

Our May presentation will be “What’s new with the Smithsonian Gem and Mineral collection?” by Dr. Jeffrey Post. Dr. Post is the perfect person to present on this topic, as he is the Chair of Mineral Sciences, Mineralogist and Curator of Gems and Minerals at the National Museum of



Natural History (NMNH). More importantly, Dr. Post is a long-time supporter and friend of the MSDC. He has presented regularly at our meetings, typically focusing on the new minerals at the museum, including both donations and acquisitions.

This presentation closely follows an annual trip that Dr. Post and other museum mineralogists make to the Tucson Mineral Show. As many members know from personal experiences, this show is perhaps the best forum for acquiring rare and unique mineral specimens. It turns out that the show provides acquisition opportunities not only for individual collectors, but for world-class collections such as the Gems and Minerals collection at the Smithsonian.

Dr. Post’s presentation will include a discussion of new acquisitions from Tucson and other sources, some of which may soon find their way to display cases at the Janet Annenberg Hooker Hall of Geology, Gems, and Minerals at the museum.

Please join us in taking Dr. Post to dinner on May 1st at 6:00 pm at the Elephant and Castle at 1201 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW. If you cannot make it to dinner, please go directly to the lobby of the Natural History museum (Constitution Avenue entrance) at 7:30 pm. We will head upstairs to the Cathy Kerby Room at 7:45 pm for Dr. Post’s presentation.

