



# American Federation of Mineralogical Societies

Report to the Officers, Directors, and Committee Chairpersons from the  
Commemorative Stamp Committee  
May 3, 2010

From Wendell C. Mohr, Commemorative Stamp Committee Chairman

Thanks for more efforts this year by Jim Brace-Thompson, AFMS Jr. Activities Chair in the FRA program. His October 2009 article targeted kids to also support our efforts.

Thanks to Bob Jones for continuing support, especially the July 2009 Rock and Gem Magazine article.

Thanks for continued support from Richard Busch to link to the AFMS web site Commemorative Stamps Committee section. Incidentally, his web site address has changed to <<http://mineralstamps.rbnet.net/>>.

Thanks to Emily Ferguson of Winston-Salem NC, friend of Steve Turner who is the son of Lillian Turner, former Chair of this committee. Emily took it upon herself to make up postcards pre-addressed to the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee on the back side and a photograph of a diamond which Lillian donated to the National Museum of Natural History on the front. They were printed on glossy cardstock. A very professional appearing piece.

Thanks to the many bulletin editors that have included articles based on our material in support of our goals.

As an example, one was a clever addition to the Tulip City Gem and Mineral Club's *Tulip City Conglomerate*, in the June 2009 issue shown here. ➡➡

The USPS Stamp Program announced for 2010 does not include birthstone commemorative stamps. I have always heard that "persistence pays." The fact that we had commemorative mineral stamps in 1974 and again in 1992, both demonstrated the persistence of the AFMS Commemorative Stamp Committee. Eighteen years between the former "Mineral Heritage" stamps shows that it takes time. And it is time NOW that we secure the birthstone stamps that we have been advocating for another eighteen years.

## Stamps by Karri Nienhuis

I was recently at the post office buying stamps and asked if they had any stamps with Gems or Minerals. The lady pulled out what they had: Flag, Purple Heart, or Homer Simpson. I was amazed that Homer made it on a stamp before a Gem Stone!

If you agree, please write a short note and mail to the below address requesting a Gem Stone Stamp!

Citizens' Stamp Advisory Comm. Stamp  
Development, US Postal Service  
1735 North Lynn St, Rm. 5013  
Arlington, VA 2209-6432



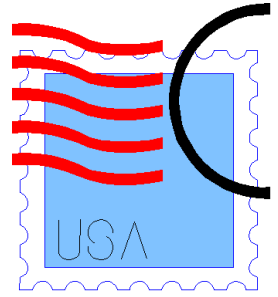
No Offense Homer

Continue to stay the course. Be persistent. Ask your regional federations and local clubs to include reference to our efforts in their newsletters.

People are very busy. It seems very difficult to get members and friends to voluntarily sit down and write individual letters on behalf of this AFMS project. As an alternative, we ask that you carry back to your own clubs the petition shown on the back of this report. Use it at meetings, shows, auctions and other events on our behalf. ONE person will have to shepherd the petition and send it in to the address shown. Send it "snail mail" using but one stamp unless you are so successful that you exceed the one ounce letter rate!



To: The Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee  
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We, the undersigned members or guests, support the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies' petition to feature (American) Birth Stones on Commemorative Stamps. We urge you to approve this proposal.

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

Print your name and address and immediately below that, sign your name to this petition.

**NAME**

**ADDRESS**