

**AFMS BULLETIN CONTEST
SPECIAL PUBLICATIONS**

SPECIFIC GUIDELINES

1. A **Special Publication** is an original one-time publication during the year.
2. The author or authors of the Special Publication must be members of the club submitting the entry to the Regional Federation.
3. The Special Publication should be club and/or earth science related.
4. Club participation/involvement in the Special Publication is desirable (communities for input, drawings, charts, research, etc.). However, it may be the work of one member of the club.
5. Special Publications may be any length, but should be long enough to cover the subject.
6. There are many possible publications that could benefit the club: Workshop, study classes, new members, show chairman, field trippers, or hobbyist in general. Some suggestions are: Exhibiting, Guidelines for a Good Show, A Special Show Publication, Field Trippers Guide, A (specific) Field Trip Guide, New Member Kit, Guidelines for School Programs, 25th, 50th Club Anniversary, Rockhound Poems, Shop Procedures, Lapidary Techniques and Hints, Club and/or Show Handout, Fossils, Flintknapping, Micromounting, etc.
7. If publication is an “update” or “revision” of a previously published anniversary book, etc., the earlier publication **MUST** be enclosed so the judge can compare and evaluate the amount of work done, and score accordingly. BEACs should inquire if this is the first publication and, if not, request the earlier publication. A note to the judge regarding the entry is advised. If the earlier publication is not submitted, then the judge has no alternative but to deduct points (as he/she has no way of knowing if it is almost identical or completely different).
8. Articles and poems published over a period of time should not be bunched and submitted as a Special Publication, unless there has been additional work involved, such as additional information added, illustrations, credits listed, etc.
9. There may be multiple entries per club in Special Publications if each entry covers a different type subject and purpose. Only the top three (3) per region should be entered in AFMS competition.
10. A first place trophy winner is not eligible for AFMS competition in the same category for the following two years.
11. Special publications should list an address to which inquiries may be made.