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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: GET INVOLVED IN THE MWF FEDERATION

by Dennis Westman

The Lincoln, Nebraska Show and the Midwest Federation (MWF) Convention is almost here. It will take place on April 6 and 7 at the Lancaster Event Center. There will be two field trips on April 4 and 5. Make sure your club is represented at the delegates meeting.

Did you ever ask yourself, who are these officers in the MWF? We are rockhounds just like you. The committee jobs are for three years. Each year the MWF needs good people to support our clubs. Many of the committees need leaders and assistants. How about you? Would you like to take some mini-vacations around the Midwestern States? Travel! Rocks! Become a part of the MWF and visit clubs and meet great people.

Here is another opportunity you do not want to miss. Those minerals, fossils you found or bought, and jewelry you made are not getting the attention they deserve. Think of the big Trilobite or Quartz cluster you found by yourself. Now imagine finding it with other rockhounds and everyone is crowding around to see your prize. It is not the same is it? The MWF has competitive displays contest. Rinse the dust off those treasures and enter them in the contest. Rules are available through the supplies section on the web site (www.amfed.org/mwf). Now watch as fellow rockhounds are crowding around to ogle over your display. The contest has awards, too!

See you in Lincoln.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH

- 1-3: RICHMOND, IN.** Eastern Indiana Gem & Geological Society's 40th Annual Show; Wayne County Fairgrounds, 861 N. Salisbury Rd.; Fri. & Sat. 10-6, Sun. 11-4; Contact: John LaMont, 765.647.4894, midwestchar@peoplepc.com.
- 2-3: LIVONIA, MI.** Roamin Club's 41st Annual Special Auction; Vistatech Center, Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty Rd; Sat. 11-6, Sun. 12-6; Contact: Todd Gall, 248.348.5093, cuhead@mac.com.
- 9-10: MACOMB, IL:** Geodeland Earth Science Clubs' 33rd Annual Show; Student Union Ballroom, Western Illinois University, Murray St.; Sat. 10-6, Sun 10-5; Contact: George Coursey, 309.368.2947, courseyfarms@gmail.com.
- 9-10: MONROE, WI.** Badger Lapidary & Geological Society's 43rd Annual Rock, Gem, Mineral, & Fossil Show; Monroe Senior High School, 1600 26th St., Monroe, WI; Sat. & Sun. 9-5; Contact: Terri Marche, 5415 Lost Woods Ct., Oregon, WI 53575; tmarche@usnetizen.com.
- 9-10: WAUKESHA, WI.** Kettle Moraine Geological Society's 51st Annual Show; Waukesha County Expo Center, South & North Halls, 1000 Northview Rd.; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4; Contact: Richard Rosenberger, rosenber.w@sbcglobal.net, http://www.fromtherockroom.com/Kettle_Moraine_Geological_Society.html.
- 11: BLOOMFIELD HILLS, MI.** Michigan Mineralogical Society's Social and Swap, Cranbrook Institute of Science, 39221 N. Woodward Ave.; Mon. 7:30 p.m.; Contact: Millie Hurt, 248.318.6693.
- 15-17: KANSAS CITY, MO:** Greater Kansas City Association of Earth Science Clubs' Annual Show; KCI Expo Center, 11730 NW Ambassador Dr; Fri. 9-8, Sat. 10-7, Sun. 10-5; Contact: Mark Sherwood, 816.690.8226; kcgsinfo@yahoo.com; www.kcgemshow.org or www.gemshowkc.org.
- 16-17: CEDAR RAPIDS, IA:** Cedar Valley Rocks & Minerals Society's 49th Annual Show; Hawkeye Downs Expo Center, 4400 6th St. SW; Sat. 8:30-6, Sun. 9:30-5, Contact: Marvin Houg, 319.364.2868, m_houg@yahoo.com, Sharon Sonnleitner, 319.396.4016, sonnb@aol.com, Tom Whitlatch, 319.362.0684, whitlatcht@gmail.com, www.cedarvalleyrockclub.org.

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- 22-24: ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MO.** Rock Hobby Club of Greater St. Louis' Annual Show; Machinist Hall Auditorium, 12365 St. Charles Rock Road (Bridgeton), Fri. 4-9 p.m., Sat. 10-7, Sun. 10-5; Contact: Willis Smith, Publicity, 314.521.8896 or Roy Hurlburt, President 314.846.0711.
- 23-24: DES PLAINES, IL:** Des Plaines Valley Geological Society's 48th Annual Show; Des Plaines Park District Leisure Center, 2222 Birch St.; Sat. 9:30-5:00, Sun. 10-4; Contact: Lois Zima, 847.298.4653, nival42@hotmail.com.

APRIL

- 6: LOVES PARK, IL.** Rock River Valley Gem & Mineral Society's Gems, Minerals, Fossils and More Open House; North Suburban Library, 6340 North 2nd St.; Sat. 11-3; Contact: Bill Horschke, 815.544.2073, whorschke@yahoo.com.
- 6-7: COLUMBUS, OH.** Central Ohio Mineral, Fossil, Gem & Jewelry 39th Annual Show; Veterans Memorial, 300 W. Broad St.; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 11-5; Contact: Craig Kramer 614.436.4511, craig.kramer@wowway.com, www.ColumbusRockAndMineralSociety.org.
- 6-7: LINCOLN, NE.** Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club, Inc.'s 55th Annual Show (MWF Show & Convention); Lancaster Event Center, 84th & Havelock; Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-5; Contact: Charles Wooldridge, 402.416.3233, charles.wooldridge@nebraska.gov, www.lincolngemmineralclub.org.
- 6-7: CANTON, OH.** Stark County Gem & Mineral Club's 46th Annual Gem & Mineral Show; Stark County Fairgrounds, 305 Wertz Ave. NW; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-5; Contact: Barry Heiks, 330.868.4047, bjheiks@frontier.com.



2013 MIDWEST FEDERATION SHOW & CONVENTION: LGMC'S 55TH ANNUAL SHOW NEWS

by Charles Wooldridge, Nebraska State Director/2013 Show Chairman

Things have started to really come together for the Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club, Inc.'s 55th Annual Show, April 6 and 7, held in conjunction with the 2013 Midwest Federation Show & Convention. Natural emeralds will be given to the first 2,000 paid attendees.

Thursday, April 4th, Richard Peterson will lead a field trip to the Big Nemaha River to search for agates, fossils and artifacts. Friday, April 5th, Donovan Harris will lead a field trip south of Fairbury in Jefferson County to search for mineral and fossil specimens.

Friday is Show set-up day. Dealers will be allowed entrance into the Event Center at 8 a.m. for set-up. Demonstrators will follow, then Special Exhibits and club cases.

General Excavating is donating a load of gravel for our "adult gem dig", otherwise known as the Parking Lot Field Trip, during the day on Friday. Club members will donate self-collected Nebraska gem materials to salt this aggregate. Our out-of-town visitors will enjoy this "field trip", mostly because they have a pretty good chance of finding Nebraska specimens.

Because this is a Midwest Federation Show, several additional activities are planned. There will be a "cracker-barrel" on Friday evening, at the Event Center, complete with complimentary snacks and beverages. Robert Swanson, Director of the USGS Nebraska Water Science Center, will speak on a subject near and dear to Nebraskans, and of interest to others, too.

The MWF State Directors, Executive Committee, and Delegates will hold their respective meetings at 8:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., and 1:00 p.m. on Saturday during the Show. Come prepared to make a bid on E. Bear, the MWF Endowment Fund bear who earns money for the Fund. After spending a fun winter with the Marburgers, he is ready to move on and make more friends.

Don't miss the Banquet at the Event Center on Saturday evening. The Banquet is a lot of fun, good food and an opportunity to mingle with folks from other clubs across the Midwest. Please plan to attend this event. You can also enjoy breakfast on Sunday morning at the Event Center. Club members, MWF folk, Dealers, Demonstrators, and Editors will come together for a yummy buffet breakfast, after which the Editors will gather for their annual meeting.

Other items worthy of mention will be the competitive displays, a silent auction to benefit the MWF Endowment

Fund, program speakers, and special exhibits. The Mineral Monkeys, LGMC's youth group, will have a large area with many fun and educational activities.

The largest feature will be Dallas Patterson and his display of "El Gigante", one of the largest emeralds from Colombia. Mr. Patterson will also display several other magnificent emerald specimens. He has been called a "real life Indiana Jones" and I can attest that he is full of interesting stories and information about emeralds, their mining, cutting and trade. He will be available to visit on both days, as well as giving presentations.

You will find a registration form on page 10 of this newsletter. The deadline to submit your registration form has been extended to no later than March 15. It is imperative we receive your registration, indicating the events you plan to attend, by this deadline. So fill out your registration today and mail it to the address printed on the form. You will be glad you did.

AND SPEAKING OF E. BEAR . . .



E. Bear made lots of new friends while spending the winter with the Marburgers in Nebraska. He gracefully accepted the request to pose with his new-found friends at Christmas. He is ready to visit you - are you or your club willing to bid for the privilege?

TREASURER'S REPORT ON MEMBERSHIP

by Sandy Fuller, Treasurer

A big thank you goes out to the 90 clubs that submitted their annual dues by the January 15th deadline. This represents 75% of our member clubs. As of the end of January, 92% of clubs are re-enrolled. Membership cards are already out to those clubs who requested them. If you need cards, and didn't get them, please contact me at mwftreas@rock-biz.biz.

Of the clubs that registered on time, 40 clubs elected to participate in the Mini Miners Monthly program. The free electronic subscriptions will be sent to the club's newsletter editor or a club officer with an e-mail address listed on the renewal form.

Here is a description of the Mini Miner Monthly program from author and publisher, Darryl Powell:

Every club that receives Mini Miners Monthly automatically has permission to reproduce up to 6 pages per month for use in newsletters, on websites, for activities at meetings and for use at shows. For example, if a club wished to reproduce 6 pages and make 1,000 copies of each page for a show, that's fine with me. Or if they put the pages on a website, that's fine, too. On the website, they can stay online as long as the club desires. My only request is that each page has a sentence that says, "Used with permission by Diamond Dan Publications, www.diamonddanpublications.net. My offer is very generous and it is my intention that every club would have a lot of material to use liberally for the sake of encouraging and growing the kids' programs. In addition, if a club finds on any particular month that they would love to use 8 or 10 pages (or more), all they have to do is e-mail me with a request and, in nearly every instance, permission will be granted. The only time I could think that permission would not be granted would be if they were using the Mini Miners Monthly material for sale in some fashion, printed or electronic.

Please note that while participating clubs can use these materials freely, they are copyright protected and should not be reproduced or posted by non-participating clubs that might receive the materials through bulletin exchanges.



CALL FOR REPORTS FROM EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

by Donna Moore, MWF Secretary

This is just a reminder to the executive committee members that the convention will be here before we know it.

I expect each committee to have a report to me (preferably by e-mail) no later than March 8. If you haven't had much activity since the convention last September in Minnesota, just send me a couple of paragraphs about what your committee does or how it can help clubs and members.

If you have any questions, please contact me. My contact information is on the front page of this, and every, newsletter.

Also, any club or member who might have questions or suggested business items for the convention meetings, please feel free to contact me.

I am looking forward to seeing many of our members at our MWF Convention in Nebraska April 6-7. And, if you have the time, be sure to come early for the field trips. The last time we went to Nebraska for our convention in 2008, the field trips were super.

CANCELLED STAMPS



Club Name _____

Responsible Person _____

Address _____

Do you want a thank you letter sent? (circle one)

Yes

No

Send **cancelled postage stamps** for the Endowment Fund, along with the form above, to:

Lyle Kugler
612 S.E. 3rd St.
Aledo, IL 61231.



2013 MWF PROGRAM COMPETITION

by Cindy Root, MWF Program Competition Chairman

The MWF is bringing back its Program Contest. Individuals or clubs may submit recently produced productions for this year’s competition. Entries should be received no later than December 31, 2013.

Entries must be original presentations and the preferred format is digital, but video will also be considered. Winning programs will automatically be forwarded to the AFMS and later retained in the MWF Program Library.

Topics should be suitable for adults or juniors. Each program will be judged on its own merits. Entrants will receive a composite score sheet and may be asked to make some changes based on the judges’ comments before a final version is produced for duplication.

Entries should be submitted in one of the following four amateur classes:

- ◆ Class 1 – Educational: about geology, minerals, gems, fossils, etc.
- ◆ Class 2 – Field Collecting: showing site(s), specimens, with some geology, collecting methods and other aspects of interest.
- ◆ Class 3 – “How To Do It”: techniques/equipment for fossil prep, jewelry, metal work, carving, faceting, other lapidary, etc.
- ◆ Class 4 – “Just for Juniors”: any of the above for/by juniors.

Commercial presentations should be entered under “Excellence in Education”.

Judges will be looking for:

- ◆ Accuracy of information
- ◆ Educational value
- ◆ Completeness of story—but not “too much” information
- ◆ Narration that moves well from one image to the next
- ◆ Presentations that explore an area of interest or demonstrate ideas/techniques which viewers may try
- ◆ Title, credits and “The End”

Optimum length for adult programs is 30-40 minutes; for juniors 20 minutes.

Submit your entry, preferably in PowerPoint, without the author’s credits. Consider sending the entry on a flash drive instead of a CD. Your presentation may be “live action” or static slides. Integrated audio is preferred, but not required for judging, however audio will be added for the final version. Please include a typed script if there is no audio.

By entering, all winners grant permission for the MWF to duplicate/transfer their entry to DVD format for the MWF Library. 35mm slides will be scanned and returned to the producer. Digital entries can be returned after duplication if requested.

Fill out the entry form and ship with your carefully packed program to the address below.

2013 ENTRY FORM

Presentation Title: _____

Circle appropriate class: Class 1 Class 2 Class 3 Class 4 Excellence in Education

Name: _____

Address: _____

Club: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Direct Questions and Entries To:

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NEWSLETTER EDITORS/CIRCULATION: USPS 2013 FOLDED SELF-MAILER STANDARDS

by Mark Nelson, SCRIBE Vice President

Highlights Affecting Newsletter Editors/Circulation

1. Lapidary club bulletins which are 8.5 x 11 inch sheets folded to a final 8.5 x 5.5 inches for mailing are considered ***Folded Self-Mailers (FSM)***. Other sizes of informational mailers may also be included in the folded self-mailer standards. Refer to the printed standards or look on the web sites referenced in item #10 below.
2. As a result of the high incidence of damage caused to the mailers, and to the modern high-speed processing machines, new U.S. standards have been put in place effective January 5th, 2013 (January 14th in Canada). These standards are:
 3. Maximum dimensions:
 - A. Height of 3.5"-6" max, length of 5"-10.5"
 - B. Canada: max 245 mm in length, 156 mm in width and 5 mm in thickness
 4. Weight: Up to 3 oz. (Canada - 50 grams or 1.7 oz.)
 5. Paper minimum weights:
 - A. 1 oz. or less = 70 lb. book grade paper (28 lb. bond paper)
 - B. Over 1 oz. up to 3 oz. = 80 lb. book grade paper (31 lb. bond paper)
 - C. Canada: 60 lb. book grade paper (24 lb. bond paper)
 6. Folding: It is very important to make the final fold on bottom edge.
 7. Panels: are formed when sheets of paper are folded for mailing.
 - A. A typical small 8-page newsletter of 4 two-sided 8.5" x 11" pages, folded in half for mailing, will result in 8 two-sided panels.
 - B. The maximum number of panels allowed is 12.
 8. Sealing:
 - A. Use 1" round mailing seals - white or clear.
 - B. Do not use staples. The use of staples puts the mailer in the "hand-process" category and will cost the sender an additional 20¢ each.
 - C. Place one mailing seal high on the leading edge

(right side as you look at the address).

- D. Place a second mailing seal high on the following edge (left side as you look at the address).
9. Address panel: Allow a 5/8" clear space along the bottom of the piece above the fold line for the postal service routing barcode to be applied.
10. Standards can be referenced on-line at:
 - A. [Http://usps.com/text/dmm300/dmm300_landing.htm](http://usps.com/text/dmm300/dmm300_landing.htm)
 - B. *Google: postal explorer dmm*
 - C. [Http://ribbs.usps.gov/](http://ribbs.usps.gov/)
 - D. *Google: postal explorer ribbs*
11. Some Post Offices and postal sorting stations are currently returning FSM mailers that do not meet the standards. All postal stations are expected to enforce the standards this year. When mail is returned the reason for the return is not always specified, and left for the editor/ mailer to figure out.
12. SCRIBE, the Special Congress Representing Involved Bulletin Editors, keeps its member editors current on postal standards and supplied with tips for getting new editors started to produce quality newsletters.

Ask your club's editor to become a member of SCRIBE. Membership is only \$6 per year. Contact Mark Nelson at mnelsonair@aol.com for information and an application.

ARE YOU RECEIVING THE MWF NEWSLETTER?

by Donna Moore, Secretary

Each year the 120 clubs in the MWF hopefully fill out the MWF Dues Form and send it to our treasurer, Sandy Fuller, by the January 15 deadline. The forms are usually completed by the treasurer, although a few clubs have someone else fill out the form or even have each officer fill out his or her own information. This year, there was a new option on the form; club officers could receive the *MWF News* by either regular U.S. Postal Service mail or by e-mail.

For the regular printed newsletter, we will send one copy to the treasurer (so he or she will see the dues form and submit it prior to the January 15 deadline each year), the editor (who needs the newsletter information to include in the club newsletter), and one other officer. Clubs are limited to two printed copies unless there is a newsletter editor, in which case they would receive three. However, anyone can receive the newsletter by e-mail.

If you requested to receive the newsletter by e-mail and you are not getting it, please e-mail Editor Sharon Marburger

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WHAT DOES BEING A CLUB PARTICIPANT MEAN?

Author unknown, via many bulletins, most recently from "*The Backbender's Gazette*"

There is attending the meetings, taking classes, participating in the open work shop hours. There is bringing items for show and tell, food for the picnics. These are all the easy, totally fun parts. However, there is so much more to it, and most of that is fun, too. It is all what we as the individual participants make it.

There is showcasing your items in a display case or volunteering at the Annual Show. This is great advertising for us and generates interest for the club. There is giving a presentation about something that interests you—preferably about rocks, minerals, jewelry making, etc., but we can stretch that a bit depending on the subject. It's all about education, opportunities, and so much more.

There is being in charge of certain committees that are vital to having an enjoyable club experience:

- ◆ the Social committee that organizes the holiday party and picnic and setup and clean-up before and after;
- ◆ the Show committee that contacts all of the vendors and organizes everything that has to be done to ensure a successful show;
- ◆ teaching! We need people willing to teach the classes. The more the merrier, because the more quickly people are taught, the faster they will be able to take a turn at teaching;
- ◆ the Library: someone to tend to the cabinet during the meetings, check out books for members and contact those whose books are overdue; scout out new books or DVDs for purchase, and then listing the new books plus any donated items;
- ◆ Historian: Someone to keep our historical records. Like to make scrapbooks? This is for you! Collect photos and any other memorabilia as the Club progresses, and preserve it in albums.

There are the board members – President, Vice President, Recording and Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, and Directors who are responsible for making sure we adhere to AFMS/EFMLS (Editor's Note: AFMS/MWF in our case), insurance, state, federal and club rules and regulations, that the mail gets picked up and read, that the bills get paid and deposits get made, that the minutes get taken, etc. These are all necessary parts of the whole to have a successful and enjoyable club experience.

Many of us have very busy lives, and we joined the club for the fun parts—the meetings, the classes and workshop, etc. And we definitely want people to participate in these things. However, we need to also be willing to take our turn and help with the other responsibilities.

It is a team effort. We are a club, not just a group of individuals. The people on the board and heading the committees are totally supportive and will always be there to help in whatever position you might take. We have an excellent group of team members!

My point is that our club is only as good as we make it. Sure it is fun to make new friends and to share our common interests, to eat food and participate in workshops. However, there is much more to it.

Someone has to organize things. Someone has to make sure the bills are paid. Someone has to keep track of the class schedule, social events, and workshop schedule to accommodate the classes. These are necessary parts of the whole to keep it running smoothly. And to keep it fun!

Let's each of us look at what we get out of our club. And then see if there is some way we can also give back: showcasing items in the display case, bringing food for the picnics, signing up to help with setup and clean-up duties, being on a committee, becoming a committee chair, or maybe offering to assist a committee chair. It takes a lot of participating to create a great club.

We already have a great club, but we can make it better if more of us would step up and get involved by being an active participant.

EDITOR'S NOTE: This article also applies to our Regional and National Federations. We all need to pitch in to keep our organizations GREAT!

NEWSLETTER - CONT'D

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at mwf.editor@windstream.net. She will add you to the e-mail list, then notify me to remove you from the regular printed copy list.

If the person filling out your club's form writes illegibly, we have to guess at the letters and numbers in a name, an address, or an e-mail address. If we guess wrong, you are not going to receive your copy of the newsletter. Once we get the address or e-mail wrong, we have no way of knowing how to fix it unless you let us know.

It would be helpful if someone in each club would check with their officers to see if they are receiving the newsletter in the requested format. Please notify us if the assigned officers are not getting it. For the mailed copy, send the information to me, Donna Moore, MWF Secretary (contact information on page 1). For e-mail, send the information to our editor Sharon Marburger (address above). Also, the newsletter is always available on the MWF web site, <http://amfed.org/mwf>.

GRAVES MOUNTAIN "ROCK SWAP AND DIG"

◆ Friday, April 26, 2013	8 a.m. to 6 p.m.	◆ Friday, October 4, 2013	8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
◆ Saturday, April 27, 2013	8 a.m. to 6 p.m.	◆ Saturday, October 5, 2013	8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
◆ Sunday, April 28, 2013	8 a.m. to 6 p.m.	◆ Sunday, October 6, 2013	8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

**Contact Information: Clarence Norman, Jr. (Junior) - 706.359.3862 (business) or 706.401.3173 (cell).
Do not call after 8:00 p.m. or on Sunday, please.**

This article assembled by Sharon Marburger. Information obtained from the Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies, RockhoundBlog.com, www.wncrocks.com, and Google Maps.

The caretaker in charge of Graves Mountain, Clarence Norman, Jr. (Junior), has announced plans to hold a three day dig and rock swap on the Mountain during April and October of 2013. He will have the mountain open to collecting from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. each day. All participants must stop at the welcome table in the Hospitality tent to sign a liability release and make a small contribution to defray the cost of opening the mountain and providing port-o-lets. There will be several golf cart type, four wheeled vehicles available to transport those participants who have trouble walking long distances. The dig will cease and everyone is expected to be off the mountain by 6 p.m. each day. Participants will be allowed to park in a designated area on the mountain.

Rock Swap and Hot Food/Drinks:

Junior will set aside an area in the upper parking lot for tables to be setup for daily rock swaps. Anyone who would like to setup a table(s), please contact Junior at the phone numbers listed below. Hot food cooked on the grill, cold drinks and chips will be available for purchase on the mountain during all three days of these events.

Posted on www.wncrocks.com:

Graves Mountain has been a mecca for rockhounds for years, it is probably the most famous collecting site in Georgia. The geology of the site is very complex, the original rocks were probably deposited during the Pennsylvanian Period (310-280 million years ago). During the late Pennsylvanian or early Permian Period (290-250 million years ago) the region experienced folding and heating, as the region was heated the sedimentary rock metamorphosed into the schist's and quartzite that now composes Graves Mountain. The dominant rock here at Graves is a pyrite/sericite/kyanite/quartz rock, this is a metamorphic rock, the primary ore is kyanite. Commercial mining began in 1963, at one time this mine produced half the kyanite in the United States.

If you would like to know more on the geology of Graves Mountain, see Drexel Pitts' article, linked on Bob's Rocks web site, http://www.rockhounds.com/rockshop/graves_mountain.html.

Graves Mountain code of conduct!

1. Park your vehicle in the designated area (at the end of the paved access road but not much beyond the woods to the right of this road).
2. CHILDREN WILL BE ALLOWED DURING THE "Rock Swap and Digs" IF EACH CHILD IS UNDER STRICT ADULT SUPERVISION!
3. ALL pets must be kept under control and on a leash.
4. The caretaker, Junior Norman, has final and absolute say as to where you may safely work.
5. Ladders or power tools of any kind will not be allowed. (HAND TOOLS ONLY!)
6. STAY AWAY FROM ALL HIGH WALLS!!
7. NO RAPELLING OFF OF ANYTHING!
8. NO ONE IS ALLOWED TO DRIVE THEIR VEHICLE ON ANY PART OF GRAVES MOUNTAIN BEYOND THE PARKING AREA! (The caretaker must accompany anyone driving beyond the parking area!)
9. EVERYONE NEEDS TO BE OFF THE MOUNTAIN BY DUSK. (Absolutely no one is allowed on Graves Mountain after dark.)



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Where is Graves Mountain?

From Atlanta's I-285, take I-20 east to the exit for Washington, GA SR 78 (SR 10, SR 17) and turn left. Travel north to Washington, turn right onto SR 378 and drive 11 miles to the Graves Mountain area. The entrance to Graves Mountain is on your right about 8/10 mile past the Lincoln county line sign. The entrance is a paved road that goes through a gate and up a hill. Please park along the access road and then proceed to the "Welcome Tent" at the end of the pavement to obtain a liability release form and to make a donation for the portable bathrooms, etc.

LODGING

This list of lodging is provided by rockhoundblog.com, with some minor changes by this editor.

Cullars Inn
 140 Elm Street
 Lincolnton, GA
 Phone: 706.359.6161

Elijah Clark State Park
 2959 McCormick Hwy
 Phone: 706.359.3458/800.864.7275
 20 cabins

Red Land Motel
 U.S. 78 & 378
 Washington, GA
 Phone: 706.678.3225

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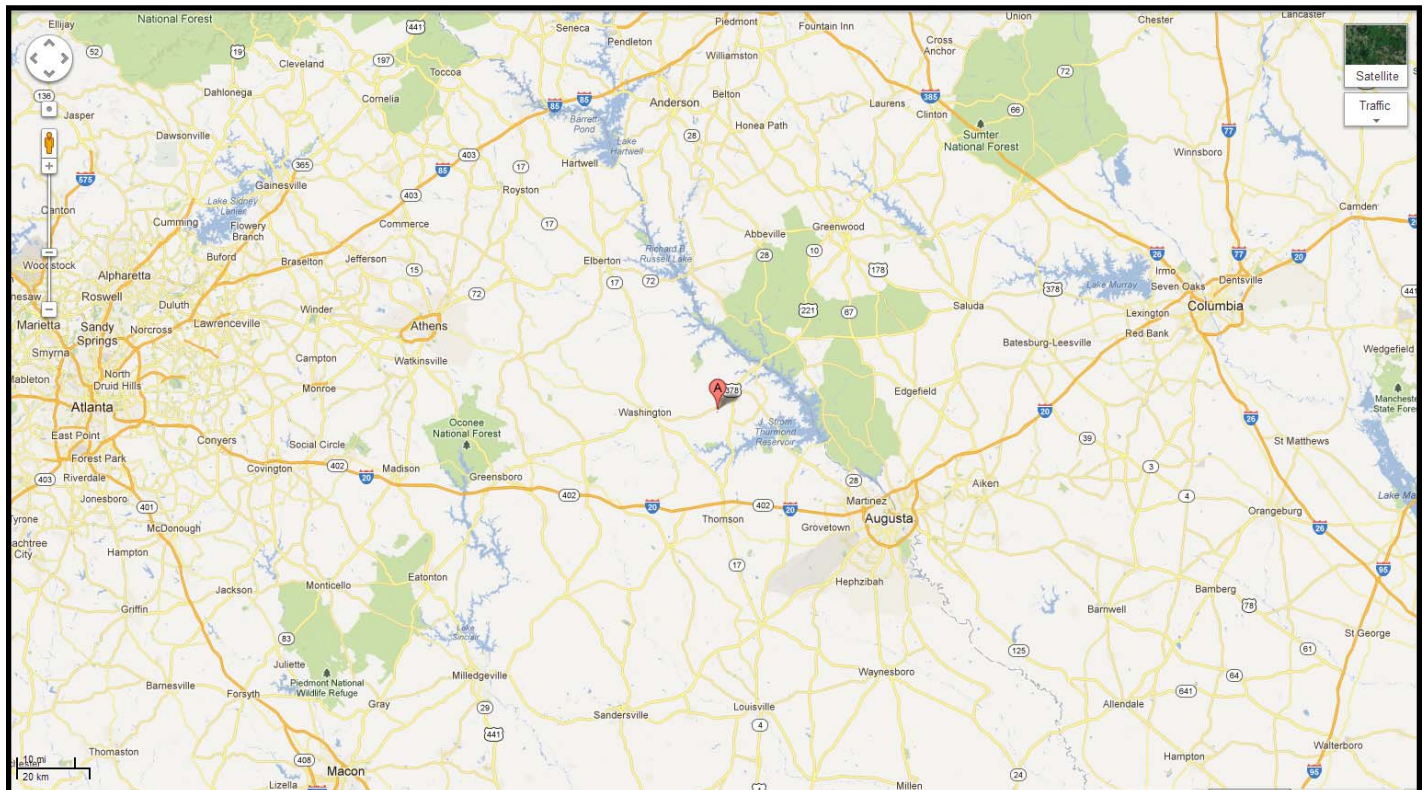
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- White Columns Best Western-Thomson, GA 706-595-8821

Camping:

Elijah Clark State Park
 2959 McCormick Hwy
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 165 camp sites

For Bed & breakfast lodging information, contact the Wilkes County Chamber of Commerce



MWF Registration Form

“2013 - Our Emerald Jubilee”

Sponsored by the Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club, Inc.
Lancaster Event Center, 84th and Havelock, Lincoln, Nebraska
(All meetings/meals to be held in the Lancaster Room of the Event Center)
(Show will be in the Lincoln Room of the Event Center)



April 6 & 7, 2013

Registrant _____

Additional Registrant _____

Address _____

City _____ State/Country _____ Zip _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Club & Region _____

AFMS Position(s) _____

MWF Position(s) _____

Friday: Complimentary evening snacks at a “cracker barrel” meet & greet, local speaker _____ (number attending)

Saturday: Lunch – Ham & Turkey Sandwiches with chips, salad, and beverage (Available to anyone who wishes to pre-order)
\$10 per person x _____ (number of people) = \$ _____

Saturday: Awards Banquet (buffet) \$22 per person x _____ (number of people) = \$ _____
Beef, Chicken, Potato, Two Vegetables, Salad, Roll & Butter, Beverage

Sunday: Dealer/Club/Editor’s Breakfast \$10 per person x _____ (number of people) = \$ _____
Buffet of Eggs, Sausage, Bacon, French Toast, Fruit, Coffee
Everyone is invited to participate in breakfast. Editors will hold their meeting at 9:00 a.m.

One Day Show Pass \$5 per person x _____ (number of people) = \$ _____

Two Day Show Pass \$9 per person x _____ (number of people) = \$ _____

Total Enclosed = \$ _____

Mail completed registration form with payment in full, no later than ~~February 24, 2013~~ to:

March 15, 2013

Vera Lyman
Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club, Inc.
P.O. Box 5342
Lincoln, NE 68505-0342

Questions: E-mail lgmc.editor@windstream.net or call Show Chairman, Charles Wooldridge, at 402.416.3233.

**MIDWEST FEDERATION OF MINERALOGICAL AND GEOLOGICAL SOCIETIES
COUNCIL MEETING
DELEGATE REGISTRATION
Saturday, April 6, 2013**

The Midwest Federation's 73rd Annual Meeting will be held in conjunction with the 2013 "Our Emerald Jubilee" Show sponsored by the Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club, Inc. and the MWF Convention, April 6th through the 7th, at the Lancaster Event Center, 84th and Havelock, Lincoln, Nebraska 68507. The Delegates' Meeting will be held in the Lancaster Room of the Event Center. Each member club/society is entitled to one (1) Delegate and one *(1) Alternate to represent them.

The MWF Council Meeting will convene on Saturday, April 6th at 1:00 p.m., with delegate registrations beginning at noon in the Lancaster Room of the Event Center. The delegate appointed by your club or society will represent your interests, and may bring up pertinent discussions and proposals. However, in order to expedite matters, if your society intends to have its delegate present any special motion at the meeting, please notify the MWF President, Dennis Westman, and the Secretary, Donna Moore, as to the nature of the subject so that it may be placed on the agenda. This needs to be presented in written form and should be done at least one month prior to the meeting.

*Each club is entitled to one vote. An alternate may vote in the absence of the delegate. Guests are invited but will not be able to vote.

**Please fill out this form and return it to:
CREDENTIALS CHAIRMAN
Tony Kapta
1483 E Wood St, Decatur, IL 62521
217-233-1164, e-mail: cigmc@comcast.net
BEFORE March 21, 2013
(Do NOT return to the show registration committee)**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PROMPTNESS

**MIDWEST FEDERATION DELEGATE REGISTRATION FORM
PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE TO AVOID ERRORS**

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT _____
(Name of your club on this line)

OF _____
(City and State on this line)

**HAS APPOINTED THE FOLLOWING DELEGATE TO THE 73rd ANNUAL MEETING OF
THE MIDWEST FEDERATION**

DELEGATE: _____

ADDRESS: _____ **E-mail:** _____

ALTERNATE: _____

ADDRESS: _____ **E-mail:** _____

DATE: _____ **SIGNED** _____, **CLUB PRESIDENT**

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