Wow! Forty items for the AFMS Endowment Fund Drawing this year!!!!

Thank you, thank you, thank you to all who have donated a prize for this year’s drawing. The total value of the donations is over $7,300!

Remember that you won’t have a chance to win one of the prizes unless you hold a ticket! Do you have your tickets yet? There is still time for you to do so, but you need to act quickly.

Endowment fund “agents” from whom you can obtain tickets are:

California - Colleen McGann
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Santa Clara, CA 95052

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PO Box 302
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South Central – Pam Hecht

You can see the full list of prizes on the AFMS website at www.amfed.org/endow2012.htm or in previous issues of the AFMS Newsletter. Remember too, that if you are interested in winning one of the lapidary equipment prizes (#1 - #4) you need to indicate which prize on your ticket since there will be separate drawings held for each of these. All unmarked tickets will be placed in a random drawing for prizes 5 - 40.

And now, here are the final two prizes for the 2012 drawing.

Prize #39 is a sphere made by Jim Matlock and donated by Emerson Tucker. The material appears to be Llanite. It has an estimated value of $60. (SCFMS)

Prize #40 is a polished stone chip pen set made and donated by Mary Boesdorfer of the Lincoln Orbit Earth Science Society. The pen includes a nice leather box and has an estimated value of $60. (MWF).

You Did It!

by Pam Hecht, Endowment Drawing Chair

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Summertime, Summertime, Sum, Sum, Summertime!

from Ye Olde Editor
FROM THE TOP!  

by Lauren Williams, President

Last call for Minnetonka, Minnesota! In just a little over a month from now we will be in Minnetonka for the AFMS/MWF show and convention. I am looking forward to see what Sandy Fuller and her committee have put together for us at the “Celebration of Agates”. Go early and stay late - there are a lot of things to see and do in the Minneapolis area. Enjoy the field trips and wear and use the proper equipment safely. I suppose that a trip to Mall of America can be considered a field trip; I do not know if it is still the largest mall in the U.S. or not.

If you are competing it is time to put the finishing touches to your competition case and pack it carefully. Make sure that your local club and regional federation records agree with the AFMS records so that there is no disqualification. And for juniors, remember that “...and family” listed in your club membership listing will not work, the club membership must list the junior by name in your club listing or a Juniors Club listing.

Do not forget to buy extra Endowment Fund tickets before the drawing closes. There are many great prizes this year. The more you buy, the greater the chance for you to be a winner in the drawing.

Make sure that you have all of your registration forms that you need are filled out and mailed in.

I look forward to seeing you the last part of July in the ‘Land of Lakes’.

Lauren

IF AT FIRST YOU DON’T SUCCEED...  

by Wendell Mohr, Commemorative Stamp Chair

You know the saying, but in the case of having birthstones on commemorative stamps success is VERY slow in coming.

Please join us in trying to persuade the United States Postal Service to issue our requested stamps. I’m no lyre. I will keep harping until we reach a successful conclusion!

Go to the AFMS web site at <http://www.amfed.org/stamps.htm>

See recent updates being posted by the AFMS webmaster.

Encourage clubs to make use of one of two formats for submission:

1. Form for mailing by individuals. Sender pays postage.

2. Petition form for use at shows or meetings where multiple signatures can be gathered and the sponsoring Club makes one mailing of all sheets completed.

Send to: Citizens’ Stamp Advisory Committee
% Stamp Development
U.S. Postal Service
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SAFETY NOTE: Rattlesnakes!
by Owen Martin, Safety Chair

The following is an excerpt taken from the State of Florida’s guide for field surveyors. Since we travel off the beaten path in a similar fashion when in the field I thought it would be interesting to see how the state approaches the issue of “snake safety.”

Snakebites of surveyors are quite rare, yet the dreaded hazard of rattlesnakes abounds through Florida. Even if preventive measures fail, current knowledge and treatment offer the best prognosis ever for snakebite victims.

Though seemingly rare, poisonous snakes annually bite 6,500 to 7,000 Americans. Always take the following precautions:

1. Always assume snakes are active. Do not relax your vigil on sunny winter days.
2. Do not make “solo” trips across snake country which is remote from habitations and frequently used roads.
3. When traversing brush or grassy terrain, use a “decoy” such as a level rod or a lath, alongside your legs. Walk heavily to create vibrations that can be felt by snakes (a snake does not hear).
4. Walk away from the shaded side of clumps and bushes when the weather is hot and sunny.
5. Step atop logs and large rocks, instead of step between them.
6. Do not jump down from overhangs onto areas where snakes might be hidden from view.
7. Avoid steep cliffs if possible where a snake, uphill from you, could strike the upper portions of your body. Bites on the torso, the neck, and the head are much more damaging and more difficult to treat than those on the limbs.
8. Never climb vertical or near vertical faces where handholds on unseen areas above your head are required.
9. Do not attempt, under any circumstances, to capture snakes!!
10. Do not try to kill a snake unless it is a positive threat to safety.
11. Avoid likely snake areas such as small rodent trails, pack rats’ nests or gopher tortoise dens.
12. When necessary to move low-lying logs, large rocks and boards, use a pry bar, not your hands.
13. Double your precautions at night, especially in warm weather.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING THIS SUMMER?
by Marge Collins, Program Competition Chair

Going on a field trip? Visiting a museum with a fine exhibit of fossils, working on an exhibit of minerals, fossils or another topic related to Earth Science for an upcoming Show or teaching a class to share what you’ve learned with others? Why not document your activity; take pictures or video, making notes for narration, and then use PowerPoint (or another program) so you can show your presentation to your fellow Club members in the fall?

It doesn’t have to end there. You can enter your presentation in AFMS Program Competition. It will be eligible to win a cash award and be duplicated so that Clubs across the country can watch and learn from your experience. Each year the deadline is April 15th, so summer is a great time to start work on a presentation. For more information about Program Competition see AFMS website: www.amfed.org or contact your Regional Program Librarian or AFMS Program Competition Coordinator, Marge Collins.

Email: <margaret@qtm.net>
Phone: (269)665-4313
(If you don’t get a reply to email in a few days, retry or phone to see if gremlins have snagged your note.)

Clubs across the country are looking forward to new programs! Will you be a winner and share with them?

14. Keep vehicles near your work area for rapid transport if a snakebite should occur.
15. If at all possible, maintain radio contact with isolated employee.
16. Know the location of the nearest medical facility where anti-venom is available and the quickest route there.
17. Do not collect rattles. A fine and highly abrasive dust often accumulates inside the rattles and can cause lasting damage to the eyes.
18. Wear high leather boots or snake-leggings in high-hazard areas.
19. Remember that rattlesnakes do not always signal their presence by rattling.

Quick Tips for Editors

by Linda Jaeger, AFMS Club Publications Chair

If you have a question (or suggestion) about editing or writing or the bulletin contest or something related, send it to me by email: <ljaerg@aol.com> or at home address: 3515 E. 88th St., Tulsa, OK 74137. If I cannot find an answer to your question, we’ll publish the question and ask the readers for their answers.

2012 AFMS Breakfast With Editors & Web Masters!

By the time you see this I will have the results for the AFMS Bulletin Editors Contest. Then it’s my job to check arithmetic, order trophies and name badges, send out “Top 10” postcards, re-type winning articles and poems, and send them to the AFMS web master to be uploaded to the archives.

The Breakfast with Editors & Web Masters is where we present the awards for the Bulletin Editors Contest and the awards for the Web Site Contest. Come and join us for the fun, food, camaraderie, and awards in Minnetonka, Minnesota on Sunday, July 29.

In the meantime, take some time for yourself, especially if you’re feeling a bit stressed this time of year (I am — this is when I wind up the semester and give finals!) The following is a re-print of an article I wrote in 2008.

TAKE 5 — JUST FOR YOU!

“In 2005, I got so involved in the Rocky Mountain Federation that I could barely answer when someone said, ‘Hi Jane.’ Now I’m still very involved but more aware of how I handle stress, and I try to use these exercises before I get into the ‘get me done’ mode.”

1- sit back in the chair, feet on the floor, hands in your lap, and breathe in deeply, slowly; let your belly expand and your shoulders rise — then exhale all the air out; you can close your eyes if you’d like, taking several deep breaths (concentrate on breathing — I promise you won’t go to sleep!)

2- to relax your neck and shoulders, inhale slowly and deeply as you lengthen your spine, sitting up tall, then slowly exhale as you look to your right; inhale and look forward; exhale and look left; do several times.

3- to relax your back, scoot that chair away from the keyboard, plant your feet firmly on the ground, chair width apart; inhale for a long spine, then exhale as you bend at the hips (not your waist!) and walk your hands down the fronts of your legs; you can let your head drop between your arms, nodding “yes” then shaking it “no”; if this makes you dizzy, just keep your head higher than your heart; after several breaths walk your hands back up your legs; if you have low back issues you can do this by supporting yourself with your hands on your thighs as you hinge forward at the hip.

4- to re-energize and get ready to type again, move to the front edge of your chair, feet firmly planted, about 10 inches apart; reach both hands behind you to the seat or outside edges of your chair; each time you inhale let your chest rise and pull the shoulder blades together — you’ll feel your spine get longer; exhale and relax your shoulders down; repeat several times.

Feeling better? Got 2 more minutes? Go ahead and get up, walk to the kitchen and get a drink of water. Then you can sit back down and keep those attacking days at bay!

2Solutions based on Tools for Teachers Training Handbook by Leah Kalish and Tara Lynda Guber.

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Upcoming Regional Federation Conventions

from Bob Livingston, AFMS Convention Coordinator

Here are the dates for the upcoming regional federation conventions that have already been scheduled for the next several years. If your regional federation for the coming years has been scheduled and is not listed here, please notify me immediately so it can be added to the schedule. It is important to schedule these as early as possible to try and avoid conflicts with other federations (as occurs in 2013 with CFMS and EFMLS).

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A Celebration of Agates

Combined MWF/AFMS Convention and Show

July 26 - 29
MINNETONKA, MN
(AFMS meetings, July 24-25)
**A Celebration of Agates FAQ**

by Sandy Fuller, Convention Chair

Can I attend A Celebration of Agates if I don’t pre-register for Seminar Day?

Pre-registration is not necessary for daily attendance at “A Celebration of Agates” show on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. There is a $5 per adult per day admission fee for the show. Each day will include exhibits, presentations, book signings and dealers, including some of the top agate dealers in the US.

What is Seminar Day and can I still register?

Seminar Day is a day filled with presentations by internationally recognized experts representing the diversity of agates, jaspers and thundereggs. Each presentation is approximately ½ hour with Q&A and stretch breaks throughout the day. Seminar fees include lunch on Thursday and daily admission to the three day show. To register for Seminar Day, please use the seminar or federation registration form found on the event website at <www.minnemosotamineralsclub.org>.

Why should I attend “A Celebration of Agates”?

A Celebration of Agates is a unique international event bringing together agate enthusiasts and rockhound leaders from across the country and around the world to enjoy and learn more about agates, as well as minerals, fossils and lapidary work. You don’t want to miss this unique event.

Can I get food at the show if I don’t pre-order meals using the registration forms?

Food will be available at the show site Friday, Saturday and Sunday during most of the show hours. Pre-ordered box lunches are primarily for those attending meetings, so participants do not have to wait in line for meals.

Who can/should attend the Saturday night Banquet?

Everyone is invited to the banquet. In addition to food and fellowship, Scott Wolter will speak on his experiences as an agate collector and both federations will be recognizing some clubs and individuals for their contributions to the hobby. Pre-registration is required for the meal (choose your main entrée, the rest is buffet style). The banquet will be held in the cafeteria at Hopkins High School.

Can I still get a room at the special $79/night rate?

Yes, the $79/night rate is good through July 1, if rooms are still available. Meanwhile rooms are going fast so it would be worthwhile to reserve early.

Where are the Federation meetings being held?

All of the meetings scheduled for Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday will be held at the Lindbergh Center at Hopkins High School. The AFMS Uniform Rules committee will meet on Wednesday afternoon at the Marriott Minneapolis West.

How is my club represented in the Midwest Federation?

Each Midwest Federation member club is encouraged to select a delegate to represent their club at the Council of Delegates. Other club members can attend and observe, but there is only one voting delegate per club. Clubs will receive a form to register their representative for the MWF meeting. Delegates who want a box lunch (in case the meeting runs into the lunch hour) need to pre-order lunch on the Federation Registration Form provided by the organizers of “A Celebration of Agates.”

You can download the registration and information forms for the Convention by visiting the AFMS website <www.amfed.org/show2012.htm>.

**Having Fun: Junior Activities**

by Jim Brace-Thompson, Junior Activities Chair

Celebrating Our Kids Programs While Sharing Best Practices

To encourage broader diversity of perspectives and ideas within this column, I’d like to start running a series of articles written by and about some of our most active junior programs from throughout the AFMS. I know from my experience with the FRA Badge Program, we have some terrific leaders out there doing terrific things with the kids in their clubs. To each and every one: thank you! Now here’s your opportunity to highlight your local kids program in your own words.

What activities have worked best with your kids? What tips, suggestions, and “best practices” might help fellow junior program leaders? How do you set up and run your juniors activities? In conjunction with your regular monthly membership meeting? At a separate date and place? In association with a local school? Do you have workshop facilities available to your kids and, if so, how are they set up and overseen? What sorts of field trips do you take? In what ways do you involved kids at your annual show? I’d love to hear from you in answer to any of these questions and to include a profile of your juniors program and your own best practices. I ask that you keep your article fairly brief (not more than 500 words) and send it attached to an email to <jbraceth@roadrunner.com>. If you’re concerned about your writing skills, I’m happy to edit on request from rough draft copy.

So once again: Who are the juniors program leaders in your local society? Have they been doing great things with your club’s kids? Don’t keep it a secret. Write and share the wealth. Otherwise, you’ll just keep hearing my tired old voice—and that’s no fun!

**Sharing Your Bulletin**

by Sir Barkley Bigfoot, Asst. Editor

Although e-mail is creating a major deficit for the USPS, it’s saving our clubs $$$$. Many clubs and some federations now send monthly publications to members via e-mail, thus saving printing costs and postage.

Please consider including your regional federation and AFMS officers and editor in your distribution list for your club bulletins. The list of those who should be receiving your publications is on page 2 of this issue. The cost to your club is nothing!
How to Get Good Publicity

by Delane Cox, President, Rocky Mountain Federation
from Rocky Mountain Federation News, Feb/March 2012

How much publicity has your rock club been getting lately? Not much, you say? Well, I have a few suggestions for your publicity chair to help get your club noticed.

First, you need a list of all the media in your area: radio, TV, newspapers, magazines. Then, you need the address of each, and a contact person in the organization. Two easy ways to get this is to go online and check their website or call to them on the phone. You are looking for the Editor, or Features Editor, along with their email address. Media prefer email to written submissions or phone calls. Put it on your computer where you will have access to names and addresses when you need them.

Then, you need something newsworthy about someone or something that is about your club and is in the local area.

One of the easiest things to publicize is an award someone in your club has won; yet another reason for your club to enter the Federation contests! If no winners (maybe next year?), go for someone in your club who has excelled at a lapidary skill. Do you have someone who makes beads from shells or someone who makes knife handles from beautiful stones? That could be interesting (ensure the person is approachable by the media). If they are not, let your club publicity chair gather the information and write it up. You need to get a picture of that person and their lapidary work, then email it to the local media.

Note: Don’t make the information write-up too long. If the media is interested, they will contact you for more information.

A U.S. Forest Travel Management Plan May Be Coming to Your Neighborhood Soon!

by Shirley Leeson

Do live in an area that has National Forests or National Grasslands in your “backyard”? Most states in the U.S., including those in the east, do have National Forest land within their boundaries.

A few years back, our U.S. Congress mandated that the Agriculture Department create a travel management plan for each individual forest. The first plans were initiated in the far west and now, are beginning to show up in other national forest areas as well.

The American Lands Access Association (ALAA), with the help of some very knowledgeable friends are in the process of creating a primer to help you understand your role in coping with all the government red tape and mundane rules and regulations associated with these plans. It is our hope that you will get involved so that you have a voice in the formulation of these plans.

The primer will take you into the world of government where acronyms are a way of life and also, in some cases, a possible form of intimidation.

The primer will be on the ALAA website <www.amlands.org> shortly.

If you haven’t had a chance to visit the ALAA website, please take a few minutes and do so. It’s full of useful information about YOUR public lands!

AFMS Committees: 2010 – 2011

Here is the listing of the people who have agreed to serve as Committee Chairs for 2011 – 12. Please feel free to contact these people if you need information, have questions or would like to share ideas with them.

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A.L.A.A. at Minnetonka
by Dick Pankey, President, ALAA

It is MWF and AFMS convention time and that means that the American Lands Association will hold its annual business meeting (see the announcement for details.) This year we were able to schedule the meeting on Saturday afternoon at the show site. This will make it convenient for any and all to attend our meeting. Attending this ALAA meeting will give you an opportunity to meet Officers, Directors, State Representatives, find out first hand what we are doing and what we are planning and maybe inspire you to get involved with our activities.

There are many threats to the use and access of our public lands. Access restrictions have taken place through presidential, legislative, and Land Use Plan (LUP) decisions because we the users have not effectively represented our wants to political leaders, and have not participated fully in the LUP process. ALAA is the advocate and the leader for positive action to change the pattern of ever increasing restrictions to our use and access. Apathy and not being involved is our greatest threat. Therefore, I invite everyone attending the “Celebration of Agate” show to stop by the ALAA Info table and to attend the ALAA Meeting.

If you are an ALAA member, you have a vote and a say in the election of the ALAA Directors. If you are a member of a society that is a member of ALAA you may “officially” represent your society.

Compared to the anti-access organizations we are a small, minimally funded organization. We do not have a paid staff. We are volunteers dedicated to fighting for the rights of all rockhounds and everyone that wants to recreate on our public lands. There are many opportunities for you to be involved in our efforts to save access and retain the right to use these lands. We need people to:
✓ Manage projects – collecting area clean-ups and Project H.E.L.P., collecting site and access road documentation, etc.
✓ Help monitor legislation, regulatory and judicial activity in your area.
✓ Coordinate letter/e-mail writing campaigns – identify issues, writing how-to’s, talking points, help people to get started.
✓ Write articles about rockhounding, access and recreation on public lands, etc.
✓ Be a State Rep – liaisons between ALAA and the societies in your state. We currently have 12 states represented; we could use/would need 38 more.
✓ BLM/FS liaison and advocate – work with a local office to learn about local status and issue, and to participate in their land use planning process.

These are just examples of what we could/would be doing if we had the manpower. Do any of these interest you? Would you like to be more involved? Do they spark an idea for something else that you would like to do? Then attend the ALAA meeting at the MWF/AFMS Show in Minnetonka. Or if you just can’t wait that long give me a call or send me an e-mail (925-439-7509; dickpankey@juno.com.)

We are looking for “can do/will do people!! Are you one?

A.L.A.A. Annual Meeting at MWF/AFMS Convention
by Dick Pankey, President

The American Lands Access Association will hold its annual meeting at the MWF/AFMS convention at Minnetonka, MN on Saturday afternoon, July 28th at 2:30 PM at the Lindbergh Center. This is the business meeting for ALAA where we will elect our directors and officers, have officer and committee reports, and approve our budget for the coming year. The work of ALAA takes place throughout the year by our officers, directors, committees, at regional Federation conventions and the actions of our members. At our annual meeting this July we will be electing 4 Directors and the 4 officers. As president I hope to continue on for another term and I hope the other 3 officers will continue on for another term. We have had a great 2011 and 2012 is going well. Our membership is growing, and we have started some good programs with great promise. I believe that ALAA has a strong leadership team and that we should continue and build on our strengths. I hope that all officers and all directors will continue to serve.

All members of ALAA, all members of MWF and AFMS are welcome and encouraged to attend this meeting. I hope that all of you or as many as possible will be able to attend the MWF/AFMS show and meetings in Minnetonka, MN on July 26th to 29th. I hope to see many of you there.

AFMS Code of Ethics

✓ 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 H.E.L.P. (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 all times conduct myself in a manner which will add to the stature and Public “image” of rockhounds everywhere.