I hope everyone had a safe and relaxing time over the holidays. Now is the time to start thinking about the upcoming AFMS Convention and Show in New Orleans, LA. This year there is time to work on stuff for the competitions. All American, Bulletin & Editors, Programs, Website and Competitive Displays. If your club or you have not competed but are think you would like to, please reach out to the committee chairs. They are happy to help. Everyone has to start somewhere and now is a great time to do just that.

The committee working on revamping the AFMS Website are moving right along. I am so impressed with how this committee is building the website. Once the updated website is launched, I believe everyone will be pleased. Just remember that when anything is first started, there might be a few bumps along the way, so please be patient.

As Suzanne Webb and Pat LaRue will tell you, writing the President Message each month is very difficult for me. I struggle with what to say. But as president, it is one of the things I must do. My challenge is to all my AFMS committees. If I can take a couple hours out of my day to write for the newsletter, please do the same. Even if each committee wrote 1 article a year, the editors would have a much easier time putting the newsletter together. Yes, I know there are some committees that do write articles almost every month and their efforts are greatly appreciated. The newsletter is an important way to communicate with the clubs. This is the start of 2022 and I am hoping a new beginning for the clubs to start having meetings and shows.

AFMS Best Program Contest

Every lapidary club needs programs for their meetings. And they prefer programs that are specifically for and about topics of interest in the lapidary areas.

One of the best ways to get such programs is to have our members make productions that can be used as programs. But, before you do that, have that program entered in the AFMS New Programs Competition. This is done every year, and the program in Class 1 through Class 4 with the top score above 95 receives a $200 prize. And copies of the winning programs are made and given to each Regional Federation library.

What can be covered in these programs? Things of interest in the earth sciences, good field trips, good shop techniques, coverage of a specific rock or mineral. Lots of things! The rules and regulations, and some suggestions, are available on the AFMS website under New Program Competition. The entry form, deadlines, and where programs should be sent is also there.

But, the deadline for this year is fast approaching. March 15 is the deadline for entries. There is still time to make a program, get it in electronic form, and send it off to be judged. If your own Federation has a contest for this, check and see when that deadline is, also. But hurry. New Programs are needed, and you just may have a winning idea, or even video or slides or pictures just ready to put together for submission. If so, put your program together and get it finalized and off for judging.

Hope to see some entries real soon!
A Pilot’s Life & Mission During WWII—Dependent Upon the Gem Cutter

by Jennifer Haley, AFMS Historian

I am finding really wonderful stories in old copies of The Mineralogist for future articles for you. The magazine was publishing long before the AFMS was founded. What is so special about the old publications are the stories about federation news and news of mineralogy at the time. Once I find an interesting history topic, I then go looking for more information on the subject, if there is any to find.

As Rockhounds and Mineralogists, we have quite a remarkable history that we can feel very proud to be a part of.

During WWII, there were hundreds of experienced mineral collectors who, although too old to qualify for military service, played a highly important role for the security of our country. They cut quartz crystals for frequency control in communication instruments and radar.

Sapphires were cut to make precision instruments used in airplanes, bombers and battleships. A pilot’s lives and the success of their missions depended upon the lapidary skills of the gem cutter. Quartz and sapphires were essential to the war effort.

In a bomber, there were about one-hundred sapphires in the plane’s instruments. In a battleship, there were about four thousand sapphire bearings.

In 1940, America was completely dependent on Europe for sapphires. When the war came, an American company, Linde Air Products, created the synthetic sapphire. The creation of synthetic sapphires was vital to the war effort. The stones were only used for the war effort and not for jewelry. Quartz crystal was used for frequency control in radio transmission, radar and other precision devices. The quality of the quartz crystal mines in Arkansas was considered finer than Brazil’s, and the mines in Arkansas came under federal control during the war.

Gemstones, minerals, and the gem cutter have always played important roles throughout history, all around the world. No wonder mankind holds cutters and their stones in admiration.

Hello and Greetings from Montana

Lora R. Hall, 2021–2022 Juniors Chair

It has been a busy year for the Juniors Ad-hoc Committee but we are pleased to announce the launch of the new AFMS Juniors Website! Volunteers from across the federations came together in a team effort to make this happen. A special shout out goes to Lori Carter from the Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies for patiently teaching us how to build this site and answering late night calls for help when we broke something.

The website features a contact form for new clubs wanting to sign-up for Future Rockhounds of America (FRA) and a contact form for clubs and societies wanting to participate in the Rock Pal Rock Exchange. The annual 2022 Poster Contest is highlighted on the Awards, Contests, and Scholarships page along with a brand new program for Junior Volunteers. Leaders can also find tips and hints for starting a youth program including the badge program. The streamlined process for requesting badges, patches, and pin can be found on the FRA Badge Program page. And last but not least, the Partnerships page gives leaders suggestion for reaching out and joining forces with other organizations.

As we say on the Home page, “You will frequently see the warning, Website Under Construction, but it takes on new meaning for this website. This site will always be under construction as it grows, shifts, morphs, and adapts to the needs of our juniors and youth leaders. It is a place to come for current news and events from across the AFMS. So when we say, Check Back Frequently, it is a good idea to do just that!”

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We hope the website will become a place for leaders across the county to share ideas. If there is something you would like to see us add or if you have an activity others may find helpful, please let us know. The website can be reached by following the link on the AFMS website, [http://www.amfed.org](http://www.amfed.org), or you can access it by going to [http://www.juniors.amfed.org](http://www.juniors.amfed.org).

**Rockhound of the Year**

**Midwest Federation**

The **Rock River Valley Gem and Mineral Society**, greater Rockford area, IL honors **Brian and Cindy Green**, who have made a significant contribution to the success of this club, as Rockhound of the Year. As the members of the club know, if you see one of the Greens working hard on a project, attending a meeting or setting out rocks and jewelry for a club event, the other is right there also. The Greens not only help the RRVGMMS with club activities, Brian and Cindy are the backbone of the Northwest Illinois Rock Club in Freeport, IL. The countless hours they have spent being helpful and their knowledge shared of rocks, minerals, polishing stones and jewelry making are greatly appreciated. Congratulations, Brian and Cindy Green!

The **500 Earth Sciences Club** of Indianapolis, IN recognizes **Tammy Habegger-Spice** as the 2021 Rockhound of the Year. Tammy has served as Secretary for the Club since 2018. Her leadership in organizing, innovating and executing the duties of Secretary has been exceptional. She has navigated the Club through complex venue changes for monthly meetings among her regular duties.

Tammy also leads the activities necessary to conduct the silent auction at the Club’s annual show. She has expanded the collection of donations, increasing revenue. She catalogs, labels and maintains donations. This year, Tammy and her husband, William, donated safety supplies for the 2021 show.

Tammy volunteers to participate in all Club outreach endeavors. She communicates effectively with the public, inspiring future rockhounds. Thank you, Tammy!

The **Spring River Gem and Mineral Club** (SRGMC) of Cherokee Village, Arkansas, proudly announces **Linda and James O’Neal** are the recipients of the Rockhound of the Year award for 2021. Longtime members of SRGMC, the O’Neals are exemplary members. These two hardworking rockhounds are willing to go above and beyond to do whatever is needed to support and promote their club. Linda is currently Vice-President elect and has served on the executive committee several times. James, a talented stonemason and handyman, is always ready to give a helping hand wherever needed, setting up, taking down, or repairing. The O’Neals are enthusiastic about the club and its mission, and faithfully work to support the Spring River Gem and Mineral Club and its members.

The success of every club is dependent on loyal volunteers. The Spring River Gem and Mineral Club is fortunate to have the O’Neals. Thank you, Linda and James O’Neal, for furthering our shared enjoyment of geology and all the wonders of the earth, and your continuous endeavors to promote our hobby.

The **Dayton Gem & Mineral Society** (DGMS) of Ohio commends **Joe and Gretchen Brafford** as 2021 Rockhound of the Year. Joe has held many positions from vice president, to treasurer, to field trip coordinator. As a program manager, Joe has scheduled a variety of people to speak, making the meetings fun, informative and well attended. Joe also has put together rock and mineral trivia questions and contests many times for months when speakers were not available. Joe is an avid collector with an extensive collection that contains many specimens he personally collected while in the field.

In 2021, Joe and his wife Gretchen have spent countless hours updating the club bylaws for the first time since the inception of the DGMS in 1963. In addition, the Braffords have led the drive to get the DGMS registered as a non-profit by initiating and drafting a large portion of the 501(c) paperwork required. This will help the club save a significant amount of money.

The members of the DGMS salute the Braffords, who joined in 2005, for their many years of participation, devotion and effort to endlessly promote the club and thereby, keep the membership growing. Joe and Gretchen Braford, thank you for your hard work.

**Rocky Mountain Federation**

The **Tulsa Rock & Mineral Society** would like to honor **Ben & Liz Thomas** as our AFMS Club Rockhounds of the Year. They joined our club in 2009 and have been active from the outset. Ben has held several positions within the club throughout the years including Shop Foreman, Assistant Show Chairman, and Donations Chairman. He always participates in the Working Exhibits area of our shows and loves teaching others about lapidary work. Ben & Liz have helped pick up donations and hosted several rock sales and swaps at their property. Liz has been very active in helping plan our Rock Shows; she has been our Dealer Chair for several years now. She also collects information about our hobby from other clubs which she then emails to all our members. Liz currently serves as a Director of our club and holds offices in the RMFMS and AFMS which help keep our club be involved in those organizations. Both Ben & Liz also participate in our club area at the Gem Faire Show in Tulsa each year. Ben & Liz are hard working, conscientious, personable individuals who always have the best interest of our club and hobby at heart. They are an invaluable asset to the Tulsa Rock and Mineral Society. (Submitted by Roberta Wagle)

**Southeastern Federation**

The **Middle Tennessee Rockhounds** nominate **Randy Gentry** as our Rockhound of the Year. Randy has been a member for several years. He is one of those rare people who are the first to step forward to volunteer, and accept any task asked of him.

After some time, he was elected to the club’s field trip coordinator. With this position, Randy found his niche, and is absolutely the right man for the job. The club’s field trip activities are the best organized in our history. We all join in this award to thank Randy for his time and efforts, and for being a valued member and great Rockhound. Submitted by: Middle Tennessee Rockhounds

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**Eastern Federation**

The Morris Museum Mineralogical Society (MMMS) nominates Mark Kucera for 2021 Club Rockhound of the Year (CROY). Mark serves as VP of the MMMS, never misses a meeting, always volunteers at club sponsored mineral shows, generously contributes to the club’s annual Tricky Tray fund raiser, and represents the MMMS at EFMLS meetings and shows. Most importantly, Mark has kept the MMMS active during difficult Covid-19 pandemic months by sharing his Zoom account and hosting MMMS virtual meetings/guest speaker programs. Submitted by Kathy Francis, Director of Education, Morris Museum

As Co-President of the New York Mineralogical Club (NYMC), I nominate Diane Beckman for Club Rockhound of the Year. At the beginning of the pandemic, Diane, already our Treasurer and acting President, was proactive in finding out how to use Zoom, host all the meetings and obtain speakers. As a result of her hard work, we have not had to cancel any of our scheduled meetings! We have engaged popular guest speakers. Diane established the practice of honoring our speakers with sponsorship of a Mindat.org page.

Diane, monthly, updates our website, and creates new Facebook pages. She was also key in organizing two club field trips and our get-together. Due to her efforts the NYMC has attracted many new members during these difficult times. After the passing of our former President and Bulletin Editor, Mitchell Portnoy, Diane took the helm as Editor of our bulletin, winning AFMS and EFMLS Best New Editor Award for 2020. It is clear to many of us that the NYMC would not have reached its 135th year if not for Diane’s hard work and creativity during this once-in-a-century pandemic. I greatly enjoy working together with her and wish to express our deep gratitude on behalf of the NYMC for her unflagging care and service to our Club. Submitted by Anna Schumate.

**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 at least once a 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.

**Safety Matters—Morning Person Safety**

Ellery Borow, AFMS Safety Chair

Are you not a morning person? Can't do anything before coffee (or OJ, croissant, tea, bagel, sausage or whatever)? You are not alone. Many people need a boost to get going and are not really ready to do much beforehand.

What does it feel like before that morning coffee? Not coordinated, not focusing, not awake, not listening? People who are not morning persons understand the wisdom of refraining from doing anything that needs coordination, focusing and listening—right? Being safe means knowing not to do any critical task until one is ready, awake, trained, aware, and alert. Safety is, in part, knowing one’s limits.

If one is not a morning person, afternoon person, or evening person, that is an important safety consideration. Additional considerations when making decisions include knowing one’s skill set, knowledge of a task, level of training, having a safety kit at hand, and being aware of one’s current tiredness.

Suppose one is not an evening person, yet must perform an activity needing focused attention in the evening hours. Can evening work be accomplished? Yes, it can, but knowing and understanding one’s limits means that limits can be accommodated so long as extra care, attention and alertness are present. That is not mean one can charge ahead with abandon. It does mean one should carefully consider the task’s requirements and one’s limits when making judgements as to how to proceed.

People make judgements all the time—roads too slippery, night to foggy, feeling too tired, what would be the best wait to orient the first slab saw cut, is one concerned about being too pressured—these are all judgement decisions. Before using a torch, operating lapidary machinery, hammering a rock, driving to a club meeting, being an afternoon person, judgements need be made about one’s limits. There are a great many aspects of our hobby where knowing one’s limits is advisable. Please be safe by knowing and respecting one’s limits. Your limits and safety matter.

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.
When I began as an editor I had no idea of options for formatting my bulletin. The only thing I had to go on was the format of the editor before me. He faithfully reported the news of the club each month - sometimes in 8 pages, sometimes 5 - depending on what articles he had available for the bulletin.

In conversation with the bulletin editor of a neighboring club, during a multi-club field trip, I learned about the Special Congress Representing Involved Bulletin Editors and through Doug Arnold of S.C.R.I.B.E. I learned about bulletin exchanges. Doug gave me the email addresses of half a dozen editors and we began to exchange our bulletins each month.

What a world that opened! I read every bulletin, either online or in print in the evening after work. I saw how various editors addressed their club news, federation news, news about members, field trips and calendars. After six months I could understand how they formatted their bulletins so that each month the repeatedly needed information, like the president’s and federation director’s reports, could be put in the same place and on the same page in the bulletin each month. It made it easy to remember to report on these! I learned about the value of a calendar in the bulletin so that a member could stick it in a place to remember meetings and things - or add it to a database. I read of clubs that included a Sunshine Report - so that members who were sick or who had recently experienced a change in life could be comforted or congratulated.

Most of all I recognized how other clubs overcame the major hurdle we all face in producing bulletins - where to find new and interesting articles! Exchange editors make available original and shared feature articles, tips and safety information. They have an archive of fresh material for their bulletins so that they did not have to continually develop original articles to interest their members. The accepted custom for sharing articles is to give the originating club bulletin, and the club bulletin in which you read the article, authorship credit at the beginning or end of the article. Here is an example: Suppose that Jim Peterson wrote an article on Amethyst that originally appeared in the Ogden Rock and Gem Club’s bulletin Beehive Buzzer. In an exchange of bulletins with the Mono-Rockhounds you saw this article and wished to share it with your members in your club’s bulletin. You would highlight and copy the article to your word processing program, format it to suit your bulletin and set it into your draft bulletin. The article would be entitled “Amethyst, by Jim Peterson”. At the conclusion of the article you would quote your source - Source: Beehive Buzzer 9/09 via MOROKS 9/14.

Through participating in bulletin exchanges my bulletin began to improve - and yours will too! The convention for bulletin exchanges is to convert your bulletin to Portable Document Format (PDF). I’m familiar with WordPerfect, Word and Publisher programs and they each have an easy two-click method for saving your bulletin as a PDF file. In order to read bulletins in PDF format you need to have Adobe Acrobat Reader DC on your computer. The program is safe and free at http://get.adobe.com/reader/. The “Breakfast With The Editors” session at Federation shows is a great place to exchange bulletins and email addresses! When you send your bulletin to a group of editors please use this suggestion: Send the email to yourself and list all of the other editors in the BCC (Blind Carbon Copy) of the “copy to” section of your email program. This preserves the privacy of the others who you exchange emails with!

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I want to thank the following contributors for pulling my cookies out of the fire when my computer was hacked and I lost all their articles. They cheerfully replaced them for me under very short notice: Judi Allison, Ellery Borow, Jennifer Haley, Lora Hall and Mark Nelson. I also want to thank DeLane Cox for sending her photo on equally short notice. It’s a very nice photo, IMHO.
DATES
It is official—the dates for the spring 2022 session of Wildacres will be May 16-22.

SPEAKER-IN-RESIDENCE
We are very fortunate to have another fabulous Speaker-in-Residence for the Spring Session—Dr. Nathalie Brandes. Dr. Brandes is a geologist, author, and distinguished college professor and researcher. She is Professor of Geosciences at Lonestar College – Montgomery in Conroe, Texas, where she has been teaching for the past 17 years. In 2019, she was presented the Faculty Excellence Award in recognition of outstanding teaching methods and dedication to student success in the classroom and beyond.

Her current research focuses on ancient mining techniques as well as the history and geology of classic mineral localities. Her Wildacres presentations will focus on the last major gold rush in the United States (Goldfield, Nevada), silver mines in Norway, Mining in the Ancient World, the History of Mineralogy, and the Geology of Birthstones. Additional information is below.

CLASS SCHEDULE
Because the dates for the spring session were just verified, we do not have the class schedule available at this time. It will be distributed as soon as it is available. Watch your inbox for the announcement.

OTHER INFORMATION
While the cost of the session is increasing by $10.00 for a double occupancy room, it is a modest increase and one that is still more than a bargain compared to other entities’ classes and instructions. The fee includes a week of excellent instructors, room and board, a great speaker-in-residence, the ambiance and serenity of being in the great Blue Ridge Mountains, and the comradery of fellow members of the many aspects of the hobby.

This year you will have the opportunity to decide if you would like to have a single room or share it. Single rooms will have an additional charge.

More information will be forthcoming as soon as it is available. In the meantime, if you have any questions please feel free to contact one of us.

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Source: Wildacres Workshop Committee email via Mary Bateman
Here is the Committee Chairs list for 2021-22. 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.

Upcoming AFMS and Regional Federation Conventions

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