AFMS Recognition Award Presented

Our 2012 Recognition Award recipient is no stranger to the AFMS since she’s been involved with the Federation for the past 20+ years. A mineral collector, she and her late husband Bill, began their involvement exhibiting at shows and then becoming judges for competitive displays at first the regional and then AFMS level. Her interest led her to get involved with the AFMS Uniform Rules Committee where she has helped refine the competitive exhibiting rules, kept the records of who has displayed, scores earned and trophies won. On numerous occasions she has served as Secretary for the AFMS Uniform Rules Committee. This year, she was chairperson of the AFMS Uniform Rules Committee and in that capacity, formulated the agenda, worked with numerous URC committees charged with reviewing the existing rules, and kept all on the committee apprised of proposed changes to the rules.

In 2003 she was asked to complete the term of an AFMS secretary who had resigned. She immediately agreed to complete the term, then was elected in her own right and has been re-elected for several terms since then. She does an excellent job of recording the annual meeting minutes, sending them to the Central Office and editor for publication, etc. She also forwards club contact information to the Central Office as she receives it so that the mailing list can be kept accurate and answers numerous questions about AFMS that come her way.

Our recipient also served as Vice President and President of the Midwest Federation, and thus served on the AFMS Board of Directors. (1994-1995).

Other AFMS involvement over the years includes serving on the AFMS Endowment Fund Financial Advisory Committee, Parliamentarian, and the AFMS Scholarship Foundation Financial Advisory Committee. She also attended the AFMS Judges Seminar at Wildacres twice in order to further hone her understanding and interpretation of the AFMS Uniform Rules.

Although not an AFMS Committee, in previous years our recipient also served as Secretary of the American Lands Access Association.

It gives us great pleasure to bestow the 2012 AFMS Recognition Award to

Anne Cook

Unfortunately, Anne was not able to attend the Convention in Minneapolis this year due to major surgery. She was greatly missed and all were relieved to learn that the surgery went well and her surgeon is quite pleased with her progress.
FROM THE TOP!  by Lauren Williams, President

Wasn’t that a great show and convention that the Minnesota Mineral Club and Midwest Federation put on for us in Minnetonka, Minnesota? Many thanks need to go to Sandy Fuller and her show committee for all the hard work and many hours that they spent in preparing the show and meetings for us.

For most of us our local Club show is the main income producer that our club has. Our local club show gets our club name in front of the public and allows us to show others what we can do. Hopefully this will create a spark of interest in those visiting our show so that they will come to a meeting and join our club. Once the new person shows up at our meeting, we introduce them to the individuals who do what they want to do or provide information about someone who does. In your own club, take the initiative to start the conversation; visitors are probably like deer in the headlights, standing there trying to figure out what is going on. Do not let them leave saying “no one even talked to me.”

In our collective rush to lower costs by having club bulletins sent by e-mail to reduce postage costs, don’t forget that you have to have something in hand to advertise your club and show for the public. You need to tell them what it is that you do or why they should take time to come to your meeting and join your club. There are still many who do not like computers (or do not have them) and if you tell them to go on-line to find out about your club, they won’, but if you give them a sheet of paper with the same information, they can take that sheet of paper and put it on the fridge door or somewhere else and sometime at their leisure they will come to one of your meetings. My wife belonged to our local gem and mineral club for nine months before she finally got me to come to a meeting. In other words, to reach the most people a cookie cutter approach is not the best solution. Do not be afraid to try something new. Tradition was a new idea that started at some point in time in the past by someone. Be creative, if something does not work move on to the next idea.

Lauren

ALL AMERICAN AWARDS  by John Washburn, Chair

The AFMS All American Competition had some wonderful entries this year. I was pleased to present the following awards this year at our convention in Minneapolis and would encourage every club to consider entering next year.

Submissions for 2013 will be accepted after January 2013 – dates for your regional competition will be announced in your regional federation newsletter – and will ask for information about your club activities in 2012.

Results for this year are listed alphabetically by club by category and award.

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**It's Good to Meet You!**

*by Don Monroe, President-elect*

During the past several years I have had the pleasure of serving AFMS in different capacities. I have met many of you when I have served at various times as Regional Vice President. I was the AFMS safety chairman beginning with Jim Robinson's tenure in 2005 and ending in 2008. From September 2005 until the present I have served as safety chairman for the Southeast Federation. Many of my articles published in the SFMS newsletter may have given you some insight as to who I am and where I am from.

In my opinion, to understand the man you need to know something about the boy. I am descended from Monroes from Scotland who came to this country in the mid-1600's landing in Virginia. My ancestors moved south through the Carolinas and ultimately settled in north Georgia. I was born on the family farm which had been purchased by my grandfather in 1911. After high school, I enrolled at Georgia Institute of Technology where I earned a couple of engineering degrees and an ROTC commission. There is an old expression which says "if you accept the Queen's salt, you must then serve the Queen". So, I served a period of active duty in the Army and then served as a reserve officer for 28 years while I worked in industry as a professional engineer. I negotiated an early retirement from what my mother always referred to as 'my real job' in industry and established a small consulting firm which I still operate. My current wife Ann and I have a total of three children and a few grandchildren scattered throughout the southern part of the country.

Ann and I have been teaching together for several years (I think 18) at William Holland School of Lapidary Arts, Wildacres and, in the past, at John C. Campbell Folk School.

Our primary area of interest is silver jewelry. We do beginning, intermediate and advanced level courses including Channel and Scottish Jewelry. We live on a hilltop in the mountains of North Georgia about two miles from the North Carolina state line. In addition to lapidary work we cook together specializing in Appalachian cooking and will try almost any recipe once.

My other hobbies include blacksmithing and knife making. At times I serve as a guide for mule deer hunters in the Big Bend area of Texas. This work had the added benefit of finding fossils, Indian relics and some beautiful stones.

I am honored to be your president-elect and looking forward to serving as your president. I realize it is "mission impossible" but I hope to meet each of you at the annual AFMS meeting and at the meetings of the various federations. I will attend all of the meetings that I possibly can and I urge each of you to introduce yourselves and ask any questions you may have.

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**Bill Burns**

May 28, 1928 – May 13, 2012

Bill Burns, past president of the California Federation, former AFMS Regional Vice President, and husband of AFMS Past President Izzy Burns, passed away at his home on May 13.

A member of three California clubs, Bill was a true "rockhound activist". He and Izzy were active in the Desert Advisory Council, helped reopen Afton Canyon after the BLM closed it down to collecting and were instrumental in keeping the Hauser Beds/Wiles Well geode area open for collecting. They also helped start the successful CFMS program at Zzyzx, a facility in the Mojave Desert near Baker, California.

In addition to field trips, Bill loved to travel. His last trip was two years ago when he and Izzy joined Bob Jones on a tour of English rockhounding sites and museums. He rarely missed an AFMS convention or a gem and mineral show. He loved to talk with people and in doing so, made numerous friends across the country.

Bill was one of those fellows who enjoyed being involved – involved in his clubs, his federation, his community, and his family.

He's survived by his wife Izzy, and two daughters, Sandie and Pat. Contributions in his memory may be sent to the AFMS Scholarship Foundation, % of your regional federation coordinator.
Upcoming Regional Federation Conventions

by Bob Livingston

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Safety Note: Don’t Hold Your Cat During an Electrical Storm

by Owen Martin, Safety Chair

OK, hopefully that headline caught your attention. I’m somewhat hardheaded and have unfortunately learned this lesson the hard way - twice!! Nothing like a lightning strike to turn a cat into all claws going vertical at mach 1. In the worst case I ended up with my hand being used as the launch pad and was cut to the bone on one of my knuckles. Needless to say, not a lesson that I want to learn a third time.

The point of my note is simply to encourage you to pay attention to what is going on around you. Look both ways before you cross the road, never look a dog in the eye from close range, don’t pick up that stick with the rattle on the end (snake), etc. Common sense points, but we can take them a little farther.

There should not have been anything inherently dangerous about holding a cat in your lap, but add lightning to the mix and bad things happened. Recently a hiker was killed when a dead tree fell on her. Lesson learned, don’t walk under dead trees. Hiking alone was not that dangerous.

Driving down the road in front of my neighborhood there is a spot that collects water when it rains. That spot is easy to navigate around however when a car adjacent to me failed to slow down I hit the brakes. That car hydroplaned into my lane, but missed me and had road space to avoid completely. Lesson learned: pay attention to those around you who might not be familiar with the hazards you are familiar with. Driving there should not have been dangerous.

A friend of mine pulled up at an outcrop. A pit bull came running up to his car. My friend stayed put and the owner showed up a minute later. Ends up the dog was well adjusted and liked my friend (my friend is now called “bacon”). Lesson learned: staying in the car kept him from entering a situation where he was not in control. That dog wasn’t dangerous, but he didn’t know for sure.

The same friend had an incident where he was walking his dogs on an outcrop and an adjacent landowner accosted him while armed with a shotgun and told him that he would shoot his dogs if they came on the property. My friend promptly left. Lesson learned: discretion is the better part of valor, or in this case live to hunt fossils on another day. Walking your dogs is not typically a time where you get threatened by a guy with a shotgun!

Yesterday, two men were killed near where I live by a lightning strike. They were sheltering under a tree. Lesson learned: we’ve been told this since we were children and it is true. These gentlemen could just as easily have sheltered in a car. A very sad thing for their friends and families.

In summary, keep an eye and ear out to your surroundings. It will help you identify hazards and allow you to minimize your risks associated with those hazards.

Please do so and stay safe the rest of this summer and fall.

Uniform Rules Committee Recap

by Bob Miller, URC Chair pro tem

The Uniform Rules committee met for its annual meeting in St. Louis Park, MN on July 25. Due to the absence of chairperson Anne Cook, Bob Miller, member of the MWF rules committee was asked to chair the meeting.

Much of the discussion centered around correcting language and spelling to the existing rules with some slight changes made to Division I - Beading (including a change in a bead size); Division C - Lapidary; and Division D - Jewelry and Art Metalcraft.

In addition, discussion regarding the AFMS Mineral List and a new category “Knapping” were held.

These changes will take effect on January 1 and will be available from your regional federation rules chair and posted on the AFMS website by the end of the year.

Officer Change?

Let the AFMS Central Office know so the mailing list can be kept up to date!

Please send the name, mailing address, and office along with the name of your club.

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The AFMS / MWF Convention is now history. We owe a debt of gratitude to the members of the Minnesota Mineral Club and Sandy Fuller, show chair for showing all of us a wonderful week.

All activities except for the Uniform Rules meeting were held at the Lindbergh Center at Hopkins High School - a fairly new facility boasting a modern auditorium, comfortable dining hall and large gymnasium where the show itself was housed.

In addition to the AFMS Officers and Directors (or representatives for them), nine past presidents were in attendance, twelve committee chairs and twenty-two visitors were present.

Minutes of the meeting can be found on page 12 of this issue.

AFMS 2012-13 Officers
from left: Treasurer Pat LaRue, 4th VP Sandy Fuller, 2nd VP Matt Charsky, 1st VP Marion Roberts, President-Elect Richard Jaeger, President Don Monroe. Not present: 5th VP Doug True and 3rd VP Ann James

AFMS Past Presidents
AFMS Club Rockhounds of the Year

from Evelyn Cataldo, AFMS Chair

California Federation

John and Susan Martin epitomize what makes a good club member. Each has served as President, Federation Director, Nominating Chair and Property & Inventory of the Palomar Gem & Mineral Society. John has also been Vice-President, Newsletter Editor and 2007 CFMS Show Chairman. He currently serves the CFMS as PLAC South and the AFMS as Conservation & Legislation Chair and the ALAA as Webmaster. Susan has served as Finance & Audit Officer, Corresponding & Recording Secretary, Scholarship, CFMS Newsletter-February 2012 Chair and Headstart & 4th Grade Geology Education Coordinator. Susan helped develop the AFMS Beading Rules. submitted by Cheri George, President PGMS

Wendell Mohr has been named their 2011 Rockhound of the Year. Wendell is our photographer, corresponds with clubs and collectors on our behalf, and collects and sorts material donated to the club. Also, he serves as our club’s EFMLS representative and spends countless hours at our annual show. submitted by Andrew S. Muir, Treasurer

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The Downey Delvers Gem & Mineral Society recognizes Steve Miller as their Rockhound of the Year. Steve joined the club in 1966 and has been President twice, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd VP, Show Chair twice and is always a member of the Board. He has collected in all the western states for many years. After doing lapidary and silver work, he now focuses on metal detecting. Steve and his wife, Guynell, sell at the club shop and occasionally at Stoddard Wells. His hobbies are trains, photography and treasure hunting.

The Contra Costa Mineral & Gem Society honors Mary Jernigan as its Rockhound of the Year. Mary has been a member for fifteen years and is relentless and tireless in her dedication to the growth of our Society. Mary has held the position of CCM&G secretary for two years and Publicity for three years as well as volunteering for other committee positions. Mary’s help with all facets of our show is exceptional. She is an incredible team player. Mary has been a huge part of promoting and increasing children’s activities at our show.

Eastern Federation

Joe Muster has been named Rockhound of the Year by the Northern Virginia Mineral Club. Joe is generous with his specimens, hobby materials, time and patience while encouraging others to enjoy all aspects of our hobby. Joe excels as a facetter, microscopist, specimen collector and creator of his miniatures of a rock shop and show. These latter two exhibits combined his craftsmanship as a master woodworker and carver with his mineral interests. Joe is a founding member of the Gem and Mineral Hunters and the Microminerologists of the National Capitol Area. submitted by Sue Marcus, President

The Gem, Lapidary, and Mineral Society of Montgomery County, MD designates Wendell Mohr as our Rockhound of the Year. Wendell has served the club for six-plus years as Editor of our bulletin, The Rockhounder, winning numerous awards, including the EFMLS First Place! The Society has barely survived his witty but painful purses through the years. Wendell is our photographer, corresponds with clubs and collectors on our behalf, and collects and sorts material donated to the club. Also, he serves as our club’s EFMLS representative and spends countless hours at our annual show. submitted by Andrew S. Muir, Treasurer

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The Bristol Gem & Mineral Club honors long-time members David and Barbara Korzendorfer as our 2012 Rockhounds of the Year. While David, as club President and Show Chairman, and Barbara, as Webmaster, Membership and Refreshment chair, are their official duties, their behind the scenes work is also a long list of activities. Let’s just say that for the past several years they, as the Dynamic Duo of superhero-hood, have provided the crazy glue that kept the club strong and growing. Faster than a speeding bullet, able to leap tall buildings in a single bound…wait- that is a different superhero – but you get the idea. They are everywhere, doing so much for the club, it’s easy to miss noting all they accomplish. submitted by Katie Collins, Secretary & Ellery Borow

The Denver Gem and Mineral Guild designates Linda Burns, as our Rockhound of the Year. Linda started looking for rocks and minerals when she was about twelve years of age. With her Mom and friend, Linda roamed Teller County, Colorado, home of the Florissant Fossil Beds. Today, Linda spends her free time collecting gems and minerals in the field. At DGMG sponsored workshops, Linda learned to carve soapstone; the anatomy of her bison and bighorn is exemplary. At the DGMG show and the Great Denver Gem and Mineral Show, Linda demonstrates and coaches carving, in addition to volunteering for other tasks. submitted by Beth Simmons

The Denver Gem and Mineral Guild honors Tyler Rockley as our 2012 Junior Rockhound of the Year. Tyler attends field trips, volunteers at the club show and the Greater Denver Gem and Mineral Show, plus any other event where a helping hand is needed. Tyler played the leading role of 16 year old Peter T. Dotson (who collected the first T-rex tooth on S. Table Mountain) in Arthur Lakes: Discovering Dinosaurs, a movie written, directed and edited by members of the DGMG, soon to be released by the Friends of Dinosaur Ridge. After graduation for high school, Tyler will attend the Colorado School of Mines, majoring in geology. submitted by Beth Simmons

Mount Hood Rock Club of Oregon honors Stephen Petkovsek as their 2011 Rockhound of the Year. Stephen joined in 2000 and has served as V.P. and President. He has been in charge of the club’s competitive society case and the lapidary shop and works at the club and Portland Regional shows, often as chairman of the silent auction. For several years he has assembled a case of rock related items to be used at the club show as a raffle item. His interests are making cabs and spheres, polishing flats, silversmithing and knapping. Many of his projects are donated to the club as a raffle item, Portland Regional and to the Children’s Hospital in Portland. He enjoys rock collecting in central Oregon and comes back with many unusual specimens. Each year he volunteers a week of his time to teach silversmithing at the Federation’s Rockhound Retreat. He attended and passed the judging class at the Retreat and has assisted as a judge at several shows. submitted by Edna Nelson

Has your club selected someone as its “Rockhound of the Year”? Just pick someone who is important to your club, write a 100 word or less paragraph telling the world of your good fortune, and submit it to your regional federation ACROY coordinator. Each club is allowed one submission of an individual or husband and wife team plus one junior per year.
Ladies and gentlemen, all I can say is WOW!!!! Ticket sales this year went through the roof thanks to the fabulous prizes we had and thanks to the hard work of our ticket “salespersons”. I especially want to thank Hi-Tech Diamond for their extremely generous donation of four pieces of lapidary equipment and from Rocks & Minerals Magazine for their donation of a complete set of 2011 magazines.

Our wonderful salespersons helped make this a rousing success too and I want to acknowledge them once more.

CFMS - Colleen McGann
EFMLS - Carolyn Weinberger
MWF - JC Moore
NFMS - Chris Blickfeldt and Judi Allison
RMFMS - Richard Jaeger
SCFMS - Virginia Adrian and Emerson Tucker
SFMS - requests were sent directly to me.

And here are the results:

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The 2012 Bulletin Editor’s Contest is over and awards have been announced and presented. I want to thank those who took the time and effort to enter the competition at the regional level and those who took the time to judge the numerous articles and bulletins this year.

I hope that every editor considers entering the competition next year. Although not every bulletin or article earns a trophy, the comments made by the judges are always invaluable. Your regional federation chairperson will give you the dates for entering your 2012 bulletins and articles via your own regional federation newsletter.

Here are the results from the contest this year (2011 bulletins and articles).

**New Editors, Top 10 (6 entries)**

1. Rockhound Rambling
   Angela D. Brown, Editor
   Ventura Gem & Mineral Society
   Ventura, CA (CFMS)

2. Tips & Trips
   Dylan Porter, Editor
   Georgia Mineral Society
   Norcross, GA (SFMS)

3. The Hound’s Tale
   Kathy Lawrence, Editor
   Arlington Gem & Mineral Club
   Arlington, TX (SCFMS)

4. The Rockfinder
   Michelle E. Fisher, Editor
   Chicago Mineral & Rock Club
   Chicago, IL (MWF)

5. Yakima Rock & Mineral News
   Ronna Watkins, Editor
   Yakima Rock & Mineral Club
   Yakima, WA (NFMFS)

6. Rock Buster News
   Kelsey Prinkey, Editor
   Central Pennsylvania Rock & Mineral Club
   Harrisburg, PA (EFMLS)

7. Rock-A-Teer
   Dana James, Editor
   Puyallup Valley Gem & Mineral Club
   Puyallup, WA (NFMS)

8. Tips & Chips
   Beth Simmons, Editor
   Denver Gem & Mineral Guild
   Lakewood, CO (RMFMS)

9. Canaveral Moonstone
   David Jacobson, Editor
   Canaveral Mineral & Gem Society
   Melbourne, FL (SFMS)

10. The Rostrum
    Gerald Elgert, Editor
    Maryland Geological Society
    Silver Spring, MD (EFMLS)

**Mini Bulletins, Top 10 (3 entries)**

1. Rock Chatter
   Donna Moore, Editor
   West Central Illinois Rock & Mineral Club
   Macomb, IL (MWF)

2. Stepping Stones
   Colleen Green, Editor
   Lockheed Rockhound Activity Stone Steppers
   Fort Worth, TX (SCFMS)

3. The Huachuca Diggers
   Ingrid Baillie, Editor
   Huachuca Mineral & Gem Club
   Sierra Vista, AZ (RMFMS)

**Small Bulletins, Top 10**

1. The Strata Data
   Michele Yamanaka, Editor
   Three Rivers Gem & Mineral Society
   Fort Wayne, IN (MWF)

2. The Post Rock
   Sara Murphy, Editor
   McPherson Gem & Mineral Club
   McPherson, KS (RMFMS)

3. Quarry Quips
   Carolyn White, Editor
   Wichita Gem & Mineral Society
   Wichita, KS (RMFMS)

4. Rock-N-Rose
   Susan Burch, Editor
   East Texas Gem & Mineral Society
   Tyler, TX (SCFMS)

5. The Trilobite
   Paul & Verna Schmidt, Editors
   The Wisconsin Geological Society
   Milwaukee, WI (MWF)

6. Rockhound Ramblings
   Mark Nelson, Editor
   Pasadena Lapidary Society
   an Dimas, CA (CFMS)

7. The Mountain Gem
   Linda Behr, Editor
   The Gem & Mineral Society of Franklin, NC
   Franklin, NC (SFMS)

8. Dusty Rocks
   Jennifer Zimmerlee, Editor
   Klamath Rock & Arrowhead Club
   Klamath Falls, OR (NFMS)

9. Canaveral Moonstone
   David Jacobson, Editor
   Canaveral Mineral & Gem Society
   Melbourne, FL (SFMS)

10. News & Views
    Reed Pendleton, Editor
    Wasatch Gem Society
    Sandy, UT (RMFMS)

**Large Bulletins, Top 10**

1. Rock-A-Teer
   Dana James, Editor
   Puyallup Valley Gem & Mineral Club
   Puyallup, WA (NFMS)

2. LOESS Bulletin
   Ed Wagner, Editor
   Lincoln Orbit Earth Science Society
   Springfield, IL (MWF)

3. The Backbender’s Gazette
   Phylis George, Editor
   Houston Gem & Mineral Society
   Houston, TX (SCFMS)

4. Ghost Sheet
   Chris Whittier, Editor
   Mother Lode Mineral Society of California
   Modesto, CA (CFMS)

5. Gem Cutters News
   Carolyn Weinberger, Editor
   Gem Cutters Guild of Baltimore
   Baltimore, MD (EFMLS)

6. T-Town Rockhound
   Scott Robb, Editor
   Tulsa Rock & Mineral Society
   Tulsa, OK (RMFMS)

7. Tips & Chips
   Beth Simmons, Editor
   Denver Gem & Mineral Guild
   Lakewood, CO (RMFMS)

8. CentrILL Gems
   Regina Klapa, Editor
   Central Illinois Gem & Mineral Club
   Decatur, IL (MWF)

9. Pick & Shovel
   Sharon Marburger, Editor
   Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club
   Lincoln, NE (MWF)

10. The Rostrum
    Gerald Elgert, Editor
    Maryland Geological Society
    Silver Spring, MD (EFMLS)

Large Bulletins, Honorable Mention

Rocky Reader
Suzanne Shimatzki, Editor
Toledo Gem & Rockhound Club, Toledo, OH (MWF)

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2. Geologic Stories Told by a Texas Gully by Kemp Maer
Houston Gem & Mineral Society (SCFMS)
From: The Backbender’s Gazette, 9/11

3. The Prodigal Topaz by Beth Simmons & KatherineHonda
Denver Gem & Mineral Guild (RMFMS)
From: Tips & Chips, 10/11

4. Some Interesting Paleozoic Sharks of Texas by Albert J. Robb, III
Houston Gem & Mineral Society (SCFMS)
From: The Backbender’s Gazette, 11/11

5. Mineral Health Hazards by Dr. Vivien Gornitz
New York Mineralogical Club (EFMLS)
From: Bulletin of the New York Mineralogical Club, 3/11

6. The Geology & Global Politics of Rare Earths: Why Our High Tech Lifestyle is Under Pressure by Andy Weinzapfel
Colorado Springs Mineralogical Society (RMFMS)
From: Pick & Pack, 2/11

7. On the Trail of Colorado Blue Quartz: Re-discovery of “Llanite” Outside the Lone Star State by Andy Weinzapfel
Lake George Gem & Mineral Club (RMFMS)
From: LGGMC News, 9/11

8. Fishing for Fossils in Wyoming: Tips for Success by Donald Baumgartner
Lincoln Orbit Earth Science Society (MWF)
From: LOESS Bulletin, 1/11

9. Titanite by David F. Hess
West Central Illinois Rock & Mineral Club (MWF)
From: Rock Chatter, 7/11

10. It All Began with a Couple of Marbles by Regina Kaptipel
Central Illinois Gem & Mineral Club (MWF)
From: CentrILL Gems, 3/11

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Junior Articles – Under 12, Top 10 (8 entries)

1. How is Your Collection Doing? by Jacob Murphy (age 10)
2. The Great Agate & Mineral Locator by Jim Marburger
Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club (MWF)
From: The Backbender’s Gazette, 5/11

3. All I Knew Was That I Liked Pretty Rocks by Adrian Shifer (age 11)
North Mississippi Gem & Mineral Society (SFMS)
From: Petroglyphs, 5/11

4. Genesis of Mineral Deposits by Mark Schaefer (age 12)
Reno Gem & Mineral Society (CFMS)
From: The Backbender’s Gazette, 7/11

5. How is Your Collection Doing? by Isabella Updyke-Welch (age 11)
Santa Clara Valley Gem & Mineral Society (CFMS)
From: The Backbender’s Gazette, 5/11

6. Junior Articles – 12 to 17, Top 10 (8 entries)

7. Train Gold Robbery of 1855 by Trevor Babb (age 11)
Gem, Lapidary & Mineral Society of Montgomery County, Maryland (EFMLS)
From: The Hound’s Tale, 8/11

8. Wyoming Fossil Trip by Kyra Layne Dolezal (age 11)
Georgia Mineral Society (SFMS)
From: The Backbender’s Gazette, 5/11

9. How is Your Collection Doing? by Floy Hawkins
McPherson Gem & Mineral Club (RMFMS)
From: The Post Rock, 4/11

10. President’s Message by Emie Stewart
Arlington Gem & Mineral Club (SCFMS)
From: The Hound’s Tale, 8/11

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Written Features, Honorable Mention

3. Creating a Series by Emie Stewart
Arlington Gem & Mineral Club (SCFMS)
From: The Hound’s Tale, 8/11

4. In Quest of “the People’s Mineral,” circa 1954 by Alice Cherbonnier
Baltimore Mineral Society (EFMLS)
From: The Conglomerate, 7/11

5. Internet Resources – Recreational Mining by Lorraine Johnston
Gem Cutters Guild of Baltimore (EFMLS)
From: Gem Cutters News, 10/11

6. All I Knew Was That I Liked Pretty Rocks by Gail Brooks
El Dorado County Mineral & Gem Society (CFMS)
From: Petroglyphs, 9/11

7. Our Trip to Australia by Leslie Neff & Larry Hoskinson
South Bay Lapidary & Mineral Society (CFMS)
From: The Agatziger, 8/11

8. Background on the MGS Logo by Dick Grier, Jr.
Maryland Geological Society (EFMLS)
From: The Rostrum, 5/11

9. Hiking the Grand Canyon by Rob Kaleel
Lincoln Orbit Earth Science Society (MWF)
From: The Hound’s Tale, 8/11

10. President’s Message by Nancy LeMay
Puyallup Valley Gem & Mineral Club (NFMS)
From: Rock-A-Teer, 1/11

Written Features, Honorable Mention

A Fossil Hunting Trip to the Glen Rose Formation, TX by Jack & Julie Shimon
Colorado Springs Mineralogical Society (RMFMS)
From: Pick & Pack, 4/11

Rock Definitions that Make Sense by Tony Charlton
El Dorado County Mineral & Gem Society (CFMS)
From: Petroglyphs, 9/11

Uncle Josh Adventures - On the Border by Greg Weisbrod
Wichita Gem & Mineral Society (RMFMS)
From: Quarry Quips, 4/11

Program February 19: Working with Stained Glass by Floy Hawkins
North Mississippi Gem & Mineral Society (SFMS)
From: The Nugget, 3/11

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My Montana Sapphire Trip
by Linda Burns
Denver Gem & Mineral Guild (RMFMS)
From: Tips & Chips, 7/11

Notes: From the President's Desk for February 2011
by Nancy Roberts
North Mississippi Gem & Mineral Society (SFMS)
From: The Nugget, 2/11

Trebloc Lime Quarry
by Bernie Burkeen
North Mississippi Gem & Mineral Society (SFMS)
From: The Nugget, 5/11

President’s Message
by Jerri Heer
Toledo Gem & Rockhound Club (MWF)
From: Rocky Reader, 6/11

Ash Grove Cement Quarry Field Trip
by Susan Burch
East Texas Gem & Mineral Society (SCFMS)
From: Rock-N-Rose, 10/11

Drawn Features (6 entries)
1. Diamonds
by McKayla Wolfe (age 10)
Mineral Minds (EFMLS)
From: Mind Your Minerals, 10/11

2. Fantasy Crystal Cluster - 15th Anniversary
by Kathy Jenkins
Three Rivers Gem & Mineral Society (MWF)
From: The Strata Data, 1/11

3. Hopper Crystals
by Chloé Smith (age 9)
Mineral Minds (EFMLS)
From: Mind Your Minerals, 10/10

4. 35th Anniversary - Jade Hourglass
by Elyah Kemp
Three Rivers Gem & Mineral Society (MWF)
From: The Strata Data, 2/11

5. Bird’s Nest Calcite
by Brenna Watson (age 10)
Mineral Minds (EFMLS)
From: Mind Your Minerals, 10/11

6. A Silver Sundial – 25th Anniversary
by Sam Stein
Three Rivers Gem & Mineral Society (MWF)
From: The Strata Data, 3/11

Adult Poetry, Top 10
1. Puzzles of Stone
by Michael Wingo
Wichita Gem & Mineral Society (RMFMS)
From: Quarry Quips, 9/11

2. Commemorative Poem for the Diamond Jubilee
by Catherine D. Smith
Gem & Mineral Society of Syracuse (EFMLS)
From: Crack ‘N Cab, 4/11

3. Gems
by Mary Owens
East Texas Gem & Mineral Society (SCFMS)
From: Rock ‘N Rose, 5/11

4. Rockhound’s Lament
by La Von Westfall
Houston Gem & Mineral Society (SCFMS)
From: The Backbender’s Gazette, 11/11

5. Desire of the Weekend
by Kim Vasper
McPherson Gem & Mineral Club (RMFMS)
From: The Post Rock, 11/11

6. Fossil Dreams
by David Blodin
Maryland Geological Society (EFMLS)
From: The Rostrum, 3/11

7. Specimen
by Lisa Scheibmeir
Wichita Gem & Mineral Society (RMFMS)
From: Quarry Quips, 3/11

8. The 12 Days of Christmas Rockhound Style
by Khara Gunness & Doug Davis
Puyallup Valley Gem & Mineral Club (NFMS)
From: Rock-A-Teer, 12/11

9. The Arrow Point
by Kemp Maer
Houston Gem & Mineral Society (SCFMS)
From: The Backbender’s Gazette, 10/11

10. NGMGS 2011 Picnic
by Floy Hawkins
North Mississippi Gem & Mineral Society (SFMS)
From: The Nugget, 11/11

Junior Poetry, Top 10 (4 entries)
1. Aquamarine
by Athena Smith (age 10)
Mineral Minds (EFMLS)
From: Mind Your Minerals, 10/11

2. Eye Agate
by Brent Post (age 10)
Mineral Minds (EFMLS)
From: Mind Your Minerals, 10/11

3. Rocks
by Harley Covey (age 8)
Arlington Gem & Mineral Club (SCFMS)
From: The Hound’s Tale, 3/11

4. Diamonds
by Olivia Clamp (age 10)
Mineral Minds (EFMLS)
From: Mind Your Minerals, 10/11

Bulletin Editor’s Hall of Fame
by Carolyn Weinberger, Chair

The Bulletin Editor’s Hall of Fame was established in 1995 as a means of recognizing the hard work and dedication of club and federation editors. These individuals are truly the “glue that holds clubs together!”

Three MWF editors were recognized at Breakfast with the Editors and Webmasters during the AFMS/MWF Convention in Minnetonka, MN. Each received a certificate and will have their names added to the "Roll of Honor" on the AFMS website.

Our 2012 inductees are:
Peter Sparks
Editor of The Facets
Huron Hills Lapidary & Mineral Society
Ann Arbor, MI

Karri Niehuis
Editor of the Tulip City Conglomerate
Tulip City Gem & Mineral Society
Holland, MI

Sharon Marburger
Editor of The Pick & Shovel and Midwest Federation Newsletter
Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club
Lincoln, NE
Web Site Contest Results
from Cheri George, AFMS Chair

The regional chairs for the AFMS Web Site Contest were delighted with the increased number of entries. EFMLS for example, had 17!!! Congratulations to every web master and club that entered this year.

The rankings of the finalists, as submitted to AFMS for further evaluation are as follows:

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Unfortunately there were only six cases entered in competition at the AFMS/MWF Convention. This is indeed disturbing since many of the non-competitive displays featured at the show were outstanding and would easily have garnered high scores or trophies had they been entered.

Midwest Competition:
- Trophy CS -1 (Intarsia) - Stephen Huber, Minnesota Mineral Club
- Trophy CA -2 (Carving) - Stephen Huber, Minnesota Mineral Club

These two entries were then eligible for further evaluation at the AFMS level, along with the 4 other displays that had already earned their eligibility at other shows.

AFMS Competition:
- Trophy 3 (Restricted Minerals 1) - Lawrence Havens, RMFMS – 99.6 points
- Trophy 8 (Thumbnail Minerals) - Dorthea Smith, RMFMS – 94 points
- Trophy 9 (Restricted Minerals 4) - Barbara Sky, Show Me Gem & Minerals Club (MWF) – 93.4 points
- Trophy 16 (Carving) - Stephen Huber, Minnesota Mineral Club (MWF) – 95 points

Trophy 21 (Specialized Lapidary [Intarsia]) - Stephen Huber, Minnesota Mineral Club (MWF) – 97 points
Trophy 37 (Beadings 1) - Cheri George, Palmdale Gem & Mineral Soc. (CFMS) – 92.5 points
Trophy 3 - Lawrence Havens
Trophy 8 - Dorthea Smith
Trophy 9 - Barbara Sky
Trophy 37 - Cheri George
Trophy 16 - Stephen Huber
Trophy 21 - Stephen Huber
The 65th annual meeting of the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies was called to order at the Lindbergh Center at Hopkins High School, Minnetonka, MN at 9:11 am on Thursday, July 26, 2012 by President Lauren Williams. The invocation was given by Lauren and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Dr. Robert Carlson. Memorial tributes were given by the regional federation directors and AFMS officers recognizing those members who had passed away during the previous year. Particular notice was given to the passing of Bill Burns (CFMS) and Howie Whiting (RMFMS) who had both played significant roles in AFMS activities. A moment of silence followed.

Greetings from Lauren Williams, Cindy Root, MWF President and Sandy Fuller, Show Chair were followed by introductions of the officers and directors by Lauren Williams. Carolyn Weinberger confirmed that all officers and directors were either present or had sent a substitute delegate for them. Richard Jaeger, seconded by Ron Carman, moved the adoption of the Rules of the Meeting. Motion carried. Judi Allison, seconded by DeLane Cox, moved the adoption of the Agenda. Motion carried. Lauren announced that he had appointed Dee Holland as parliamentarian and Carolyn Weinberger as secretary pro tem in the absence of secretary Anne Cook.

DeLane Cox, seconded by CJ Quitoriano moved that the reading of the 2011 minutes be waived and that they be accepted as printed. After ascertaining that there were no additions or corrections, the motion carried.

Officers Reports:
- Lauren, in his printed report, thanked those who had helped advise him during the year and indicated that most clubs were growing in numbers. The main concern raised was the need to support groups such as ALAA and Public Land Advisory Committees to help keep collecting areas open.
- President-elect Don Monroe indicated that he was looking forward to his year as president and was learning all the things that his job entailed.

Directors Reports:
- CFMS President Susan Chaission-Walblom and First Vice President Bud McMillin, thanked Lauren for attending the CFMS Convention in Riverside. They both indicated that the CFMS was doing well. Earth Science camps at Zzyzx and Camp Paradise continue to be successful, and that attendance at club shows by juniors is increasing.
- EFMLS President RJ Harris, though not present, had a report in the packet in which he indicated that the EFMLS Wildacres Workshops continue to flourish and many clubs are showing a gain in membership. MWF President Cindy Root indicated that membership numbers for Midwest clubs are in a state of fluctuation and that junior memberships are growing. Midwest VP Dennis Westman informed the group that two seminars were going to be held during the show focusing on use of computers for clubs and junior groups.
- Northwest President Judi Allison's written report said that membership in clubs continues to hold steady and that the Camp Hancock response to the Camp Hancock Retreat workshop has been positive. RMFMS President DeLane Cox reported that the federation had lost three clubs this year, but had also gained three new clubs. The 2014 AFMS Convention will be in Tulsa, OK in July.
- South Central President indicated that the biggest challenge for SCFMS is obtaining individuals to hold committee and officer positions, but that there still remains a healthy core of individuals willing to take on responsibility. The federation is now sending their newsletter and directory to clubs via e-mail. Southeast President Jason Hamilton reported that SFMS has gained new two new clubs and is looking forward to hosting the 2013 AFMS Convention in Jacksonville, FL in September.

Committee Reports:
- All committee chairs had reports in the packet except for Frank Mullaney (Name Badges) and Owen Martin (Safety).
- Evelyn Cataldo (AFMS Club Rockhound of the Year) gave a list of club members recognized thus far in 2012.
- Carolyn Weinberger (Newsletter) thanked those who sent timely articles each month and urged all clubs and federations to continue sending updated mailing information to the Central Office as it is received in order to keep lines of communication flowing.
- Marion Roberts reported that there were no boundaries issues were brought to his attention. He requested that each federation send him a copy of their member directory.
- Bulletin Editor’s Advisory Chair Linda Jaeger reported that score sheets and winning articles from the 2011 contest were placed on the AFMS website for easy access by editors.
- Editor’s Hall of Fame chair Carolyn Weinberger recognized three Midwest editors who will be “inducted” into the Editor’s Hall of Fame this year – Peter Sparks, Kari Nienhuis and Sharon Marburger.
- Steve Weinberger, (Bylaws Revisory and Operating Procedures, Central Office Administrator) reported that there were no proposed changes to either document this year. He summarized his activities for the year as Central Office Administrator – ordering badges, sending out supplies, bylaws and op’s, stationery, etc on request, answers questions, sends mailing labels to the printer each month and keeps the AFMS mailing list as up to date as possible. Once again he expressed concern over not yet receiving any updates from the Southeast Federation – all mail is still being sent to 2011 contacts.
- Wendell Mohr (Commemorative Stamps) again urged members to help with the campaign to obtain birthstone stamps by either writing letters or signing a petition urging adoption. All forms can be found on the AFMS website.
The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 am.

Upcoming Meetings and Conventions

- The AFMS Convention will be in Jacksonville, FL on September 18-22 and hosted by the SFMS.
- 2014 will be July 9-13 in Tulsa, OK, hosted by RMFMS.
- 2015 will be in October in Austin, TX and hosted by the SCFMS.

Thanks were given to the host club and federation.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 am.
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.

### All American Club
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### AFMS Club Rockhound of the Year
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### Commemorative Stamps
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### Conservation and Legislation
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### Long Range Planning
- **Bob Miller**
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### Name Badges
- **Frank Mullaney**
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### Nominating
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### Parliamentarian
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