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*In this issue of the magazine in the section "who is who in the world of minerals" we publish an article by famous collector and dealer Dona Leicht (Dona Leicht), dedicated to the editor-in-chief of the American magazine for collectors of minerals Rocks & Minerals Marie Huizing.*

*Marie Huizing is a truly outstanding, legendary person. She is an unquestioned authority for collectors and enjoys their boundless love and respect. Our friendship with Marie began back in 1993, when Michael Leybov first came to the Tucson Show. It was Marie who first extended a helping hand to us.*

*Gratefully accepting this help, we did not realize how lucky we were to meet such a person, did not understand the historical significance and value of this meeting for our magazine.*

*Many years since that memorable meeting passed, and we have had the opportunity to see more than once what a lucky ticket we pulled by meeting Marie Huizing.*

*Now we know for sure that it was thanks to Marie and her husband Terry that our magazine took its place in the "world of stone" – among collectors, mineralogists and museum curators. Since the beginning to the present day, Marie and Terry have provided us with invaluable assistance and support, and we express our gratitude to them.*

*Mineralogical Almanac Editorial*

1. Marie & Terry Huizing with Mineralogical Almanac team (left to right) Valentina I. Popova, Ludmila A. Cheshko, Vladimir A. Popov, Alexander A. Kanonerov, and Michael B. Leybov near the Ilmeny Mineral Reserve in the Southern Urals of Russia, June 2002.



Marie Huizing, 2007 recipient of the MSA Distinguished Public Service Medal

2. Marie Huizing shown with the medal representing the 2007 Mineralogical Society of America Distinguished Public Service Award. The presentation was made at the 2008 Tucson Gem and Mineral Society Show.

### About the author:

Dona Leicht is a celebrity in the mineral Community. A talented businesswoman, an outstanding mineral collector whose collection of native gold is a true well-known to collectors and professionals worldwide, Dona also has a literary gift. We have repeatedly had the opportunity to see this when reading her articles in various magazines. This time, Dona kindly agreed to write an article for our magazine about someone dear to us – Marie Huizing, editor-in-chief of *Rocks & Minerals* magazine. Our sincere thanks to Dona for doing so.

There are numerous mineral magazines published with various levels of interest. Some stand out as being consistently up to date, with good graphics, quality photos, and well written articles. *Rocks & Minerals* Magazine is one of those standouts. But how does it come to be so? In this case, the answer is an easy one:

## Marie Huizing – Editor

Volume 1 Number 1 of *Rocks & Minerals* magazine was created in 1926 by Peter Zodac who was 32 years old at the time, an engineering inspector, and a mineral collector.

When Zodac passed away in 1967 after 41 years as sole editor and publisher, his relatives, James and Winifred Bourne, took over those magazine responsibilities.

The April 1975 issue announced that *Rocks & Minerals* had been acquired by the Helen Dwight Reid Educational Foundation (HELDREF) who set about converting it into a peer-reviewed publication with a managing editor (Linda Dove from the HELDREF staff); three executive editors, with professional backgrounds in the earth sciences; and to represent the varied interests of the hobby; numerous consulting (reviewing) editors, one of whom was Terry Huizing...and that also brought Marie into the *Rocks & Minerals* world.

Marie was already an accomplished 15-year editor of the Cincinnati Mineral Society bulletin (*The Quarry*) and was published with three guest editorials in the *Mineralogical Record* (1974, V5, p. 2–3; 1975, V6, p. 2; 1977, V8, p.70–71).

Marie volunteered to arrange for and staff a *R&M* subscription table at the annual Detroit Show while Terry was otherwise busy with exhibit judging; Marie also shared her editorial writings with Dove as examples of possible *R&M* article subjects.

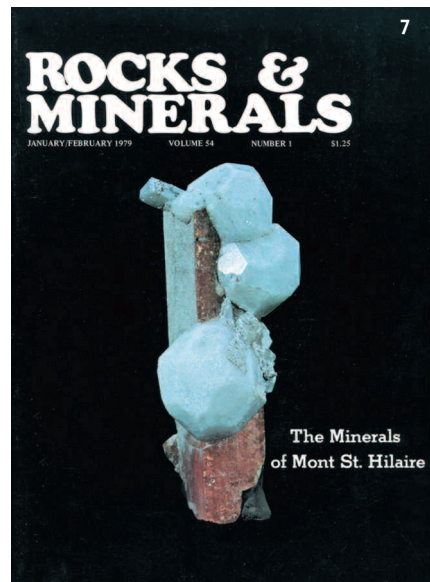
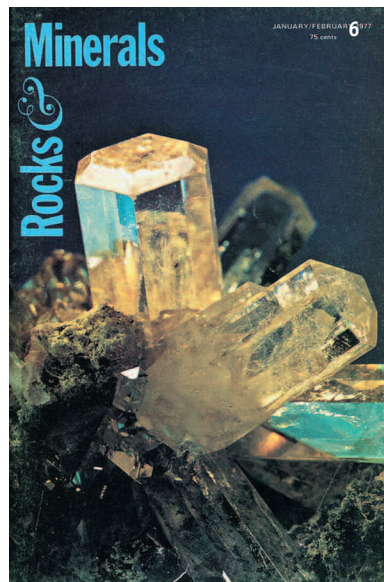
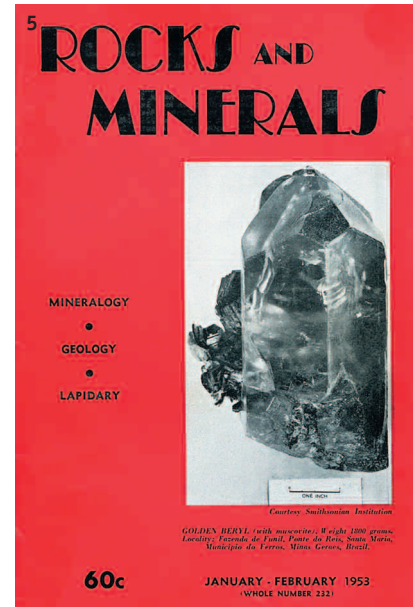
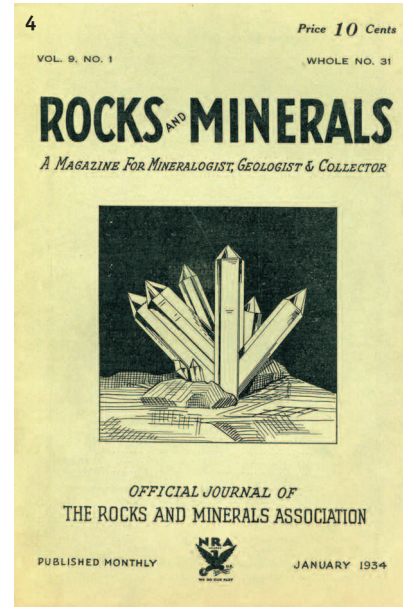
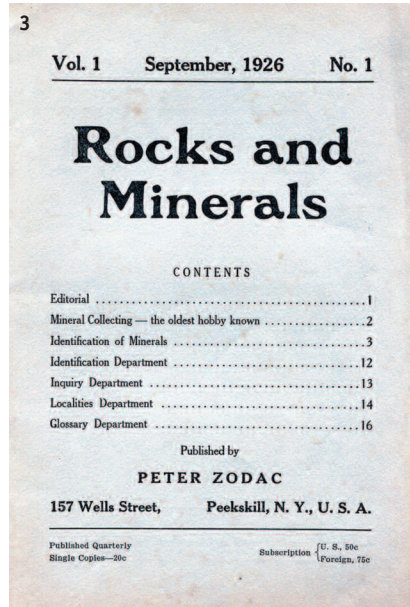
In 1978 Dove met with Marie at an Eastern Federation show and convinced her to interview for the job of managing editor (allowing Dove to take over a larger publication at HELDREF).

A visit to the publisher, interview, employment, and a trip home with some special editors tools – a pica ruler and a sizing wheel, and a single article (without a review!), and a deadline for final copy to fill a complete issues all due to graphics in one month for the January/February 1979 issue. This is when *Rocks & Minerals* began its reinvention to become the polished publication we know today.

Many years later, with the January/February 2010 issue, the Taylor and Frances Group became the publisher of *Rocks & Minerals* magazine, and Marie's title changed to editor-in-chief to conform to the new organization. With the writing of this article, Marie, in her 44<sup>th</sup> year, has surpassed Peter Zodac at the helm of the 98-year-old publication; it's truly been a labor of love.

I asked Terry to provide some historical facts about the magazine: The original *Rocks & Minerals* was a small (15 x 22.5-cm) black & white publication that periodically was printed with a different cover-color to help distinguish the month of issue. The published frequency varied from 2, 4, 12, 6, 12, 11, 10, and 6 issues per year; 454 issues total of this size were published without a single color photograph inside. Color on the





3. First edition of *Rocks & Minerals* magazine. Volume 1, September, 1926.
4. The first issue of *Rocks & Minerals* magazine printed with a (pastel) colored cover. Volume 9, January, 1934.
5. The first issue of *Rocks & Minerals* magazine published with a black-and-white photo on the cover. Volume 28, January/February 1953.
6. The first issue of *Rocks & Minerals* magazine published with a color-photo on the cover. Volume 52, January/February 1977.
7. The first issue of *Rocks & Minerals* magazine with Marie Huizing as editor. Volume 54, January/February, 1979.

cover (only) began in 1977. In 1978 the magazine changed to the current (21.5 x 27.5-cm) size, 42 pages per issue, and 6 issues per year. The first interior color photograph appeared in 1981, thanks to Marie's creation of a "color fund" that was quickly supported by collectors. From this beginning, the magazine has grown to its current 100+ pages per issue, full color, and is printed on high-quality paper. Such a difference when contrasted with Marie's first issue!

Marie was born in Grand Rapids, Michigan, in 1939. Her mother was a school teacher and her father a dairy farmer. In one of those strange twists of fate, Marie's



8. Marie Huizing was awarded 1995 Carnegie Mineralogical Award(Prize), presented at the 1996 Tucson Gem and Mineral Society Show: (a) Marie with the Carnegie Prize medal at the award ceremony; (b) Marie & Terry Huizing at the *Rocks & Minerals* booth, with a congratulatory bouquet of flowers for Marie, recipient of the 1995 Carnegie Mineralogical Award at the 1996 Tucson Gem and Mineral Show.

great-grandfather had been a mine captain in Cornwall, England, and her grandfather also worked in the Cornish mines as a teenager before immigrating to the United States. A couple of centuries later Marie finds herself publishing articles about the Cornish mines and minerals! Marie graduated (cum laude) from Western Michigan University with a degree in Secondary Education as an English major with a minor in biology. She took one elective course in geology — another one of those fate things maybe? She had met Terry Huizing when she was a senior in high school — he was a freshman studying chemical engineering at the University of Michigan, both graduated in 1961. They were married shortly after and moved to Cincinnati where Terry started working at Proctor and Gamble and Marie with the Cincinnati Public School system. Terry, already interested in minerals, and Marie almost immediately joined the Cincinnati Mineral Society where they continue as active members. After spending time with Terry collecting at various quarries and localities throughout the Midwest, Marie became a mineral collector! The Society began a mineral show in 1964, and from the start Marie was responsible for recruiting the 70+ excellent museum and private displays that have, for 58 years, set this successful regional event (GeoFair) above so many others.

The magazine demands most of Marie's attention, and she is the one who solicits articles, steers them through the review process, edits, does the rough graphic layout, and keeps the magazine to a schedule and quality. *Rocks & Minerals* has prospered under her direction and is now filled with color photography, interesting articles, and mineral news and events. Terry is always standing by to lend a hand promoting the magazine. You can find them at most of the important mineral shows around the world showcasing the magazine.



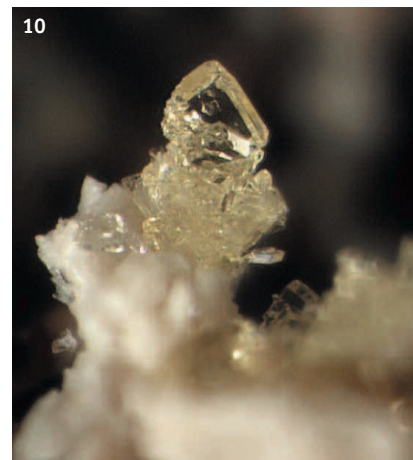
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# NOW IN ITS 98<sup>TH</sup> YEAR OF PUBLICATION



9. The first issue of *Rocks & Minerals* magazine published with the current style of cover, and with "perfect binding." Volume 79, July/August 2004.

10. **Huizingite-(Al)** crystals on anhydrite. FOV 0.6 mm across. Huron Shale burn site, Huron River, Huron Co., Ohio, USA. Specimen and photo: Peter Richards.



I first met Marie at the Detroit Show in the late 1970s where she presented the "new" magazine for the first time.

For the most part, any vacations are usually slanted toward minerals, either to mineral museums, visiting mineral friends, or seeing famous mineral localities.

So what does this talented editor do in her rare "off" time? Well, there is rarely time off! From what I know, some of that time is chasing the deer away from the once-magnificent garden of hosta plants (over 300 varieties at one time!). And over her morning coffee there could be some gospel music heard in the background. And, hopefully, she would sit down at the piano and play along.

Family gatherings at the house in Cincinnati are usually a riotous event. The Huizings have three children (Andrew, Kenneth, and Jennifer) and add in nine grandkids and great-grandkids (with 2 more greats on the way), and one can see that any gathering will bring about lots of laughter and a somewhat controlled chaos but with lots of love to go around.

Marie has good relationships with all the other editors of mineral magazines worldwide believing it truly takes a global team with a variety of presentation methods to cover the many earth science subjects. Marie's executive editorial board consists of Dr. Robert Cook, Dr. Carl Francis, and Dr. John Rakovan.

If that's not impressive enough the list of consulting editors reads like a who's who in the mineral community. I like the fact that the magazine works with the Mineralogical Society of America bringing collectors and professional mineralogists together to share knowledge. The magazine is also affiliated with Friends of Mineralogy, the Midwest Federation of Mineralogical and Geological Societies, and the Eastern Federation of Mineralogical and Lapidary Societies. I would venture to say that Marie has all bases covered!

Deserving awards given to Marie are the Cincinnati Mineral Society Educational Foundation Award (1978), the Carnegie Mineralogical Award (1995), and the Mineralogical Society of America Distinguished Public Service Award (2007).

A new mineral, huizingite-(Al), first described from Ohio, but now known from Italy, was named (2015) for both Marie and Terry... and it that was not enough, huizingite-(Fe) has been set aside for when it is discovered!

Marie and Terry have an extraordinary collection of minerals with the focus on calcite; Marie favors their collection of wonderful mining sculptures (featured in the November/December 2022 issue).

There are not enough good words to say about Marie as a person: she maintains her composure, her sense of humor, her values, and her enthusiasm.

*Thank you, Marie!*

