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Report to the Officers, Directors, and Committee Chairpersons from the
Commemorative Stamp Committee

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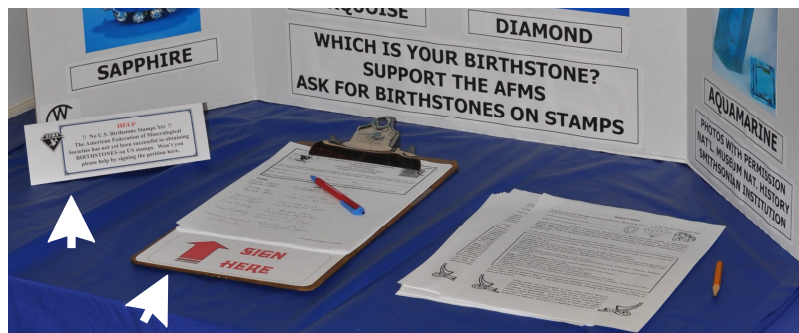
From Wendell C. Mohr, Commemorative Stamp Committee Chairman

It seems that 19 years since that last mineral stamps ought to have been enough time to have convinced the Citizen's Stamp Advisory Committee to commit to a set of AFMS advocated birthstone stamps. However the USPS Stamp Program announced for 2011 once more does not include the issue we all would so dearly wish to have.

Thanks to the many bulletin editors that have included articles based on our material found at the AFMS web site in support of our goals. And thanks to the others who have carried our appeal to their clubs and to the public at their shows. Your activities have been appreciated.

But our efforts so far have failed. We need to be ever persistent.

In the past year we have tried to refine the methods we advocate. We discovered that a petition at shows did not garner much activity. As few as only a half dozen signed at shows in the Washington-Baltimore area. The petitions were ignored by guests and members who were more interested in seeing exhibits, demonstrations and dealers. So a slightly different approach was tried which seems to have worked. New wordage on the "tent sign" and an attention grabbing red "Sign Here" sign with the clip board for the petitions got much more response in terms of the number of signers. Multi-pages of signers were obtained.



If the Canadians can have birthstones on coins, shouldn't we have US birthstone stamps?

Do your best to keep up the advocacy.