

has not occasionally cast a longing eye at real polished gemstones? If you appreciate color and clarity and form, the attraction can be strong. Many of us avoid collecting gemstones simply because we cannot afford to do justice to two fields at the same time, but other, better funded collectors often dive in.

For our role model as mineral connoisseurs we can look to the well-known mineral collector David P. Wilber—one of the all-time great collectors of the 20th and now the 21st century. Never one to

worry about artificial barriers in collecting, he has a *fabulous* (his favorite word) collection of Mexican agates, some of which were illustrated in the Mexico-V issue. Thanks once again, Dave, for showing us that passion is its own justification as well as its own reward, and that we as mineral collectors need not regard polished specimens as guilty pleasures.

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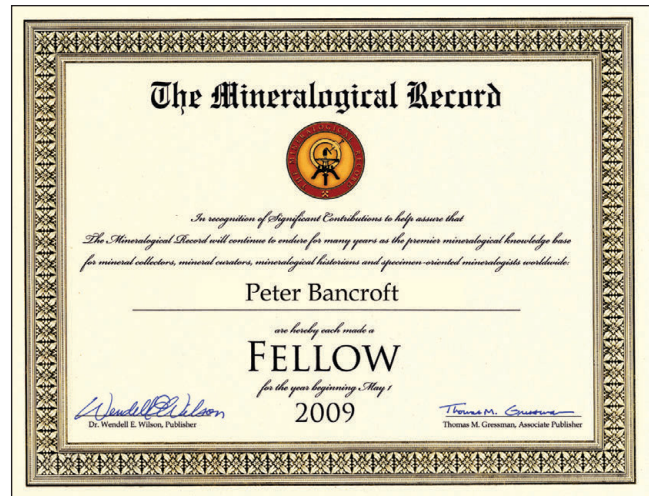


Notes from the Editors

Fellows of the Mineralogical Record

As readers may have noticed, the list of Fellows and supporting organizations shown on our title page has grown since we first announced the program in the July–August 2008 issue. We offer our deepest thanks to these generous and civic-minded supporters. Within the last year these people have each contributed \$1000 to our Endowment Fund, in order to help guarantee the long-term survival of the *Mineralogical Record* as the premier knowledge base for mineral collectors, mineral curators, mineralogical historians and specimen-oriented mineralogists worldwide. This is an important cause—supporting your favorite mineral magazine and its massive online databases to make your collecting more interesting and more well-informed. Unlike the *American Mineralogist*, for example, the *Mineralogical Record* has no supporting organization like the Mineralogical Society of America behind it; therefore support from its readers is critical.

The year in which each person or couple made their Fellowship donation is given, and they are then listed on the masthead as Fellows for the following six issues. In fact, some of the listed Fellows have already renewed their fellowship for a second year, as shown by the “2008–2009” after their name. (Should they



eventually renew for a third year, the dates would be changed to “2008–2010,” and so on.)

We would be delighted to welcome additional members to this elite group. As a Fellow you will receive a handsome certificate that can be proudly displayed in your collection room, office or shop, as proof that you are a patron of mineralogy. There will also be other benefits that we’re working on.

Although only a person can be a Fellow, any organization contributing \$1000 will also be listed, under “Sponsoring Organizations.” If your mineral club or society would like to contribute and be listed, please let us know.

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Diamond Found in Arkansas

Glenn Worthington of Springdale, Arkansas, author of *A Thorough and Accurate History of Diamonds in Arkansas* (2003) (see the article “The Arkansas diamond rush continues! A book review and an update” by Jim Houran in vol. 37, no. 6, p. 505–510) has visited Arkansas’s Crater of Diamonds State Park many times over the last 30 years. His time spent prospecting in the park’s 37.5-acre diamond search area has been rewarded many times with diamond finds. However, all but one of his diamonds have weighed under a carat. In April Worthington discovered the largest of all his diamond finds, a stunning 2.04-carat canary-yellow diamond crystal.