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DETAILS AND CONTEST RESULTS INSIDE

AFMS SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION - WE MADE IT!
by Dee Holland, AFMS Scholarship Foundation President

Thanks to the generosity of many individuals and clubs, and especially Keith Harmon and his gang of South Central people who originally made the challenge to all, the AFMS Scholarship Foundation was able to announce to the AFMS Banquet in St. Louis that the "Challenge" had been met, and then some. The Auction in St. Louis brought in $1575.00.

Here is the breakdown of donations as of the last of August, but donations are still coming in:

Federation        Restricted Funds  Unrestricted Funds  Total for Year to Date

California       $  475.00           $  2,678.97      $  3,153.97
Eastern          1,030.00           353.00             1,383.00
Midwest          1,234.00           984.75             2,218.75
Northwest        1,871.60           590.50             2,462.10
Rocky Mountain  845.80            2,944.50           3,790.30
South Central   3,836.25           7,175.09           11,011.34
TOTALS             9,292.65           14,706.31           23,998.96

We also have received recently, restitution from Dan McClennan through the court, in the amount of $2250.00. This is an ongoing thing.

Letters have gone out to the Regional Honorees notifying them to choose a second student.

Thanks from the bottom of my heart for this wonderful outpouring of support in the form of cash donations. I know those students who you have supported thank you as well.

Your AFMS Scholarship President,

Dee Holland
and
Ruth Bailey, Secretary
Arlene Burkhalter, Treasurer

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A GREAT YEAR!

by Bill Smith, AFMS President

Our annual meetings and show in St. Louis are over. What a delightful time we had! The folks from the Greater St. Louis Association of Earth Science Clubs did an outstanding job with planning and executing the meetings and events and we thank them for their efforts.

It has been a privilege and an honor to serve as your President this past year. I have worked with so many dedicated people that do so much for this federation, the Regional Federations, and their local clubs. Janet and I have met many friends, old and new, at the Regional Conventions.

This was the formal introduction year for the AFMS/FRA Merit Badge program for our juniors. Many clubs are already reporting exciting results from their juniors. If your club has not requested information then I strongly encourage you to have them do so.

The outpouring of financial support for the AFMS Scholarship Endowment Fund and the AFMS Endowment Fund has exceeded all goals. Thanks to all of those individuals and clubs for your very generous contributions.

A special thanks for all your support this past year. I look forward to supporting Jim this coming year.

Until next time,

Bill

EXHIBITING – A BIG PART OF EVERY SHOW!

from Bill Cook, AFMS Uniform Rules Chairperson

Displays are a huge part of every club or federation show. They represent an opportunity for all of us to show off our gems, minerals, fossils or jewelry and for the general public to learn what the various phases of our hobby are all about.

Those who take the next step and enter their exhibits in competition gain added knowledge from the comments and suggestions provided them by a team of qualified judges.

The just completed show in St. Louis provided an opportunity for many exhibitors to enter their work in competition at the Midwest Federation level or, if eligible, at the AFMS level. The displays were all exceptional, but only one display in each category can earn the top score and thus the trophy.

Here are the trophy winners and runners-up from the AFMS competition.

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*Denotes trophy winner

Next year the AFMS Convention and Show will be held in Nashville, TN in mid-August. I challenge each of the runner-ups to rework their exhibit and enter again. I also challenge YOU to consider entering your display in competition and find out what you’re doing right!
More on LANDS USE PERMITS, as promised.

One of the best information sources on "fees" and "required permits" for access and recreational use of Federal lands is found on the Internet on the USDA Forest Service web site (http://www.fs.fed.us). It is found under the heading of "Permits And Fees"

The information found here describes the types and description of the permits that are available at the present time. The 2005 Recreational Fee Program is mentioned as a continuing program which suggests that no action has been taken to extend fees and permits to any new areas outside the already existing pilot programs. I quote from that Internet site for those not able to access this information from the Internet.

**Passes & Permits**

Most national forest system lands are open, free of charge for your use and enjoyment. Entrance and user fees may be charged at some areas. To protect yourself and the forest, as well, certain restrictions may apply in some locations. There are several types of passes and permits:

**Golden Passports**

Entrance Fees are required for entering designated federal recreation areas such as National Parks and National Monuments. The Golden Passport Program is a federal interagency recreation pass program, comprised of three distinct Passports, including the Golden Access Passport, Golden Age Passport, and Golden Eagle Passport.

**Adventure Pass**

Managing recreation in the four National Forests located in the coastal and southern California travel zone requires new and innovative approaches to meet visitor expectations and maintain the health of the land. The National Forest Adventure Pass is a perfect example of testing new approaches to meet the needs of forest visitors to the Angeles, Cleveland, Los Padres and San Bernardino National Forests.

Unlike national or state parks, which vehicles access through controlled entry points, the coastal-southern California Forests are accessed round-the-clock via hundreds of different roads. This is a pass to use our local National Forests, facilities and services. All visitors using these 4 Forests for recreation are required to display the Pass in their vehicles when parked on National Forest land.

**Recreation Fee Program**

The 2005 Consolidated Appropriations Act (passed in November 2004) permits federal land management agencies to continue charging modest fees at campgrounds, rental cabins, high-impact recreation areas and at day-use sites that have certain facilities. Recreation fees provide crucial resources that allow the federal agencies to respond to increased demand on federal lands. The goal is to provide visitors with a quality recreation experience through enhanced facilities and services.

**Campfire Permits**

You must have a campfire permit to use a stove, lantern, or campfire outside a developed campground or recreation area. The permit process requires agreement to follow the campfire restrictions and regulations in effect.

The new legislation may result in a single pass, called the "America the Beautiful Pass" to cover all of the required fees. As of yet, however, little information has been disseminated on this "pass" and implementation is now scheduled for 2006 with public input opportunities in the interim. It is suggested that this pass would replace the "Golden Passport Programs and Adventure Pass now available. Nothing on the cost of this new "Pass" is yet published.

The most current information found on the Internet is located on the Federal Land Managers' web sites www.fs.fed.us (US Forest Service) and www.blm.gov (Bureau of Land Management).

**FOSSIL COLLECTING LEGISLATION**

A new Fossil collecting Bill "The Paleontological Resources Preservation Act of 2005", Senate Bill 263 (S-263), has been passed by acclamation in the U.S Senate in July. It was referred to the U.S. House of Representatives just before the summer recess. The House Resources Committee and some of its subcommittees will consider it next. In the last Congress (the 108th) your letters, emails and phone calls helped bottle up this bill in the House Resources Committee. The same will be needed in this the 109th Congress if this bill is to be defeated or amended to meet the objections of amateur fossil collectors.

The Senate Bill can be reviewed on the internet at http://thomas.loc.gov under the Bill number S-263 or obtained through your local Congressional Representative.

**WILDERNESS AND NATIONAL MONUMENT DESIGNATIONS**

Loss of collecting locations due to wilderness designated by Congress has been negligible, both in the last Congress and in actions of the current 109th Congress. Several bills have been re-introduced from the last Congress, but are not getting much action in Congressional Committees at the present time. No Presidential or Congressional nominations of new National Monuments have been made.

The Committee will continue to follow and report on these and other governmental issues effecting rockhounds.

We’ll talk some more later.

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**The AFMS Recognition Award**

from Marve Starbuck, AFMS Past President (2004)

Started in 2003, the AFMS Recognition Award honors an individual who has gone "above and beyond" the call of duty in support of the American Federation. The two previous recipients of the award are June Culp Zeitner and Jim Hurlbut.

Selection is made by a committee consisting of the three most recent AFMS Past Presidents and the choice is made from nominations received from all the AFMS Past Presidents. The selection committee this year consisted of Ron Carman, Steve Weinberger with Marve Starbuck serving as chairperson.

I can tell you that the honoree this year was quite surprised when we called his name! It was wonderful that he was present so I could present the award to him in person and in front of the assembled crowd at the Awards Banquet in St. Louis. He is truly most deserving as you’ll read below.

**Dee Holland**

Dee has served the AFMS "above and beyond" the normal. His service began in 1992.

The major areas in which Dee has served the AFMS are:

- President, 1998...the last person to "go through all the chairs", holding all the offices associated with that position, including a year each as Secretary and Treasurer
- Chairman of the AFMS Financial Investment Committee- 2002-2003, 2004 to present
- Chairman of the AFMS Endowment Fund Committee, 2002-2004
- Revised the AFMS Operating Procedures, modernizing them, making them parallel in structure (2002-2003). This was a major undertaking involving hours of work. He continues to serve as a member of that committee.
- President of the AFMS Scholarship Foundation - 2004 to present. During his tenure, he restored confidence and fiscal accountability in the Foundation and has modernized both the Bylaws and Operating Procedures of that organization.
- Was a member of and then Chairman of the AFMS URC Committee
- Developed and co-leads the AFMS Judges Training Workshops -2003 to present
- Chairman of the Past President’s Advisory, Nominating and Long Range Planning Committee the year after he was President
- Continues to serve as an active member of the Past Presidents’ Advisory Committee
- Continues to serve as an active member of the Long Range Planning Committee
- Has made noteworthy donations of gemstones for the AFMS Endowment Fund Raffles
- Was an active researcher for the AFMS Lewis & Clark booklet project

Dee is a treasure to the Federation and we are very happy to recognize his involvement over many years.

Marve Starbuck
Chairman
AFMS Past Presidents’ Advisory Committee

**Having Fun – Junior Activities**

by Jim Brace-Thompson, Jr. Activities Chair

**Congratulations to One Junior – And Encouraging Many More!**

This month, I offer congratulations to Alaura Ann Barnes of Kansas City, Missouri! Alaura prepared a junior display for this year’s Midwest AFMS Show & Convention in St. Louis and won the Lillian Turner Award. Some time ago, AFMS member Lillian Turner of Bethesda, Maryland, generously donated funds to support an award for the Outstanding Junior exhibits at the annual AFMS Show. The award consists of a certificate, a $100 bond, and a mineral specimen. It is presented at the awards ceremony during the Show. Even more important than the monetary value is the honor and recognition of receiving this award and the pride it can engender in a junior member for a job well done in planning and assembling an excellent display.

Alaura is an adorable six-year-old girl who was accompanied at the ceremony by her grandmother. Her case was entitled “Quartz I Collected,” and the exhibit included a picture of Alaura on a field trip hunting crystals in Arkansas. Along with the certificate and bond that comes with the Turner Award, she received a split geode lined with crystals to add to her collection. My thanks to Toby Cozens for facilitating the award in my absence this year, and my congratulations to Alaura!

Last year, we had no junior exhibits entered into eligibility for this award, and this year, Alaura’s apparently was the only one. We need to do better, and I encourage everyone to make a concerted effort to work with kids and youth in your local clubs to encourage them to enter displays into your regional shows, whether competitive or noncompetitive. Planning, preparing, and setting up a display and then attending a show and seeing all the other displays and meeting with those who prepared them is a great way to expand a child’s horizons, to meet new and interesting people who are most actively engaged in our hobby, and—as always—to have fun!

**Mark Your Calendar...**

**AFMS - SFMS**

**Nashville**

**Music City**

**Tennessee**

**August 14 – 20, 2006**
SAFETY FIRST - LIFTING SAFETY

by Bill Klose, AFMS Safety Chair

By our very nature of being rock hounds, we get involved with moving heavy specimens and equipment around, in addition to lifting items in our day to day lives.

Prior to lifting an item it is a good idea to consider an number of things.

1. How heavy or bulky is the item to be lifted or carried?

2. How good a shape are you in and have you had any back problems in the past after lifting? Many back problems are of a cumulative type, where a repeated minor injury will flare up and become worse.

3. How much space is there around the object to be lifted and how much space is around where it is to be deposited.

4. What kind of obstacles are there along the transportation route, such as trip hazards, holes, overhangs, etc.?

If any of these questions create a concern, or if in doubt, get help or use an aid such as a dolly, hand truck, or even fork lift. Statistics show that 80% of back injuries occur in people between 30 and 50.

Be sure to utilize appropriate safety equipment such as safety shoes and work gloves when lifting. The use of back belts, as seen at some stores and equipment exhibit. Every item in the five cases was made of petrified wood. The workmanship of this exhibit is indescribable, every item cut and polished to the finest detail. I was told that it had taken more than 25 years to complete all the items in the 5 case displays; it was truly a work of art. The craftsman who made all these things is now in his 90’s and still creating more items! I’ve always said that being involved in rockhounding keeps you young and this fellow sure is proof of that.

Prior to the lift, make sure you have adequate clearance for your hands and arms. Stand close to the load with your feet apart and toes pointed out to provide firm footing. Bend your knees, not your waist. Grip the load firmly with a “full palm grip.” Do not place your fingers under the load. Tighten your stomach muscles and then lift head and shoulders first, and then with your back straight, use the strength of your legs to slowly and smoothly push up. “Jerk-lifting” a load will multiply the stress to your lower back. Keep the load close to your body at all times with your back up right.

Never hold the load away from your body. Make sure you can see over the top of the load. If you should have to change direction with the load, move your whole body with your feet. Do not twist your body which can be especially dangerous for your back.

To raise the load above shoulder height, first lift to waist height and rest on the edge of a ledge, hip, or stand, and then shift hand positions so the load can be boosted after the knees are bent. The knees should be straightened as the object is lifted or shifted to the shoulders. If the load is to be placed on a table or shelf, first set it on the edge, and then push it far enough onto the support so it will not fall. The load should be released gradually as it is set down and then pushed into place with your hands in front.

When setting the load down, keep the back straight and upright, bending the knees. Lower the load slowly and smoothly. Don’t add the weight of your body to the load.

WHAT A WEEK!

Jim Robinson, AFMS President-Elect

We hope that all who attended the AFMS/Midwest Federation Show and Convention had a safe and pleasant trip back home. Those of you who were not able to attend missed a fantastic show! There was some of the most beautiful cases in this show that you could ever imagine. I was particularly impressed with the ranch house, barn, wagon, tool and equipment exhibit. Every item in the five cases was made of petrified wood. The workmanship of this exhibit is indescribable, every item cut and polished to the finest detail. I was told that it had taken more than 25 years to complete all the items in the 5 case displays; it was truly a work of art. The craftsman who made all these things is now in his 90’s and still creating more items! I’ve always said that being involved in rockhounding keeps you young and this fellow sure is proof of that.

I have been in the hobby for more than 25 years, many years exhibiting faceted stones and cabochons, I don’t recall ever seeing an exhibit in any category receive a perfect score of 100 until the St Louis show. That’s how good this show was. I didn’t look at all the score sheets, but most of the rest that I did look at were in the high nineties. I did not have the pleasure of judging in this show, but will say they were some of the best in the Federation and they were thorough. When we left the show around 3:30 PM on Friday, they were still judging!

The Midwest Federation and the Host Clubs deserve a hearty round of applause and our heartfelt thanks for a, “JOB WELL DONE”!

Of course now our hearts go out to all the people in New Orleans, southern Louisiana and along the Gulf Coast of Alabama and Mississippi. We know that many of our rockhound friends were in the path of the storm. Let’s do what we as rockhounds can do to help.

2005 PROGRAM COMPETITION WINNERS

by Marge Collins, AFMS Chairperson

Doug Moore has again earned the AFMS “4 Star Award”. This time for two programs that further explore a favorite topic: agates. Having earned extremely high scores, these presentations will be rated highly by advanced as well as novice viewers.

Doug Moore and Lee Kabat approximately 40 minutes

Heart of Wisconsin Gem & Mineral Society

Since Part I (produced last year) covered thunderegg locations “around the world”, Part II concentrates on Oregon. Typical as well as a few unusual specimens from current and closed locations show the diversity of “eggs” found in the state, with one site in Washington for good measure. The geology, how to cut “eggs”, and some of the history are also included. (Available as PowerPoint, VH5 and DVD)

Sedimentary and Vein Agates by Doug Moore

128 slides - approximately 45 - 50 minutes

Did you know most agates formed in volcanic rocks? Can you recognize varieties that developed in sedimentary environments? What is the general geology and specific characteristics of different varieties?

To answer these and other questions, Doug presents outstanding pictures and interesting narration exploring these agates from notable locations in the U.S. and around the world. (At present on 35mm slides, later in digital formats)

To reserve these (or other programs) for use later this year, contact your Regional Library.

With the change to digital formats, it is so much easier to produce presentations and we encourage Club members to share their knowledge and interests with others across the country by participating in Program Competition. Topics for programs can range from agates to zeolites, field trips to museums and any one of the numerous arts and crafts within our hobby. There are cash awards for winning programs which are duplicated so that each Regional Library has a copy for Club or individual use.

For guidelines and “rules” for Program Competition (deadline April 15th), contact your Regional Librarian or Competition Coordinator, Marge Collins (marge@qtm.net) or (269)95-4313. We’ll print the guidelines in the AFMS Newsletter later this fall as well.

HELP KEEP THE NEWS COMING

Remember to send any changes to your club officer to the AFMS Central Office (info on page 3) so we can continue to send the AFMS Newsletter to the correct individual in your club.

AFMS Newsletter - October, 2005
The AFMS Uniform Rules Committee held its annual meeting in St. Louis this past August. I thought it would be good for everyone to know what the Committee did and is currently discussing. If you have any suggestions for improving the Uniform Rules, contact your regional URC chair.

The annual meeting of the AFMS Uniform Rules Committee was called to order by chairman Bill Cook at the Marriott Hotel West, St. Louis, at 1:10 PM on Tuesday, Aug. 16, 2005. Introductions were made around the table. Bill noted that the 1998 Fossil Rules changes were not in the current Rule Book, but it was pointed out that they had been in 2000, on page F2, Rule 18.2 #1. Jim Hurlbut moved that the Publication Chair be instructed to issue a new page F2-2000. Motion passed. The minutes of the 2004 URC meeting were accepted with an addition to the spelling of Barbara Jacobsen’s name.

Betty James had made a proposal that rules be drawn up for beading and the making of original beads. Jim Hurlbut will take her proposal to the Bead Society in Denver, which is part of the Denver Council that puts on the Denver Show in September, and ask them to write a set of rules for consideration. Jim Robinson will have the Southeast Federation heads contact Jim Hurlbut, so that they can be involved for comments. The rules will be circulated to the members of next year’s URC before any decisions are made.

It was noted that on the Mineral List “smaltite” and “hydrozincite” had been misspelled. Jim Hurlbut said that he only could make corrections if the necessity for them was pointed out to him. Bill suggested that “smaltine” be added as one of the varieties of quartz. He also said that petrologists needed to have the many plagioclase feldspars listed, not just the end-members of the series. It was generally agreed that it was time to update the AFMS Mineral List and the following individuals volunteered to serve on a committee to do so: Ron Carman, Bill Cook, Jim Hurlbut, Barbara Sky, and Kave Sharp. Anyone else interested should contact Bill Cook.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted
Anne Cook
secretary pro tem

Congratulations to each club for a fine report, and thanks to all for participating in the program. Hopefully, more clubs will gain interest for the coming year and a strong increase in the number of entries will occur. Also, many thanks to Frank Mulaney for making up the trophies and medallions.

Clubs that anticipate entering the competition next year should already be gathering material for their report. Next year’s competition began in January, 2005. Copies of letters written, fliers, letters of appreciation, certificates, etc. are necessary to corroborate the statements made on the entry forms, and are the only way judges have to verify things that were done. ALAA is one of the best lobbying organizations we have, so join! Make a copy of your check and you have that criteria whipped. It’s so easy!

Good luck to all!

Jim Robinson, AFMS 2006 President
will officially take office on November 1.

Photo: Barbara Sky
AFMS Endowment Fund - Underneath the Arc(es)

by Joy Bourne, AFMS Endowment Fund Chair

We met many of you in St. Louis, as suggested by the 2005 MWF/AFMS Convention slogan, and are here to report that we had a wonderful time of good fellowship, excellent accommodations and meals - and a fabulous show in August! Our sincere thanks to the five St. Louis area clubs who worked together to make our 2005 meetings and convention activities a most memorable occasion!

But, I know you are really reading this article to learn how the 2005 AFMS Endowment Fund raffle turned out - and I am most pleased to tell you that we did very well, indeed, thanks to the efforts of our Endowment Fund committee members and a goodly list of volunteers. The final tally of the 2005 fund raiser sales - including ticket sales, donations and sales of miscellaneous items - shows that you raised $3,363.00 for the AFMS Endowment Fund.

Our regional ticket sales coordinators were Bural LaRue, CFMS; myself, with the help of six EFMLS Regional vice-presidents; Merv Starbuck, MWF; Jack Edwards, NFMS; Howell Whiting, RFMFS; Joyce Speed and Ike House, SCFMS; and Ken Anderson, SFMS. In total, the regional coordinators and volunteers sold a total of 555 tickets!

During the show, Bural and Pat LaRue, CFMS; Howell Whiting, RFMFS; Anna Elrod, SFMS, and Clyf Bourne, EFMLS helped the chair by taking turns manning the AFMS booth. Our booth sold another batch of tickets, in addition to a number of miscellaneous items from the Endowment Fund inventory and from private donations. The final count of tickets sold by the regional coordinators, by mail and at the show booth, was 636 tickets sold. We thank you for all your time and effort!

We would be remiss if we did not recognize the great job done by Marty Hart, AFMS webmaster, and Carolyn Weinberger, AFMS Newsletter editor, in keeping the publicity and prize pictures before the membership. We had wonderful participation from all seven regional federations again this year, for which we thank each and every one of you.

The drawing of raffle tickets was held at the conclusion of the Awards Banquet on Saturday, August 20, and fourteen super prizes were awarded! The winners list included the following names, in alphabetical order:

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Congratulations to all our lucky winners. We hope you are already planning to participate in the 2006 raffle in Nashville. It is interesting to note that Mr. Gottschalk was a winner in the 2004 raffle, too. So, you can see that it is possible that every ticket, every year, has an equal chance to win.

Looking ahead to November: I will be telling you in more about the Foundation Fund treasures - pins, certificates, and miscellaneous items which we sold at the Endowment Fund booth at St. Louis. These items will soon be available for direct mail purchases from us. Keep tuned!

AFMS Newsletter - October, 2005
RESULTS OF THE EDITOR'S CONTEST

We had another wonderful group of entries for the just concluded contest. Certificates and trophies were handed out at the breakfast in St. Louis to those in attendance (or their representatives) and the remainder were mailed.

I want to thank our hard working regional chairpersons under whose guidance the initial round of evaluation occurred. They are:

Anna Christiansen (CFMS)
Mary Botzman (EFMLS)
Jennifer Kuehner (MWF)
Linda Jaeger (RMFMS)
Darlene Denton (NFMS)
ike House (SCFMS)
Anna Denton (SFMS)

Only the top three highest scoring entries in each eligible category are forwarded on to our AFMS Judges for scoring, plus any additional "di-rect entries" - those not eligible for their regional federation evaluation due to previous top award winning there in the past 2 or 3 years. Our judges report that the competition was terrific this year!

My thanks go to the AFMS people who volunteered their time to judge the submitted bulletins and articles:

June Miller - Mini Bulletins
Cliff Bourne - Small Bulletins
Joyce Hanschu - Large Bulletins
Joy Bourne - New Editors
Donna Moore - Adult Articles
Diane Dare - Advanced Adult Articles
Dolores Rate - Junior Articles
Poetry - Cecilia Duluk
Special Publications - John Washburn

And now, here are the results:

NEW EDITORS:
1. T-TOWN ROCKHOUND
   Tulsa Rock and Mineral Society
   Tulsa, OK - RMFMS
2. ROCKY TALES
   Barbara Wiggins & Anne Roberts, Editors
   Lake Havasu City Gem & Mineral Society
   Lake Havasu City, AZ - RMFMS
3. ROCKY ECHOES
   James Monk, Editor
   Mississippi Gem & Mineral Society
   Jackson, MS - SFMS
4. PICK & PACK
   Ethan A. Bronner, Editor
   Colorado Springs Mineralogical Society
   Colorado Springs, CO - RMFMS
5. THE HOUND'S TALE
   Sarah Shallock, Editor
   Arlington Gem & Mineral Institute
   Arlington, TX - SCFMS
6. PT. TOWNSEND ROCK CLUB NEWS
   Didiere Madson, Editor
   Port Townsend Rock Club
   Pt. Townsend, WA - NFMS

NEW SETTLEMENTS:
7. ROCK-A-TEER
   Denise Marcurio, Editor
   Puget City Valley Gem & Mineral Club
   Adjustable, WA - NFMS
8. GOLDEN SPEKE NEWS
   Kenny Colliet, Editor
   Golden Spike Gem & Mineral Society, Ogden, UT - NFMS
9. BRECCIA
   June Harris, Editor
   Santa Clara Valley Gem & Mineral Society
   San Jose, CA - CFMS
10. THE ROCK RATTLER
    Lisa Reddick, Editor
    Ark-La-Tex Gem & Mineral Society
    Bossier City, LA - SCFMS

Honorable Mention:
GOLDRUSH LEDGER, Kim Tyler, Editor
Charlotte Gem & Mineral Club
Charlotte, NC - SFMS
GRITTY GREETINGS, Mary Massirer, Editor
Waco Gem & Mineral Club
Waco, TX - SCFMS
THE ROCK SLAB NEWS, Nora De O'Campo, Editor
Searchers Gem & Mineral Society
Anaheim, CA - CFMS
THE BEACHCOMBER, James Filippek, Editor
Lake County Gem & Mineral Society
Waukegan, IL - MFWS

MINE BULLETIN:
1. COLLECTOR'S CORNER
   Bill Ellis, Editor
   Keene Mineral Club, Keene, NH - EFMLS
2. THE LODESTONE
   Gary Rohan, Editor
   Fort Collins Rockhounds
   Ft. Collins, CO - RMFMS
3. COASTAL WAVES
   Virginia Willey, Editor
   Oregon Coast Agate Club
   Newport, OR - NFMS
4. GCLFS NEWSLETTER
   Jim & Judy Budnik, Editors
   Greater Cincinnati Lapidary & Faceting Society
   Cincinnati, OH - MFWS
5. THE AMMONITE
   Don Rathert, Editor
   Western Dakota Gem & Mineral Society
   Rapid City, SD - RMFMS
6. THE CRYSTAL COURIER
   Michael Kessler, Editor
   The Brooklyn Mineralogical Society
   Brooklyn, NY - EFMLS
7. YAKIMA GEM/MINERAL NEWS
   Eloise Glass, Editor
   Yakima Rock & Mineral Club
   Yakima, WA - NFMS

SMALL BULLETINS:
1. ROCK BUSTER NEWS
   Maxine Nicholas, Editor
   Central Pennsylvania Rock & Mineral Club
   Harrisburg, PA - EFMLS
2. THE STONE CHIPPER
   Laura & David Dow, Editors
   Austin Gem & Mineral Society
   Austin, TX - SCFMS
3. CHIP'S AND CHATTER
   Don Shurtz, Editor
   Pleasant Oaka Gem and Mineral Club
   Dallas, TX - SCFMS
4. ROCKY REVIEW
   Diane Jorgensen, Editor
   Conejo Gem and Mineral Club
   Newbury Park, CA - CFMS
5. THE MINERAL NEWSLETTER
   Georgia Olmstead, Editor
   The Northern Virginia Mineral Club, Arlington, VA - EFMLS
6. THE PICK & DOP STICK
   Fran Gutkowski, Editor
   Chicago Rocks & Mineral Society
   Chicago, IL - MFWS
7. THE POST ROCK
   Sara Murphy, Editor
   McPherson Gem and Mineral Club
   McPherson, KS - RMFMS
8. CHIPARRAL CHATTER
   Carol Sykla, Editor
   Chaparral Rockhounds,
   Roswell, NM - RMFMS
9. THE BADGER DIGGIN'S
   Katherine Fager, Editor
   Badger Lapidary & Geological Society
   Monroe, WI - MFWS
10. THE OPAL
    Donald Cronauer, Editor
    West Suburban Lapidary Club
    Elmhurst, IL - MFWS

Honorable Mention:
THE COLLECTING BAG, William Gilbert, Editor
Richard Gem & Mineral Society, Richmond, VA - EFMLS
EMERALD GEMS, Dean Axtell, Editor
Eugene Mineral Club, Eugene, OR - NFMS
MOUNTAIN MINERAL MONTHLY, Gayle Graham, Ed.
Southern Appalachian Mineral Society
Ashville, NC - SFMS
JAX GEMS, Ed Johnson, Editor
Jacksonville Gem & Mineral Society
Jacksonville, FL - SFMS
HY GRADER, Esther Davis, Editor
Tulalatin Valley Gem Club
Forest Grove, OR - NFMS
PETROGLYPHS, Merryn O'Neill, Editor
El Dorado Gem & Mineral Society
Placerville, CA - CFMS
CANAVERAL MOONSTONE, David Jacobson, Editor
Canaveral Mineral & Gem Society,
Melbourne, FL - SFMS
CARNY HOUND, Chuck Somer, Editor
South Washington Mineral & Gem Society
Longview, WA - NFMS
RIMSTONES REVIEW, Ed Vas, Editor
Payson Rimsstones Rock Club
Payson, AZ - RMFMS
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RESULTS OF THE EDITOR’S CONTEST
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LARGE BULLETINS:

1. QUARRY QUIPS
   Sandy Reikeman, Editor
   Wichita Gem & Mineral Society
   Wichita, KS - RMFMS

2. THE MOUNTAIN GEM
   Linda Bah, Editor
   The Gem & Mineral Society of Franklin, NC
   Franklin, NC - SFMS

3. GEM CUTTERS NEWS
   Carolyn Weinberger, Editor
   GEM - Baltimore, MD - EFMLS

4. THE PEGMATITE
   Anne Schofer, Editor
   San Diego Mineral & Gem Society, Inc.
   Balboa Park, San Diego, CA - CFMS

5. THE BACKBENDER’S GAZETTE
   Phyllis George, Editor
   Houston Gem and Mineral Society
   Houston, TX - SFOMS

6. ROCKHOUND RAMBLING
   Shirley Layton, Editor
   Ventura Gem & Mineral Society
   Ventura, CA - CFMS

7. ARROWHEAD NEWS
   Ed Benham, Editor
   Indian Mounds Rock & Mineral Club
   Wyoming, MI - MWF

8. DIABLO DIGGIN’S
   Sue Zabaldano, Editor
   Contra Costa Gem & Mineral Society
   Walnut, CA - CFMS

9. ROCKET CITY ROCKS AND GEMS
   Darrell O’Dell, Editor
   Huntsville Gem & Mineral Society
   Huntsville, AL - EFMLS

10. GREAT MINERAL JOURNAL
    Natalie Darling, Editor
    Gem & Mineral Society of Lynchburg, VA
    Lynchburg, VA - EFMLS

Honorable Mention:

CEDAR VALLEY GEMS, Andie Carter, Editor
Cedar Valley Rocks & Mineral Society
Cedar Rapids, IA - MWF

THE LITHNICS, Tom Kattyan, Editor
Richland Lithic & Lapidary Society
Mosesfield, OH - MWF

ROCKYTEER, Sharon Scott, Editor
Lubbock Gem & Mineral Society
Lubbock, TX - SFMS

SPECIAL PUBLICATIONS:

1. 2004 SHOW - TREASURES OF THE EARTH
   (Show Program)
   Gene Cockerell/Mary Watts, Authors
   Tulsa Rock & Mineral Society, Tulsa, OK - RMFMS

2. GOLD N’ DINOSAURS - A 50th Anniversary Show
   Judith Washburn, Author
   Lincoln Orbit Earth Science Society
   Springfield, IL - MWF

3. THE BIG ONE FOR ALL AMERICA - SHOW
   Bob Livingston, Author
   Gem & Mineral Society of Syracuse
   Syracuse, NY - EFMLS

4. GEM CAPERS 2003
   Show Guide and Rockhound Resource
   Laura and David Dow,
   Austin Gem & Mineral Society
   Austin, TX - SCFMS

5. LYNCHBURG ROCK RAIDERS (Flyer)
   Ada Lee, Author
   Gem & Mineral Society of Lynchburg
   Lynchburg, VA - EFMLS

6. 2004-5 GEM & MINERAL ALAMAC
   Mitchell Portny, Vivien Gornitz, Karen Rice, and
   Anna Schumate
   New York Mineralogical Club
   New York, NY - EFMLS

7. WILD N’ WOOLLY ICE AGE
   2004 GEM & MINERAL SHOW
   Connie Waming, Author
   Oshkosh Earth Science Club
   Oshkosh, WI - MWF

8. ROCK OF THE MONTH - COLEMANITE
   Mitchell Portny, Vivien Gornitz, Karen Rice, and
   Anna Schumate
   New York Mineralogical Club
   New York, NY - EFMLS

9. OBSIDIAN: A BIOGRAPHY
   Terry Yoschak, Author
   Roseville Rock Rollers
   Roseville, CA - CFMS

10. DANGER STALKS THE CULLEN HALL
    STOP! DON’T TOUCH THAT FOSSIL!
    Ardis and Joe Cruz
    Wichita Gem & Mineral Society
    Wichita, KS - RMFMS

THE GLEN EYRIE FORMATION NEAR
COLORADO SPRINGS, Jeff Carpenter, Author
American Fossil Federation
Falls Church, VA - EFMLS

HIGHLIGHTS OF A ROCKHUNT,
Mary Nowell, Author
South Dakota Gem and Mineral Club
Myrtle Creek, OR - NFMS

ADULT ARTICLES - ADVANCED

1. OBSIDIAN: A BIOGRAPHY
   Terry Yoschak, Author
   Roseville Rock Rollers
   Roseville, CA - CFMS

2. RARE EARTH MINERALS
   Clif Bourne, Author
   Che-Hanna Rock & Mineral Club, Inc.
   Sayre, PA - EFMLS

3. THE FLORISSANT LINEAMENT
   Andy Wosnasky, Author
   Colorado Springs Mineral Society
   Colorado Springs, CO - RMFMS

4. A GEM OF A STAR
   Doug Daniels, Author
   Georgia Mineral Society
   Atlanta, GA - SFMS

5. CARBONIZED WOOD
   Steven Wade Veach & Timothy B. Brown, Authors
   Colorado Springs Mineralogical Society
   Colorado Springs, CO - RMFMS

6. MINERALS IN THE ANCIENT WORLD
   Vivien Gornitz, Author
   New York Mineralogical Club
   New York, NY - EFMLS

7. HIGH GRADEING - PART I:
   Art Smith, Author
   Houston Gem & Mineral Society
   Houston, TX - SCFMS

8. CRAZY ROCKHOUND GEOLOGIST WITH
   BLACK LIGHT
   Wes DeCoursey, Author
   McPherson Gem & Mineral Club
   McPherson, KS - RMFMS

9. METEOR-RIGHT OR METEOR-WRONG
   Ben Vrana, Author
   The Laup Valley Gem & Mineral Society
   Schuyler, NE - MWF

10. DANGER STALKS THE GLEN EYRIE FORMATION
    NEAR GEMS AND MINERALS
    Neal Smergo, Author
    Houston Gem & Mineral Society
    Houston, TX - SCFMS

Honorable Mention:

BURNT OIL SHALE DEPOSITS OF VENTURA
COUNTY CA, Steve Mulqueen, Author
Ventura Gem & Mineral Society, Ventura, CA - CFMS

THE DAY THE WORLD ENDED - FOR ONE REPTILE
Joseph Morre, Author
New York Paleontological Society, New York, NY - EFMLS

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MINERALS OF THE LEWIS & CLARK EXPEDITION
Tom Ne, Author
Michiana Gem & Mineral Society, South Bend, IN - MWF

Fossils, During and After Oil
Thomas J. Aiken, Author
Houston Gem & Mineral Society, Houston, TX - SCFMS

KEWEENAW PENINSULA COPPER COLLECTING,
Mike Streeter, Author,
Southern Appalachian Mineral Society, NC - SFMS

PERIODIC TABLE REVIEW - Aluminum
Larry Littau, Author
Charlotte Gem & Mineral Club, Charlotte, NC - SFMS

JUNIOR ARTICLES - AUTHOR UNDER AGE 12:
1. ALANEA the TRILOBITE
Alaina Mary Richert, Author
Three Rivers Gem and Mineral Society
Fort Wayne, IN - MWF

2. A CHEMICAL WEATHERING EXPERIMENT
Christine Vasper, Author
McPherson Gem & Mineral Club
McPherson, KS, RMFMS

3. FETOSKEYE STONE
Mallory Renfroe, Author
Lake Elsinore Gem & Mineral Society
Lake Elsinore, CA - CFMS

4. MYTHS or MAGIC: THE BIRTHSTONES
Amanda Schreiber, Author
Lake Elsinore Gem & Mineral Society
Lake Elsinore, CA - CFMS

5. THE SEARCH FOR SAVANNA RIVER AGATE
Brittney Hamilton, Author
Jacksonville Gem & Mineral Society
Jacksonville, FL - SFMS

6. MY SCIENCE FAIR PROJECT
Elizabeth Russell, Author
Gem Lapidary Society of Syracuse NY
Syracuse, NY - EFMLS

7. CAVEN Site
Chelsea Norquay
Badger Lapidary & Geological Society
Monroe, WI - MWF

JUNIOR ARTICLES - AUTHOR AGE 12-17
1. HEAVENLY ROCKS
Daniel Schreiber, Author
Lake Elsinore Gem & Mineral Society
Lake Elsinore, CA - CFMS

2. 35 MILLION YEAR STEP BACKWARD IN TIME
Laurel Patzer, Author
American Fossil Federation
Fall Church, VA - EFMLS

3. ANIMAL, VEGETABLE, or MINERAL?
Katherine Vasper, Author
McPherson Gem & Mineral Club
McPherson, KS - RMFMS

4. FOSSILIZED CRINOID STEM NECKLACE
Kristen Regnier, Author
McPherson Gem & Mineral Club
McPherson, KS - RMFMS

5. WILL SHE BLOW AGAIN?
Evangeline M. Tihomirow, Author
Northern Virginia Mineral Club
Arlington VA - EFMLS

6. FLORENCE QUARRY FOR ME - RELEASING THE
CREATURE
Sam Morse, Author
Lincoln Orbit Earth Science Society
Springfield, IL - MWF

7. THE SHARK THAT IS ONLY KNOWN
FOR FUNNY TEETH
Jessica Shurtz, Author
Pleasant Oaks Gem & Mineral Club of Dallas
Dallas, TX - SCFMS

8. A DIFFERENT KIND OF ROCK CONCERT
Marcus Rutherberg, Author
Lincoln Orbit Earth Science Society
Springfield, IL - MWF

9. MY (MEMORABLE) TRIP TO HERKIMER
Alaina Mary Richert, Author
McPherson Gem & Mineral Club
McPherson, KS - RMFMS

Honorable Mention:
THE INDESTRUCTIBLE CURSE
Bridget O’Riordan, Author
Lake Elsinore Gem & Mineral Society
Lake Elsinore, CA - CFMS

MY DAY AT A MASTODONT DIG,
Dillon Lascallas, Author
West Central Rock & Mineral Club, Macomb, IL - MWF

NOTES FROM WM HOLLAND SFMS WEEK,
JUNE 13-18, 2004, Chelsey Tyler, Author
Charlotte Gem & Mineral Club, Charlotte, NC - SFMS

FOSSILS OF IOWA,
Jenny Hedrich, Author
McPherson Gem & Mineral Club
McPherson, KS - RMFMS

POETRY - JUNIOR
1. UNTITLED
Alaina Mary Richert, Author
Three Rivers Gem & Mineral Society
Fort Wayne, IN - MWF

2. SUE’S GREAT FRIGHT IN THE NIGHT
Elijah Kemp, Author
Three Rivers Gem & Mineral Society
Fort Wayne, IN - MWF

POETRY - ADULT
1. ODE TO AN AGING ROCKHOUND
Dolores E. Ruse, Author
Grand Island Earth Science Society
Grand Island, NE - MWF

2. ROCKY BECOMES A ROCKHOUND
Torry Proctor, Author
Houston Gem & Mineral Society
Houston, TX - SCFMS

3. A SHOW FOR ALL AMERICA
C. D. (Catherine) Smith, Author
Gem & Mineral Society of Syracuse NY
Syracuse, NY - EFMLS

4. A GE-ODE
Jessica Shurtz, Author
Pleasant Oaks Gem & Mineral Club of Dallas
Dallas, TX - SCFMS

5. HOOKED
Aloha Hoogterp, Author
Sioux Empire Gem & Mineral Society
Sioux Falls, SD - MWF

6. BE GRATEFUL MY SOUL
Ed Clay, Author
Houston Gem & Mineral Society
Houston, TX - SCFMS

8. ELUSIVE GOLD
Betty Oberheim, Author
Central Pennsylvania Rock & Mineral Club
Harrisburg, PA - EFMLS

10. ONCE UPON SOME ROCKS
Terry Proctor, Author
Northern Virginia Mineral Club
Springfield, VA - EFMLS

OUR FIRST ROCK CLUB EXPERIENCE
Gene & Lucille Burroughs, Authors
Wickenburg Gem & Mineral Society
Wickenburg, AZ - RMFMS

A TRIP TO THE COAST ON VALENTINE’S DAY
Judi Allian, Author
Lakeside Gem & Mineral Club, Kennewick, WA - NFMS

POEM IN HONOR OF FGMS VOLUNTEERS
Marcus Rothenberg, Author
Southern Appalachian Mineral Society
Asheville, NC - SFMS

AMETHYST, Hugh Sheffield, Author
Pennsylavan Geology Society, Laurel, PA - SFMS

AMETHYST HILLBILLY,
Jason Hamilton, Author
Bedminster Gem & Mineral Society
Murry, CA - CFMS

Jim Patzer receives his award from John Washburn at the Editor’s Breakfast. Photo: C Weinbeger
ALL-AMERICAN CLUB AWARD - 2005

SECTION 1 - CLUB INFORMATION (NO POINTS AWARDED)

Club Name & Address:___________________________________________________________________________________________________

Date organized_____________________
Federation affiliation_________________________________

Number of members: Adult_______ Honororary/Life____________ Junior___________

Meeting Place:_________________________________________________________________________________________________________

Person filling out form: Name___________________________________________________________________________

Address:_______________________________________________________________________________________

Phone:________________________________
E-mail_________________________________________________________________

Mission or purpose of the club:_____________________________________________________________________________________________

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SECTION 2 - SERVICE TO MEMBERS OR GUESTS (30 POINTS POSSIBLE)

General Meetings:
Number of meetings___________ Average attendance_____________________________

Guests_________ Door Prizes: Yes______ No______ Programs: Include a list of programs for the year, including topic, speaker, etc.

Board Meetings:
Number of meetings__________ Average attendance__________ Guests_________

List of officers, directors and committee chairman

Junior Meetings: Number of meetings___________ Average attendance__________ Guests_________

Adult leader(s):__________________________________________________________________________________________________

Special Group Meetings (Established groups):
Number attending - Cabbing_________ Faceting_________ Metal working_________

Beading_________ Mineral study_________ Fossil study,_________ Intarsia_________ Jewelry making_________ Other_________

Social Events: Number attending - Picnic_________ Banquet_________ Holiday dinner_________ Other (Describe):__________________________

Show: Yes______ No______ Date______________________________________________

Dealers: Yes______ No______ #_________ Members attending: #__________ Members working: #__________

Demonstrators: Yes______ No______ #__________ Displays: Yes______ No______ #__________

Special Features:
Club library: Yes______ No______ Number of books:__________________________

Workshop: Yes______ No______ Website: Yes______ No______

Traveling club display (For other club shows, youth groups, schools, etc.): Yes_________ No__________

SECTION 3 - PUBLICATIONS AND PUBLICITY (15 POINTS POSSIBLE)

Bulletin: Yes______ No______ Bulletin name___________________________________________________________________________

Editor’s name_________________________________________________________________________________________________________

Meeting notices posted in public places: Yes______ No______ Where? Meeting notices published in local media: Yes______ No______ Where?

Show fliers posted in public places: Yes______ No______ Where? Show information published in local media: Yes______ No______ Where?

Free or paid ads on TV or radio: Yes______ No______ Show information: Yes______ No______

Copies of supporting material, to include: 1) fliers, 2) media articles about the club activities, 3) show ads, 4) show or meeting notices from newspapers, 5) other, should be included in the report
SECTION 4 - SUPPORT FOR REGIONAL FEDERATIONS, AFMS AND OTHER CLUBS     (20 POINTS POSSIBLE)

Members served as Federation Officers, Committee Chairs or committee members:
Regional federation: Yes_____ No_____ (Please include a list)  AFMS: Yes_____ No_____ (Please include a list)

Members attended a Federation convention or show:
Regional federation: Yes_____ No____ #____  AFMS: Yes_____ No____ #____

Members supported Federation scholarships or endowment funds:
Regional: Scholarship fund: Yes_____ No_____  Endowment fund: Yes_____ No_____  
AFMS: Scholarship fund: Yes_____ No_____  Endowment fund: Yes_____ No____

Members gave programs for other clubs: Yes_____ No____
Members attended other club shows, swaps, etc.: Yes_____ No____
Members held joint field trips with other clubs: Yes_____ No____
Members displayed/demonstrated at other club shows: Yes_____ No____
Club exchanged bulletins with other clubs: Yes_____ No____ (Include list)

Supporting material should include a list of all the above persons, positions, etc, and could include pictures, copies of certificates, etc.

SECTION 5 - COMMUNITY RELATIONS    (15 POINTS POSSIBLE)

Members gave talks or demonstrations at local schools: Yes_____ No____
Members gave talks or demonstrations to local groups: Yes_____ No____
Members maintained displays at local public sites: Yes_____ No____
Members maintained a booth, or an activity, at a local event: Yes_____ No____
Members donated materials to school, nursing home, etc.: Yes_____ No____
Members active in local affairs: Yes_____ No____

Supporting material for the above should provide details for these items, and could include pictures, thank you cards, letters and certificates of appreciation, etc.

SECTION 6 - GOVERNMENT AGENCY AND LEGISLATIVE RELATIONS   (10 POINTS POSSIBLE)

Members served on governmental agency committees: Yes_____ No____
Members provided comments on governmental agency proposals, etc.: Yes_____ No____
Members contacted congressional representatives regarding legislation affecting access to sites, and collecting from same: Yes_____ No____
Club or members supported access/collecting lobbying organizations: Yes_____ No____

Supporting materials should include details for all of the above items, and should include copies of correspondence

SECTION 7 - OVERALL FORMAT AND PRESENTATION  - (10 POINTS POSSIBLE)

This section evaluates the entry on neatness, organization, grammar and spelling and overall presentation of material

SCORING AND AWARDS
Gold All-American Club: 90 - 100 points (average of three)
Silver All-American Club: 80 - 89 points (average of three)
Bronze All-American Club: 70 - 79 points (average of three)
Honorable Mention: Less than above

Instructions for completing the entry form:
1. Each entry is to be submitted as a single document, limited to a maximum of 100 pages (one- or two-sided), including text and graphics. A loose leaf notebook is a suitable binder.

2. The document should have six (6) sections, divided with the numbers 1 - 6, with the entry form in section 1 and the supporting documentation for each of the entry sections following the appropriate divider. There is no restriction on the number of pages in any section, PROVIDED THE TOTAL OF ALL SECTIONS DOES NOT EXCEED 100 PAGES.

3. When filling out the entry form, mark all appropriate blanks and entry numbers, or other information where requested. Assemble requested supporting materials and list following the appropriate section divider, and insert photos and other graphics following the typed information.

4. All requested material is for the year 2005.
The Bulletin Editor’s Hall of Fame was begun at the AFMS Convention in Boise, Idaho in 1995. The goal of the Hall of Fame is to recognize club and federation editors for their long-time dedication to publishing good newsletters.

Each year one or more editors from the region in which the AFMS Convention is held is “inducted” into the Hall of Fame. This year, since the convention was in the Midwest, the committee has elected Jane Motz, editor of the quarterly M.G.A.G.S. Newsletter of the Michigan Geology & Gemcraft Society. Jane has been editor of this club publication for over 20 years!

In addition, the committee decided to elect Dan Imel, editor of the S.C.R.I.B.E. Newsletter. The newsletter has been around since the 1970’s and is specific in its focus on subjects for bulletin editors. In addition, Dan has been putting out a CD for editors with the best of the best newsletters, helpful hints and winning articles from AFMS files. This has been enormously popular with editors throughout the country and it has been done at a nominal fee of $1.00 plus postage per disc.

Congratulations to both Jane and Dan!

Regional representatives on the committee are:

Carolyn Weinberger, Eastern
Shirley Leeson, California
Kitty Starbuck, Midwest
Paul Good & Jean Wallace, South Central
Esther Davis, Northwest
Shirley Leeson, California

Next year an editor from the Southeast will be honored.

For the past 3 years, the AFMS has been sponsoring a “Judges Training Seminar” in an effort to get all of our competitive exhibitors to interpret the Uniform Rules in the same manner. The seminar is held at Wildacres, Little Switzerland, North Carolina in conjunction with one of the Eastern Federation’s workshops there. The class is taught by Jay Bowman, a former Eastern Federation and American Federation URC chair and long-time EFMLS Exhibiting and Judging instructor.

Since its inception three years ago, one individual from each of our regional federations plus the AFMS Uniform Rules chairperson has attended the week-long session. I believe that all have come away with a keener understanding of the Uniform Rules and the judging (teaching) process.

So what does the seminar involve? Each participant, with the help and guidance of Jay, is led through the Uniform Rules. Questions are asked by Jay, “what if?” or “how would you?” Questions are also asked by participants, “what if?” or “how would you?” or “suppose?” With give and take between the participants and instructor, the group understands the correct interpretation intended for each segment of the rules.

In addition, each seminar features several “practice cases” for participants to evaluate using the rules. These displays are brought and shared by those participating in the EFMLS Wildacres Workshop. Those in the seminar judge them as if they were in competition, then discuss their findings with the group. Questions are asked, answers given and interpretations of rules discussed.

Following the seminar, participants return to their regional federations where they are charged with teaching other members of their rules committee. It is our hope that by using this method we will have a greater cadre of informed evaluators at all shows and that competitors are evaluated fairly and consistently.

Can others participate in the seminar? Of course. The Eastern Federation holds an Exhibiting and Judging class each of its Wildacres Workshops. Anyone participating in the workshop may join the class - in fact, in each of the three years we’ve held the seminar we’ve had a good number of other participants join us. The more the merrier - and sometimes these “non-judges” ask the best questions!

If you are truly interested in the AFMS Uniform Rules, want to be a member of your federation’s Uniform Rules Committee, and perhaps want to join the 2006 seminar, contact your regional URC chair and express your desire to join the group. Perhaps you’ll be chosen as your federation representative - or contact me and I’ll put you in touch with the person to ask about just attending the EFMLS Wildacres Exhibiting and Judging class on your own.

We accomplish a lot in our week at the seminar, and we sure have fun!

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Winning Articles Booklets
from Kitty Starbuck

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JIM AND EDNA
contributed by Rhonda Suls

Jim and Edna were both patients in a mental hospital. One day while they were walking past the hospital swimming pool, Jim suddenly jumped into the deep end.

He sank to the bottom of the pool and stayed there. Edna promptly jumped in to save him. She swam to the bottom and pulled Jim out.

When the medical director became aware of Edna’s heroic act, he immediately ordered her to be discharged from the hospital, as he now considered her to be mentally stable.

When he went to tell Edna the news he said, “Edna, I have good news and bad news. The good news is you’re being discharged. Since you were able to rationally respond to a crisis by jumping in and saving the life of another patient, I have concluded that your act displays sound mindedness. The bad news is, Jim, the patient you saved, hung himself with his belt in the bathroom right after you saved him. I am so sorry, but he’s dead.”

Edna replied, “He didn’t hang himself, I put him there to dry. How soon can I go home?”
Here is the listing of the people who have agreed to serve as AFMS Chairs for 2005. Please feel free to contact these people (or the person in your regional federation who served on the as well) if you need information or have ideas to share with them.

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As a child spending my summers in Upstate New York, I remember living through Hurricane Carol. My Uncle owned an old farmhouse surrounded by 153 acres of fields and woodlands that overlooked a bucolic valley scene. We were near a quaint village with requisite white church and lovely village green. Down the hill from the property was a picturesque waterfall where we would often stop on our 1.5 miles hike to the village for the “meal”, take off our shoes and clamber on the rocks.

I remember all too well my first trip outside after the hurricane had past. Many of the trees on our property and in the valley below us were lying there like snapped off toothpicks. Much of our country road was washed out and many of those roads we loved to sit and climb over in our waterfall were moved and the falls no longer picturesque as a result. I thought “my world” had come to an end...but of course I was just a child and things look far worse than they really are when you’re that young. Our house was, in fact, the trees would be replanted and eventually grow to mature status again and the memory of the waterfall as it was then, dimmed by time.

We’ve of course lived through many hurricanes since then...Agnes, Andrew, Charley, Frances to name just a few notable storms... but none as severe as Katrina. And as we sit watching the pictures come in from the Gulf Coast and from New Orleans too...we’ve also spent pleasant times along the Gulf Coast and in New Orleans too.

Our last visit was in 2001 when we were with the Southeast Federation for their convention and show in Biloxi and Pascagoula. I remember having a fantastic catfish dinner in an old restaurant surrounded by huge live oaks just outside Biloxi, strolling along the shoreline at Gulfport, and looking at those lovely old shoreline homes in Biloxi. All had survived Camille - all are gone now.

We also spent time in New Orleans on that trip and strolled through the French Quarter and the Garden District and up along the Lake. Looking “up” at the River, we could only imagine “what if?”. Unfortunately, “what if” is now and the city, as we know it, is gone.

All of us need to do what we can to help the victims of this horrific storm. We can only hope that our rockhound friends along the coast can pick up the pieces, rebuild and move on with their lives. Living on the Gulf and in New Orleans had always been perilous. Nature has now tested human fortitude to its limits, but man is an indomitable spirit and will survive.

Our hearts go out to the victims of the storm. Note: I wrote this on September 2, 2005, just 5 days after the storm hit. I can only hope that the victims of the storm can now begin rebuilding their lives.

Perhaps watching the scenes on TV is made harder by the fact that we know so many people who live in these areas affected. We’ve also spent pleasant times along the Gulf Coast and in New Orleans too.

I will respect both private and public property and will do no collecting on privately owned land without the owner’s permission.

I will keep informed on all laws, regulations of rules governing collecting on public lands and will observe them.

I will to the best of my ability, ascertain the boundary lines of property on which I plan to collect.

I will use no firearms or blasting material in collecting areas.

I will cause no willful damage to property of any kind - fences, signs, buildings.

I will leave all gates as found.

I will build fires in designated or safe places only and will be certain they are completely extinguished before leaving the area.

I will discard no burning material - matches, cigarettes, etc.

I will fill all excavation holes which may be dangerous to livestock.

I will not contaminate wells, creeks or other water supply.

I will cause no willful damage to collecting material and will take home only what I can reasonably use.

I will practice conservation and undertake to utilize fully and well the materials I have collected and will recycle my surplus for the pleasure and benefit of others.

I will support the rockhound project HELP: (Help Eliminate Litter Please) and Will leave all collecting areas devoid of litter; regardless of how found.

I will cooperate with field trip leaders and those in designated authority in all collecting areas.

I will report to my club or Federation officers, Bureau of Land management or other authorities, any deposit of petrified wood or other materials on public lands which should be protected for the enjoyment of future generations for public educational and scientific purposes.

I will appreciate and protect our heritage of natural resources.

I will observe the “Golden Rule”, will use “Good Outdoor Manners” and will at times conduct myself in a manner which will add to the stature and Public “image” of rockhounds everywhere.

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Regional Federation Websites

Want to learn more about your own Federation activities? Need information about member club or shows? Visit your regional federation website and explore the wealth of information that’s there.

California - <www.csfmsinc.org>

Eastern - <www.amfed.org/efms>

Midwest - <www.amfed.org/mfms>

Northwest - <www.amfed.org/nfms>

Rocky Mountain - <www.rmffms.org>

South Central - <www.scfms.net>

Southeast - <www.amfed.org/sfms>

AFMS - <www.amfed.org>

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Deadline for the November issue is October 1.
The Incoming Team

2006 AFMS Officers -
from left - Jim Robinson, President, Bob Carlson, Pres.-Elect, Shirley Leeson, 1st Regional VP, Joy Bourne, 2nd Regional VP, Bob Miller, 3rd Regional VP and Anne Cook, Secretary. Absent due to illness are George Brown, 3rd Regional VP and Rocky McCall, 5th Regional VP. Toby Cozens continues to serve as Treasurer.

Dr. Robert Carlson, 2006 President-Elect
Photo: Carolyn Weinberger

Op Ed Corner
by Richard Pankey, CFMS Newsletter Editor

Newsletters and Bulletins

I have been an editor now for almost 8 months; attended the SCRIBE meeting in Quartzsite and the Editors Breakfast at Roseville. I get and read a pile of club Bulletins each month. And I just had an epiphany. Not an earth-shaking, life changing revelation, but a simple realization about my job as editor and the CFMS Newsletter and the job of the bulletin editors and the club bulletins.

I put out a newsletter, and the rest of you put out bulletins. Now think about it a minute, -- they are different in purpose, content and style. My job, and the newsletter, is to collect, organize and convey the news, business, and activities of and about the Federation. The CFMS Newsletter is the connection between the Federation and the societies and members. A club bulletin is the news about the club and its members, activities of local interest, coming events, pertinent information or items of interest from outside the club, and more. Most of the articles and information in the CFMS Newsletter comes from the officers, chairman and committees of the Federation. And lately these articles show up in my e-mail on or before the due date. That is not always the case with club bulletins. I seem that the bulletin editors are always looking for articles and “filler.” And often as not they end up writing a lot of the bulletin. In several bulletin I have seen the name of the editor listed and “Reporter - All Club Members.” Editors edit the input from others, their job description does not say writer.

[The article above appeared in the CFMS Newsletter, August, 2005].

Understanding Engineers

contributed by Mary Chandler

Q: What is the difference between Mechanical Engineers and Civil Engineers?
A: Mechanical Engineers build weapons and Civil Engineers build targets.

Three engineering students were gathered together discussing the possible designs of the human body. One said, "It was a mechanical engineer," Just look at all the joints.

Another said, "No, it was an electrical engineer: The nervous system has many thousands of electrical connections.

The last one said, "Actually it was a civil engineer. Who else would run a toxic waste pipeline through a recreational area?"

Dr. Robert Carlson, 2006 President-Elect
Photo: Barbara Sky

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Two engineering students crossing the campus when one said, "Where did you get such a great bike?"
The second engineer replied, "Well, I was walking along yesterday minding my own business when a beautiful woman rode up on this bike. She threw the bike to the ground, took off all her clothes and said, "Take what you want."
The first engineer nodded approvingly, "Good choice; the clothes probably wouldn't fit."

To the optimist, the glass is half full.
To the pessimist, the glass is half empty.
To the engineer, the glass is twice as big as it needs to be.

A pastor, a doctor and an engineer were waiting one morning for a particularly slow group of golfers.

The engineer fumed, "What's with these guys? We must have been waiting for 15 minutes! The doctor chimed in, "I don't know, but I've never seen such ineptitude! The pastor said, "Hey, here comes the greens keeper. Let's have a word with him."

"Hi George! Say, what's with that group ahead of us? They're rather slow, aren't they?"
The greens keeper replied, "Oh, yes, that's a group of blind fire-fighters. They lost their sight saving our clubhouse from a fire last year, so we always let them play for free anytime."

"That's so sad. I think I will say a special prayer for them tonight," the doctor said, "Good idea. And I'm going to contact my ophthalmologist buddy and see if there's anything he can do for them."

The engineer said, "Why can't these guys play at night?"