Many thanks to the Jacksonville Gem & Mineral Society for hosting the 2013 AFMS Convention

2013 AFMS Recognition Award

from Lauren Williams, Chair

The American Federation Recognition Award is given annual to an individual who has gone "above and beyond" the call of duty in serving the AFMS. Nominations are secured from past presidents and the final determination of the recipient is made by a committee of the three most recent past presidents.

Our 2013 recipient has been extremely active in the California Federation, having held many committee chairmanships and offices, including president. She currently serves as CFMS Historian. She is also active in the Northwest Federation where she also serves as their Historian. The lady loves records!

She became involved with the AFMS while she was CFMS President and has been a firm supporter of the AFMS Endowment Fund, Scholarship Foundation, SCRIBE (Special Congress Representing Involved Bulletin Editors). In 1995 she founded the Editors Hall of Fame in order to recognize the hard working club and federation newsletter editors across the country. She was one of three AFMS members to construct a history booklet to commemorate the 50th anniversary of AFMS (1997) and a follow-up document for the 60th anniversary in 2007. And she's already making plans for the 70th Anniversary in 2017!

She served as AFMS Regional VP representing the CFMS and was elected AFMS President for 2007-08. As fate would have it, a major hurricane struck Houston, TX just before the AFMS Convention was to be held there and thus, she became the only AFMS President to cancel a convention. Not to be daunted she went to "plan B" and major business (budget approval, election of officers) was conducted by mail.

Our recipient has also been very active in other "rockhound" activities including the American Lands Access Association where she currently serves as President.

It is an honor and privilege to present the 2013 AFMS Recognition Award to:

Shirley Leeson
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From My Desk to Yours
by Richard Jaeger, AFMS President

Darlene Gunsolus, Karen Boger, and all the members of the Jackson-
ville Gem & Mineral Society are to be congratulated on the job they did
hosting the AFMS/SFMS Show in September. The meetings, banquets,
and the show itself were well done and enjoyable. The thing that stood
out the most to me was the hospitality that was extended to those of us
attending from around the country.

I am excited about the coming year for the AFMS and very pleased to
be working with an outstanding group of officers and committee chairs.
I have communicated with each of them and respect their ability and their dedication to the betterment
of our hobby. The same goes for the officers who will serving our regional federations. As rockhounds,
we come from all parts of the country and many different backgrounds, but we have a love for our
hobby, a respect for one another, and a desire to improve our clubs and strengthen our federations.

Now, a little bit about myself. I have been a member of the Tulsa Rock and Mineral Society for 54
years, having joined as a junior in November of 1959. I earned a BS in Geology from the University of
Oklahoma and a MS in Geology from the University of Colorado and worked as a petroleum geologist
in Houston TX before the army decided they needed me more than Texaco did. After getting out of the
army, I became a high school science teacher in the Tulsa Public Schools, retiring in 2000. I taught
mostly courses in biology and physics but did get to teach geology for thirteen years. Paleontology is
my main area of interest and I have a rather extensive fossil collection. I also enjoy collecting minerals,
rocks, and cutting material but appreciate all phases of our hobby; must admit I haven’t done any
lapidary work in over 30 years. My wife Linda shares my interest in our hobby and has been the AFMS
Bulletin Editors Advisory chair for several years. We have three grown sons currently living in Longmont
CO, Nashville TN, and Houston TX.

Once again, I feel honored to be serving as your AFMS President this year and am very much looking
forward to it and hoping to attend as many of the regional federation shows as possible. I will be
sharing my thoughts with you on a number of aspects of our hobby and federation in future messages.
Please feel free to contact me with your concerns and suggestions.

Richard

Havin’ Fun: Junior Activities
by Jim Brace-Thompson, Juniors Program Chair

Geo-Sites for Earth Science Education

When we think “field trip,” we usually think “collect-
ing,” and we drive off with our heads filled with dreams
of stuffing our backpacks with rocks and treasures. But field
trips don’t always need to be about taking home rocks.
Some allow us to take home a more valuable commod-
ity: knowledge. A neat guidebook was recently pub-
lished with field trip localities geared toward educating
rather than collecting: Albert B. Dickas’ 101 American

Dickas helps you take kids to sites that tell unique
geo-sites. For example, you can see dramatic
evidence of an ancient meteorite strike in Alabama, a
view of the Pacific plate sliding by the North American
plate along California’s San Andreas Fault, fossil-bearing
ash beds in Nebraska that tell of an unimaginably im-

dense volcanic eruption in ancient Idaho 12 million
years ago, or evidence of a tropical sea as well as massive
 glaciation in Ohio. With 101 sites included across all 50
U.S. states, you should be able to find a locality within
reasonable distance for a day- or weekend trip for your
club’s juniors.

The book opens with a brief earth science primer
on the rock cycle, geologi-
cal dating, plate tectonics,
and “A Short History of the
Earth” giving a quick walk-
through of earth history
from bio-, eon-by-eon, period-by-
period. Then comes the
real meat of the book: the
101 sites from Alabama to
Wyoming. Each site entry
consists of a two-page
spread. The opening page
provides GPS coordinates, a one-sentence overview
of the significance of the site, and an overall description
and history. The second page provides colorful supporting
illuminations, maps, and photos. Printed on high-quality
glossy paper, the photos make it a wonderful coffee-
table book in addition to an informative read. But to
maximize its use, go beyond the pictures and get your
club’s kids out to a site near you to see it up-close-and-
personal. Rather than stuffing their backpacks with
rocks, stuff their heads with a little knowledge—and a
whole lot of fun!
Uniform Rules Changes

by Leslie Wayment, URC Chair

At the Uniform Rules Committee meeting this year, the committee passed 6 changes to the URC, which will take effect on January 1, 2014. The most notable changes are to Division A-OPEN. In 2014 each of the 9 classes in Division A may be awarded Trophy #1, if qualification scores are met. This will eliminate competition between the separate classes for a single trophy for all of Division A.

Another change in Division A will be in the Judging Points for Division A-5 Project. The points assigned to Labels and use of charts, drawings and pictures are being joined. The Label must now clearly state what the project is. The use of charts, drawings and pictures may be used to clarify and state the project.

Another statement for OUT-OF CLASS is being added to Division F-Fossils. Statement (e) will be added, clarifying that specimens entered as Fossils with be out of class if they have any lapidary work.

There were 3 changes added to Division I-Beading and Beadwork. The first change concerns class I-1 through I-3 (Straight Stringing). It will no longer be necessary to add the beading technique, as all items in these classes are limited to straight stringing. Another change to these 3 classes concerns the use of pearls. Glass pearls do not have to be knotted, but natural pearls entered in Class I-1 to I-3 have to be knotted. Knotting is not required in bead weaving.

Another change for Division I clarifies Rule 25.7 (2) so that only work in class I-4 through I-8 will require that each individual piece of work be identified as original work of the exhibitor, or cite the original designer. Straight Stringing will no longer need to be identified in this manner.

The committee also made 3 small changes to the AFMS Mineral Classification List. CELESTITE will be an acceptable alternative for CELESTINE. The other 2 changes are for consistent spelling of FLUORAPATITE, and SMALITE – variety of Skutterudite. As with the rule changes, the spelling changes will become effective on January 1, 2014.

The complete updated rules will be available from your regional supplies chair or via the AFMS website after January 1, 2014.

AFMS Club Rockhound of the Year

from Evelyn Cataldo, Chair

Time is flying by and the end of the year is rapidly approaching. All clubs, please take a few minutes and send in your AFMS Rockhound of the Year for 2013. Send your entries to your Federation Chairperson and he/she will forward them to me for publication.

Federation Chairpersons: My computer crashed in September. If you sent me an entry during the first two weeks of September and you do not see your entry published below, please resend the submittal to me.

Thank you and congratulations to our following Rockhounds of the Year.

California Federation

Vallejo Gem & Mineral Society is proud to announce our Rockhound of the Year for 2013, Maggie Dragon. Maggie is the “mover and shaker” of the Vallejo Rock and Gem club. She has a knack for bringing people together and organizing many of the club’s major events such as the annual Spring Blog show and the Solano County Fair. During these events and throughout the year, Maggie tirelessly commits to communicating with club members; bringing people together to volunteer.

You will find Maggie always on the go and at the wheel; driving events to success. In 2013, Maggie has been a true leader and volunteer; willing and readily available to help in just about everything. If Maggie says she will do it or will be there, she keeps her commitment. In her spare time, you will often find Maggie tapping into her creativity via her love of beading of necklaces, bracelets and rings. submitted by Marcia

It is with great pleasure that the Santa Clara Valley Gem and Mineral Society proclaims Rick Kennedy as our AFMS Rockhound of the Year. Rick is an avid mineral collector who is always willing to share his knowledge with others. Whether it is a class of 4th graders, speaking engagements at club meetings or shows, or a lecture at one of the many museums throughout California, Rick loves to pass along his love of minerals. That love of minerals has driven Rick’s involvement with a push to reopen the Clear Creek BLM area. He has had his finger on the pulse of the issue from the beginning. He has worked to make sure that our club members and other mineral-related groups are aware of the issues involved. Rick has been a contributing member of the SCVGMMS since 2007 and is currently serving as Vice-President. submitted by Frank Mullaney, 2013 SCVGMMS Executive Board

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Safety Matters – An Introduction
by Ellery Borow, AFMS Safety Chair

How do we as responsible field trip leaders, safety chairs, show chairs, club officers, and members in general encourage ca-jole! support, guide, suggest and demonstrate to folks the right thing to do? The safe thing to do? The responsible thing to do? The cautious thing to do? I sure wish I had answers to those questions. About the only things I’ll suggest here are to try leading by example and to try offering a word of caution when one sees an unsafe act about to be executed.

Over the coming months we will attempt to verbally illustrate (verbilate??) some ideas and thoughts about safety matters from my own 1/2 vast background with all manner of safety matters. Gemologists study their 3 Cs of clarity, color and cut. In Safety Matter’s articles to follow we will talk about rockhound safety’s 4 Cs of Confusions; Confusions! Calamities!, and Conclusions. Not to be left out, we will also talk about some other letters of the alphabet as well.

Hopefully we will get to know one another not thru a mere biography but instead through a series of articles, discussions, stories, ideas, bloviations and rants offered for your consideration, contemplation, and concern. Oh and I should forewarn you, sometimes I repeat myself -- especially when I say something really profound (which does not happen all that often, but brace yourself just in case),

Please be safe during this upcoming season of holidays. As it says at the start of this article -- your safety matters.

Tradition calls for a short introduction and biography for a new committee chairperson. So, hello, my name is Ellery (insert thoughtful pause). Well, that is about as short as I can make it and probably more than some folks care or want to know!

On second thought perhaps I should also mention that I have not graduated from any college rockhound safety curriculum. I don’t even know of any class such as Rockhound Safety 101. Colleges offer just about everything from Hula Hoop to Rocket Science - but not rockhound safety - that I know of anyway. I should say in my defense that I have not made every safety mistake imaginable, but I’m well on my way. In fact some mistakes I’ve made were so good, I’ve made them a second time.

And now to the discussion of this Safety Matters article – most of us know the right thing to do when it comes to safety. We do however, live in a busy world. In all that business, sometimes safety takes a back seat to other matters. How many times have you heard after an accident, a refrain uttered (expletives deleted) similar to one of the following: 1. But I WAS taking it easy... 2. I was only going to try this to see if it worked! 3. We were in a hurry and it looked so easy to... 4. Gee, it didn’t appear to be that much of a slope. 5. I know all about those things! I didn’t need to read the directions.

6. It was just like all the others, what could go wrong? and my own personal favorite: 7. I saw this demonstrated once... Might one get the gist of an idea or perhaps a gut feeling about what may have gone astray in each of those instances?

The ALAA table at the show

AFMS 2013 Convention Recap
from Ye Olde Editor

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AFMS Web Site Contest Results
from Dan Imel, Chair

Now in its fifth year, the AFMS web site contest has grown and been expanded over the years to allow more participation. Entries are first submitted to the club’s regional federation where each is judged using a set score sheet. The top three entries from that local competition may then be forwarded on to AFMS for further evaluation.

Although we could have had twenty-one entries, only a dozen were forwarded. Wes Lingerfelt our AFMS level judge gave the entries the benefit of his wisdom, his extensive web experience, and his knowledge of what works on a web site and what doesn’t. He analyzed each of the sites forwarded to him, and gave each entrant useful feedback on what is being done well and how each site can be improved. We all owe Wes a huge round of applause for his dedication and time.

And here are the results:

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Upcoming Federation Conventions
by Bob Livingston, Show Coordinator

We’ve closed the book on our 2013 regional conventions and are now looking forward to 2014 and beyond. Please be sure to send me the dates for your regional federation convention as soon as possible so we can avoid conflicts. Generally, first federation to notify me has the date!

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Louellen Montgomery
November 19, 1917 – September 4, 2013

Louellen Montgomery, past president of the AFMS Scholarship Foundation, Rocky Mountain Federation (1975) and Topeka Gem & Mineral Society passed away at the age of 95 on September 4.

She is survived by her husband Russell and her children Bruce, Deborah Scanland, Cinda Kunkler, Melissa Follmer and Jane Cook as well as 10 grandchildren, two step-grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and five step-great-grandchildren.

Contributions in Louellen’s memory should be made to the AFMS Scholarship Foundation, % your regional federation coordinator or directly to Scholarship Foundation Treasurer Jon Spaunagle (12719 NE 116th St #E-101; Kirkland, WA 98034).

Officer Updates Needed
by Steve Weinberger

November is election time for many clubs. Once your club holds their elections for new officers, please take a moment to send the list (name of club, office held, name and address) to the Central Office so we can update the mailing list.

You can easily e-mail your list to us at <central_office@afmsfed.org> or mail it to us at the address shown on page 3.

While you’re at it, if you’re not already doing so, please add the AFMS president, president-elect and editor as well as your regional federation officers to your club bulletin exchange list. Reading about your club is an important part of being a federation officer or committee chair since it enables the folks to get connected to what’s happening in your area.
Program Competition Results
by Marge Collins, Program Competition Chair

I’m delighted to announce the winners of the 2013 AFMS Program Competition. These programs will be sent to your regional federation program library shortly.

Agates, Turquoise and Jade are certainly three very popular stones among rockhounds. Until now however, only agates have been well represented in the lists of programs in Federation Libraries. But now, turquoise and jade will be added to those lists. (Note: Final titles may be slightly different than those shown.) Watch for details in your Regional Newsletter.

Class 1: Educational Presentation

1st place with honors (score over 95 points) $200 cash award
Agates Under the Microscope
DVD approx. 30 minutes with narration by Doug Moore
Heart of Wisconsin Gem & Mineral Society (MWF)

For years Doug has been studying and then showing us different varieties of these colorful stones. This entry again has succeeded extremely well in presenting and explaining yet another way to look at and appreciate this sometimes underappreciated variety of quartz. The micro patterns and colors are stunning! Suitable for any audience.

1st Place (score over 90 points) $100 cash award
Turquoise of Nevada
DVD approx. 30 minutes with narration by Terry Vasseur,
South Bay Lapidary & Mineral Society (CFMS)

Captivated by not only the color of this rare but popular stone, Terry began collecting samples. He also wanted to learn all he could about the history and lore associated with it. After meeting an old-time miner, Terry was invited to the mine in Nevada. This presentation takes us along on this journey of exploration, sharing highlights of what was learned along the way. Suitable for any audience.

Class 4: Just for Juniors

1st Place (score over 90 points) $100 cash award
Jade - Digging Deep isn’t Enough
DVD approx. 5 minutes with narration by Hannah Zakharenkov
Roseville Rookie Rock Rollers (CFMS)

Living in California, where jade boulders can still be found, Hannah discovered that those who are interested in this storied stone can explore it on several levels. In other words, there’s more to jade than it’s beautiful colors. Viewers young and old will be interested in Hannah’s Tale - with beautiful samples and acute observations. Suitable for any audience. To reserve these (or other programs) for use later this year, contact your Regional Librarian.

Class 1: Competitive Exhibit Awards

Congratulations to these award winners!

Gold Large Club Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club MWF
Silver Small Club Wisconsin Geological Society MWF
Bronze Small Club Del Air Rockhounds CFMS

I want to thank the efforts of the regional chairs that encouraged participation in this program, specifically Liz Burton (Midwest Federation) and Dorothy Beachler (California).

I hope more clubs will see the value of creating a club yearbook, and documenting the activities of their club. It’s a perfect way to highlight individual member efforts and a club’s involvement in their communities.

Submissions for the 2014 contest will be accepted after January 2014. Dates for your regional competition will be published in your regional federation newsletter to cover club activities for the year 2013.

These three award winners are great examples of active, involved clubs. An active club can benefit everyone in our hobby, and, if you have one, it’s a treasure.

All American Club Awards – Winners for 2013
by Regina Kapta, Chair

The AFMS All American Award competition for the award year covering 2012 had three entries. There were two from the Midwest Federation – one from Lincoln, Nebraska (Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club) and one from Milwaukee, Wisconsin (Wisconsin Geological Society). The third book was from the California Federation - Van Nuys California (Del Air Rockhounds Club).

I was pleased to present the awards at the AFMS Convention in Florida. Congratulations to these award winners!

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Competitive Exhibit Awards at Jacksonville
by Leslie Wayment, URC Chair

The American Federation of Mineralogical Societies annual meeting and show was hosted by the Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies this year in Jacksonville, FL. A total of 7 competitive cases were entered in the AFMS competition and 5 trophies were awarded. The SFMS had 5 entries in the regional competition, of which 2 became eligible to compete in the AFMS competition.

Congratulations to Mari Webb, from the Jacksonville Gem and Mineral Society (SFMS) for winning Trophy #27 for her educational entry EGS-3 with a score of 98. Edward Price, also from Jacksonville Gem and Mineral Society (SFMS) won Trophy #26 for his entry in class D-10 with a score of 93. Cheri George, from the Palmdale Gem & Mineral Club (CFMS) won Trophy #42 for her class I-6 entry, bead weaving.

Vivien Roberts and her husband Marion, both club at large members of the NFMS, took home Trophies # 41 and 21 respectively. Vivien earned her trophy for her mixed carving case CA-5 with a score of 98. Marion also earned a 98 on his CW-4 Spheres case.

Carvings by Vivien Roberts - Trophy # 41
Beaded Necklaces by Cheri George - Trophy #42
Spheres by Marion Roberts - Trophy # 21
AFMS Endowment Fund Results

from RJ Harris, Chair

Although I do not have the final numbers on how much money was raised from the 2013 Endowment Fund Drawing, I can tell you that sales were brisk and interest in winning the prizes high. I want to thank each of the regional federation "sales people" without whose help we could not have had a successful drawing.

California Federation - Colleen McGann  Eastern Federation - Carolyn Weinberger
Northwest Federation - Chris Blickfeldt  Rocky Mountain Federation - Richard Jaeger
Midwest Federation - J.C. Moore  South Central Federation - Catherine Rouchon
Southeast Federation - Barbara Green

I also wish to extend my heartfelt thanks to those members of the regional federation clubs who donated one or more items for the drawing.

And the winners are:

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Editor's Contest Results

by Linda Jaeger, BEAC Chair

Here are the results of the 2013 AFMS Bulletin Editor’s Contest as announced at the Editor’s and Webmaster’s breakfast in Jacksonville, FL. Congratulations to all who entered.

Original Adult Articles, Top 10

1. El Chiconal
   by Richard Peterson
   Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club (MWF)
   From: Pick & Shovel, 10/12

2. Giants Take Baby Steps
   by Erich Grundel
   Mineralogical Society of District of Columbia (EFMLS)
   From: Mineral Minutes, 5/12

3. Cuttin’ With DGGMG – Lesson #1
   by Jim Dennis
   Denver Gem & Mineral Guild (RMFMS)
   From: Tips & Chips, 6/12

4. What is HGMS?
   by Karen Burns
   Houston Gem & Mineral Society (SCFMS)
   From: Backbender’s Gazette, 6/12

5. DMC Field Trip – 24 March 2012: Ross Creek, Grundy County, Tennessee
   by Tom Batcha
   Georgia Mineral Society (SFMS)
   From: Tips & Trips, 4/12

6. What Now?
   by Jackie Sullivan, West Central Illinois Rock & Mineral Club (MWF)
   From: Rock Chatter, 10/12

7. Camp Paradise Trip Hosted by CFMS
   by David Estep
   Long Beach Mineral & Gem Society (CFMS)
   From: Pick & Shovel, 10/12

8. Tourmaline
   by Bev Eisenacher
   Central PA Rock & Mineral Club (EFMLS)
   From: Rock Buster News, 10/12

9. The Pankey Coal Mine
   by Dick Pankey
   Contra Costa Mineral & Gem Society (CFMS)
   From: Diablo Diggins, 4/12

10. Keokuk Geodes
    by Ellie Rosenberg
    Colorado Springs Mineralogical Society (RMFMS)
    From: Pick & Pack, 10/12

Original Adult Articles, Honorable Mention

May DMC Field Trip Report
by Lori Carter, Georgia Mineral Society (SFMS)
From: Tips & Trips, 7/12

The Elements of Fossil Collecting
by Marty Sigwing
McPherson Gem & Mineral Club (RMFMS)
From: The Post Rock, 4/12

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Gold
by Brett Whitennack
McPherson Gem & Mineral Club (RMFMS)
From: The Post Rock, 6/12

I Need Help!
by Sue Hogge
Lincoln Orbit Earth Science Society (MWF)
From: LOESS Bulletin, 12/12

March Birthstone: Bloodstone
by Sylvia Kernen
Gulf Coast Gem & Mineral Society (SCFMS)
From: Slabs & Cabs, 3/12

Cleaning Your Limestone Fossil
by Martha S. Brown
Georgia Mineral Society (SFMS)
From: Tips & Trips, 4/12

Display Case Start-up
by Martin Dougherty
Long Beach Mineral & Gem Society (CFMS)
From: Rock & Shovel, 12/12

Move Over Hope Diamond
by Dave MacLean
Northern Virginia Mineral Club (EFMLS)
From: The Mineral Newsletter, 12/12

Original Adult Articles Advanced, Top 10

1. Summer Days: The Geology of Lakefront Property
by Heath Shive
Three Rivers Gem & Mineral Society (MWF)
From: The Strata Data, 4/12

2. Shoebox Adventures: The ID Problem
by Mike Seeds
Baltimore Mineral Society (EFMLS)
From: The Conglomerate, 7/12

3. The Micromount Corner: Micro-minerals from Topaz Mountain, Thomas Range, Juab County, Utah
by Dr. David Babulski
Georgia Mineral Society (SFMS)
From: Tips & Trips, 3/12

4. What Am I Buying?
by Frank Craig
Central PA Rock & Mineral Club (EFMLS)
From: Rock Buster News, 11/12

5. Markings and Hallmarks: How to Decipher the Code
by Mark Villanueva
Houston Gem & Mineral Society (SCFMS)
From: The Backbender’s Gazette, 11/12

6. American Rockhounds in Germany: Our Hunt for an Idar-Oberstein
by Jim Brace-Thompson
Ventura Gem & Mineral Society (CFMS)
From: Rockhound Rambling, 11&12/12

7. A Field Trip to South Park Basin
by Mike Nelson
Colorado Springs Mineralogical Society (RMFMS)
From: Pick & Pack, 10/12

8. Sand in Your Pockets?
by Carl Kamp
Lincoln Orbit Earth Science Society (MWF)
From: LOESS Bulletin, 2/12

9. “It’s Not My Job” . . . Or Is It?
by Ed Wagner
Lincoln Orbit Earth Science Society (MWF)
From: LOESS Bulletin, 4/12

10. The Seymour Blob
by Neal Immega
Houston Gem & Mineral Society (SCFMS)
From: The Backbender’s Gazette, 9/12

Original Adult Articles Advanced
Honorable Mention

Houston Fine Mineral Show
by Steve Blyskal
Houston Gem & Mineral Society (SCFMS)
From: The Backbender’s Gazette, 6/12

Amber
by Lois Larson
McPherson Gem & Mineral Club (RMFMS)
From: The Post Rock, 8/12

Definition of the Month: The Carbon Cycle
by Steve Mulqueen
Ventura Gem & Mineral Society (CFMS)
From: Rockhound Rambling, 8/12

Tommyknockers of the Comstock
by DW Webb Varnum
Reno Gem & Mineral Society (CFMS)
From: The Conglomerate, 7/12

A “World” of Granite in Elberton, GA
by Walt Kubillus
Aiken Gem, Lapidary & Mineral Society
From: The Aiken Gem Society Bulletin, 3/12

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by Mike Nelson
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From: The Backbender’s Gazette, 9/12

The State Rock of Arkansas: Bauxite
by Annie Borders
Santa Clara Valley Gem & Mineral Society (CFMS)
From: Brecxia, 10/12

Junior Articles – 12 to 17, Top 10

1. Droplets of Information
by Julia Kuhn (14)
Three Rivers Gem & Mineral Society (MWF)
From: The Strata Data, 6/12

2. A Ute Arrow Straightener is Made of Jurassic Dinosaur Bone
by Gavin Noller (12)
Colorado Springs Mineralogical Society (RMFMS)
From: Pick & Pack, 11/12

3. Label Your Specimens
by Matthew Lambert (7)
North Mississippi Gem & Mineral Society (SFMS)
From: The Nugget, 12/12

4. Uses of Clay in Modern and Ancient Times
by Julia Kuhn (14)
Three Rivers Gem & Mineral Society (MWF)
From: The Strata Data, 6/12

5. Malachite in the Bible Times
by Saufina Kemp (14)
Three Rivers Gem & Mineral Society (MWF)
From: The Strata Data, 2/12

6. Internship
by Conrad Smith (15)
Gem, Lapidary & Mineral Society of Montgomery County, MD (EFMLS)
From: The Rockhounding, 10/12

7. Sardonyx
by Asher Kemp (13)
Three Rivers Gem & Mineral Society (MWF)
From: The Strata Data, 8/12

8. The Three Days of a Lifetime Rockhounding Trip
by Steven Newman (?)
Contra Costa Mineral & Gem Society (CFMS)
From: Diablo Diggins, 9/12

9. The Eurypterid
by Ken Beck (17)
McPherson Gem & Mineral Club (RMFMS)
From: The Post Rock, 5/12

10. Quick Notes on Brachiopods
by Blake Reher (14)
Colorado Springs Mineralogical Society (RMFMS)
From: Pick & Pack, 11/12

Junior Articles – 12 to 17, Honorable Mention

David’s Multi-colored Agates
by David Kuhn (16)
Three Rivers Gem & Mineral Society (MWF)
From: The Strata Data, 1/12

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Written Features, Top 10
1. Crinoids Don't Sting!
   by Rosie Miller
   Three Rivers Gem & Mineral Society (MWF)
   From: The Strata Data, 11/12

2. A Visit to Poor Boy Rock Shop
   by Kimberly Brannon
   The Baton Rouge Gem & Mineral Society (SCFMS)
   From: The Redstick Rockhound, 11/12

3. Surviving in Afghanistan
   by Mark Villanueva
   Houston Gem & Mineral Society (SCFMS)
   From: The Backbender's Gazette, 10/12

4. Notes from the President's Desk . . . February 2012
   by Nancy Roberts
   North Mississippi Gem & Mineral Society (SFMS)
   From: The Nugget, 2/12

5. Fick Fossil Museum Field Trip
   by Lois Larson
   McPherson Gem & Mineral Club (RMFMS)
   From: The Post Rock, 2/12

6. Field Trip Report: Henderson Mine, Empire, CO
   by Richard Parsons
   Friends of the Colorado School of Mines Geology Museum (RMFMS)
   From: Newsletter, 8/12

7. Editor's Corner: The Perot Museum of Nature and Science
   by Don Shurtz
   Pleasant Oaks Gem & Mineral Club of Dallas, TX (SCFMS)
   From: Chips & Chatter, 12/12

8. The William Holland School
   (Camp William Holland)
   North Mississippi Gem & Mineral Society (SFMS)
   by John Byetz
   From: The Nugget, 11/12

9. Off to South Africa
   by Joyce & Fuzzy Mason
   El Dorado County Mineral & Gem Society (CFMS)
   From: Petroglyphs, 11B/12/12

10. Is That a Stalagmite or Stalactite I See?
    by Chloe Kahling, El Dorado County Mineral & Gem Society (CFMS)
    From: Petroglyphs, 11B/12/12

Written Features, Honorable Mention
Finding Oil and Gas:
   The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly
   by Scott Germain
   Richmond Gem & Mineral (EFMLS)
   From: The Collecting Bag, 7/12

No Rockhound Left Behind
   by Debbie Winters & Lisa Hoffman
   El Dorado County Mineral & Gem Society (CFMS)
   From: Petroglyphs, 6/12

Internet Resources
   by Lorraine Johnston
   Gem Cutters Guild of Baltimore (EFMLS)
   From: Gem Cutters News, 2/12

Field Trip Report – Rye Patch
   by Dale Swarthout
   Reno Gem & Mineral Society (CFMS)
   From: Conglomerate, 11/12

Museum Musings
   by Bruce Geller
   Friends of the Colorado School of Mines Geology Museum (RMFMS)
   From: Newsletter, 8/12

On the Mountaintop: A First Visit to Wildacres
   by Alice Cherbonnier
   Baltimore Mineral Society (EFMLS)
   From: The Conglomerate, 5/12

Medora Geode Trip
   by Karen Hoffman
   Three Rivers Gem & Mineral Society (MWF)
   From: The Strata Data, 11/12

Mineral Identification Using the Raman Spectrometer at James Madison University
   by David Hennessey
   Mineralogical Society of the District of Columbia (EFMLS)
   From: Mineral Minutes, 2/12

Geode Collecting and Mazon Creek Field Trip Report
   by Kathy Kovacs-Bailey
   Three Rivers Gem & Mineral Society (MWF)
   From: The Strata Data, 8/12

Make Yourself an Equipment Bag, Baby
   by Nikki Kenney
   North Mississippi Gem & Mineral Society (SFMS)
   From: The Nugget, 5/12

Toe Stumpers
   by Connie McGarrah
   Northwest Arkansas Gem & Mineral Society (RMFMS)
   From: Rock, Pick and Chisel, 7/12

Drawn Features (5 entries)
1. R.R. here with some items I've found useful on Field Trips
   by Chris Munson
   Cobb County Gem & Mineral Society (SFMS)
   From: Cobb-L-Stones, 4/12

2. Gold Rush
   by Ciena Higginbotham
   Lake George Gem & Mineral Club (RMFMS)
   From: LGGMC News, 3/12

3. Smilodon
   by Zachary Sepulveda
   Colorado Springs Mineralogical Society (RMFMS)
   From: Pick & Pack, 9/12

4. Crystals & Agates
   by Andrew Tiege
   Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club (MWF)
   From: Pick & Shovel, 6/12

5. An Ode to a Rock
   by Kurt Lahners
   Colorado Springs Mineralogical Society (RMFMS)
   From: Pick & Pack, 9/12

Adult Poetry, Top 10
1. Stardust Minerals
   by Terrell William Proctor
   Houston Gem & Mineral Society (SCFMS)
   From: The Backbender’s Gazette, 11/12

2. I Ain’t Nuthin But A Rockhound
   by Sheryl E. Sims
   Mineral Society of the District of Columbia (EFMLS)
   From: Mineral Minutes, 3/12

3. Fossils from the Ancient Lake
   by Steven Wade Veatch
   Colorado Springs Mineralogical Society (RMFMS)
   From: Pick & Pack, 4/12

4. Ruby the Bright Red Mineral
   by Carole Harp & Mary Boedolfer
   Lincoln Orbit Earth Science Society (MWF)
   From: LOESS Bulletin, 1/12

5. Grandfather Rock
   by Bobbi Metzger
   Reno Gem & Mineral Society (CFMS)
   From: Conglomerate, 10/12

6. The Softer Side
   by Jim Stedman
   Maryland Geological Society (EFMLS)
   From: The Rostrum, 7/12

7. Ode to My Rock Brothers
   by Owen Martin
   Houston Gem & Mineral Society (SCFMS)
   From: The Backbender’s Gazette, 3/12

8. Our 24th Seed
   by Barbara Fenstermacher
   Aiken Gem, Mineral & Fossil Society (EFMLS)
   From: Hound's Howl, 9/12

9. A Long Search
   by Mary Owens
   East Texas Gem & Mineral Society (SCFMS)
   From: Rock-N-Rose, 11/12

Junior Poetry, Top 10 (3 entries)
1. The Waldo Canyon Fire
   by Jack Shimon (7)
   Colorado Springs Mineralogical Society (RMFMS)
   From: Pick & Pack, 12/12

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2. Gold Rush
by Ciena Higginbotham (14)
Lake George Gem & Mineral Club (RMFMS)
From: LGGMC News, 3/12

3. An Ode to a Rock
by Kurt Lahmers (13)
Colorado Springs Mineralogical Society (RMFMS)
From: Pick & Pack, 9/12

New Editors, Top 10 (4 entries)
1. Slabs & Cabs, October, 2012
Sylvia Kermer, Editor
Gulf Coast Gem & Mineral Society
Corpus Christi, TX (SCFMS)

2. The Stone Chopper, June, 2012
Carolyn Perkins, Editor
Austin Gem & Mineral Society
Austin, TX (SCFMS)

Sheryl Sims, Editor
Mineralogical Society of the District of Columbia
Washington, DC (EFMLS)

Verne Orcutt, Editor
Wyoming State Mineral & Gem Society
Powell, WY (RMFMS)

Mini Bulletins, Top 10 (4 entries)
1. Lowcountry Diggings, March, 2012
Mark Easterbrook, Editor
Lowcountry Gem & Mineral Society
Charleston, SC (SFMS)

2. Chips & Chatter, October, 2012
Don Shurtz, Editor
Pleasant Oaks Gem & Mineral Club of Dallas, TX
Richardson, TX (SCFMS)

DeLane Cox, Editor
Northwest Arkansas Gem & Mineral Society
Colcord, OK (RMFMS)

4. Rockete, 5/12, Mary Lou Froese, Editor
Sequoia Gem & Mineral Society
Redwood City, CA (CFMS)

Small Bulletins, Top 10
1. The Post Rock, December, 2012
Sara Murphy, Editor
McPherson Gem & Mineral Club
McPherson, KS (RMFMS)

2. The Pineywoods Rooter, May, 2012
John Nash, Editor
Pine Country Gem & Mineral Society
Jasper, TX (SCFMS)

Mark Nelson, Editor
Pasadena Lapidary Society, Pasadena, CA (CFMS)

4. The Pick & Shovel, December, 2012
Andrea Dougherty, Editor
Long Beach Mineral & Gem Society
Long Beach, CA (CFMS)

5. The Rockfinder, October, 2012
Jason Hefner, Editor
Michiana Gem & Mineral Society
Elkhart, IN (MWF)

Michael Cox, Editor
Santa Cruz Mineral & Gem Society
Santa Cruz, CA (CFMS)

Susan Burch, Editor
East Texas Gem & Mineral Society, Tyler, TX (SCFMS)

David Jacobson, Editor
Canaverall Mineral & Gem Society
Melbourne, FL (SFMS)

Dana Jones, Editor
North Mississippi Gem & Mineral Society
Tupelo, MS (SFMS)

10. Del Air Monthly Rockhounder Review, 11/12,
Chris Ward, Editor
Del Air Rockhounds Club, Van Nuys, CA (CFMS)

Small Bulletins, Honorable Mention
News & Views, April, 2012
Reed Pendleton, Editor
Wasatch Gem Society, Sandy, UT (RMFMS)

Large Bulletins, Top 10
1. Pick & Shovel, August, 2012
Sharon Marburger, Editor
Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club, Lincoln, NE (MWF)

2. Rockhound Rambling, June, 2012
Angela Brown, Editor
Ventura Gem & Mineral Society
Ventura, CA (CFMS)

3. The Backbender’s Gazette, October, 2012
Phyllis George, Editor
Houston Gem & Mineral Society
Houston, TX (SCFMS)

4. Tips & Chips, April, 2012
Beth Simmons, Editor
Denver Gem & Mineral Guild, Denver, CO (RMFMS)

5. The Rockhounder, May, 2012
Wendell Mohr, Editor
Gem, Lapidary & Mineral Society of Montgomery County, MD, Gaithersburg, MD (EFMLS)

Terry Caskey, Editor
Contra Costa Mineral & Gem Society
Walnut Creek, CA (CFMS)

7. Tips & Trips, May, 2012
Dylan Porter, Editor
Georgia Mineral Society, Norcross, GA (SFMS)

8. The Agatizer, May, 2012
Terry Vasseur, Editor
South Bay Lapidary & Mineral Society
Torrence, CA (CFMS)

Carolyn Weinberger, Editor
Chesapeake Gem & Mineral Society
Baltimore, MD (EFMLS)

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

Large Bulletins, Honorable Mention
Ed Wagner, Editor
Lincoln Orbit Earth Science Society
Springfield, IL (MWF)

Rocky Trails, March, 2012
Mary Alyce Weston, Editor
Columbia Gem & Mineral Society
Columbia, SC (SFMS)

Pick & Pack, September, 2012
Sharon Holte, Editor
Colorado Springs Mineralogical Society
Colorado Springs, CO (RMFMS)

Arrowhead News, November, 2012
Donna Griseto, Editor
Indian Mounds Rock & Mineral Club
Wyoming, MI (MWF)

Hot Springs Bulletin, November-December, 2012
Raymond Lynch, Editor
Hot Springs Geology Club, Hot Springs, AR (SCFMS)

Special Publications (4 entries)
1. Field Trip to Kiowa, Clark, and Barber Counties
by Lois Larson
McPherson Gem & Mineral Club
McPherson, KS (RMFMS)

2. Rocks, Minerals and Fossils of Pennsylvania
by Beverly Eisenacher
Central Pennsylvania Rock & Mineral Club
Harrisburg, PA (EFMLS)

3. EFMLS Annual Meeting
by Sheryll Sims, Mineralogical Society of the District of Columbia, Washington, DC (EFMLS)

4. What are Your Interests in the Earth Sciences?
Membership Brochure
by Susan Burch
East Texas Gem & Mineral Society, Tyler, TX (SCFMS)
### AFMS Committees: 2013 – 2014

Here is the listing of the people who have agreed to serve as Committee Chairs for 2012-13. 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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AFMS Newsletter – November, 2013
The town of Terry, Montana may be small, but they are planning on rolling out the red carpet for us as they host the AFMS 2014 Multi-Federation field trip gathering. The dates are July 31 - August 4, 2014, so mark your calendars and get ready to register!

Terry is right in the middle of some of the best Montana rock hounding areas. We’ll have numerous trips to the Gravel Bars on the Yellowstone River; productive areas that I’ve been hunting on annually for 40+ years. Many are accessed only through private property, but permissions have been granted. We’ll be hunting for Montana agates, jasper, Petrified Wood, fossil coral, stromatolites, and numerous other “oddities”.

We’ll have numerous trips into Montana fossil country to the Pierre and Bear Paw formation areas, and we’ll collect ammonites, baculites, scaphites, natiloids and many other shells (70-95 million years old) in the ancient sea bed areas. We are also working on trips to several areas where we can collect dinosaur fossils from the Hell Creek Formation. More information will be forthcoming as plans are solidified.

In addition, we’ll have an opportunity to take a guided tour through the Eastern Montana Badlands - a once in a lifetime opportunity.

Start planning your collecting vacation now. Kids are welcome!!!! What could be better then four days in Eastern Montana with a chance of collecting wonderful material.

But wait, there’s more...The town of Terry is allowing us to use their 2 block city park for dry camping and other activities. We’ll have pot luck dinners, a barbecue and much, much more.

For more information contact Doug True, Fieldtrip Chair, (406) 670-0506, or email <dtruefossils12@yahoo.com>