Hey Everyone!

February sure flew by and there is lots of news to share with you!

First, I want to start off by letting you know that Jim Brace-Thompson has submitted his resignation as President-elect. Jim’s mother has lingering health issues following a COVID infection that has required Jim to step in as her primary caregiver. I am happy to report though that Jim will continue as the Junior Activities Chair. While I am sorry that Jim has stepped down, I admire his dedication to his family!

After consulting Steve Weinberger and the AFMS By-laws, I contacted Juanita Pardun, CFMS President, for their federation’s nomination to replace Jim. Their board elected Margaret Kolaczyk to serve. Our executive board also voted to elect Margaret to serve as President-elect and then President in 2022. Margaret has the qualifications that are outlined in our by-laws and we are happy to welcome her aboard. Look forward to a message coming from Margaret soon!

This month we lost a GIANT in the AFMS and a friend that I will always remember with great admiration and fondness. Emerson Tucker who most recently was our Show Consultant and who has served as President of the AFMS passed away. When Emerson knew he was ill he called me several times and talked with me about his replacement and gave me great advice in my role as President. Even when he was ill, he was expressing his support for me. When I read his obituary, I was so impressed with all the things he had done in his life! He certainly left a mark and will be remembered for his humor, kindness, and wisdom! Our condolences to his wife Pat!

The ad hoc committees for Long-Range planning continue to move ahead and are making some awesome progress. We are looking forward to sharing with you what we have been working on at the meeting in June! Hint-I think you’ll like it!!

Congratulations to Ian Kirk on earning his 20th badge and STAR in the Junior Rockhounds of America program this past October! What an awesome achievement!! Congratulations to the Tulsa Rock and Mineral Society for working with this wonderful program!

Ok, this is some muddy water, but I’d like to wade in a bit. I think it is time for us to start thinking of a slowwwow transition to a digital look for disseminating our news. Now, I can hear some of you right now J-I love my newspaper too. Notice I said slow; we’re not stopping anything but would like to start compiling email addresses to start sending out our newsletter digitally. Adopting a digital newsletter would allow us to send out many more copies than we currently do. No club would be limited to 3 copies; if we have your email address, you can get one! Also, a digital copy enables you to view photos in color to add to the wonderful articles you read each month. We spend $15,000 on our newsletter each year for honestly a limited audience. When we talk about reaching younger members, they are not reading newspapers for their information; they are on their phones or their computers. If you would like to receive a digital copy, please send your email address to Cheryl in the Central Office. If you want to offer a comment, send an email to me. I’d love to hear from you!!

A BIG thank you to the clubs that are sending me their newsletters! I enjoy reading them and seeing what you all are up to!

Plans are progressing for the show in Big Piney June 17-20th-I would love to see you all there!
Margaret Kolaczyk, President Elect

I have been asked to do a write up for the AFMS Newsletter introducing myself. To be honest, blowing my own horn is not something I like to do. With that said, here is a synopsis of what I have done.

In 1996 I joined the Amador County Gem & Mineral Society. I have held the following positions: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Editor, Show Chair, Federation Director and Education.

In 2013 I became part of the CFMS Executive Committee, holding the office of Treasurer, 2nd VP, 1st VP and 2017 CFMS President. I have been committee chair for Long Range Planning, Boundaries, Golden Bear, 2015 CFMS Show (Co-Chaired with Bob Knox), 2020 CFMS Show (Co-Chaired with Pat LaRue) and Uniform Rules. In 2002 I became an instructor for the CFMS Earth Science Seminar.

For AFMS I have been the 4th & 3rd Vice President and the Judges Training Chair. With that out of the way, I would like to say I feel privileged to be President Elect and look forward to becoming AFMS President. I will begin contacting committee chairs for the 2021—2022 year. Please feel free to contact me (markolaczyk at gmail.com).

Word Safety

Ellery Borow, AFMS Safety Chair

What does one do when they hear someone shout, "No, Stop!" Doesn't everyone stop, look around and assess the situation? So, what might one do when they hear someone shout, "Crumbles!" if a quarry rock face suddenly crumbles? Words can have safety meanings. Crumbles just does not have it.

What about words such as "Person overboard!", "Fire!", "Flood!", "Help!", "Run!", "Watch Out!"... Shout "Hamburger!" and see what happens besides people showing up with plates and appetites. Some might shout back "Where?" or "It's about time!" Perhaps there is a class on word safety. I don't know of one.

Though words used during duress or emergency has potential for a class.

The ideal situation would be that there never be a need for words needed in an emergency—would that people not wander near working faces or well beyond the drop zone of falling material; people stayed off dangerous/loose rock slopes; people did not collect under overhangs; people heeded warning labels of chemistries for rock cleaning solutions; people minded safety protocols for torch handling. Safety is many things—a situation, a knowledge, a balance of activity gone wrong, a rule, a reaction. Knowing the right word usually comes naturally.

Professionals use words, well trained words. Professionals practice strategy, practice dangerous situations, prepare for emergencies and the right words to say. The average person does not. The average person rarely has the opportunity to rehearse in real life situations, and rarely has the means to practice responding to the unexpected.

A well-placed scream is effective in the movies. It certainly alerts the people in the area that something is amiss. In real life, it does much the same and still remains rather unspecific. It could be uttered in non-emergency situations as well. At least it draws attention. And that, in and of itself, might work.

There are many other words of safety. They reside in lecture language, warning label laments, tag talk, instruction manuals, pit protocols, quarry questions, fine print points, prescriptions pronouncements, flag fancies, tape barrier signs. etc. Would be that those words preceded and prevented the need for shouted expletives and warnings. It is up to us to use the words wisely, know the use and misuse of words and how they can help us be safe. Would that words not be uttered as in emergency because the emergency never occurred. But if an emergency should occur, that you have on hand the right words to bring about as safe a solution as possible.

One of the things that can be practiced is word safety. All the best words to you and yours. Be safe, please. Your safety matters.

Some Future AFMS Contests

Cheryl Neary, Central Office

The AFMS Juniors program will be having two contests within the upcoming year—the contests will be announced at the Convention and will be held until the following year’s convention to be held by the SCFMS - So stay tuned - and let’s have fun!

PS: There will be prizes!!
Mary Bateman: Editor Extraordinaire
Kathy Hrechka editor The Mineral Mite, Micromineralogists of the National Capital Area

Mary Bateman was born and raised in New Jersey until she moved to Washington, DC in 1965 to begin her career with the National Education Association. She received a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and took courses for an MBA. She was later hired by the Public Securities Association (now SIFMA) in Washington DC and remained there until she retired.

While her professional career always had an element of proofreading and editing, she also volunteered within our geology community. She was club president for six years, show chair and editor of the Dopstick newsletter for the Gem, Lapidary and Mineral Society of the District of Columbia. Mary also edited the Mineral Minutes newsletter for the Mineralogical Society of the District of Columbia for several years.

Mary recalls becoming involved with the Eastern Federation while on a field trip with GMLS/DC when Cathy Gaber approached her for the position BEAC Chair in 1995. Since then, she has served on several committees of the EFMLS, eventually becoming president in 2008.

She currently serves in an advisory capacity to EFMLS Region II’s regional vice president and as a member of the past presidents’ advisory committee in addition to being the elected editor of the EFMLS News and Chair of the EFMLS BEAC Committee. Mary also serves on the AFMS BEAC Committee.

Mary has been the volunteer Bulletin Editor’s Advisory Committee chairperson for the Eastern Federation of the Mineralogical Societies (EFMLS BEAC) since 1995. She loves coordinating the BEAC because it gives her the opportunity and joy of reading a wide range of mineral club newsletters. More importantly, she is dedicated to helping editors produce better newsletters and getting the recognition they deserve. As Carolyn Weinberger always said, “newsletters and editors are the backbone of our clubs” Mary takes pleasure in seeing the faces of editors when they are announced and awarded at the Editors Breakfast at the EFMLS annual meeting each year.

She believes that editors are not the only ones rewarded. Club members who write articles are also recognized. When the awardees in all article categories are announced back at the club level, there is a certain pride that a member(s) of their club received a regional award. This pride is even greater for both the club and awardee with the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies contest for a national recognition.

Mary loves our geology hobby while and interacting with others. She enjoys field trips and is surprised when she finds something worth saving—for herself. She states, “it is the comradery and friendships that are made that are more important than the finds.” Her focus is beading, silversmithing, and cabbaging. She enjoys reading, but her relaxation comes from walking/hiking, needlepoint and the old fashioned way of rug hooking with wool strips. Since COVID-19 Mary has completed three rugs and is working on two others. She loves learning new things and is in the process of learning to play the piano.

Successful Exhibits
Lee Whitebay, Chair, AFMS Uniform Rules

It’s getting closer to Show Time! Many clubs suspended their shows last year, creating pent-up interest in our hobby. So having especially great exhibits this year will go a long way to recharging our membership. Whether it’s a local, regional or national show plan to exhibit in, it’s time to select your pieces and spruce-up your case. Now, let’s check the Uniform Rules to make sure you’ve chosen the right Group, Division and Class for your exhibit. Remember, you don’t have to go it alone. Society and Jr. Society exhibits are a great way to show off the skill and expertise of club members. Adults going it alone can enter as Novice, Advanced or Master. Juniors have their own Group. We have a lot of Groups! Then there are ten Divisions covering all aspects of our hobby. I collect minerals so I’d enter Division B--Minerals. Someone who loves to make cabochons would enter Division C--Lapidary. Next comes choosing a class and here we have numerous, some might say too many, choices. Staying with Minerals, there are by my count over 50 Classes for minerals based on size, location, chemistry and special features. Once we’ve made our choices, it’s time to focus on the rules specific to our Exhibit. How many pieces will be needed? What factors will be considered by judges: quality, showmanship, labeling, workmanship, etc.? The Uniform Rules lays this all out in pedantic prose. If you have questions, ask them now.

Members of Regional Uniform Rules Committees should be eager to help you craft an award-winning exhibit.

Keep in mind, it takes quite a bit of time to construct a top-notch Exhibit. Risers and side panels should be designed to be easily installed and made of material not likely to stain or warp. Fabric-covered or painted surfaces are fine, making sure the colors complement your pieces. Lighting should be bright without casting shadows or producing a disturbing glare. Looking at cabochons and seeing a row of LEDs reflected from their polished surfaces is not optimal. Labels need to be easily read and substantial enough to hold up to hot lights and changing humidity. And, yes, spelling counts; so take time to triple check it. Once you’ve assembled your case, ask family and friends to critique it. You want viewers to be drawn to your Exhibit. Visitors will never see the quality of your display if they are not first attracted to the presentation. Remember, showmanship points are as valuable as quality points when aiming for an award and are doubly valuable when enticing new members to your club.

Show Time is closer than you think. Get started on those exhibits.

In recognition for her lifelong volunteer efforts within the geology community, Mary Bateman was awarded the EFMLS coveted Citation Award in 2013.

ED: From time to time, the Newsletter will print profiles of persons who do regional and/or national jobs. This is the first of such a series.
Having Fun: Junior Activities
What’s Needed for a Successful Juniors Program?  
Committed Adults Who Serve as Magical Mentors!
by Jim Brace-Thomson, AFMS Juniors Program Chair

Sharing Across the Ages: 
A Successful Pebble Pup Program for the Young & Young at Heart
By Lisa Batchelder-Hetrick, Ventura Gem & Mineral Society

My Experience
I firmly believe that each one of us has something to share and teach another human being. As a lifelong learner, I search for learning opportunities anywhere and everywhere. I don’t want to miss something good! One of my favorite places to learn is from people who have done something before me. I learn best by doing, by demonstration; and I find that when I have more questions, that’s where the research begins. I have tried to impart that learning passion in my daughter Lucia and the students that I have worked with over the years. While I respect it’s not the only way everyone learns or teaches, it is one of my gifts.

I grew up in a traditional Italian family. We always had our older family members around us. We learned to listen and try to follow their example. Now as an adult, I long for those traditions and lessons to continue. It was a safe place for me to grow with the support of people who cared about me. Keeping with the theme of this month’s column, I became a Montessori-style teacher. That means I am a guide for self-directed activity, hands-on learning and collaborative play. I present learning opportunities that encourage independence and watch what happens in the learning process.

I learned of the Ventura Gem & Mineral Society Pebble Pups program in Spring 2016, and I brought my daughter to a class in June. Lucia absolutely fell in love. She found her people. Her passion. We have been a part of this ever-evolving program since. As a mom, I saw something my daughter didn’t realize. I saw opportunity for her to learn from a generation of experts. I knew we had found a special place, with incredible people.

We have watched this program grow from less than 5 children to over 50 at its peak. We pivoted when life dealt us The Thomas Fire in December 2017 (which, sadly, wreaked havoc with our then-Pebble Pups chair, Raul, whose home was completely destroyed) and once again with the challenges of COVID-19. We have learned at the VGMS clubhouse, out in the field on collecting trips, and now in the online world called ZOOM. We have had different leaders and teachers. Through it all, our children have had many unique experiences. But so have the adult club members. Together, this is where the magic happens. I have been honored to be a small part of it.

Being a Mentor
As a mentor, you can discover as much about yourself as the children who are learning from you. Mentoring allows adults to give something of themselves in a way that’s both selfless and deeply fulfilling. Mentoring can bring upon a special friendship for both adult and child. It is satisfying to see when the children connect for the first time or when experiencing the children really engaging with an activity and their passions developing. As a child’s self-esteem builds and develops, so does yours as a mentor. You may discover that the teaching role is comfortable and easier than imagined. Mentors bring wisdom, experience, encouragement, motivation and bonding to their time with children. Also, by modeling positive behaviors and sharing yourself and your talents, the child will more likely make positive and healthy lifestyle choices in the long term.

Being Mentored
Children benefit in so many ways when working with a mentor. They feel it when someone cares to spend time with them and share an experience. The gift of time is powerful. It makes a difference when adults invest in a child. “By spending time with an adult outside of their families, they improve their communication and interpersonal skills—both of which help with relationships in childhood and adulthood.” (https://theblueheartfoundation.org/)

When a mentor has helped to build a child’s confidence, it will spread into all aspects of that child’s life. That confidence boost can improve performance in school and show them pathways to higher education opportunities. Children adapt to learning in new environments. For example, they have learned how to behave in settings like museums, group settings and have taken the opportunity to become peer mentors to other children. It is a joyful feeling to see their confidence take them from being a student to

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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 free, 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.

Conclusion
becoming teachers themselves.
If there is one thing we all have experienced during COVID times, it is that personally; loneliness for adults and for our routines. We long to be connected and to pursue things we enjoy. By being able to embrace online tools, we have continued the VGMS Pebble Pup Program and have even grown with new and returning members. Learning and fun hasn’t stopped. It has just taken a new shape. We all have had to adapt and get creative.

I have found that when I’ve asked members to step out of their comfort zone, they have been willing to try, and it truly has been inspiring. Members have created content for classes, have been interviewed sharing their passions, and have supported behind-the-scenes activities to make the Pebble Pup Program run smoothly.

I’ve witnessed magical moments at VGMS between the pups and the members who have volunteered their time. I’ve seen the club celebrate the children and support their curiosities. I am so grateful for this program personally for my daughter. It has become that safe space where she can learn, experience, question, and participate in a wonderful program for a club she will be involved in for years to come. I am just the tool necessary to help put the pieces together for the program. I enjoy creating unique learning environments for the kids. We have made new traditions here, with new friendships that will last for a long time. I challenge you to become a superhero to a child and share what you know and love. Be a part of helping them reach their full potential. The VGMS Pebble Pup Program is a win for the club, a win for the mentors, and a win for the kids. Together, we are making a difference and setting an example for other clubs, adults, and kids. Pandemic or no pandemic, it is a wonderful time to be a member of VGMS!
In 2016 I wrote about a certain Tulsa Rock and Mineral Pebble Pup who I felt was exemplary in the field of Junior Rockhounding and TRMS subsequently named him Junior Rockhound of the year for 2016. At that time, I mentioned that Ian Kirk had already completed 5 of the 20 badges obtainable in the Future Rockhounds of America program, and he seldom missed a meeting. Boy Scouts took priority position in his life for a couple of years, and he progressed from First Class to Eagle, but always continuing his pursuit of the STAR in JRoA. As of October, 2020, in the midst of the Pandemic, Ian completed and earned his 20th badge AND his STAR with the submission of a write up to a neat collecting spot in Llano, Texas. Despite this write-up being an uncomfortable feat for him, this young man stuck with the program to become the second STAR recipient from TRMS, the first being James Puls. Ian continues to work in both Boy Scouts, where he is Senior Patrol Leader, and the Pebble Pup program, where he is my most able-bodied assistant.

James Puls came into the TRMS Pebble Pups at the age of 16 going on 17, and decided he was absolutely going to earn the STAR, which he accomplished just before his 18th birthday in 2017. I wrote about James in 2017 when he was selected TRMS Junior Rockhound of the Year for that year. James is now in his second year as a West Point cadet.

There are no less than three more youths in line to complete their STARS, all of them TRMS Junior Rockhound of the Year recipients, and several more just getting started. I welcome not only the under 18 subset, to participate and share at our meetings. I encourage all of them to study and learn on their own, with their families, friends, at school, at zoos and nature centers, and of course, at our Pebble Pup meetings.

The Young Ones are the Future and Continuation of our hobby, and Future Rockhounds of America is providing an avenue to keep them interested, engaged, and productive. They are our ROCK STARS!

Recreational Rockhounding 2021-2028 and Beyond

John R. Martin, Conservation and Legislation Chair,

Just FYI!

Recreational Rockhounding has just been given its death blow. This is the newest Director of the BLM and look at her credentials and positions in her previous life. Save what you have, get as much as you can while you can, and Rest in Peace Rockhounds, it has been a great ride, and all rides must come to an end at some point in time. The Recreational Rockhound is at the end of its ride as we know it.

Interior Department Welcomes Newest Member of the Leadership Team

Nada Culver - Deputy Director, Policy and Programs, Bureau of Land Management

Nada Wolff Culver most recently served as the Vice President, Public Lands and Senior Policy Counsel at the National Audubon Society. Prior to joining Audubon, Nada was the Senior Counsel and Senior Director for Policy and Planning at The Wilderness Society. Nada began her career in the private sector, working on a variety of environmental issues including energy development and environmental remediation, and was a partner with the law firm of Patton Boggs. She is a graduate of Northwestern University and the University of Pennsylvania School of Law.

I can only hope I am wrong this time, but the Road on which we are headed is well marked.

As I continue my hunt for old copies of early rock, gem and mineral magazines, and newsletters, rarely do I find a lot of what I am searching for. It is always a treat when someone contacts me to ask if I would be interested in a long forgotten old issue found in a society or family storage, or a small bundle of what I call, “faded glory,” when it comes to our history of rockhounding in print form.

Sometimes I find someone who has scanned and downloaded some of the older issues, which is a thrill for an AFMS Historian. Some of these issues date back to the 1800’s and early 1900’s.

If your federation, society, or family member comes across old issues you no longer wish to keep, even if they look worn, please let me know. Most likely I will want them for the AFMS Historian archives. I will be happy to pay for the postage.

Rockhound of the Year

Judi Allison,

Rocky Mountain Federation

The Grand Junction Gem & Mineral Club (GJGMC), Colorado is proud to recognize Wayne and Linda Sims as its 2021 Rockhounds of the Year. Wayne and Linda retired to Grand Junction from Missouri where they were avid rockhounds. As members of the GJGMC since 2008, both have been active in our club in various capacities. Linda has been the source of the Club’s signature turquoise vests that she custom makes for members. She also donates fabric and time to make vests for the Jr. Science Rock Club. Linda assists in many of the Club’s activities, including prepping for the Club’s Annual Rock Shows. Wayne served as vice president a total of five years under three different Club presidents, bringing in speakers or programs for the member’s education and enjoyment. Wayne also served as field trip coordinator for several years, leading many memorable trips to collecting sites in CO and UT. Among Wayne’s most notable services to our Club, however, is serving as its President under the circumstances imposed by Covid. Under Wayne’s leadership, the Club found ways to keep members involved. Covid forced the cancellation of our 2020 Rock Show, but the Club filled this void for members and the public by hosting a rock sale in the GJGMC’s clubhouse and parking lot. Club members served as vendors, generating proceeds to help fund the Club’s expenses. Adapting and adhering to Covid restrictions required some Club meetings to he held outside the club house or members had the option to participate remotely via Zoom. The GJGMC truly lucked out when Wayne and Linda relocated to Colorado and it has

Announcement

I have a Reginald Rockhound license tag via Joan Peck. I don’t know if there’s any interest but I would like to find it a new home. If interested send address. Mark Carter <ocarter@tx.rr.com>
At the end of Part 1 of my article, we left off with us driving down the John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Memorial Parkway, which connects West Thumb in Yellowstone to the southern boundary of Grand Teton National Park.

Why was there a parkway named after the son of the founder of the Standard Oil Company? First, a little information about the founder of the Standard Oil Company. John Davison (mother’s maiden name) Rockefeller was born in Richford, New York, a town in Tioga County, located southeast of Ithaca, NY.

Side note: Ithaca is “gorges” located in the Finger Lakes and home to Cornell University. There is an article on the lonely planet website that was written in 2019. Previously, Cheyenne, Wyoming was featured in September of 2018: https://www.lonelyplanet.com/articles/ithaca-festivals-art-food-outdoors https://www.lonelyplanet.com/articles/cheyenne-wyoming-parks-gateway

In 1853, J.D. Rockefeller’s family relocated to Strongsville, Ohio, now a city in Cuyahoga County, located in the suburbs of Cleveland. While in Cleveland he enrolled in a business school and landed his first bookkeeper position in 1855. In 1859, he became partners selling produce. During the Civil War this business grew tremendously by supplying the federal government the supplies. By 1862, he purchased oil wells in Titusville, Pennsylvania and together with a well near Cleveland, Ohio and by 1870, after either driving out his competition or buying them out, the Standard Oil Company was formed. By 1911, the Standard Oil Company was considered a monopoly and was directed to cease to exist. The company split into Standard Oil companies of (roughly from east to west – the direction I will be travelling to Big Piney) New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, Louisiana, Kansas, Nebraska, and California. (Doesn’t this almost sound like the states that might be at the annual convention?)

John D. Rockefeller was America’s richest man, who after retiring in 1895 devoted his life and much of his money to charities. His son, John D. Rockefeller Jr followed in his father’s footsteps. JD Rockefeller Jr. also became a prominent philanthropist and a conservationist who donated millions of dollars towards the creation and expansion of the national parks. One of the parks he established was Grand Teton National Park, which is in northwestern Wyoming. Rockefeller purchased and donated most of the land that comprises Grand Teton National Park. You too may be becon to the park of majestic mountains, pristine lakes and quite unusual wildlife!

The Teton Range is a mountain range of the Rocky Mountains. The trending north range is approximately 40 miles in Wyoming, just east of the Idaho state line. Much of the range is located within the Grand Teton National Park. Interestingly, there are different theories for the origin of the name Grand Teton – perhaps French travelers, to local Native Americans. Regardless of the origin of the name, the origin of the summits lies somewhere less than nine million years ago, when approximately 30,000 feet of old rock was displaced on the Teton fault, a normal fault, creating the west block to rise to form the youngest mountain range in the Rocky Mountains – the Teton Range, while the east block of the fault formed the valley named Jackson Hole.

Jackson Hole, a 55 mile long graben valley, caused by the displacement of a block of land downward. The description “Hole” originated from the early trappers or mountain men, who entered the valley from the north and east and descended the steep slopes, as if entering a “hole” to reach the river and streams that were home to beavers and other fur-bearing animals. Today, there are over 60 species of mammals that live in Jackson Hole and Yellowstone Park. These include, elk, moose, deer, bears, mountain lions and coyotes. Except for approximately 3% of the land, most of the land in Jackson Hole is either federally owned or state managed.

The Teton Fault is along the eastern margin of the range and has been noted on early surveys such as the Hayden Survey of 1871-1872. The Hayden Geological Survey of 1871 followed both the 1869 Fosom-Cook-Peterson Expedition and the 1870 Washburn-Landor-Doane Expedition, with the second two expeditions exploring the area now known as Yellowstone National Park. Please note an article written in Western Monthly magazine by the 1869 expedition stated “the beautiful places we had found fashioned by the practiced hand of nature, that man had not descrat ed” (https://www.nps.gov/yell/learn/historyculture/expeditions.htm) How true it is Mother Nature provides us with her canvases - that no one else can seem to replicate!

Unlike the previous expeditions, Ferdinand Vandeveer Hayden, a noted geologist, organized a team of scientists, which included botanists, meteorologists, zoologists, ornithologists, mineralogists, topographers, entomologists and artists to explore the Yellowstone area. This was to become the first federally funded survey. The origin of the Hayden exploration was based on the Pacific Railroad Surveys of 1853-1855, performed under the direction of the Secretary of War, Jefferson Davis. The expedition of surveyors, scientists and artists for the Pacific Railroad Surveys was seeking to find possible routes for a transcontinental railroad across the land we know now as the 48 contiguous states.

Geologists have been perplexed by the location of the Teton Range; why it trends north; what caused the high elevations; and the unique history of uplift which is different from the other mountain ranges surrounding Yellowstone-Absaroka volcanic area.

As with all mountain ranges, geologic processes are forever changing the Grand Teton landscapes. These dynamic forces include crustal deformation as evident by faults displacing the land surface along the foot of the range. Jackson Hole is continuing to drop and tilt. The area of Jackson Hole has more landslides and mudflows than any other part of the Rocky Mountains. Erosional processes caused by ice and snow; wind and water are evident as well.

What lies deep within the earth, under the Grand Teton, is enormous amounts of stresses and strains. It has been estimated that the Teton fault can generate earthquakes up to a magnitude of 7.5, which would be similar to the 1959 7.3 magnitude Hebgen Earthquake outside of West Yellowstone, MT. A massive landslide dammed the Madison River creating Earthquake (Quake) Lake and changed the eruption frequencies of Yellowstone's geysers. The earthquake caused approximately 20 feet of earth displacement and 28 fatalities. Geologists have discovered that the stresses below the surface have caused the movement in the Teton Range every 2,000 – 3,000 years with the last major earthquake approximately 5,000 years ago. If you do the math, the area is overdue for some major rocks rolling -- and I would be quite happy if this is not the year!

Nearby is the Bridger-Teton National Forest – the largest national forest in the contiguous 48 states with more than 3.4 million acres of public lands. The office for this national forest can be found in Jackson, Wyoming. The city of Jackson was incorporated in 1914 and named after Davy Jackson, a beaver trapper in the 1820's who was one of the first European-Americans to spend an entire winter in the valley. Jackson is located at the southern end of Jackson Hole.

One of the most famous mountain men of the approximate 3,000 men who considered their occupation as frontiersmen, was Jim Bridger, for whom the national forest is named after. Mountain men were common in the American Rocky Mountains through the 1880s. These explorers helped to develop the trails, such as the Oregon Trail, allowing for the westward emigration.

Davy Jackson also was in business with William Lewis Sublette. Sublette, a Kentuckian, along with his four brothers, made his wealth as an American frontiersman, trapper, fur trader, and mountain man. Sublette journeyed to the Rocky Mountains and other unorganized territories, which were basically controlled by the British-Canadian fur companies of the Hudson Bay Company and the North West Company, both competitors of the Astoria Company, for years.

The American Fur Company was founded by John Jacob Astor in 1808, with permission of President Thomas Jefferson. In the 1830’s, Astor sold his interests in the American Fur Company and continued to invest the monies in NYC real estate. By 1848, the year of his death, Astor would be the wealthiest person in the U.S. I never realized that Astor, a German immigrant born in Waldorf, Germany, made his wealth in not only the fur trade, but also in the opium-smuggling trade with China. Nor did I realize the Astoria-Waldorf Hotel, founded by his descendants, supported the...
The Green River, the town, is located to the south of Sublette County in Sweetwater County. (There is also a Green River in Utah.) You can drive to the town by heading south out of Big Piney and travelling approximately one and a half hours. According to TravelWyoming, Green River can offer you world class fishing, river rafting, wildlife viewing and spectacular scenery in nearby Flaming Gorge. [https://travelwyoming.com/places-to-go/cities/green-river/]

Flaming Gorge is the location for one of the several dams on the Green River. The dam is responsible for the 91 mile reservoir that spans the states of Wyoming and Utah. The Flaming Gorge Dam can be toured, (check prior due to Covid restrictions) with the visitor center located in Dutch John, Utah.

It is reported that the Green River has approximately 15,000 fish per river mile. Perhaps you may want a relaxing day to fly fish or spin fish. What is the difference between these two types of fishing? You will find out now that I am not much of a fishing person since I did not know the answer, until I read that typically fly fishing is on moving waters while spin fishing is on still waters. It is called spin fishing because of the type of reel used - for example spinning reels or baitcasting reels, whereas, fly fishing utilizes an artificial fly as bait and a rod. If you decide to fish the Green River, weekdays are highly suggested. I heard there are some pretty serious fishermen (women) that are attending the convention - we may even get to hear a fish tale story!

If interested in seeing wild horses take the drive from town of Green River to Rock Springs. This drive is along I-80E, approximately 20 miles and minutes. From Big Piney to Rock Springs, the travel time is almost one and a half hours. Nearby to the north of Rock Springs is the Killepecker Sand Dunes. The dunes are home to buttes and spires. The dunes are a favorite spot for people to use an ATV. Enjoy some excitement and visit Boar’s Tusk, a long, -extinct volcanic core standing abot the dunes, or explore the White Mountain Petroglyphs. Perhaps instead you may want to sled or ski down the dunes! The Killepecker Dunes is from years of wind erosion creating the soft sand. The Dunes are also known as one of the seven “Singing” or “Booming” dunes in the world. You need to be there to experience the singing!

It was at the town of Green River in 1869 and 1871 that John Wesley Powell led expeditions to explore the river through and below the rivers’ confluence with the Colorado River. It was Powell who named the canyon at the border of Wyoming and Utah the Flaming Gorge. The Gorge is noted for its brightly colored cliffs that tower above the river. A 502 - foot dam was built in the Flaming Gorge in 1963 which flooded the gorge and several other gorges to generate hydroelectric power and provide downstream states their allotted river waters. The Green River flows briefly through Colorado through Dinosaur National Monument before turning back into Utah.

The Green River was once known as the Spanish River. At some point, the Spanish called it the Rio Verde. It was renamed in 1828 to the Green River. The name came from the mica-rich waters were required to create the largest carbonate evaporite deposits during the Eocene warmth. Was the salinity due to hydrothermal activities, or possibly accelerated silicate mineral weathering during periods of high atmospheric carbon dioxide during the Eocene? Or possibly from the upward migration of deep sedimentary source of carbon dioxide through the region’s faults? (The Green River salt mystery: What was the source of the hyperalkaline lake waters? [https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/abs/pii/S001282521730072])

The area of the Green River Basin during the Eocene was located at the same latitude as today, however the climate was subtropical around 65 degrees fahrenheit. The fossils of crocodiles are also suggestive of a more moist, subtropical temperature. As the temperature changed the large lakes’ water evaporated causing the extinction of many of the fauna and flora of the region. The sediments of the Green River Formation are layered. If you are planning on attending the Green River Formation field trip, wouldn’t it be great if you would find a complete skeleton of a fish or some other of the 60 species of flora and fauna? If you are not interested in basking hopefully in the sunny day, then you may wish to visit Fossil Butte National Monument. The Monument was established in 1972 to teach visitors about the Green River Formation and its significance of the ancient world.

The Green River Basin has been the home to the Eastern Shoshone long before the arrival of the Mountain men and early explorers and traders. Many species of wildlife follow the river corridor. In fact, the migration of the Pronghorn is the largest western annual migration. In the early 1800s, the Basin became the home of the explorers. In 1812, one of the members of the expedition organized by John Jacob Astor, entered the Green River Basin while traveling back east from the Pacific Coast. This explorer was Robert Sturtart, discoverer of South Pass, the low point in the Continental Divide on the eastern rim of the Green River Basin. The mountain-man rendezvous was started in 1825 and was held in the upper Green River Basin near a site called Trapper’s Point between 1833 and 1840. Trapper’s Point is located approximately 6 miles west of Pinedale. The two rivers in the area curve towards one another and create an area noted for trapping animals. The area is home to an archeological site. The site has 7,000 year old charcoal pits with pronghorn bones.

Coal Mines opened near the town of Rock Springs in the late 1860s, the southern part of Wyoming’s portion of the Green River Basin. Gold and uranium mining also occurred in the area.

Sublette County Rock Rendezvous is this years’ host club for our convention. The County is named in honor of William Lewis Sublette. In the town of Pinedale, the Museum of the Mountain Man, typically opens during the summer months, May 1st - October 31st . The Museum will allow you the opportunity to view exhibits of the mountain men who explored the region in the early to middle part of the 19th century. If you are interested in learning more about the Rocky Mountain fur trade, or about the events of mountain men, include this museum with your visit. The admission is $10.00 for adults; $8.00 for Seniors and free for children 12 and under.

Sublette County is approximately 5,000 square miles, with parts of the Bridger-Teton National Forest located within the county. Mableton and Big Piney, are two of the towns in Sublette County. The temperature is a subarctic climate, consisting generally of warm summers and long, cold winters. Diurnal temperature range is extremely high, especially in the summer. Diurnal temperature is the difference between the high and the low temperature that occurs on the same day. So - bring appropriate clothing to the convention!

The Green River Rendezvous is a re-enactment of the Rendezvous’ of past mountain men. The rendezvous’ were almost an annual event in the 1830s. The Rendezvous would last anywhere from a few days to several months. The time allowed Mountain men, trappers, Indians and travelers to gather below the Green River to barter and trade, swap or sell items, such as, skins, pelts, guns and jewelry.

Every year the Rendezvous is held the second full weekend in July. If interested in attending the event, please view: [https://www.pinedaleonline.com/RendezvousDays.HTM]
In Sweetwater County, 90% of the US soda ash is mined underground. Trona is a non-marine evaporite mineral that lies in layered deposits that was once part of the lake sediments. The trona mined near Green River in Wyoming is the largest known deposit in the world. Trona deposits are processed into soda ash. The soda ash is used in glass production, detergents, chemicals, paper, textiles and other supplies. Soda ash is also used to condition water; to remove sulfur from flue gases and lignite coals and as a food additive.

For next month we will cover a few more spots to visit in Wyoming. Perhaps a spa-like retreat in the warm waters of one of the largest standing mineral springs? That can happen at Hot Springs State Park. Or maybe a trip to a butte in the Bear Lodge Mountains? Or perhaps a scarp with unusual geologic formations - caves, and that is Why? Why? Wy -oming!

2021 Sublette County Rock Hounds
President's Letter 2021

I would like to thank AMFMS and RMFMS for this opportunity to host the 2021 conventions in Big Piney, Wyoming in the heart of Sublette County. The Sublette County Rock Hounds (SCRH) are honored to be selected to serve the Federations in this way! Additionally, I would like to express my appreciation for all who have helped make this event a success; it takes many people contributing their ideas, expertise, and energy to put a project together. There have been many individuals involved from AMFMS, RMFMS, WSMGS, and SCRH – thank you to each one of you!

Our club and I are excited that the convention will be in western Wyoming this year, and we believe attendance will be good and many people will learn more about the organizations that support rock hounding, geology, and the lapidary arts. During the show we believe all who participate will experience first-hand the benefits of joining our clubs through the activities designed to inform and entertain at all levels of knowledge in the fields of geology and lapidary, from novice to expert.

We expect that those who travel from other areas to attend the convention will be pleasantly surprised by our friendly people, comfortable accommodations, fresh air, and amazing outdoor recreation opportunities. The convention at the Sublette County Fairgrounds is conveniently located near other towns, tourist destinations, rock hunting, fishing, museums, Fossil Butte National Monument, Grand Teton and Yellowstone National Parks, and major airports. Wyoming is a great place to explore, and we hope you enjoy your visit and find some wonderful rocks!

We look forward to seeing you at our show.

Jim Gray
SCRH President & Show Chairman

2021 Sublette County Rock Hounds Annual Gem & Mineral Show
hosting both the annual
AMFMS and RMFMS Conventions
June 17, 18, 19, & 20, 2021

Thursday, 9am – 5pm, Registration, Exhibit Set-up, Meetings, Vendor Set-up
Friday, 9am-5pm
Saturday, 9am – 5pm
Sunday, 9am – 4pm

Admission: $2.00
Children under 12 free with a paid Adult

Show & Convention Location
Sublette County Fairgrounds
Event Center & Community Hall
10937 Hwy 189
Big Piney, Wyoming 83113

Jewelry Fossils Specimens & More!!!
Door Prizes Raffles Exhibits Fluorescent Mineral Display Field Trips
Silent Auctions Dig For Topaz Find a Rock
Wheel of Fortune Paint a Rock
Knapping Faceting Fossil Preparation Rock Identification
Rough Rock Slabs Cabochons Opals Petrified Wood Jade

Family Fun for everyone
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ADVANCE REGISTRATION FORM

Name(s): _____________________________________________________ Phone: _________________
Mailing Address: _______________________________________________________________________
Name of Club/Society: __________________________________________________________________
Check all that apply: Federation: AFMS___ RMFMS___ SCFMS___ CFMS___ MWF___ EFMLS___ NFMS___ SFMS___
Office: Officer___ Chairman___ Delegate___ Alternate___ Editor___ Judge___ Clerk____ Other___
Exhibitor: ____ (Exhibitors must complete this form and the EXHIBITOR FORM)

Admission to the Show is $2.00 per day.

POTLUCK provided by the Sublette County Rock Hounds, Thursday June 17, 5 pm. Donations accepted.
Number who will attend _______________

PRESIDENT’S LUNCHEON - $15.00 per person (see next page for menu) $15.00 each (tax and tip included) x
Number_____ = Total $_________

FEDERATION BANQUET - (see next page for menu)
Prime Rib Dinner $45.00 (tax and tip included) x Number_____ = Total $_________
Chicken Entrée Dinner $45.00 (tax and tip included) x Number_____ = Total $_________

BREAKFAST with the Editors and Webmasters - $25.00 per person (see next page for menu) $25.00 each (tax and tip included) x
Number_____ = Total $_________

Deadline for Advance Registration is June 1, 2021. Payments are non-refundable after June 1, 2021. Please make checks payable to SCRH and mail to Sublette County Rock Hounds, PO Box 1351, Big Piney, WY 83113.

2021 RMFMS Convention
CONVENTION MEALS

POTLUCK

When: Thursday, June 17, 2021, 5pm
Location: Sublette County Fairgrounds Canopy Area 10937 Hwy 189
Big Piney, Wyoming 83113
Sublette County Rock Hounds provide a potluck for club members, vendors, and delegates. Donations accepted.

PRESIDENT’S LUNCHEON, EDITOR/WEBMASTER BREAKFAST & AWARDS BANQUET INFORMATION

When: President’s Luncheon, Saturday June 19, 2021, 12:00pm Location: Sublette County Fairgrounds
Menu: Sandwiches, Salads, Beverages

When: Awards Banquet, Saturday June 19, 2021, 5pm - 6pm Happy Hour 6pm Dinner
Location: Sublette County Fairgrounds
Menu: Choice of Prime Rib or Chicken Entrée
Baked Potato
Green Beans
Green Salad with ranch dressing
Dinner Roll
Dessert

When: Editors/Webmaster’s Breakfast, Sunday June 20, 2021, 8am
Location: Sublette County Fairgrounds
Menu:
Scrambled Eggs
Sausage Links
Hashbrowns
Pancakes
Coffee, Tea, Orange Juice
2021 RMFMS Convention

COMPETITIVE EXHIBIT ENTRY FORM

The completed form is due by June 1, 2021, and it must be signed and dated. Mail the completed form to Jim Gray, PO Box 1351, Big Piney, WY 83113 or, email the completed form to jimgray@wyoming.com

Name: ________________________________________________________ Phone: __________________________
Mailing Address: ____________________________________________________________
Email: ________________________________________________________________
Name of Club/Society: ______________________________________________________
Exhibitor Group: Master___ Advanced___ Novice___ Junior___ Society___ Junior Society___
Division: ________________________________ Exhibitor Class: _________________________

There will be 24-hour building security, however neither the RMFMS, WSMGS, or SCRH nor their affiliates assume any responsibility for loss or damage.

EXHIBIT CASE AND SPACE INFORMATION

I will use my own case: Yes___ No___
If I will use my own case, its dimensions are: Width______ Height ______ Depth______
Do you need a case provided? Yes___ No___
All cases will be assigned space on tables 30” high. Bring your own risers if needed. If your case has its own stand, please let us know.

Exhibit Set up Time: Thursday, June 17, 2021, 10am to 6pm. By signing below, I have read the current AFMS Uniform Rules and agree to abide by them. I understand that Competitive Exhibitors are to be Society members in good standing and eligible to exhibit in the stated classification according to the Rules. The Rules are available at http://www.amfed.org/rules/rules.htm I agree to leave my exhibit on display until 4:00pm Sunday, June 20, 2021.

Exhibitor Signature: ______________________________________________ Date:___________________
Print Name: _____________________________________________________________________________
If Junior Entry, date of birth: _______________________________

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NON-COMPETITIVE EXHIBIT ENTRY FORM

The completed form is due by June 1, 2021, and it must be signed and dated. Mail the completed form to Jim Gray, PO Box 1351, Big Piney, WY 83113 or, email the completed form to jimgray@wyoming.com

Name: ________________________________________________________ Phone: __________________________
Mailing Address: ____________________________________________________________
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Name of Club/Society: ______________________________________________________

Exhibits provided by Club members are an important part of the gem and mineral show, and we appreciate the time and effort necessary to put an exhibit together. For the 2021 Show we are encouraging exhibitors to display rocks, minerals and/or fossils from their areas and/or present their individual lapidary skills.

Please provide a description of your display: _______________________________________________
_____________________________________________________________________________________

There will be 24-hour building security however neither the RMFMS, WSMGS, or SCRH nor their affiliates assume any responsibility for loss or damage.

EXHIBIT CASE AND SPACE INFORMATION

I will use my own case: Yes___ No___
If I will use my own case, its dimensions are: Width______ Height ______ Depth______
Do you need a case provided? Yes___ No___ Showcase dimensions are 35” wide, 23” wide, 21 1/8” high, slanted fronts.
All cases will be assigned space on tables 30” high. Bring your own risers if needed. If your case has its own stand, please let us know.

Exhibit Set up Time: Thursday, June 18, 2021, 10am to 6pm.
By signing below, I agree to set up my display Thursday, June 17, and leave my exhibit on display until 4:00pm Sunday, June 20, 2021.

Exhibitor Signature: ______________________________________________ Date:___________________
Print Name: _____________________________________________________________________________
If Junior Entry, date of birth: _______________________________
AFMS Committees: 2021

Here is the Committee Chairs list for 2021. You can contact these people if you need information, have questions or to share ideas with them. Please note that the @ sign in the email address has been replaced by the word “at” to foil bots that collect email addresses.

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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 or 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.

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

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