2014 Program Competition Winners

by Marge Collins, Program Competition Chair

Here are the results of the 2014 Program Competition as announced during the convention in Tulsa, OK this past July.

Three of the four entries submitted earned First Place Awards. You can show them at a club meeting for fellow members to enjoy and learn about each topic or they can be presented “for the public” at a show.

“Garnets - An Overview” by Carol Devine
Lakeside Gem & Mineral Club (NFMS)
Class 1: Educational
approx. 40 minutes DVD

In addition to describing the many garnet species, this presentation suggests a somewhat novel means of studying these colorful often reasonably priced gems - shopping sites on the internet! This is an excellent introduction to the topic or a colorful review for knowledgeable viewers.

“Kentucky Agates” by Susan & Jim Beck
Heart of Wisconsin Gem & Mineral Society (MWF)
Class 2: Field Collecting
approx. 25 minutes DVD

If you haven’t been to Kentucky to collect these somewhat rare, very distinctive agates, you’ll be ready to plan a trip after seeing this presentation. And you’ll understand why they are often rather pricey. If you have collected them, you’ll enjoy the trip down memory lane.

“Can You Dig It? - What is a Fossil”
1st Place - With Honors
by Mei, Brandon & Douglas Poy
Chicago Rocks & Minerals Society (MWF)
Class 4: “Just for Juniors”

What is a Fossil?” could be a very dull presentation but these siblings have produced a very watchable introduction/review – not only for youngsters! Even adults familiar with the topic will be wondering “What comes next...?” Don’t miss it.

A fourth entry - has excellent visuals - but no script or narration. We trust it will be re-entered next year. Another was returned with request it be reformatted and we also trust that this will be re-entered next year.

Affiliate clubs and their members will be able to borrow these programs from their Regional Program Library later this year. All will be in DVD format. Earlier presentations are available now - see your Federation website or Directory. To reserve a program, contact your Regional Library.

It’s been a pleasure serving as the Program Competition Committee chair for the past 20 years, but it’s now time for me to move on to new challenges. A new Program Competition Committee is being formed and Info about the 2015 competition will be published in this Newsletter, in the next month or so. Watch for details. If you have any questions, contact your Regional Program Librarian.
From My Desk to Yours by Richard Jaeger, President

I really enjoyed attending the South Central Federation Show & Convention in Baton Rouge, Louisiana as well as the Northwest Federation Show & Convention in Hermiston, Oregon in August. Both federations can be proud of the work they are doing and both have excellent incoming officers. I’m also looking forward to attending the upcoming shows of the Midwest and Southeast Federations.

One of the concerns of many in our hobby is the loss of collecting areas. Sometimes, government regulations which may be unwise, confusing, or unevenly enforced are a real problem. This has certainly been pointed out by Mike Nelson in his excellent articles in the AFMS Newsletters. However, sometimes, we ourselves are our own worst enemies in regards to the loss of collecting opportunities. I want to give some examples of situations of which I am aware.

Over the years I have heard a number of rockhounds from area clubs, including my own, brag about bring in back a thousand pounds of material when, in fact, they might only use five or ten pounds the rest of their life. After a while those collecting sites are exhausted and there is little or nothing left for future generations of rockhounds to collect and enjoy. Please, take what you need, but leave something for the next person to have the experience of finding. Now, in the Tulsa area, we frequently have fossil collecting sites uncovered in preparation for the building a housing addition, shopping area, etc. In such a case, you and members of your club might as well collect all you can since the site will soon be covered up and lost. Extra material can always be used for grab bags, games for kids at your rock shows, presentations to school or scout groups, etc.

Weyerhaeuser has large tracts of forest land in McCurtain County in Southeastern Oklahoma which contain an abundance of quartz crystals. They permitted groups of rockhounds to use their network of logging roads and collect those crystals. However, when they were logging or replanting, they would close off access to those particular areas. Unfortunately there was one rockhound who considered the area his personal collecting area and would ignore such closings – bypassing gates or perhaps cutting locks. His actions caused Weyerhaeuser to completely close their property to collecting. Fortunately, as time has passed, they are again allowing collecting.

Another case was a quarry in Southwestern Oklahoma which has abundant Permian Age amphibian and reptile fossils. Rockhound groups could schedule collecting trips on Sundays when the quarry was not in operation and successful collecting was always assured. Their one rule was that specimens were not to be taken out for commercial purposes. Unfortunately, a couple of weeks after a group from Texas collected there, the specimens began appearing for sale on E-bay. This action has caused the site to be closed to rockhound groups although university and museum groups can still arrange to collect. Our PLAC Chairman for Oklahoma is working to try to get rockhound groups back in and hopefully he will be successful.

After the Rocky Mountain Federation Show & Convention in Bismark, North Dakota in 1989 one of the field trip collecting sites was on private property for fossil ginkgo leaves and other plant fossils. An exceptional site, but, just a short time after that, someone or group got on the property at night and took out a large amount of material and really damaged the area. So, naturally, the property owner closed this site to collecting; I don’t know if it is still closed or not.

I’ve also just learned of a new site that’s been closed in Montana. Read about this latest news in “A Wake-up Call” on page 4 of this issue.

Those are just few examples of how we are sometimes our own worst enemies when it comes to loss of collecting opportunities and, unfortunately, it sometimes takes only person to ruin things for the rest of us. The AFMS has a ‘Code of Ethics’ which tells us how to respect both private and public property on which we are permitted to collect; you will always find this ‘Code’ printed in the AFMS Newsletters. Please read it, share it with other members of your club, and follow it. Let’s not do anything to cause the loss of collecting opportunities. I would like to see the AFMS Code of Ethics reprinted in every club bulletin, and discussed at a club meeting at least once a year.

Richard
Having Fun: Junior Activities

by Jim Brace-Thompson, Junior Activities Chair

Classic Kids Books on Rocks
I’m in the publishing business and every year I attend the two big shows sponsored by the American Library Association. I returned last month from their annual summer convention in Las Vegas. (Regrettably, librarians have very slim budgets, so they choose “off-season” locations for their conventions. The next one is in Chicago in January. I can hardly wait!) In between normal business, I like to peruse the convention hall to see what’s new, and I always hit the kids’ publishers to see what I can find relating to rockhounding. Here’s a little recap of some rock and mineral books, some new, some (like me) “classic,” for young kids:

The Magic School Bus: Inside the Earth. Joanna Cole, author; Bruce Degen, illustrator. Part of the Magic School Bus series, in this episode Ms. Frizzle takes young readers on a field trip to the center of the earth while teaching about the three rock types, fossils, and more.


Dave’s Down-to-Earth Rock Shop. Stuart J. Murphy, author; Can Bowman Smith, illustrator. Dave and his rock shop teach Josh and Amy how to organize a rock collection, helping them learn about classifying by attributes like color, shape, hardness, or size.

A Rock Is Lively. Dianna Hutts Aston, author; Sylvia Long, illustrator. This book is as gorgeous as it is informative. Long’s colorful paintings of minerals on the cover immediately caught my eye and drew me into the book, where vivid paintings fill page-after-page. But the book is more than “eye candy.” I give earth science presentations to schools, and I’m always asked certain questions. How hot is lava? How old are the oldest rocks? What are rocks used for? Kids will find answers to these questions and more.


King of the Dinosaurs: Tyrannosaurus Rex and After the Dinosaurs. Two books by the authors/illustrators of the Berenstain Bears series, Stan, Jan, and Michael Berenstain, explore the ultimate king of the dinosaurs and the Age of Mammals leading up to us humans.


Check out your local library and bookstores for these books and more. If your club has a library, be sure to include kids’ books like these that make learning about rocks, minerals, and fossils not only interesting but fun!
Safety Matters – Critter Safety

By Ellery Borow, AFMS Safety Chair

Critters pretty much need the same things we do – food, water, sleep, rest, shelter from harsh environments, not too much heat or cold, and just a bit (or a lot in the case of some critters) of tender loving care. Oh, as a point of clarification, I have seen instances of critters being left in hot cars and trucks on hot sunny days with a window just barely cracked open – this is not the “shelter” mentioned above. The interiors of vehicles, even with the window cracked open a bit get mighty hot mighty quickly on a sunny day. How hot? Well, try wearing a fur coat in a hot car with no breeze and you will very quickly find out just how hot it gets. If you don’t like such heat, your critter won’t either.

Rockhounds take care of their rock hounds, rock birds, rock cats and rock critters of every size and type, however, sometimes our rock passions can get the better of us. Please remember that during the heat of passion with a big crystal pocket discovery, during the heat of anticipation with the discovery, during the heat of passion with a big crystal pocket finding that great collecting locality, during the heat of the day, our four footed friends may face the worst... prevent him from reaching much need water or food, water, sleep, rest, shelter from harsh environments, not too much heat or cold, and just a bit (or a lot in the case of some critters) of tender loving care. Oh, as a point of clarification, I have seen instances of critters being left in hot cars and trucks on hot sunny days with a window just barely cracked open – this is not the “shelter” mentioned above. The interiors of vehicles, even with the window cracked open a bit get mighty hot mighty quickly on a sunny day. How hot? Well, try wearing a fur coat in a hot car with no breeze and you will very quickly find out just how hot it gets. If you don’t like such heat, your critter won’t either.

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People much prefer not to get lost. Critters, well not so much. If your critters roam free, please make sure they come when called and are not prone to go off on a merry rabbit,deer, turkey or porcupine or whatever chase.

Other things come to mind for critter safety – make sure your critter’s lead won’t get tangled and prevent him from reaching much need water or shade. There are folks who are deathly afraid of dogs and cats; please be respectful of others’ concerns. Have your critters m eds with you on trips and travels. Check your critter for ticks. Again, keep them out of hot cars. Mind that critters can be predators ...

Critters can make excellent companions on rock hunting trips. Please make their adventure’s as enjoyable as yours. Think safe and be safe, both for you and your critter’s sakes.

AFMS Land Use Policy

1. Adherence to the AFMS Code of Ethics assures compliance with most statutes and regulations governing collecting on public lands and encourages respect for private property rights and the environment. Clubs are urged to read the AFMS Code of Ethics in at least one meeting every year, to publish the Code frequently in the club newsletter, and to compel compliance on club field trips.

2. Individuals and clubs are urged to write their elected representatives and land use management agency supervisors regarding issues of rule making, legislation and enforcement affecting field collecting of minerals and fossils.

3. Individuals and clubs are urged to join and support activities of the American Lands Access Association (ALAA), a sister organization with responsibility for advancing the interests of earth science amateurs with legislatures and land use management agencies.

4. The AFMS will receive a report from ALAA at its annual meeting.

5. The AFMS endorses the principle of multiple use of public lands as a guarantee of continuing recreational opportunities.

6. Wilderness and monument designations are inconsistent with the principle of multiple use. In view of the vast amount of public land already designated as wilderness and monuments, future such designations should be minimal, taking into account the increased demand for recreational opportunities, including rockhounding, created by a growing population.

7. In furtherance of the principle of multiple use, the AFMS believes that laws, regulations and rules established by relevant governmental authorities should be designed to allow freest possible access to all public lands, coupled with minimal restrictions on the recreational collection of minerals, fossils, gemstone materials and other naturally occurring materials.

8. A right to collect minerals and fossils on public lands should be protected by statute.

9. The AFMS urges its members to work with any or all government authorities to achieve a good working relationship in order to improve the “Public Image” of recreational collectors.

Upcoming Regional Federation Shows

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These pictures could have been taken at your favorite collecting site anywhere in the U.S. But they were taken by the U.S. Forest Service office in Missoula, Montana and the site is the famous quartz crystal collecting area at Lolo Hot Springs, Montana. This area is in Montana, but close to the border of Idaho and has been a field trip destination for clubs in the northwest for many years.

Right now the entire area is closed to rockhound collecting. The word rockhound is what is used to denote who we are. But in this case it was a greedy few who went into the area and left huge holes, pits and trenches in search of something saleable. Something that will probably show up at a swap meet or Quartzsite, many miles from the area they were taken from. I was told by the Missoula Forest Service Law Enforcement team that the destruction is worse farther back in the forest.

We know people who have taken home lots more of an item than they can use and we've called them rock hogs, but this goes far beyond that and has severe consequences. First on the wildlife in the area..... these deep holes and trenches are death traps for wild animals who can hurt themselves and not be able to get out and lay there to die. Second, it paints all of us with the same damning brush. The government and the public can’t tell the difference, so we’ll all blamed.

Let’s all abide by our American Federation's Code of Ethics when collecting. We’ve always prided ourselves in making the place we collect in better than when we found it. From now on let’s do this....take a picture of the collecting site when you arrive, and one when you’re ready to leave. But first, contact the Forest Service or BLM who oversees the area and get the rules and regulations for the collecting site. Leave the pictures with them with the dates of arrival and departure. At least this way, the Forest Service and BLM has a record of your compliance with the rules and regulations. And if it’s a field trip group, offer to clean up the surrounding area to leave them with a better picture of who and what a rockhound really is.

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**American Lands Access Association**

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Dues are: $25.00 for individual/couple $50.00 for a club or society

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New Member ______ Renewal ______ Amount Enclosed: __________

ALAA is a 501 (C)(4) Educational, non-profit organization dedicated to keeping public lands multiple use.
Another federal agency that controls a vast number of acres along rivers and lakes is the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (CoE). This agency, part of the Department of Defense, is huge with ~36,500 employees, 98% of them civilian. Most of us associate the CoE with flood control, recreation opportunities, power production from major dams (~25% of U.S. total), locks and dams on major rivers, beach rejuvenation (i.e. after a hurricane), and the dredging of river navigation channels. The CoE manages the shorelines of many rivers (except for state and federal agency projects along the way) and does not look kindly on people constructing unauthorized boat docks, nor collecting rocks and minerals! Their mission is to Deliver vital public and military engineering services; partnering in peace and war to strengthen our Nation’s security, energize the economy and reduce risks from disasters. Notice that rockhounding is not included in this mission statement!

Land managed by the CoE was not mentioned in the PRPA and so rockhounds may not fall back on that piece of legislation. In fact, the CoE gets their authority to manage rockhounding from The Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 327, Section 14, subpart (a) states: Destruction, injury, defacement, removal or any alteration of public property including, but not limited to, developed facilities, natural formations, mineral deposits, historical and archaeological features, paleontological resources, boundary monumentation or markers and vegetative growth, is prohibited except when in accordance with written permission of the District Commander. That wording leaves little open for discussion.

I have found that many CoE managers are a stickler for enforcing their authority. In fact, I wrote the District Commander for Keystone Reservoir near my hometown in Kansas, about walking along the dam face and picking up pyritized snails and cone-in-cone and received the following answer: Pedestrian access along the face (upstream side) of Kanopolis Dam is allowed. As you may know, Title 36 CFR prohibits the collection of fossils and other natural features. With this understood we do recognize the educational value that fossil “collecting” provides and ask that collectors limit themselves to one sample of each fossil for educational purposes only.

I have visited, in person, with other CoE employees and found that supervisors associated with smaller facilities are much more understanding about rockhounding; however, federal rules simply do not give them much leeway for interpretation.

I also note that the CoE manages the shoreline along the Missouri River in South Dakota where the Cretaceous Pierre Shale crops out and is full of invertebrate fossils, often ripe for picking with a boat trip. I also assume they “own” the sandbars in the Mississippi River in Wisconsin and Minnesota where I have collected “Lake Superior Agates.” So, I suggest talking to CoE managers before collecting, or ask for forgiveness if caught collecting. As a general thought, most supervisors are quite cognizant of the importance of vertebrate fossils and will make every attempt to restrict collecting.

All states have parcels of land that are used for parks or open spaces and generally most holdings are off limits to collecting. Of course there are exceptions such as Rockhound State Park in New Mexico and Crater of Diamonds State Park in Arkansas. However, most states have rules and regulations similar to those found in Kansas: Rule number 15 of the park system states: Digging holes, removing geological formations, archeological relics or ruins, or vegetation (except for noncommercial use of edible wild plants, wild fruits, nuts, or fungi) is prohibited. I am certain that geological formations include rocks, minerals and fossils.

But, it pays to check out the rules in each state. For example, Colorado does not allow collecting on most parcels of state-owned land. In neighboring Utah rockhounds may purchase a permit to collect on many state-owned lands.

As for roadways and road right-of-ways, I remain uncertain about the legality of collecting! Most interstate highways prohibit stopping along the road except in an emergency situation. Have I collected along I-70? Well, maybe? Secondary highways and county roads often have fantastic road cuts that are often fossiliferous, and yes I always make a habit of prospecting these features. Legal? I don’t know.

I was going to follow up on the roadways and state lands aspects but simply ran out of time; I regret not being able to follow-up on some of these important subjects but C’est la Vie. I encourage rockhounds to search web sites for rules and regulations, and then stop in and visit with the managers of state or federal agencies.

I bid readers a goodbye and happy rockhounding. Remember: life is like a good chocolate ice cream cone—enjoy the treat before it melts.
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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The National Rockhound and Lapidary Hall of Fame is pleased to announce the induction of five new individuals. These are people who have demonstrated outstanding proficiency in their fields and who have advanced the ideals of our hobby.

Badges that kids in AFMS affiliated clubs may receive after completing various projects. In addition, he developed a manual of activities that club youth leaders can download and use with their own program as well as a "Presenters Manual" giving group leaders lesson plans and ideas for leading their kids groups.

Michael (Mike) Kokinos began micromounting in 1962 and was an original member of the group that became the Southern California Micro-Mineralogists, and later, a member of the group that became the Northern California Mineralogical Association (NCMA). To develop his skills, he undertook formal studies in optical mineralogy and over the years has taught many of his colleagues in optical and other identification techniques. In his long association with professionals in the field, Mike has been instrumental in formalizing the descriptions of new minerals and publishing the results. His work aided in having ferrierite from Agoura, California designated the type example of the species ferrierite-K, and the optical properties determined for the clinoptilolite-Na were the first modern determinations for any species of the clinoptilolite group. He was inducted into the Micromounters Hall of Fame in 2010 and in 2014 the mineral Kokinosite was named in his honor.

Dr. Peter Modreski, PhD, is a charter member of the Friends of Mineralogy, Denver Chapter and a member of the Southern California Micro-Mineralogists, and later, a member of the group that became the Northern California Mineralogical Association (NCMA). To develop his skills, he undertook formal studies in optical mineralogy and over the years has taught many of his colleagues in optical and other identification techniques. In his long association with professionals in the field, Mike has been instrumental in formalizing the descriptions of new minerals and publishing the results. His work aided in having ferrierite from Agoura, California designated the type example of the species ferrierite-K, and the optical properties determined for the clinoptilolite-Na were the first modern determinations for any species of the clinoptilolite group. He was inducted into the Micromounters Hall of Fame in 2010 and in 2014 the mineral Kokinosite was named in his honor.

Jim Brace-Thompson has devoted many years to educating kids about fossils and the earth sciences. He's been both the CFMS, AFMS and Ventura Gem & Mineral Society Juniors chairperson for many years and has hosted a "kids corner" at the CFMS annual conventions. As AFMS Juniors chair he developed a Junior Rockhound program that includes a series of badges that kids in AFMS affiliated clubs may receive after completing various projects. In addition, he developed a manual of activities that club youth leaders can download and use with their own program as well as a "Presenters Manual" giving group leaders lesson plans and ideas for leading their kids groups.

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.

Congratulations to these new inductees. Michael Kokinos Dr. Peter Modreski Jim Brace-Thompson Francis Musser Kenneth Boulier