Start Your Plan for the All American Club Yearbook

by Regina Kapta, AFMS Chair

Begin now to plan out your entry for the All American Club Yearbook award in 2017. Entries will be due a bit earlier this year – April 1st is the deadline, so the awards may be handed out at the AFMS Convention in June 2017.

The All American Club Award is given to the individual club Yearbook that highlights a club’s activities for the past year. Group activities, individual member participation, workshops and shows are all part of a great club. Credit is given for member attendance at regional and national shows, holding officer positions on various committees, writing to state representatives, involvement in ALAA, and junior programs and workshops - activities that reflect an active club that makes membership worthwhile for everyone. The AACA awards are recognition of these activities, with bronze, silver and gold levels and an overall 1st place gold award.

There are a few changes this year as we refine the process for the pdf entries. First, there is now a statement about publishing the winning entries to the website. Entries achieving the gold level will be posted on the AFMS website (or portions of them) unless the club revokes that permission in the entry form. Protecting the privacy of club members and junior members will be given utmost consideration so the documents posted will curated to that end.

The pdf of the yearbook should have bookmarks for each section. Most pdf software includes tools to generate bookmarks, so you can go to each section and designate a bookmark for that section.

The pdf may have internal links – for example, you can link Section 2 of the entry form to the first page of Section 2. Even individual items listed in the criteria for Section 2 may link to that specific page of supporting documentation.

However, no external links to websites should be in the pdf. For instance, don’t link to the photo album on your website as documentation for a show or meeting. The pdf should generate a complete physical book if printed out, and external links will not create a complete book.

Page count for the pdf is limited to a maximum of 150 single pages. No changes for the page count of a printed book – you can do up to 100 double-sided pages.

Still relevant is the guide on the AFMS website written by the late John Washburn. “An All American Club Yearbook: A Guide for Preparation.” This gives an explanation of each section, and what judges look for in rating the entries. It also highlights areas that are usually the weakest for many clubs and offers suggestions to improve those areas, as well as hints and tips for organizing the book.

Again this year, certain highlighted activities will be awarded bonus points, such as support for the AFMS contests, participation in Competitive Displays, utilization of the FRA junior program, and for members volunteering as Judges for any of the AFMS sponsored contests.

REMEMBER that the deadline for entry in the AFMS contest is April 1, 2017. Please make sure you have downloaded the new entry form for contest year 2016 from the AFMS website. It’s available in both pdf and Word. Check with your regional chairs for their deadline.

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Introducing Myself

by Ron Carman, President

Some of you may have seen me at various shows and conventions around the country. For those who haven’t, let me write a bit about myself and how I got involved with Federation activities.

When I was in elementary school, one of my first hobbies was collecting rocks, minerals and fossils, but since I lived with my parents in the middle of Tulsa, Oklahoma I didn’t have much opportunity to go on field trips. My father really loved fishing and I would sometimes go with him, but if the fish weren’t biting I would get bored and go poking around in the rocks around the lake or stream.

At school during recess some of the other kids showed me where to find crinoid fossils in the limestone gravel on the playground, and before long I had a box full of them. When I was in high school and college I had other interests, so didn’t do much collecting. I did take a course in mineralogy in undergraduate college, since I had to have an earth science, and that is where I learned about crystallography and mineral identification. After I graduated I spent two years in the U. S. Navy – it’s difficult to hunt minerals on a ship at sea!

In 1968 I decided to go into aviation as a career and in 1969 I moved from Oklahoma to Houston, Texas and lived in the Houston area for 35 years, where I worked for the FAA in air traffic control from 1971 to 2003. In 1973 I chanced to visit a dealer in the Galveston area, who told me he was preparing for the Houston Gem and Mineral Show the coming weekend and invited me to go see it. I liked it and so I asked how to join the hosting club. Their monthly meeting was the next week and I joined the HGMS at that time. That's when I began my serious interest in mineral collecting, as the club had several sub-sections and I made it a point to visit the mineral section meetings. One of the best things I learned there is about some good collecting locations. I like to collect my own minerals and my job enabled me to travel, so I have been able to go on some very interesting field trips over the years.

Membership in the HGMS also included membership in the South Central Federation (SCFMS) as well its affiliation with the American Federation, and I began to find out more about those organizations when the national show was in Austin in 1976 and when the HGMS hosted the SCFMS show in 1977. I also learned about the Rollin’ Rock Club, which is a member of the SCFMS – more about that another time. After exhibiting competitively a few times I became more interested in the Uniform Rules and managed to get on the Uniform Rules Committee (URC) for the South Central Federation. It didn’t take long to learn that if you think the rules need changing, you can submit suggested changes to the committee and they will consider your suggestions at the next URC meeting. Since the URC only meets once per year, at the AFMS show, it may take a while for your changes to be considered and sometimes the process seems to be slow. The Rules Book has grown considerably over the years, mostly because of the many requests the URC has received for additional divisions, such as petrified wood, scrimshaw, beading, and others that weren’t there originally. If you are interested in competitive exhibiting, don’t let the book scare you, since you only need to read the rules that pertain to your division and class of exhibit.

In 2004 my wife and I both retired and moved to the Hill Country of central Texas. I continue to be a member of the Houston Gem & Mineral Society and Rollin’ Rock Club and have also joined the Austin Gem & Mineral Society, all in the South Central Federation. However, I have found that most clubs welcome members from all over the country, no matter where you live.

Over the years I’ve discovered that getting involved in federation activities, either regional or AFMS, is a good way to make new friends and get acquainted with many fellow rockhounds from other clubs all over the country. We all may have our own interests, but we share a common hobby and like that other Oklahoman Will Rogers, “I never met a rockhound I didn’t like”. It’s a great way to share information with other fellow hobbyists from all over. And I am proof that this hobby is one that can last a lifetime, and everyone, young or old, can enjoy it in some way.

I hope everyone has happy holidays and I will see you next year!

Ron
Exciting News

from Shirley Leeson

For those of you who have already thought about attending the AFMS/CFMS National Show & Convention June 9 – 11, 2017, here’s an additional event you may want to consider attending:....

There will be a Judges Training Seminar, Tuesday, June 7 and Wednesday, June 8, 2017. It will be conducted by none other than Jay Bowman, Teacher and Judge extraordinaire. The seminar is open to current judges and exhibitors from all seven AFMS regions, those who wish to brush up on their judging skills and exhibitors who would like to begin learning about judging.

Marion Roberts, AFMS Uniform Rules Chair, 2017 will be in charge, with his elves (Jennifer Haley and Shirley Leeson) making things happen. We already have a contract with a local family-owned motel in the heart of Ventura and close to the fairgrounds where the show will be held.

We can accommodate, on a first come first served basis, a maximum of 50 participants for this event. The motel price is far below other hotel/motels in the area and has a huge parking lot and an on-premises restaurant.

More in the February 2017 issue of the AFMS Newsletter, along with an application to fill out and return to our registrar.

Editor’s Corner

by Mark Nelson, BEAC Chair

I hope that 2016 has been a good year for all of you editors! Some of our regional federations have been stressed this year by illness. Both the Midwest and California federations lost their Bulletin Editors Advisory Committee chairs due to sudden ill health. I’m pleased to say that both federations are back in full swing and have competent editors stepping in to fill that position and to support the editors in those federations!

Finding qualified judges for regional Editors Contests can be a challenge! In those cases where federations lost their BEACs they also lost their database of judges. I would like to be able to offer federation BEACs a list of judges and the areas in which they are most competent to judge. If you feel that you are able to serve as a judge for a federation other than your own, please send me an email saying so, and which federation you are a member of. If you have a particular area of expertise (small, mini or large bulletins, written or drawn features, poetry, etc.) please let me know that also. mnelsonair@aol.com

A great resource for our bulletin editors is the Special Congress Representing Involved Bulletin Editors (S.C.R.I.B.E.). If you are not already a member, you will benefit by being one! The cost of membership is insignificant - only $6 per year - about the cost for a fancy cup of coffee! Join on-line at http://scribe.rbnnet.net/. This organization was created to serve the needs of bulletin editors!

S.C.R.I.B.E. is working to put the finishing touches on the 2017 Best Of The Best “virtual cd”. It is sent to all members at no cost and is designed to give new and veteran editors a resource for adding sparkle to their bulletins. S.C.R.I.B.E. has focused on collecting examples of the 2016 bulletins, articles and publications that set the best example of what makes a great bulletin, article, feature and so on. This cd contains the top winners of the AFMS Bulletin Editors Contest. As such, it is a great resource for editors to tap for examples of winning bulletin layout, style, and articles. If an editor needs an article for his or her bulletin they can borrow one from these most excellent examples. There is a lot of material there! If an editor was to use two a month they would last over a year! What interesting articles we can offer our readers! Just be sure to give credit to the original author, club and issue. Contact S.C.R.I.B.E. to get your copy!

Purpose of the AFMS:

To promote popular interest and education in the various Earth Sciences, and in particular the subjects of Geology, Mineralogy, Paleontology, Lapidary and other related subjects, and to sponsor and provide means of coordinating the work and efforts of all persons and groups interested therein; to sponsor and encourage the formation and international development of Societies and Regional Federations and by and through such means to strive toward greater international good will and fellowship.

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AFMS Endowment Fund – Season for Giving

by Cheryl Neary, Chair

The Holidays are typically also known as the Season of Giving. During this time many people consider donating to a favorite organization. I am hoping that many of you will consider donating to the Endowment Fund! To date, I have three great contributions and by next month this time I hope to quadruple that number! Of course, I need your help! Please consider donating an item with a minimum value of $75.00 and a weight limit of not to exceed five (5) pounds.

If you chose to donate – and I hope you do- please send me via email a picture of your generous donation so that I can get it posted to the AFMS website and into the newsletter. You or your club will be recognized for the donation. This is a great way to advertise what your club does, especially the lapidary clubs!

Of course, you can also help the fund by purchasing the tickets from your regional representative:

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Eastern Federation: Carolyn Weinberger PO Box 302; Glyndon, MD 21071-0302 <editor@amfed.org>

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Northwest Federation: Judi Allison 1701 NW 11th St; Hermiston, OR 97838 <jall@eotnet.net>

Rocky Mountain Federation: DeLane Cox 8152 Spanker Ridge Dr. Bentonville, AR 72712 <delanec3@earthlink.net> OR Richard Jaeger 3515 # 88th St; Tulsa OK 74137-2602 <rjgrsci@aol.com>

South Central Federation: Joyce Speed 4680 Wisteria St; Dallas, TX 75211 <llispeed2@gmail.com>

Southeast Federation: Leslie & David Wayment PO Box 780791; Sebastian, FL 32978 <aastainedglass@bellsouth.net>

Why donate an item or purchase tickets for the drawing? The money collected is for the AFMS Endowment Fund. The interest from the monies generated is used for AFMS special projects, such as, junior badges, judges training, digitizing of slide programs, to name a few.

Additionally, there are pins, which are being sold for the AFMS Endowment Fund. I have extra pins of our federations for $20 for the single federation (except for South Central- sorry!)

Thanks again for your support!

Prize #1: A Dinosaur Footprint donated by Doug True. Estimated value $250.00 (NFMS)

Prize #2: Multi-colored fresh water pearl necklace measuring 48-50”. Estimated value $80. (EFMLS)

Prize #3: Block of Red Jasper cabbing or carving material from the western U.S. - Estimated value $75. (EFMLS)

Fred C. Schaefermeyer
January 28, 1919 – October 9, 2016

Fred Schaefermeyer, Past President of the AFMS (1994-95) passed away at age 97 following a brief illness.

Born in Hayden, CO, Fred enlisted in the Army Air Corps in 1940 and served in numerous administrative roles at the Pentagon before retiring in 1968. He then attended electronics school and became a service representative for 3M Company until he retired from that position in 1982.

Looking around for “something to do”, Fred enrolled in college courses in chemistry and geology and became involved in numerous local rock and mineral clubs in the D.C. area. Never one to be “just a member”, Fred soon found himself to be the editor of a club bulletin, president of several of his clubs, including the Northern Virginia Mineral Club, the Micromineralogists of the National Capital Area and the Mineralogical Society of the District of Columbia. He also served as director of the MNCA’s annual spring micromounters conference.

After serving as 1st and 2nd Vice President for the Eastern Federation, he served as President in 1989-90. In 1995 Fred was awarded the Eastern Citation Award - their highest honor - and in 2000 was inducted into both the Micromounters Hall of Fame and the National Rockhound and Lapidary Hall of Fame.

Never one to sit idly by, Fred served as a mineral judge for both EFMLS and AFMS, and teacher at the EFMLS Workshop at Wildacres. He was a mentor and friend to many who was always willing to share his knowledge and his love of the hobby with anyone.

Following the passing of his wife Geraldine (Gerry), Fred moved to Wheat Ridge, Co where he spent the last happy ten years of his life with his companion, Muriel Frink. He is survived by his daughter Sherry and sons Michael and Martin as well as eight grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

Contributions in Fred’s memory may be made to the AFMS Scholarship Fund, % your regional Federation chairperson or directed to Steve Weinberger, EFMLS Chair, PO Box 302; Glyndon, MD 21071-0302.

Carolyn Weinberger
Legal Definition of Recreational Rockhounding as defined in Title 43 CFR 

§ 8365.1-5 Property and resources.
(a) On all **public lands**, unless otherwise authorized, no **person** shall:

(1) Willfully deface, disturb, remove or destroy any personal property, or structures, or any scientific, cultural, archaeological or historic resource, natural object or area;

(2) Willfully deface, remove or destroy plants or their parts, soil, rocks or minerals, or cave resources, except as **permitted** under paragraph (b) or (c) of this paragraph;

(3) Use on the **public lands** explosive, motorized or mechanical devices, except metal detectors, to aid in the collection of specimens **permitted** under paragraph (b) or (c) of this paragraph.

(b) Except on **developed recreation sites and areas**, or where otherwise prohibited and posted, it is permissible to collect from the **public lands** reasonable amounts of the following for noncommercial purposes:

(1) Commonly available **renewable resources** such as flowers, berries, nuts, seeds, cones and leaves;

(2) **Nonrenewable resources** such as rock and mineral specimens, common invertebrate and common plant fossils, and semiprecious gemstones;

(3) **Petrified wood** as provided under **subpart 3622** of this title;

(4) Mineral materials as provided under **subpart 3604**; and

(5) Forest products for use in **campfires** on the **public lands**. Other collection of forest products shall be in accordance with the provisions of Group 5500 of this title.

(c) The collection of renewable or nonrenewable resources from the **public lands for sale or barter** to commercial dealers may be done only after obtaining a contract or permit from an **authorized officer** in accordance with part 3600 or 5400 of this chapter.


“Happy Rockhounding and Enjoy Your Public Lands”
Instructions for completing the entry form

1. Book can be submitted either as:
   A) A printed document, limited to a maximum of 100 pages (one or two-sided). A loose leaf notebook or a scrapbook are suitable binders.

   OR

   B) One pdf file, created with bookmarks to indicate sections, with a maximum page count of 150 pgs. This can be emailed, mailed on a flash drive or burned to CD.

   The Pdf can contain links to internal pages within the pdf, not external web links.

   For example, Section 2 in the Entry form can link to the first page of Section 2. Each item within the section can link to the documentation supporting that criteria.

   Printing the pdf should result in the generation of a complete physical book.

2. The document should have six (6) sections, divided with the numbers 1 - 6, with the entry form in section 1 and the supporting documentation for each of the entry sections following the appropriate divider. Do not include all of the club newsletters for the year – include a list and 1 or 2 issues as supporting documentation. Do not include all of the exchange bulletins for the year - a list and a few sample pages is sufficient. There is no restriction on the number of pages in any one section, **PROVIDED THE TOTAL OF ALL SECTIONS DOES NOT EXCEED 100 PAGES or 150 pages if submitted as a pdf.** Supporting materials can include fliers, articles about club activities, show ads, show or meeting notices from newspapers; articles copied from club newsletter, screens shots, lists of chairs or officers, pictures, copies of certificates, reports printed in club newsletter, thank-you notes and other correspondence.

3. When filling out the entry form, mark all appropriate blanks (leave blank if answer is no) and entry numbers, or other information requested. Assemble supporting materials and lists following the appropriate section divider and insert photos and other graphics following the typed information.

4. All requested material is only for the year 2016.

5. Deadline for submitting to the AFMS chairman (rmkapta@comcast.net) is April 1st, 2017. Check with your regional chairs for their deadlines.

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Meeting Place: ____________________________________________________________

[Include city, state]

Person filling out form: Name: ____________________________________________

Address: ____________________________ State __________ Zip __________

Phone: ____________________________ E-mail: __________________________

Mission or purpose of the club:

*By submitting this entry, permission is granted to AFMS to publish this entry or excerpts of this entry, on the official AFMS website if this entry becomes a Gold level winner in the All-American Club Award contest. (Only public information regarding the club as posted on their website will be included.)

☐ No, do not publish this entry on the AFMS website. (check box only if you do not give permission)

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

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**Bonus:** Club uses **Future Rockhounds of America AFMS/FRA Badge Program** or has separate junior workshops or events other than meetings? __

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Mineral study_______ Fossil study_______ Intarsia_______ Jewelry making_______

Other______________________________________________________________

Social Events: Number attending Picnic_______ Banquet_______ Holiday Dinner _________

Other (Describe):____________________________________________________

Club hosts Show: Yes_____ Date(s) ____________________________

Dealers: #____ Demonstrators: #________

Member Displays: #_________ Junior Displays: #_________

Bonus: Competitive Displays by members? Yes____ Include list of participants.

Special Features: Club library: Yes____

Yearbook committee or Website committee: Yes____

Lapidary studio/workshop (supported by and available to members): Yes____

Field Trips: Yes____ No. of trips in field ______ Other trips (museum, shows)________________________

Other clubs invited? Yes____

Workshops: (beading, lapidary skills, jewelry, etc): Yes_____ Include a separate list of workshops.

Club maintains an active Website: Yes_____ URL ________________________________________________

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

SECTION 3 - PUBLICATIONS AND PUBLICITY (15 POINTS)

Bulletin: Yes_____ Bulletin name__________________________________________

Editor’s name________________________________________________________

Club Website/Facebook site: Show information posted: Yes_____

Meeting information posted: Yes_____

Workshop information posted: Yes_____

Meeting notices posted in public places: Yes_____ Where?________________________

Meeting notices published in local media: Yes_____ Where?______________________

Show fliers posted in public places: Yes_____ Where?___________________________

Show information published in local media: Yes_____ Where?____________________

Free or paid ads on TV/radio/web: Meeting notices: Yes_____

Show information: Yes_____

SECTION 4 - SUPPORT FOR REGIONAL FEDERATIONS, AFMS AND OTHER CLUBS (20+ POINTS)

Members served in Federation as Officers, Committee Chairs or committee members:

Regional federation: Yes_____ Include a list of members serving.

AFMS: Yes_____ Include a list of members serving.

Members attended a Federation convention or show:

Regional Federation: Yes_____ #_____

AFMS: Yes_____ #_____ 

Members supported Federation scholarships or endowment funds:

AFMS: Scholarship fund: Yes_____ Endowment fund: Yes_____ 

Other support for regional federations? (explain)________________________________________

Members gave programs for other clubs: Yes_____ Include a list of programs.

Members attended other club shows, swaps, etc.: Yes_____

Members held joint field trips with other clubs: Yes_____ 

Members displayed/demonstrated at other shows: Yes_____ 

Club exchanged bulletins with other clubs: Yes_____ Include a list.

Bonus: Club was host to a Regional Federation Convention or AFMS convention in 2016: Yes_____ When and where? ________________________________________________

Bonus: Bulletin Editor is a member of Scribe: Yes_____ 

Bonus: Members performed as judges for Bulletin Editor’s contest, Competitive displays or Website competitions?

List names, details or photo documentation
SECTION 5 - COMMUNITY RELATIONS (15 POINTS)

Members gave talks or demonstrations at local schools: Yes___ Include a separate list of those given.
Members gave talks or demonstrations to local groups: Yes___ Include a separate list of those given.
Members maintained displays at local public sites: Yes___ Include a separate list of sites.
Members maintained a booth or an activity at a local event: Yes___ Include a separate list of events.
Members donated materials to school, college, scouts, etc: Yes____ Include supporting documentation.
Members active in local affairs: Yes____ Include supporting documentation.

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

Members served on governmental agency committees: Yes____ Include a list of those who served.
Members commented on government agency proposals, etc: Yes____ List of proposals and participants.
Members contacted congressional representatives regarding legislation affecting access and collecting sites: Y
Yes_____ Include a list of representatives contacted and legislation or copies of letters.
Members supported access/collecting lobbying organizations like ALAA: Yes____ List organization(s).
Bonus: Club is member of ALAA: _____Yes

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

This section evaluates neatness, organization, grammar, spelling, pg count restrictions, and overall presentation of material.

SCORING AND AWARDS
Gold All-American Club Award: 90 - 100 points (average of three)
Silver All-American Club Award: 80 - 89 points (average of three)
Bronze All-American Club Award: 70 - 79 points (average of three)
Honorable Mention: Less 70 points (average of three)
Bonus +1 point for each

Upcoming Regional Federation / AFMS Conventions
from Emerson Tucker, Show Coordinator

Here’s the listing of upcoming Regional and AFMS Conventions that are scheduled for the coming years. When planning your Regional Federation Convention for 2018 and beyond, please avoid scheduling on the same dates as other Regional Conventions. Notify me at emertuck@gmail.com so that we can post your dates on the schedule.

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