

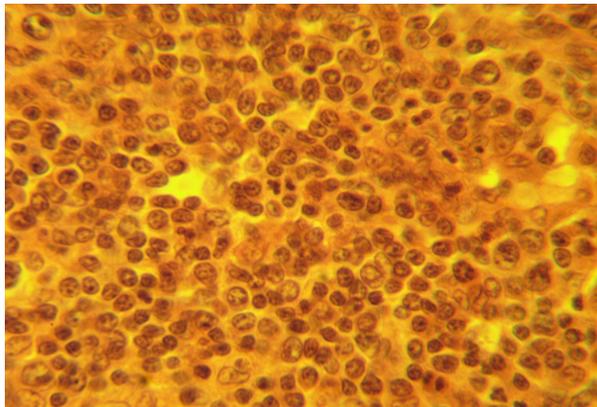
Prepared Microscope slides for Christmas?

Whenever I feel like playing around with a microscope, but not wanting to put much work into it, I just look at prepared slides. I am sure I am not alone in this relaxing and forever fascinating pastime.

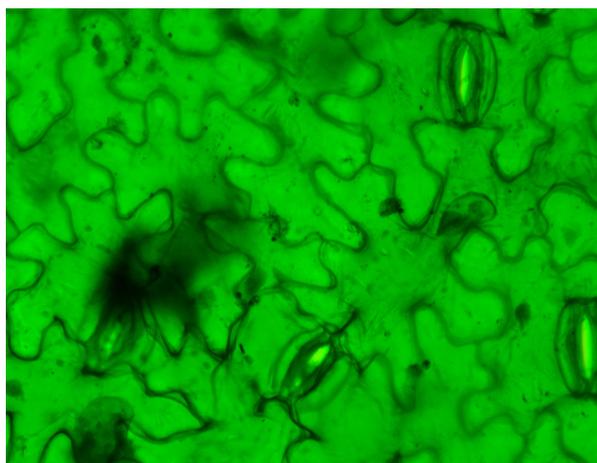
I do have slides, which I prepared myself, but I also have many which I purchased over the years. Some of the purchased ones were quite expensive. I also bought cheap ones, which turned out to be useless. I came to the conclusion that a slide should cost at least \$2 - to be good.

Then I came across this microscope Internet company, Amscope, which sells products at much lower prices. Of course this is always a warning sign, but I dared and bought one of their 100 slide boxes for \$54. They come in a nice wooden box and are well labeled. I would say that about 75% of the slides are acceptable and the rest are still better than some of the junk you get when buying a toy microscope. In my estimation they are worth the money.

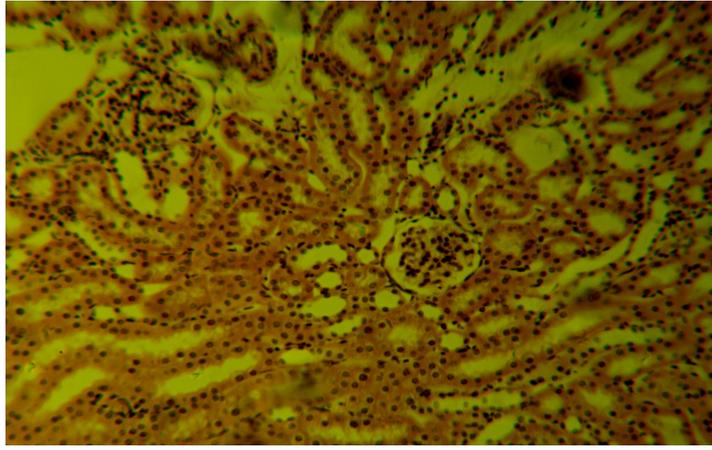
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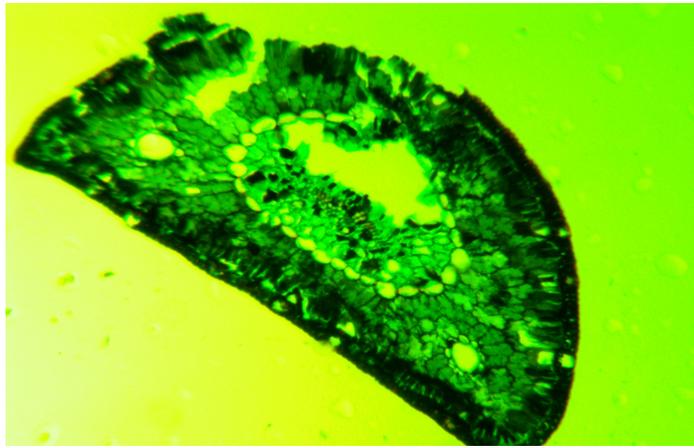
Rabbit Lymph node



Stomata



Mouse Kidney



Pine leaf

I have purchased 4 of these boxes, some with identical slides. The quality varies, but considering the price, I still recommend them.

It can be a fun gift for a youngster with a reasonably good microscope.

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