informal histories of the towns, more than 130 "then and now" photographs to aid in site identification. 400 pages, photographs, softcover. \$21.00.

H453 AURORA: NEVADA'S GHOST CITY OF THE DAWN by Robert E. Stewart, 2004. Discovery of gold at Aurora opened the way to settlement of Nevada Territory. It proved there were precious minerals in locales beyond the rich Comstock Lode, 123 pages, photos, map, illustrations, softcover. \$19.00.

S3 BODIE TO CALICO: GHOST TOWNS OF THE PAST AND HISTORICAL SITES by G. Andrew Miller, 1999. Includes Bodie – Cerro Gordo – Calico. Large size, 78 pages, photos, map, softcover. \$20.00.

S6 ELEMENTS OF MINING by Robert S. Lewis, 1933. 510 pages, tables, illustrations, photos, index, hard cover. \$20.00.

S7 ARIZONA'S LITTLE- KNOWN GOLD PLACERS by Ronald S. Wielgus, 1996. Here are some of Arizona's little-known and rarely visited gold placers, just waiting for you. Large size, 128 pages, photos, maps, softcover. \$22.00.

S8 THE LOST DUTCHMAN MINE OF JACOB WALTZ PART 2 THE HOLMES MANUSCRIPT by T>e> Glover, 2000. Here unfolds for the first time the original story of Jacob Waltz and the Lost Dutchman Mine, accompanied by original Holmes family photographs. 176 pages, photos, illustrations, index, softcover. \$22.00.

H226 ARIZONA GHOST TOWNS AND MINING CAMPS: A TRAVEL GUIDE TO HISTORY by Philip Varney, 1994. To experience the mining history, one can explore the remnants, the ghost towns and mining camps that were left behind when the riches faded. This is a beautiful book full of historical color and black & white photos & regional maps. Large size, 136 pages, s.c. \$35.00.

H398 MEMOIRS OF CHARLES J. STAKEL by Frances (Stakel) Nelson, Bruce K. Nelson & Robert W. Williams, 1994. During his forty- eight-year mining career with the Cleveland-Cliffs Iron Company, Charles J. Stakel became well-known and highly respected. He was a mining engineer, mine superintendent and mine manager. 236 pages, photos, index, softcover. \$20.00.

S9 ELDORADO OR ADVENTURES IN THE PATH OF EMPIRE by Bayard Taylor, 1988. A personal account of life and commerce in California during the heyday of the California Gold Rush in 1849. 375 pages, illustrations, softcover. \$14.00.

H1145 MAGNIFICENT QUEST: A GUIDE TO PROSPECTING, DRYWASHING AND NUGGET SHOOTING IN THE DESERT by Jim Straight, 2009. 58 pages, color and black & white photos, softcover. \$20.00.

S10 GOLD, GUNS & GHOST TOWNS by W.A. Chalfant, 1948. "All the rough and ready, gold crazy exuberance of the old west is captured in these stories." The author served as editor for fifty-five years for the Inyo Register of Bishop, California. 175 pages, hardcover. \$20.00.

H569 THE HISTORY OF THE COMSTOCK LODE by Grant H. Smith, 1998. First published in 1943, this book provided mining investors, engineers, and western historians with the first comprehensive chronological history of mining operations on the Comstock. Of particular note is Smith's progressive record of the ways the mines were developed, the failures encountered, the bonanzas discovered and the production of the mines. 344 pages, photos, softcover. \$22.95

H524 FAITH OF FOOLS: A JOURNAL OF THE KLONDIKE GOLD RUSH by William Shape, 1998. The author's journal and candid snapshots vividly recreate the frenzy that drew thousands of would-be prospectors to the frozen north. Large size, 95 pages, photos softcover. \$25.00.

S11 CRADLE TO GRAVE: LIFE, WORK AND DEATH AT THE LAKE SUPERIOR COPPER MINES by Larry Lankton, 1991. "A well-researched, interesting account of the rise and decline of the copper mining industry in Michigan's Keweenaw Peninsula. 319 pages, photos, index, softcover. \$21.00

H841 IMAGES OF AMERICA: EMIGRANT GULCH SEARCHING FOR GOLD IN PARK COUNTY, MONTANA by Doris Whithorn, 2002. The first settlers staked 200-foot claims at the mouth of the gulch, in what had been called the Curry District. 128 pages, photos, softcover. \$20.00.

H1107 IMAGES OF AMERICA: APACHE JUNCTION AND THE SUPERSTITION MOUNTAINS by Jane Eppinga, 2006. Thousands of prospectors traversed the "crooked top" Superstition Mountains in search of treasure. 127 pages, photos, softcover. \$22.00.

H488 TREASURE SECRETS OF THE LOST DUTCHMAN by Charles A. Kenworthy, 1997. Includes an interview with the Peralta Gonzales family. Large size, 96 pages, photos, maps, softcover. \$18.95

MINERALS – Please note that only one of each specimen is available. All dimensions are in inches. Dimensions and weights are approximate.

M285 COPPER/SILVER NUGGET – From the Quincy Stamp Mill located in Mason, Michigan. Size 1 ¼" x ¾" x ½". The majority of the nugget is silver. An interesting nugget from a famous mining company! \$150.00 pp.

M287 POLISHED COPPER DRILL CORE – From the Kingston Mine, Keweenaw County, Michigan. Size 1 7/8" x 1 ½" diameter. This polished drill core specimen shows the interesting ore pattern. There is plenty of copper showing in the specimen. \$45.00 pp.

M288 CALCITE – This specimen is from the Hiawatha Mine, located in Stambaugh, Michigan. Size 3 ¼" x 3" x 3 ¼". A nice specimen from this Michigan iron mine! \$35.00 pp.

M289 DOLOMITE ON BARITE & QUARTZ WITH SPECULAR HEMATITE – This specimen is from the Republic Mine, Republic, Michigan. Size 5" x 2 1/8" x 2 ¼". An interesting specimen from another Michigan iron mine. \$35.00 pp.

M290 SILVER – This beautiful silver on quartz specimen is from the Ouksane Mine, located in Nador, Morocco. Size 2 ½" x ¾" x 7/8". This specimen is full of silver and a very esthetic specimen! Mounted on a clear plastic stand. \$130.00 pp.

M291 SILVER – Another stunning silver specimen, also from the Ouksane Mine, located in Nador, Morocco. Size 1 ½" x ½" x 1 ½". Mounted on a clear plastic base. Very Nice! \$95.00 pp.

M294 AMETHYST – Another specimen from the Bluepoint Amethyst Mine, located in Thunder Bay, Ontario, Canada. This specimen shows beautiful purple crystals that have a great sparkle to them. Displays well. Size 3" x 2" x 1". \$38.00 pp.

M299 PYRITE – Beautiful specimen with bright shiny crystals. From the Huanzala Mine, Huanuco Dept. Peru. Size 3" x 2 ¼" x 1 ¼". Displays well! \$45.00 pp.

M301 GOLD – An eye appealing display of five small pieces of gold from Dry Creek, located near Shasta Lake, California. The gold is displayed in a 1 ¼" diameter gem jar. Very nice! \$38.00 pp.

M303 POLISHED CORE SAMPLE - Chrysocolla in Conglomerate, Bumbletown Hill, Allouez, Michigan. Chrysocolla forms in the oxidation zones of copper ore bodies. Size 1 ½" diameter, x 2 ¼" high. The entire core sample has been polished, which allows the chrysocolla to really stand out! \$75.00 pp.

S13 FIELD GEOLOGY by Frederic H. Lahee, 1941. 4th edition. (Used book) 853 pages, illustrations, photos, fold-out plate, index, flexible covers. \$16.00.

W966 BEDROCK PROSPECTING IN ALASKA by Ron Wendt, 2003. 68 pages, illustrations, softcover. \$15.95. (2 available).