From the Desk of the President

Judy Beck
AFMS President 2020-2021

Well, they say a picture is worth a thousand words! The AFMS/RMFMS show and convention was so much fun! Here are just a few of the images I have on my phone, and if you’d like to see more from the show, check out https://img.gg/Ln9DyWP. We can’t thank Jim Gray & the Sublette County Rockhounds enough for hosting an awesome show, providing excellent facilities, and wonderful food! Another big thanks goes to Doug True for all of his assistance with field trips and as barkeep extraordinaire! We enjoyed some excellent field trips with great finds of wood and fish fossils! All business was conducted and you can see a copy of the minutes in this issue of our newsletter. The social hour cracker barrel gave us all a time to enjoy some good refreshments and spend time visiting. Our banquet honored many rockhounds in our field and saw the swearing in of next year’s officers. It was so great connecting with everyone and I can’t wait to do it again!!

Ben Thomas (AKA Grandpa Benni), Greer Kjellberg (winner of the Lillian Turner Award), & Larry Beck helping set up the room for the social hour. These 3 were awesome helpers throughout the show!

Above: President-elect Margaret Kolacyzk
At right: Hero of the Central Office, Cheryl Neary
Below: Our newsletter editor, Suzanne Webb
Below left: RMFMS Secretary Wayne Cox

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Note: I have restored officers’ phone numbers in response to comments regarding efforts to get in touch with them. I am still withholding physical addresses for privacy reasons. If you wish your number withheld, let me know.

Bill & Janet Smith, above left with Judy. Bill has been President of the NWFMS, RMFMS, & the AFMS. Most recently Bill has served faithfully as the Kansas State Director in Rocky Mountain. It was very fitting to award him with the Gold Pan Award recognizing his many years of service to our hobby—above right with Richard Jaeger. Pictured below is also the “man in the hat”—RMFMS President Bob Regner.

And we can’t say enough thanks to the man on the right, Jim Gray, for all of his work to make our show and convention a success!
Thank You!!

As you read this, school will be starting, and I’m busy preparing for the nursing classes I’ll be teaching this fall. It won’t all be toil though, as I am looking forward to seeing my friends from the Midwest at their convention in September, followed by 2 weeks in the UP of Michigan. Lastly, if you have received any requests from me for gift cards or money, I can assure you that it isn’t me J!!
This year I was asked to judge bulletins for one of our regional federations. I really enjoyed doing it and it was great to see the talent put forth by the editors! Not only are our bulletins a communication tool, but they are often the reason why a person who enjoys minerals and gems chooses to stay a member of a particular club. Several years ago, during a field trip involving several different clubs, a fellow from a neighboring club said to me that he lived in the town where the neighboring club was located but that he chose to keep his membership in my club because of my interesting bulletin! I’m sure this has happened to you, as well!

One way we can make sure that our bulletins are interesting is by following the guidelines and scoring sheet listed in the AFMS Bulletin Editors Contest! These documents used to be on the home page of the AFMS site. Now they are reached this way:

1. Go to the AFMS home page: www.afmed.org
2. At the top of the page is a blue tab called Site Map. Click it.
3. Scroll down to “editor/BEAC/Forms/ SpecificGuidelinesBullets.pdf”. Open this PDF document and download it to your computer. This will give you great tips as to the items that need to be in your bulletin.
4. Repeat the process and scroll down to “editor/BEAC/ Forms/ FillableBulletins.pdf”. Open this PDF document and download it to your own computer. What you see is what your federation and the AFMS judges look at when they evaluate bulletins during the Bulletin Editors Contest.

These categories listed on the score sheet were compiled by the best S.C.R.I.B.E. editors. At the time that they were compiled, all bulletins were printed and club members actually had something in their hands to read. Today, with the plethora of emails and electronic messaging vying for our attention, it is more challenging to get our members to read a bulletin. To make our bulletin one that members want to read, or print to read, it needs to capture the interest of the reader. In this way the AFMS criteria is valid for improving our emailed bulletins as well as for those that are mailed!

I encourage you to read and print the Guidelines and Fillable Score Sheet and make sure that your bulletin contains every item on the score sheet. They will give you great tips as to the items that need to be in your bulletin. Not only will it improve the reader’s interest in your bulletin but it will also make your bulletin an award-winner at your federation’s Bulletin Editor Contest!

At the convention we learned that the new date for the 2022 AFMS Convention will be October 6, 2022 in New Orleans, Louisiana. As a result, our schedules will allow for a full year of bulletins, articles and such. For your information for your editors, the requirements for the 2022 AFMS Bulletin Editors Contest are unchanged from what is posted on the AFMS web site. The AFMS categories are:

1. New Editors
2. Mini Bulletins
3. Small Bulletins
4. Large Bulletins
5. Original Junior Articles for own club
6. Original Junior Articles for 12 & up
7. Original Adult Articles
8. Original Adult Articles Ad
canced
9. Original Adult Poetry
10. Original Junior Poetry
11. Written Features (all ages)
12. Drawn Features (all ages)
13. Special Publications

Please remember to provide both a printed copy of your AFMS entries to the AFMS judges as well as a PDF copy when you submit your entries for judging. Here is schedule information for the 2022 AFMS Bulletin Editor’s Contest:

Schedule:
- Regional BEACs accept entries published from January through December, 2021
- Regional contests run from 1/1/2022 to 3/5/2022 – See your federation’s schedule!
- Regional entries due to AFMS judges on 3/15/2022
- Judged entries back to the AFMS BEAC by 5/15/2022
- AFMS BEAC checks for PDF copies, spelling of names and entries and prepares plaques, pins and certificates
- AFMS show in New Orleans, LA on 10/6/2022

I have been invited to speak at the SCFMS Convention in Lubbock, Texas, in September. I hope to attend as many federation shows as I can this year. If invited, I would be happy to speak to editors (without cost to the Federation) on a subject related to submitting winning bulletins or other contest-related articles, or about S.C.R.I.B.E.!

If I can be of any assistance, please email me at <mnelsonair at aol dot com>. To become a member of S.C.R.I.B.E., go to the AFMS website and scroll down to the to the S.C.R.I.B.E. logo. Click on S.C.R.I.B.E. and click on “Join S.C.R.I.B.E.” There you will find a link to the membership form.

**Rockhound of the Year**

**Judi Allison, AFMS RoY Chair**

**Rocky Mountain Federation**

The members of the Flatirons Mineral Club (FMC) of Boulder, Colorado, nestled right up under the Fountain Formation are pleased to honor Ms Susanne Peach as their 2021 Senior Rockhound of the Year. Susanne is one of the leaders of our Jr. Geologists program. She helps with the monthly meeting with activities and hands-on learning experiences. She has also led field trips for the Jr. Geologists to collect smoky quartz and other minerals, plus provides specimens for the juniors to add to their collections. The FMC much appreciates the time Susanne spends with our Junior Geologists group.

Ms Charlotte Small is the first Junior Rockhound of the Year for the Flatirons Mineral Club (FMC). She was selected because of her active involvement in the club’s Jr. Geologists program. Charlotte has earned 8 of the AFMS’s badges and has the goal of earning all 20 badges. She has written articles for the club’s newsletter and made a presentation about trilobites at a Junior Geologists online meeting. We appreciate Charlotte’s enthusiasm at meetings and on field trips.

**California Federation**

The Sequoia Gem & Mineral Society of Redwood City nominates Cathy Phalen as our 2021 Rockhound of the Year. She is truly the glue that keeps our club together as she holds the role of Lapidary Shop liaison, instructor, Club Sunshine, keeper of the club rocks, historian and more. A member for over 30 years, she started off at the lapidary shop and was taught by Preston Bingham. A quick study, Cathy soon mastered making hearts and gorgeous cabs. Later, she finally joined the club. She has mentored and taught a lot of people in the shop. And always has a kind word and smile. She especially delights in introducing kids to rocks and helping them make a collection of their own. Cathy has been a club speaker on many topics, has attended Camp Paradise and has gone on many field trips including a foray to Quartzsite where her pocketbook showed damage at the end of the event. A quick study, Cathy soon mastered making hearts and gorgeous cabs. Later, she finally joined the club. She has mentored and taught a lot of people in the shop. And always has a kind word and smile. She especially delights in introducing kids to rocks and helping them make a collection of their own. Cathy has been a club speaker on many topics, has attended Camp Paradise and has gone on many field trips including a foray to Quartzsite where her pocketbook showed damage at the end of the event. "She is a Jack of all trades. She helps everywhere! She is awesome! She fixes things and makes beautiful stones!" Exclaimed CFMS chair Paul Rose. We at SGMS are proud to have Cathy Phalen as a member. We really think she deserves this accolade.

Submitted by: Catherine Fraser – VP – SGMS

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2021 AFMS Bulletin Editors' Contest Results
Mark Nelson, AFMS BEAC 2021

New Editors -
3rd Rebecca Ridgway, T-Town Rockhound, November 2020, Tulsa Rock & Mineral Society - Tulsa, Oklahoma, RMFMS

Mini Bulletins -
1st Gem-N-I January 2020, Santa Rosa Mineral & Gem Society - Santa Rosa, California Jolene Coon, ed. CFMS

Small Bulletins -
1st The Strata Data December 2020The Three Rivers Gem & Mineral Society - Fort Wayne, Indiana Michele Yamanaka, ed. MWF
2nd The CMS Tumbler October 2020Cascade Mineralogical Society - Renton, Washington Keith Morgan, ed. NFMS
3rd The Hound's Howl November 2020Alken Gem, Mineral and Fossil Society - Alken, South Carolina Barbara Fenstemaker, ed. SFMS
4th The Mineral Mite September 2020Micromineralogists of the National Capital Area - Alexandria, Virginia Kathy Hrechka, ed. EFMLS
5th The Post Rock December 2020McPherson Gem & Mineral Club - McPherson, Kansas Sara Murphy, ed. RMFMS
7th The Quarry March 2020Cincinnati Mineral Society - Goshen, Ohio Jim & Judy Budnik, ed. MWF
8th Digger Data November 2020Gila County Gem & Mineral Society - Miami, Arizona Marvin Sawaia, ed. RMFMS
9th The Pegmatite September 2020Nashoba Valley Mineralogical Society - Framingham, Massachusetts Anita Honkonen, ed. EFMLS

Large Bulletins -
1st The Nugget November 2020Culver City Rock & Mineral Club - Culver City, California Janet Gampe, ed. CFMS
2nd Rocky Echoes August 2020Mississippi Gem and Mineral Society - Florence, Mississippi Rosina Echols, ed. SFMS
4th The Rock Bag December 2020Oxnard Gem & Mineral Society - Oxnard, California Laura Driskell, ed. CFMS
5th Flatirons Facets May 2020Flatirons Mineral Club - Boulder, Colorado Dennis Gertenbach, ed. RMFMS
6th The Nugget June 2020 North Mississippi Gem and Mineral Society - Tupelo, Mississippi Nancy Roberts, ed. SFMS

HM Breccia November 2020 Santa Clara Valley Gem and Mineral Society - San Jose, California Josephine Borucki, ed. CFMS

Adult Articles -
7th Brian Walko, “Florencesse, a Lifelong Hobby” July 2020 Flatirons Mineral Club - Boulder, Colorado Dennis Gertenbach, ed. RMFMS
9th Nick Smith, “Rock Tumbling” February 2020 The Three Rivers Gem & Mineral Society - Fort Wayne, Indiana Michele Yamanaka, ed. MWF
10th Nikki Kenney, “Picnic on a Pocket-Handkerchief” October 2020 North Mississippi Gem and Mineral Society - Tupelo, Mississippi Nancy Roberts, ed. SFMS


HM Eric Beemer, “Geology, Geography, and Artifacts (Spring in the lower Great Lakes Region)” March 2020 The Three Rivers Gem & Mineral Society - Fort Wayne, Indiana Michele Yamanaka, ed. MWF


HM Ene Sokit, “Focus On: Opal & Sunstone Field Trip” September 2020 Clackamette Mineral & Gem Club - Oregon City, Oregon Lilly Oaks, ed. NFMS


Contest Results, continued

3rd Ralph Bishop, “Those Were the Days – Thanks for the Memories” March 2020 Orcutt Mineral Society - Santa Maria, California Wayne W. Mills, ed. CFMS
7th Anita Honkonen, “When Agate Is Not Agate” November 2020 Nashoba Valley Mineralogical Society - Framingham, Massachusetts Anita Honkonen, ed. EFMLS
8th Nancy Roberts, “Hematite or Hematine (Hemalyke), Know the Difference” October 2020 North Mississippi Gem and Mineral Society - Tupelo, Mississippi Nancy Roberts, ed. SFMS
10th Michael Pabst, “Spezzartine” April 2020 The Microminerologists of the National Capital Area - Alexandria, Virginia Kathy Hrechka, ed. EFMLS
HM Anita Honkonen, “A Tale About Pegmatite” December 2020 Nashoba Valley Mineralogical Society - Framingham, Massachusetts Anita Honkonen, ed. EFMLS
Junior Articles, Under 12 -
Junior Articles, 12-17 -
3rd Layne Smith, “Volcanic Tubes and Diamonds” October 2020 Mississippi Gem and Mineral Society - Florence, Mississippi Rosina Echols, ed. SFMS
Written Features -
1st Jim Brace-Thompson, “Colorful Characters from California’s Mining History: Mary Elizabeth White Morphs into Panamint Annie” July 2020 Ventura Gem & Mineral Society - Ventura, California Lynn Varon, ed. CFMS
4th Debra Baer, “The Unique History of Girard Chert” July 2020 Aiken Gem, Mineral and Fossil Society - Aiken, South Carolina Barbara Fenstermacher, ed. SFMS
7th Kathy Hrechka, “Periodic Table of a Smart Phone” March 2020 The Microminerologists of the National Capital Area - Alexandria, Virginia Kathy Hrechka, ed. EFMLS
8th David Fryauff, “Sicilian Sulfur, Covid Retreat on eBay” October 2020 The Microminerologists of the National Capital Area - Alexandria, Virginia Kathy Hrechka, ed. EFMLS
10th Michele Yamanaka, “Virtual Field Trips” April 2020 The Three Rivers Gem & Mineral Society - Fort Wayne, Indiana Michele Yamanaka, ed. MWF
HM Liisa Collins, “President’s Message” May 2020 McPherson Gem & Mineral Club - McPherson, Kansas Sara Murphy, ed. RMFMS
HM Nora Fey, “Fox Island Geology Tour: December 2020” The Three Rivers Gem & Mineral Society - Fort Wayne, Indiana Michele Yamanaka, ed. MWF
Contest Results, continued


Drawn Features -
1st Brett Whitenack, Club Logo February 2020 McPherson Gem & Mineral Club Sara Murphy, ed. RMFMS
2nd Keith Morgan, CABBING SHAPES AND STUFF PUZZLE January 2020 Cascade Mineralogical Society Keith Morgan, ed. NFMS
3rd Keith Morgan, This Rock Is Amazing Cartoon February 2020 Cascade Mineralogical Society Keith Morgan, ed. NFMS

Adult Poetry -
4th Rick Smith, “A Kayak Trip to the Maryland Miocene” December 2020 Maryland Geological Society - Lusby, Maryland Rick Smith, ed. EFMLS
7th Michele Smith, “Geographed”, May 2020 Santa Clara Valley Gem and Mineral Society - San Jose, California Josephine Borucki, ed. CFMS
8th Marilyn Russell, “--Ology” May 2020 The Three Rivers Gem & Mineral Society - Fort Wayne, Indiana Michele Yamanaka, ed. MWF

Junior Poetry -

Special Publications -
1st Our First 75 Years 75th Anniversary Committee Minnesota Mineral Club - Saint Paul, Minnesota John Porter, ed. MWF

World Wide Tumbling Contest.
Manuel Garcia, Feather River Lapidary and Mineral Society

This is a note to all federations about how tumbling can be positive throughout the country. We have been putting on a tumbling contest every year since 2002, not to make money—most of the time we just broke even—but to connect with other rockhounds throughout the world. We have received entries from France, New Zealand, and Canada. The cost for shipping outside the U.S. was extra. We called it the World Wide tumbling contest.

In 2021 we received 95 entries from 32 states, and all federations are represented. Last year our 1st place winner was Joseph Blanchard from IL. Second place was Bob Davis from MI. and third was Chuck Martin from MI. We have published their names in Rock and Gem magazine, on websites and Facebook. In the future we will also be sending results to their clubs and federations. Below you can see the break down of entries from states and federations. California Federation of Mineralogical Societies CA, NV 12 entries Eastern Federation of Mineralogical and Lapidary Societies KY, MD, MA , NY, PA, VA 12 entries Midwest Federation of Mineralogical and Geological Societies IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, MO, OH, WI, Eastern Portion of (NE,) 36 Entries Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies OR, WA 6 Entries Rocky Mountain Federation of Mineralogical Societies AZ, CO, KS, NM, OK, UT, WY, Western Portion of (NE,) 16 entries South Central Federation of Mineral Societies AR, TX 5 entries Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies AL, FL, NC, TN 8 Entries
2021 AFMS Website Contest Results

Don Shurtz, Website Contest Chair

The winners of the 2021 Website Contest were announced at the American Federation of Mineralogical Society’s Editor and Webmaster Breakfast. The Breakfast was part of the AFMS Convention hosted by the Sublette County Rockhounds in Big Piney, Wyoming. Here are the winners:

Place Webmaster Club / Society
1st Brad Zylman Michigan Mineralogical Society (MWF)
2nd Lorrilee Stackhouse Southern Nevada Gem and Mineral Club (RMFMS)
3rd Walter Beneze Lubbock Gem and Mineral Society (SCFMS)
HM Ken Belzer Des Moines Lapidary Society (MWF)
HM Mark Hohn Cascade Mineralogical Society (NFMS)
HM Margaret Kilanski East Texas Gem and Mineral Society (SCFMS)
HM Leslie Ogg Mineralogical Society of Southern California (CFMS)
HM Michael J. Royer Chesapeake Gem and Mineral Society (EFMLS)
HM Heather Shields Orange County Gem and Mineral Club of New York (EFMSL)
HM Chanel Weber Antelope Valley Gem and Mineral Club (CFMS)
HM Brett Whitenack McPherson Gem and Mineral Club (RMFMS)

Note: Honorable Mention (HM) winners are listed alphabetically by last name

Congratulations to all the winners. The scoring of the contest was close, but that should be expected as all of the entrants were the “Best of the Best.”

The number of entries for the 2021 contest was up slightly from the previous year. The 2022 contest will not be so rushed, so perhaps we can get even more entries! The AFMS Convention is not until October 7 – 9, 2022, hosted by the Gem and Mineral Society of Louisiana in NEW ORLEANS, Louisiana. The later date will allow us to return to a more normal schedule. Expect your regional Federations to have a closing date for entries in late December 2021 through early February 2022. However, if your regional Federation has an early convention date, your closing dates could be much earlier. You can find your Regional Federation chair on the AFMS website.

(Rockhound of the year, continued)

Marvin Belcher has been a member of Delvers Gem & Mineral Society for 5 years and has been supportive to every member through all the rough times. He is an awesome leader and well deserving. He is always engaged in the hobby and in the health and welfare of each member and the club as a whole. He continually rock-hunts, shares his knowledge and continues to inspire others in rockhounding. Marvin served as VP in 2019 and as President in 2020 and 2021.

Submitted by: Guynell Miller – CFMS Director – DGMS

We Have Winners For The All American Club Awards – Mary Boesdorfer, AACA Chair

Congratulations to the All American Club award winners for the entries covering 2020. This program highlights club activities thru the year in the community and the active participation of individuals in the club. Clubs are evaluated based on criteria that includes member activities and community involvement, and are not in competition with each other. The club yearbook reflects an active club that has incorporated proven aspects that guarantee a club will be successful for many years to come. 2020 was very unusual and difficult for a lot of clubs, so I was so glad to see these clubs thriving!

The award year covering 2020 had two entries for the All American Club awards, and the winners are:

GOLD Award for the Ventura Gem and Mineral Society - with an average of 108 pts
This club did a great job getting creative during lockdown! They kept juniors engaged by providing them with mineral packets each month and had a great Name—the-Specimen Challenge. To help connect with their neighbors, they encouraged adult and junior members to build rock libraries. Finally, they got creative and tried out an online silent auction.

BRONZE Award for the Santa Lucia Rockhounds - with an average of 79 pts
Santa Lucia jumped right into having virtual meetings and junior programs after all the shutdowns. They also maintain a great display at the Paso Robles Pioneer Museum throughout the year. Their members are very involved in the community and the club itself even provides a scholarship to a college student.

I want to thank Regina Kapta for not only being a judge, but also helping me transition into taking over the chair position and always answering any questions I had! I would also like to thank Reinee Hildebrandt for once again being a judge as well!

Sections of these award-winning books will be posted in the All American Award portion of the AFMS website, as examples of what it takes to be a successful club, fostering valuable contributions to their members and their communities.


(Rockhound of the year, continued)

Kim Noyes has been a member of Santa Lucia Rockhounds for 15 plus years and has performed numerous duties throughout those years, including show chairman, club president, and field trip coordinator. He has made several educational presentations at our monthly club meetings. Throughout the COVID shutdowns, Kim organized and led safe, monthly (sometimes more than monthly), collecting fieldtrips. His commitment to the continued viability of the club resulted in several new memberships, even during a 16-month period without monthly meetings. Kim is also a member of the San Luis Obispo Gem & Mineral Club, among others, and has served as their show chairman, as well. Submitted by: Lisa King – President – SLR
Having Fun: Junior Activities—National Youth Poster Contest Results
Jim Brace-Thompson, AFMS Juniors Program Chair

As AFMS Junior Programs Chair, I was approached last year at this time by Michelle Cauley, leader of a kids-only club, North Lakes Academy Rockhounds of Minnesota in the Midwest Federation. Michelle wished to resume a National Youth Poster Contest that was conducted for many years by the Summit Lapidary Club of Ohio but that had gone by the wayside in recent years. Michelle was happy to take charge of getting the contest back up-and-running with her club as its formal sponsor. She chose a theme of “Rockin’ Around the USA” — Rocks and Minerals from around the USA.

In turn, I was happy to lend a hand in promotional aspects. Working with Michelle, I spread word of the newly revived contest via the AFMS Newsletter, newsletters of the 7 regional federations, email alerts to leaders of clubs using the AFMS/FRA Badge Program, and within the pages of Rock & Gem magazine. Michelle, who is a teacher, used her connections via teacher groups and associations. The contest was open to ALL kids, whether in a rock club or not.

In May, the contest concluded and winners were announced. In all, 40 posters were received from kids in 15 states. Significantly, the kids of the North Lakes club served as judges, so this was an instance of kids judging fellow kids as opposed to the sometimes jaded and bureaucratic opinions of us old adults. First Place awards were given by grade level from first through eighth grade. Then, from among the top winners in each grade level, three Overall Champions were selected. Ribbons were given to participants, while Overall Champions will receive gift certificates to a geology store.

Michelle is very pleased to report the following First Prize entries:

1st Grade: Cece Laqua, Minnesota, “Milky Quartz”
2nd Grade: Carter Hallstrom, Minnesota, “Platinum”
3rd Grade: Avery Palen, Minnesota, “Sapphire”
4th Grade: Wesley Melendez, Delaware, “Lapis Lazuli”
5th Grade: Lucia Hetrick, California, “Lake Superior Agate”
6th Grade: Hannah Brodhagen, Arizona, “Rhodochrosite”
7th Grade: Kristina Kazuraite, Illinois, “Gemini” in the Rockies
8th Grade: Jenna Kneeland, Oregon, “Columbia River Gorge Stone”

The First Place winners of each grade level were then evaluated against one another to determine Overall Champions, as follows:

1st Place: Hannah Brodhagen, Arizona, “Rhodochrosite”
2nd Place: Kristina Kazuraite, Illinois, “Gemini” in the Rockies
3rd Place: Lucia Hetrick, California, “Lake Superior Agates”

I hope to post photos from the contest to the AFMS website and to announce results within the pages of Rock & Gem magazine. Meanwhile, Michelle reports that she held a vote with kids in her club, and they overwhelmingly supported hosting the contest again next year. Stay tuned for details as they emerge!

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.
AFMS Juniors Mascot and Oath Contests

The American Federation of Mineralogical Societies Future Rockhounds of America announces two new contests. One is for an official mascot to represent kids enrolled in the AFMS/FRA program. The other is for an oath that newly enrolling kids would take. Winners of each contest will earn $100 and a Certificate-of-Achievement from AFMS and will have their accomplishments posted to the AFMS website. Kids participating in these contests must be members of local clubs or societies holding an affiliation with AFMS via one of the seven regional federations. Please note that both the winning Mascot and Oath will become full and complete property of AFMS in perpetuity.

AFMS Juniors Mascot Contest

The Bald Eagle has long represented the United States of America. Smokey Bear is an icon of the U.S. Forest Service. "Mr. Peanut" has represented the Planters Peanut brand for over 100 years. The Walt Disney Company is instantly known by Mickey and Minnie Mouse.

Can you suggest a mascot to represent AFMS Future Rockhounds of America kids programs? How would you, yourself, like to be represented? By a "Rockhound puppy"? By a "Mr. or Ms. Crystal"? By "Dinny the Dinosaur" or some other fossil? By something else altogether? Send your suggestion along with an original design. Who knows? Perhaps that design will be represented? By a mascot you created that both the winning Mascot and Oath will become full and complete property of AFMS in perpetuity.

Please note that the winning design will become full and complete property of AFMS in perpetuity.

• You may use crayons, markers, or computer-generated art. Be sure not to include any copyrighted images in your design.
• A parent of legal guardian must sign the drawing on the back and state whether they will allow you to have your full name disclosed in the AFMS newsletter and website or just a first name in the event that your design is chosen.
• Send a letter explaining your mascot, along with your design, to Jim Brace-Thompson, 7319 Eisenhower Street, Ventura, CA 93003 or email your oath and letter to jbraceth@roadrunner.com along with a scan of the parental approval statement and signature.

Please note that your suggestion in a cover letter. That letter also should include your name, age, the rock club you belong to, and the name of the leader of your juniors group and/or club. Also include full contact information of your parents or legal guardians: name/s, address, phone, email address.

Deadline

The deadline for both the Mascot contest and the Oath contest were originally December 1, 2021, but we have extended this to May 1, 2022 to allow more time for more participants. Winners will be announced at the very next AFMS Show & Convention, currently scheduled for October 22, 2022 in New Orleans. Here’s hoping to see your suggested mascot and oath! Best wishes to all entrants!

AFMS Juniors Oath Contest

Many countries, associations, organizations, and other groups ask folks to make a pledge when becoming a member. For instance, immigrants to the United States are asked to devote themselves to their new country and to take the Pledge of Allegiance. Kids joining Boy Scouts of America are asked to take the following oath and promise: “On my honor, I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law; to help other people at all times; to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight.”

Even U.S. Presidents are required to take the Oath of Office: “I do solemnly swear that I will faithfully execute the Office of President of the United States, and will to the best of my ability, preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States.”

In 50 words or less, what do you suggest as an oath or pledge for kids joining the AFMS/FRA program? If you would like to enter this contest, here are the rules:

Prepare an oath consisting of 50 words or less.

Include a cover letter telling why you think this oath is appropriate. That letter also should include your name, age, the rock club you belong to, and the name of the leader of your juniors group and/or club. Also include full contact information of your parents or legal guardians: name/s, address, phone, email address.

A parent of legal guardian must sign on the back the paper containing your oath and state whether they will allow you to have your full name disclosed in the AFMS newsletter and website or just a first name in the event that your oath is chosen.

Include full contact information of your parents or legal guardians: name/s, address, phone, email address.

Deadline

The deadline for both the Mascot contest and the Oath contest were originally December 1, 2021, but we have extended this to May 1, 2022 to allow more time for more participants. Winners will be announced at the very next AFMS Show & Convention, currently scheduled for October 22, 2022 in New Orleans. Here’s hoping to see your suggested mascot and oath! Best wishes to all entrants!

References:

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UA’s planned new gem and mineral museum downtown aims to enrich Tucson community; Alfie Norville Gem & Mineral Museum, Nov. 1, 2019;
AFMS Annual Meeting, Big Piney, Wyoming
June 17, 2021

Donna Moore, Secretary

N.B. Throughout the minutes the phrase, “My report is in the packet.” is used many times. The packet was sent out to the officers, directors and committee chairmen before the meeting, so the information in the reports is not included in the minutes. However, the packet of reports will be posted on the AFMS Website so members can refer to the packet to see what the reports included.

AFMS President Judy Beck called the meeting to order. She welcomed everyone and noted some members were attending on Zoom.

Judy read the thought for today from Jesus Calling, then opened with prayer. Judy led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Each federation president read the names of those members from their federation who had passed away since our last annual meeting. Those names are included in the reports for each federation. Judy noted we are thankful for the legacy of those members who have passed away.

Judy greeted everyone and invited them to a meet and great party on Friday evening. Jim Barton welcomed everyone and noted all meetings would be held in the same room as this meeting. Bob Regner, Rocky Mountain President said his greeting was short and sweet, but was glad to see everyone. Jim Gray, Show Chairman, was very busy at the other building.

Judy introduced all officers, directors and special guests. All officers were present except for 4th regional VP Jim Bosely. David Rich, 3rd Regional VP was present on Zoom. Sandy Fuller was serving as Parliamentarian and Cheryl Neary represented the Central Office.

Judy introduced all the past presidents of the AFMS who were present at the meeting including Matt Charsky, Sandy Fuller, David Wayment, Doug True, Lauren Williams, Bill Smith, and Richard Jaeger.

Secretary Donna Moore announced we had a quorum for the meeting.

Sandy Fuller reviewed the Standing Rules of the AFMS and reminded people that only the officers can speak. Susan Stanforth, MWF President, moved to adopt the rules for the meeting. Beth Heesacker, NFMS President, seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Catherine Clevenz, MWF 1st VP, moved to adopt the agenda. Dennis Buchanan, SFMS 1st VP, seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Secretary Donna Moore announced the minutes of the 2020 Virtual Meeting had been published in the MWF Newsletter, were e-mailed with the packet and extra copies were on the table. Jerrold Simpson moved to approve the minutes as printed. Cheryl Neary seconded the motion, which carried.

Officers Reports
• President Judy Beck had a report in the packet.
• President-Elect Margaret Kolaczyk did not have a report.
• 1st Vice President Matt Charsky had a report in the packet.
• 2nd Vice President Roger Burford had a report in the packet.
• 3rd Vice President David Rich had a report in the packet.
• 4th Vice President Jim Bosely had a report in the packet.
• 5th Vice President Steve Heneger had a report in the packet.
• Secretary Donna Moore had a report in the packet.
• Treasurer Pat LaRue distributed copies of her report. She made one addition in announcing the Eastern Federation had paid their dues.

Directors Reports
• California Federation Vice President Jim Barton had no report. He said the president had covered it.
• Eastern Federation President Ellery Borow had a report in the packet. He was attending by Zoom.
• Easter Federation Vice President Bill Stephens was not present and had no report.
• Midwest Federation President Susan Stanforth had a report in the packet.
• Midwest Federation Vice President Catherine Clevenz had a report in the packet.
• Northwest Federation President Beth Heesacker had a report in the packet.
• Northwest Federation Vice President Larry Hulstrom had a report in the packet.
• Rocky Mountain Federation President Bob Regner had no report. He reported that the Rocky Mountain was the only federation to have a convention in 2020. He thanked Jim and the club for hosting again.
• Rocky Mountain Federation Vice President Sherry Johnson had no report.
• South Central President Jerrold Simpson had no report.
• South Central Vice President stand in Liz Burford had no report.
• Southeast Federation President Melissa Hill reported that due to Covid there were not a lot of meetings held. Those that were held were by Zoom. They have their website up and running, and it is quite user friendly. They were able to hold their Round up in Florida. They now have a place to hold it.
• Southeast Federation Vice President Dennis Buchanan had no report.

Committee Reports
• All American Club Awards chairman Mary Boesdorfer had a written report in the packet.
• Boundaries Chairman Bob Carlson had a short report in the packet.
• Club Rockhound of the Year Chairman Judi Allison had a report in the packet and was present by Zoom.
• Newsletter Editor Suzanne Webb had a report in the packet.
• Pat LaRue had sent a report from the Auditing Review, which was in the packet.
• Bulletin Editors’ Advisory Chairman Mark Nelson had a report in the packet. He reported he would have a new report in the next newsletter since the AFMS would be meeting in October instead of January in 2022.
• Bulletin Editors’ Hall of Fame — Shirley Leeson was unable to attend the convention. She had a report in the packet which included her resignation as Chairman of the committee.
• Bylaws Revisory Committee - Steve Weinberger had a short report in the packet and attended the meetings via Zoom.
• Central Office — Cheryl Neary had a report in the packet.
• Commemorative Stamps — Ellery Borow had a report in the packet.
• Conservation and Legislation — John Martin had a report in the packet. Susie Martin reported that she wanted to talk trash. We need to show the BLM and others that we leave an area cleaner than it was when we entered. She noted that ALAA is not lobbying now because the government was charging a fee of $5,000 per month for a lobbying permit. They sent the BLM in Quartzite a photo of the trash pick up they did while there. John Martin asked what a recreational rockhound is according to the government. Matt Charsky asked what we could do to make them more aware of our needs. He noted the needs are much different in the East Coast area and the Western US. Doug True noted that they are working on that difference. He said it is important that we monitor what is going on. He noted there have been contracts with companies and they open up to organizations. It is individuals who are causing the problems.
Concerning the definition of a recreational rockhound, the things that need to be answered are – What can you pick up? How much care do you collect? How do you collect? Do you need a permit? If we don’t give our input, someone will do it for us who has no idea about our hobby.

The ALAA Website had laws that are in place for collecting non-renewable resources. You cannot sell what you collect, you must have a permit to collect. This needs to be straightened out. It needs input from the rockhound community. People were urged to write congressmen and senators. Each person’s input must be different. Judy suggested that a template for a jumping off point to give our input should be put in the newsletter to help us contact our senators and congressmen.

- Endowment Fund – Cheryl Neary had a report in the packet. She has received some more prize contributions, including some cute fairy dragon bags from Jennifer Haley. The tickets were still being sold by Richard Jaeger and J.C. Moore.
- Financial Investments—Wayne Cox had a report in the packet.
- Historian – Jennifer Haley had a report in the packet. She shared that she had recently purchased a photo scanner which would help her in digitizing the history of the AFMS.
- Inter-Regional Field Trips – Doug True had a report in the packet. Sign-up sheets were at the show for the field trips Monday and Tuesday to Blue Forest for petrified wood and Kemmerer for Fish Fossils.
- Junior Programs – Jim Brace-Thompson was present via Zoom and had a report in the packet.
- Judges Training – Margaret Kolaczyk reported that there was a judges training seminar planned at the show in Big Piney. Two previous seminars had to be canceled due to Covid-19. Larry Hengaker asked if there were any seminars coming up. Margaret shared that it was her goal to have a training soon.
- Name Badges – Frank Mullaney reported that Cheryl had sent names for those needing badges. He will be here with them on Friday.
- Nominating Committee – David Wayment had a revised slate of officers on the table.

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CFMS Volcano, CA
Margaret Kolaczyk
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1st Regional Vice President
SCFMS Baton Rouge, LA
Roger Burford
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David Rich
3rd Regional Vice President
NFMS Tieton, WA
Ronna Watkins
4th Regional Vice President
SFMS Murfreesboro, TN
Steve Henegar
5th Regional Vice President
RMFMS Broken Arrow, OK
Liz Thomas
Treasurer to be elected for a two year term
Pat LaRue
Secretary will be serving second year of two-year term
Donna Moore
- Past Presidents Advisory – No report.
- Photography – John Martin had a report in the packet. He said if anyone had questions, to see him.
- Program Competition – No report.
- Public & International & Relations – No report.
- Publications – B. Jay Bowman had a report in the packet.
- Safety – Ellery Borow had a report in the packet. Jerrold Simpson mentioned the old safety manual from the 60’s or 70’s that still had much good information in it. He wondered if there were more copies available. Jennifer Haley said she will scan it for anyone who wants a copy.
- Scholarship Foundation – Sandy Fender had a report in the packet. There will be a faceted tourmaline auctioned off at the banquet to benefit the scholarship fund. The stone was verified by the ICA.
- Show Consultant – Walter Beneze, who is taking over for Emerson Tucker, had a new report on the table with corrected dates. The 2022 AFMS Convention will be hosted by the South Central Federation in New Orleans, Louisiana, October 7-9, 2022.
- Uniform Rules – Lee Whitebay had a report in the packet. He reported there was a very good meeting the previous day as well as a productive meeting preceding this meeting. Bob Regner noted that he has Uniform Rules books back to the original hand written rules.
- Uniform Rules Eligibility Files – Leslie Wayment reported she just needed to pick up the files from Josie Middleton.
- Ways and Means – Richard Jaeger had a report in the packet.
- Website/Webmaster – Marty Hart had a report in the packet.
- Website Contest – Don Shurtz, who was present via Zoom, had a report in the packet.

Unfinished Business

Reports from the Ad Hoc Committees – Doug True reported that he had started a couple of committees to look into the website, the juniors program, and Geology 365. He said they originally had bad advise and headed the wrong direction. They had been meeting 3 times a month on Zoom. Geology 365 involvement is still on hold. There will be two reports later today on Juniors and the website. About 20 people have been working on this. They are open to input. The idea is to keep up with society today.

- Sandy Fuller will present information about the updating of the website. The present one was set up in 1998. Things have changed since then. We need the website to be responsive to us and about us. The hope is to maintain the domain license and keep the cost down. It is hoped we can build friends and make the regions friendlier. Our customers are looking for people who want to associate with rockhounds. The website should answer questions, help new leadership in clubs, and continue to support the current AFMS.

Actions possible should include finding clubs, seeing newsletters, finding events by date and location (this would be controlled by the regions), activities for your rockhounds (our juniors), find leadership information, and make our own clubs better. Eventually it is hoped to be able to support the endowment and scholarship funds by direct donations. It should supplement and support the regions.

The different regions would provide input (data would be accessed and loaded as needed). The ad hoc committee had looked at all the regional websites. They want to make sure it remains usable and speed is maintained. They also want to make the website easy to search and avoid insider terms that might confuse non-rockhounds. The committee was made up of people from across the country. Sandy Fuller will give a look at the new website this afternoon.

- Juniors Program Group – Joan Stoker and Lora Hall explained they had been looking at ways for clubs to develop more junior programs. They hoped to partner with other organizations such as 4-H and home school groups. They then planned to team up with our junior programs. Some are doing the AFMS Badge program. They asked if we can get more clubs to do more things for juniors. We have kids, we need leaders. Videos and Power Point presentations can be used to keep them. More adult leaders are needed. Some don’t know about the badge program. They suggested a three-prong approach – “How to Start a Juniors Program”. Handouts and a flash drive with information were handed out. They hope to
improve the web access and expand the juniors presence, making it interactive. It should be a place to support the Future Rockhounds of America.

The website will have the Future Rockhounds of America Manual. 20 of the badges have been renewed. It will be possible to click on the graphic of the badge and go to the section of the manual for that badge. The badge program is funded by the Endowment Program.

**New Business**

- **Budget.** Margaret put it together. Jim Barton moved to approve the budget as proposed. Roger Burford seconded the motion, which passed.

- **The State of the Eastern Federation.** Judy explained there has been a schism in the Eastern Federation. There are presently two groups each saying they were rightfully elected. It is pretty much havoc. The dues for the Eastern Federation had not been received and there was no communication to the AFMS. Judy had sent a certified letter to both factions of the Eastern Federation saying they were in a state of suspension. She asked for communication with them in 14 days. She heard from Ellery Borow, but did not hear from David Nock.

Judy had just received an e-mail from Pat LaRue that she had received the dues for the Eastern Federation on Saturday. The check was deposited on Monday.

As the AFMS we need to be inclusive. There was a problem in the Eastern that only selected people received information. Others did not receive the link for the meetings.

Roger Burford noted there was a new petition from David Nock to support him in not paying 2021 dues. Judy noted that we talked about this at length during the 2020 Virtual Meeting and everyone else paid their AFMS Dues. The AFMS conducted all the business we normally do. Judy said she was willing to mediate this difficult situation. Matt Charsky had sent out a survey to the clubs in the Eastern that favored continuing to be a part of the AFMS. Doug True suggested we ignore any e-mails from the Eastern Federation. It is their problem, not our business. Marty Hart had gotten a request to remove the direct link for the Eastern Federation. Only select club information had been included. The request was for a link to David’s new website. There are presently two newsletters. David Nock presently owns the EFMLS.org domain name.

Margaret Kolaczyk moved to disable the link for the EFMLS.org and wait for more information. Liz Burford seconded the motion which carried with one dissenting vote.

- **Election of Officers.** Judy read the slate of officers proposed by the nominating committee. Jim Barton moved to accept the slate as presented. Jerrold Simpson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

- **The Junior Program.** Judy had already been discussed.

- **Uniform Rules.** An Ad Hoc Committee was proposed by Lee Whitebay to look into ways to lower the stress around evaluating exhibits at shows. He recommended that the committee consider Judges and Exhibitor Training, and look into the need for revisions to the Uniform Rules. The incoming president (Margaret Kolaczyk) will select a representative from each federation. Roger Burford seconded the motion, which carried. The committee will report at next year’s annual meeting.

**Announcements**

- Matt Charsky noted the AFMS Scholarship Foundation next year should hit $2 million given in scholarships. Maybe there should be some sort of celebration.

- The AFMS Convention for 2022 will be hosted by the South Central Federation in New Orleans, Louisiana, October 7-9, 2022. It will be hosted by The Gem and Mineral Society of Louisiana.

- Scholarship Foundation, Juniors Program and Web group presentations/meetings would follow the annual meeting. Judges would meet in the other building.

- Roger Burford moved to adjourn the meeting. Dennis Buchanan seconded the motion. Judy declared the meeting adjourned.

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**University of Arizona Alfie Norville Gem and Mineral Museum at the Historic Pima County Courthouse, Is Now Open!**

Steve Kaminski, Mineralogical Society of Arizona

A new gem, and mineral museum has opened in Tucson, Arizona. The University of Arizona Alfie Norville Gem & Mineral Museum (UAANGMM) is located within the historic Pima County Courthouse, an iconic and historic building of magnificent Spanish Revival architecture in the heart of Tucson.

Following the completion of a $13.5 Million renovation and buildout project, UAANGMM is dedicated to providing public education, the curation of minerals, gems, fossils and meteorites while also serving the research needs of professionals, students and collectors. The collection is literally universal in scope, but with specific emphasis on minerals from Arizona and Mexico. Eric Fritz is the museum’s Director.

Previously housed in the basement of the UofA’s Flandreau Science Center and Planetarium, the UArizona mineral collection has a new home with 12,000 square feet exhibit space. The Flandreau will continue with new exhibits featuring specimens on loan from UAANGMM.

Above Right: The Pima County Courthouse, Lower left: Director Eric Fritz of the University of Arizona Alfie Norville Gem and Mineral Museum.

Courtesy of the University of Arizona Alfie Norville Gem and Mineral Museum

UAANGMM adds an exciting element to the Tucson Gem, Mineral and Fossil Showcase which occurs in late January and early February. Of course, the museum will attract attention year-round. The museum space will not only be exhibiting world-class minerals, gems and jewelry, but also provide immersive activities, graphics and videos as well as interactive experiences. The visitor experience will be enhanced by the integrated exhibits highlighting research from the U Arizona gem science and mineralogy programs.

UAANGMM will have four major exhibit areas; each will change on a regular basis. The four primary areas are: a Mineral Evolution Gallery, an Arizona-Mexico Gallery; a crystal interactive lab; and a Gem Gallery. In addition to the public museum space, an additional 9,000 square feet on the lower level of the courthouse will be dedicated to a reference library, research lab, and community classroom.
Mineral Evolution Hall

UAANGMM’s first gallery, the Mineral Evolution Gallery will explore and expand on the developing theories around the story of our planet’s mineral evolution. The exhibit will chronologically explore how the solar system formed and minerals have co-evolved on earth alongside life over time. This scientific theory is supported by NASA space research.

Similar to other rocky planets in our solar system and meteorites, Earth started with around 60 minerals. Earth is now home to over 5,600 minerals and the count continues. The museum will tell the story of how this happened. The expression of this story will touch on many topics, including, the interaction of life and oxygen and changes that followed the emergence of the new minerals.

The Arizona and Mexico Gallery

The Arizona and Mexico gallery, will feature the unique mineralogy of the region, highlighting Arizona’s mining roots. One section of the exhibit will be modeled after a recreated stope within the Copper Queen Mine in Bisbee which will showcase some of the minerals that were mined during the early workings. The stope design was based on the contributions of Dick Graeme III (the expert Bisbee mineral collector, historian and miner) and his family.

“We’re telling the story of mining and how the copper mined in Bisbee basically set up the United States for the Industrial Revolution,” Fritz said. “Without that, we wouldn’t have had power and telecommunications.” Copper was mined here before Arizona before became a state. “...copper helped make this the last contiguous state in the U.S.”
The Crystal Lab

In the Crystal Lab, visitors will have a chance to alter the crystal structure to cause a change in color in quartz, sapphire, or diamond. “For example, if you start with a clear quartz and add a little bit of iron, you’ll end up with amethyst,” Fritz said. “So, they’ll actually learn while doing something pretty cool.”

The Gem Gallery and Treasury

The final exhibit, the Gemstone Gallery and Treasury, will showcase minerals that have been manipulated by humans and turned into jewelry, carvings and works of art, demonstrating human-kind’s innate appreciation for natural beauty. The Treasury resides in the center of the gallery and displays a collection of minerals, jewelry and gemstones from all over the world. The majority of displays showcased in the treasury are on loan from the Somewhere in the Rainbow, a gem and jewelry private collection from Phoenix.

The UArizona Department of Geosciences is offering a new track as the result of an endowed chair in gem science, funded by The RealReal. The gem science track is preparing students for careers in the gem trade. The University begins teaching classes in the program this Fall 2021. Eric Fritz and museum Assistant Curator Susan Leib will be co-instructing the first undergraduate course.

The upgraded mineral museum will contribute to the new gem sciences track, providing opportunities for students to study in the museum’s labs and classrooms. According to Fritz, “The hope is that the classroom in the lower level will become the gem science classroom for students.” Museum leaders are also hoping to make these areas available to school groups and local organizations to increase interest in gem sciences and mineralogy throughout the community.

IT’S OPEN

The University of Arizona Alfie Norville Gem & Mineral Museum is now open with Summer Hours. Visit Monday-Friday from 10am-2pm (summer hours). Last Tickets sold at 1pm.

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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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**Upcoming AFMS and Regional Federation Conventions**

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