**President’s Message**  
Margaret Kolaczyk, AFMS 2022 president

Hi Everyone,

It will not be long before the 2022 AFMS/SCFMS Convention and Show is upon us. Please check the AFMS website <amfed.org> for the convention and show package. Also, a call for reports is out to send your reports to Donna Moore by Sept. 1 for the business meeting package. Otherwise, you will need to bring your own copies to the meeting.

We haven’t had newsletters for a couple of months, so just to let you know, in May I traveled to Kennewick Washington to do a Judges Training Seminar. A total of 12 students attended and by all accounts it was well received. I wish to thank Larry Hulstrom for his hard work on making the class possible.

The following are the students that attended and are now certified AFMS Judges: Larry Hulstrom, Joshua Hulstrom, Ronna Watkins, Linda Harvey, William Harvey Jr., Charisse Ash, Mary Goff, Gordon Hale, Sue Steward, Walt Butler, Gayle Butler and Darrel Coyle.

Since this was the first time I had actually done the class, I was able to learn a lot on how to improve the class for the future. If you have not taught a class, you will find that as an instructor, you will learn more about what you are teaching by the questions the students ask. Being able to share knowledge on a subject you love gives one a special feeling.

I wish everyone a safe and fun Labor Day.

Respectfully submitted.

**Calling for Donations!--AFMS Endowment Fund 2021 - 2022**

Cheryl Neary, Chair

Yes it is that time of year when I start asking for donations to the AFMS Endowment Fund!

The Endowment Fund was created to afford the Federation a way to provide monies generated by the interest in the fund to support special projects such as junior badges, judges training, and digitizing of slide programs, just to name a few of the projects from the past.

Your donation can be an item with a minimum value of $75.00 and a weight limit of five (5) pounds or you can support the Fund by purchasing tickets from your representative listed below. If you are sending a donated specimen, I request that you please notify me via email at ciervo.neary@gmail.com or via my cell phone 516.449.5341 and leave a message.

Over the years we have had over twenty plus specimens. Why not make this the year to break that record and aim for a number in the thirties!

Each person, business, or club that donates gets free marketing since each donation has the donor’s name and federation. People appreciate the beautiful items that have been donated over the years--mineral specimens, jewelry, spheres, figurines, sculptures and equipment.

Our next drawing will be in 2022 at the South Central Federation-hosted joint event in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Tickets for the drawing are $5.00 per ticket or 5 for $20.00. You may purchase your tickets from your Federation’s representative listed on p. 3.:

Continued p. 2
Cartoons Anyone? Jennifer Haley, AFMS Historian

For as long as I have known Rockhounds, I don’t think I have ever been without the company of a good sense of humor. It’s true, there’s always a good story to be told, and it’s accompanied by a chorus of good laughter. If you want to have a good time, hang out with Rockhounds; you are bound to feel better.

Having a sense of humor comes naturally for some people, but with Rockhounds it’s pretty much a given. We can laugh at ourselves and with each other.

In the earlier years of rock and gem societies, there were members who had a lot of fun drawing and writing cartoons about our hobby for the newsletters. We aren’t talking professional artists, but your normal everyday member.

Over the years the number of cartoons entered in society and federation newsletters has dwindled. There’s been a sprinkling here and there, but in general it’s become rare. Whatever one’s age, wouldn’t it be fun to encourage your members to give humor a hand once again? You don’t know unless you try.

I am sure there are many juniors who have no idea there’s a Draw Features Competition they can enter, and that cartoons can be one of the categories. Some of those kids can really draw, and their funny bones are often more active. Others who never thought they had an artistic bone in their body might find drawing cartoons is fun to play around with. If you are a couch potato, you might just come up with a talent you didn’t know you had.

There are lots of free instructions online for drawing easy cartoons, and of course there are books. Doodling can be a fun way to begin. In the past, doodling was often seen as someone wasting time. Today it’s known that doodling opens up our creativity whether or not we think we have any talent, and it is good for our mental wellbeing just like crossword puzzles. There are as many styles of drawing cartoons as there are people drawing them, and you might find you have your own style too. How many times have we laughed at ourselves or with another while learning and having fun with the many aspects of our hobby? Lots, and there’s more on its way given our nature, whether it’s during work together or play. Give humor a hand, and you might just discover you have a new talent. We can all use some more smiles today.

Haunted Lands: East of the Rockies Cheryl Neary, Central Office Administrator

Last year, after reading an article I submitted, Sue Webb, AFMS editor, commented to me that one of her doctoral professors remarked that the lands east of the Rockies were haunted. Her professor was not a geologist but a medievalist, a person who specializes in medieval history.

According to an article I found on the internet, authored by Cindy Peman, written in 2010, there are two main reasons why some cities may be haunted or prone to visitors from the past. One reason would be that an old city has a great deal of history, which is especially true of the southeastern cities. The second reason is due to geology.

Yes, geology! According to the American Institute of Parapsychology, the geology of the cities that are most haunted have unusual magnetic field properties. The unusual magnetic field can be created due to high-voltage power lines or perhaps seismic fault zones, underground flowing water, or large iron ore concentrations.

Earth’s magnetic field is the result of the solidification of the planet’s liquid iron core. The process of cooling and crystallization of the core moves the liquid iron, generating electric currents that stretch into space. This magnetic field is known as the geodynamo. This magnetic field shields planet Earth from harmful radiation in space—and today, the field is gradually growing weaker. This could potentially leave the Earth defenseless against the effects of solar wind and cosmic rays. Now that is definitely a haunting thought!

What geological features may cause these ghostly, eerie phenomena? Volcanoes, landslides and sinkholes - oh my!!! Just to name a few!

Continued, page 4
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Federation</th>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Address</th>
<th>Contact Information</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>California (CFMS)</td>
<td>Heidi Hall</td>
<td>9055 Trina Circle</td>
<td><a href="mailto:hdafler@yahoo.com">hdafler@yahoo.com</a></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Stagecoach, NV 89429</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Eastern (EFMLS)</td>
<td>Larry Huffman</td>
<td>PO Box 2444</td>
<td><a href="mailto:ldhuff314@embarqmail.com">ldhuff314@embarqmail.com</a></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Hickory, NC 28603</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Midwest</td>
<td>J.C. &amp; Donna Moore</td>
<td>25235 N. State Route 97</td>
<td><a href="mailto:jcmoore3rd@gmail.com">jcmoore3rd@gmail.com</a>, <a href="mailto:mwfsecretary@gmail.com">mwfsecretary@gmail.com</a></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Northwest (NFMS)</td>
<td>Judi Allison</td>
<td>1701 NW 11th St. Hermiston, OR 97838</td>
<td><a href="mailto:jall@eotnet.net">jall@eotnet.net</a></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Rocky Mtn (RMFMS)</td>
<td>Richard Jaeger</td>
<td>3515 E. 88th St. Tulsa, OK 74137-2602</td>
<td><a href="mailto:rjgrsci@aol.com">rjgrsci@aol.com</a></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>South-Central (SCFMS)</td>
<td>Jerrold Simpson</td>
<td>1302 Annapolis Dr. Corpus Christi, TX</td>
<td><a href="mailto:jsimpsonclaims@live.com">jsimpsonclaims@live.com</a></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Southeast (SFMS)**

OPEN

Please remember to donate to such a worthy cause in our organization! Also, please remember these guidelines:

- Each object should weigh no more than 5 pounds
- Each object or combined set of objects should have a minimum value of $75.00

Again, if you are considering donating, either contact your Federation Representative or email me at Ciervo.neary@gmail.com

Thanks!

To date we have the following: (check website every now & then for updates!)

**Items 1-3:** Specimens of Luna Agate from Luna, NM and Petrified Wood, Woodruff AZ
  - Donated by Rick Olson, RMFMS

**Item 4:** Peridot, San Carlos, AZ
  - Donated by Cynthia & Bill Freeze - Daisy Mountain Rock & Mineral Club, RMFMS

**Item 5-7:** Petrified Wood, Holbrook, AZ
  - Donated by Cynthia & Bill Freeze - Daisy Mountain Rock & Mineral Club, RMFMS

**Item 8:** Natural Baltic Amber Pendant
  - Donated by Linda & Richard Jaeger - Former AFMS President; RMFMS

**Item 9:** Seraphinite, Eastern Siberia, Pendant
  - Donated by Linda & Richard Jaeger - Former AFMS President; RMFMS

**Item 10:** Fluorite - Cave in Rock, IL Value $ 200.00
  - Donated by Southern Gems, Minerals & Fossils, Inc. EFMLS
I decided that I would seek help from Google to find which cities east of the Rockies created these haunting lands. Cindy Perman listed the top 10 cities as:

10. Portland, Oregon
9. San Francisco, California
8. Chicago, Illinois
7. Charleston, South Carolina
6. St. Augustine, Florida
5. San Antonio, Texas
4. New Orleans, Louisiana
3. Salem, Massachusetts
2. Gettysburg, Pennsylvania
1. Savannah, Georgia

While at Rent.com the top 10 haunted cities in America are listed as:

10. Washington, D.C.
9. Portland, Oregon
8. San Francisco, California
7. Galveston, Texas
6. Charleston, South Carolina
5. Chicago, Illinois
4. Gettysburg, Pennsylvania
3. Salem, Massachusetts
2. New Orleans, Louisiana
1. Savannah, Georgia

As you can see, there are many cities listed by both sites—and the majority of them are east of the Rockies!

Since the convention will be held in the New Orleans, which is listed as either #4 or #2 as cities that are the most haunted, I figured maybe some of you may be interested in meeting a ghost or two!

New Orleans has its roots in voodoo and slavery. Voodoo (Voudou) has been part of culture since the 1700s. Did you know that New Orleans Voudou (Voodoo) is the only Afro-Catholic religion to emerge in North America?

You can visit the 2-room museum dedicated to preserving the mysteries, legends and traditions of voodoo. The New Orleans Historic Voodoo Museum is located in the French Quarter between Bourbon and Royal Streets.


While out touring the city, you may meet Marie Laveau. She is the Voodoo Queen of New Orleans!

New Orleans also has limestone in its geography! The entire state of Louisiana is found within the Coastal Plain, with Cenozoic deposits forming as the sea advanced and retreated on several occasions. The topography of Louisiana is limited, with the highest point—Driskill Mountain—at 535 feet above sea level and New Orleans, the lowest point in Louisiana at an average elevation of 5 feet above sea level. The city lies adjacent to the Mississippi River, and on the southern shore of Lake Pontchartrain.

The Coastal Plain main features are low elevations, a geologic border with inland areas, an ocean on one side and fertile soil.

Salt dome formations, prevalent in both Texas and Louisiana, began as evaporite deposits that formed during the Jurassic. The deposits are remnants of a saltwater ocean that covered the states of Texas, Louisiana and Mississippi. When the waters evaporated 200 million years ago, they left a sheet of salt. The salt was covered by over a thousand feet of alluvial sediments.

Salt, with a lower density than the overlying layers of sedimentation, began to drift upward forming dome-shaped structures, creating both positive and negative topography. The Five Islands in Louisiana—Avery, Weeks, Côte Blanche, Belle Isle and Jefferson—are examples of positive topography. The Five Islands are circular, from one to two miles in diameter, and elevated 75 feet or more above the marshlands. The Five Islands are located to the west of New Orleans and are approximately 140 miles or two (2) hours by automobile from New Orleans. The islands are famous for salt, oil and gas production, bird sanctuaries and as tourist attractions.

Avery Island has the highest elevation at approximately 150 feet above sea level. The island is noted for rare-bird sanctuary, tropical gardens and cayenne pepper production—and the famous Tabasco sauce.
I think that about covers it. As they say in the eastern parts of my former state of Texas: Ah port in by September 1, I understand that you do let Donna know so she can have registration materials ready for you when you get to NOLA. If you don’t by September 1 in order for it to be included in the convention packet. And if you are attending in person, do approach to serving.

Prompt attention also goes for hotel reservations—I got a pretty good rate at the Best Western Bayou Inn which is the main convention hotel, but I imagine group rate rooms are limited. It doesn’t pay to procrastinate. Quite the reverse.

Have you made transportation arrangements yet? If you’re flying, fares probably won’t go much lower, and with about 6 weeks lead time, you probably will have a better selection of lower cost flights if you book soon. Same is true of Amtrak. Gas prices are going down, so perhaps those who can drive there will catch a break from the $5/gallon prices of the summer. (Sigh! Some places in California it was over $7/gallon! I could hardly believe it! Down now into the mid-$5s.)

Think about what events you will be attending. And what about getting meals? Will your hotel include breakfast? If not, consider signing up to attend the Editors’ and Webmasters’ Breakfast. Even if you can breakfast at your hotel, try the Editors’ breakfast anyhow. They’re usually pretty lively. If you’re in meetings, the President’s Lunch is a good choice. You won’t have to leave the hotel/convention center. And you just cannot miss the Awards Banquet. You can check out the menu online at <http://www.scfms.net/convention_info_schedule_registration.pdf> and you can also sign up for the convention and for meals. (Of course, you’ll have to send your check in via USPS by Oct. 1.)

In looking through past EFMLS Directories of member clubs I noted that many clubs have one or two persons serving in multiple positions. Does that mean the club could use a few more volunteers from its membership? It does sometimes happen that members attend meetings for the program and are not otherwise interested in serving the club.

Have you even STARTED on your report for the business meeting? It is due to Donna Moore <MWFsecretary at amellory.com>> by September 1 so it can get your report to the committee. Then you will not have to leave the hotel/convention center. And you just cannot miss the Awards Banquet. You can check out the menu online at <http://www.scfms.net/convention_info_schedule_registration.pdf> and you can also sign up for the convention and for meals. (Of course, you’ll have to send your check in via USPS by Oct. 1.)

Here are a few ideas to encourage members to move up to being volunteers:

- Serving a club is fun. Helping a club be a better club is fun. Keep this fun front and center. –
- Being a part of the team that makes the club work so well is an uplifting and rewarding experience.
- Make sure the effort of volunteers is recognized, appreciated and valued.
- Let prospective volunteers know there are experienced club members willing to offer their knowledge and support with the position - that they do not have to go it alone.
- Offer mentoring options so a prospective volunteer can get their feet wet before becoming the chair of this or that committee.
- Publicly thank volunteers for what they do. Keep the smiles genuine.
- Consider offering incentives such as earning point for this or that effort where highest point earners are offered a prize (such as a pass to a museum, a fine specimen, or a tuition to attend the EFMLS Wildacres program).
- Encourage prospective volunteers to utilize their skills - maybe the best organizer can run the show, the best baker can provide a portion of the meeting refreshments, the best technician can direct the club’s lapidary shop, the best researcher put on a club program or two.
- Keep the position requirements clear so volunteers know what they are volunteering to accomplish.
- Be mindful that some positions require more effort than others, and those positions might be best managed by breaking them into smaller modules.
- Volunteers are well known for sharing not only their time and energy, but their enjoyment of the hobby, as well.
- Remember that a club is a cooperative, cohesive, caring entity were everyone benefits by their membership. Volunteers make it ALL happen.
- Also remember that it is fun to be sharing one’s enjoyment in the hobby with other, like-minded people.

Please make every effort to let volunteers know they are valued, that nothing happens without volunteers and their positive, can-do approach to serving.

Time is Getting Short! Convention in New Orleans, LA Is Next Month!!

Sue Webb, Editor.

Have you made transportation arrangements yet? If you’re flying, fares probably won’t go much lower, and with about 6 weeks lead time, you probably will have a better selection of lower cost flights if you book soon. Same is true of Amtrak. Gas prices are going down, so perhaps those who can drive there will catch a break from the $5/gallon prices of the summer. (Sigh! Some places in California it was over $7/gallon! I could hardly believe it! Down now into the mid-$5s.)

In looking through past EFMLS Directories of member clubs I noted that many clubs have one or two persons serving in multiple positions. Does that mean the club could use a few more volunteers from its membership? It does sometimes happen that members attend meetings for the program and are not otherwise interested in serving the club.

In the community of volunteerism is exceedingly strong in our clubs and federation. Just think of all the effort to put on a club show, write a monthly newsletter, arrange club digs, or research interesting programs. Everything we do in our hobby is accomplished by dedicated, devoted and determined volunteers. To all the volunteers in all the AFMLS clubs - thank you all for your years of service.

The community of volunteerism is exceedingly strong in our clubs and federation. Just think of all the effort to put on a club show, write a monthly newsletter, arrange club digs, or research interesting programs. Everything we do in our hobby is accomplished by dedicated, devoted and determined volunteers. To all the volunteers in all the AFMLS clubs - thank you all for your years of service.

Here are a few ideas to encourage members to move up to being volunteers:

- Serving a club is fun. Helping a club be a better club is fun. Keep this fun front and center. –
- Being a part of the team that makes the club work so well is an uplifting and rewarding experience.
- Make sure the effort of volunteers is recognized, appreciated and valued.
- Let prospective volunteers know there are experienced club members willing to offer their knowledge and support with the position - that they do not have to go it alone.
- Offer mentoring options so a prospective volunteer can get their feet wet before becoming the chair of this or that committee.
- Publicly thank volunteers for what they do. Keep the smiles genuine.
- Consider offering incentives such as earning points for this or that effort where highest point earners are offered a prize (such as a pass to a museum, a fine specimen, or a tuition to attend the EFMLS Wildacres program).
- Encourage prospective volunteers to utilize their skills - maybe the best organizer can run the show, the best baker can provide a portion of the meeting refreshments, the best technician can direct the club’s lapidary shop, the best researcher put on a club program or two.
- Keep the position requirements clear so volunteers know what they are volunteering to accomplish.
- Be mindful that some positions require more effort than others, and those positions might be best managed by breaking them into smaller modules.
- Volunteers are well known for sharing not only their time and energy, but their enjoyment of the hobby, as well.
- Remember that a club is a cooperative, cohesive, caring entity where everyone benefits by their membership. Volunteers make it ALL happen.
- Also remember that it is fun to be sharing one’s enjoyment in the hobby with other, like-minded people.

Please make every effort to let volunteers know they are valued, that nothing happens without volunteers and their positive, can-do approach to serving.
I love my computer. We have a wonderful relationship. We make a good team and it corrects my spelling. It saves oodles of my valuable time. It even knows what I’m thinking—though sometimes that’s a scary thought. I need to keep my computer team safe by working together. When things go bad, they can go very bad—files lost, time wasted, ransom paid, money scammed, stress levels through the roof, and personal information widely shared—very bad indeed. It pays to keep my computer partner safe. Here are some ideas and wisdoms:

- Make file backup a regular part of the routine. Automate backups if you can.
- Utilize strong alpha-numeric, or stronger, passwords and change them regularly. Keep them on a list either on paper or separate device.
- Be mindful that websites use https (not http) protocol. (the "s" in https is for safety and security)
- Stay wary of e-mail from odd sounding sources.
- E-mails with misspelling in the subject line are suspect (unless the sender is a notorious mis-speller—such as me).
- Keep computer security suites updated and automate scans. If the computer user has a special need make sure the security suite covers or addresses that need.
- If your computer contains extra sensitive files, spend the extra dollars to have the highest level of security.
- Don’t click on links that are the least bit questionable - err on the side of caution. The human element is often the weakest link. Ohh!! The desire to click on something that sounds too good to be true.
- Regularly monitor cache and temporary files. (Check those out on the online help if your security service does not address them).
- Nefarious and malicious software has innumerable ways to wriggle on to a hard drive. Be doubtful of offers that sound too good.
- Try using a removable storage device such as a multi-terabyte drive for storage.
- Some ISP (internet service providers) provide security as part of their package. Make sure it addresses your areas of priority. If it doesn’t, check out separate, stand-alone services.
- Investigate multi-device security protection so all your devices have the same level of security.
- Read the instructions on your security services. Make sure the options you need are active to get the most out of it.
- Classic scams are still out there and are more persuasive than ever—but the goal is still the same—to separate you from your money. Be wary. The scams are still circulating because people still fall for them.
- Ransom-ware hacks are often directed at large targets such as businesses, hospitals, police departments, governments, but individuals have also been targeted. Back up all important files.

The above are just scratching the surface of possible attacks to one’s computer and stress levels, and the possible solutions. It behooves us to stay informed with what is going on in the area of computer security offerings and in knowing our own personal needs for security. Hacks to one’s computer certainly have the potential of corrupting your day, and elevating stress levels.

Most any internet search will turn up volumes of information regarding being computer safe. Please check them out, and have a "guy (or gal)" who can help when security issues occur. Considering the amount of club business accomplished using a computer, it pays to be pro-active regarding security.

Be computer safe and keep the team strong.

From the June 2022 EFMLS Newsletter

---

**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 Committees: 2021-22

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.

All American Club
Mary Boesdorfer
<writteninwood at gmail.com>

AFMS Club Rockhound of the Year
Judi Allison
<nfmssec at gmail.com>

AFMS Newsletter
Suzanne Webb
<AFMSeditor at gmail.com>

Boundaries
Bob Carlson
<illegitimusnoncarborundum at inbox.com>

Bulletin Editor’s Hall of Fame
Frank Mullaney
<rockyfiv at gmail.com>

Bulletin Editors Advisory
Susan Burch
<scfmseditor at yahoo.com>

Bylaws Revisory
Steve Weinberger
<csscrystals2 at gmail.com>

Central Office Administrator
Cheryl Neary
42 Jefferson Ave; Patchogue, NY 11772
516-449-5341
<centraloffice.afms at gmail.com>

Commemorative Stamps
Ellery Borow (See Safety)

Conservation and Legislation
Jerrold Simpson
<jsimpsonclaims at live.com>

Convention Advisory
<>

Endowment Fund
Cheryl Neary
See Central Office

Financial Investment
Wayne Cox
<waynec3 at earthlink.net>

Historian
Jennifer Haley
<ladybuglame at napablogger.com>

Inter-Regional Field Trip
Doug True
<dtruefossils12 at yahoo.com>

Judges Training Seminar
Margaret Kolaczyk
<markolaczyk at gmail.com>

Junior Programs
Lora Hall
<silvertipminis at msn.com>

Long Range Planning
Judy Beck
<lkbeckfam at gmail.com>

Name Badge & Trophy
Frank Mullaney
(See Bulletin Editors Hall of Fame)

Nominating
David Wayment
aastainedglass@bellsouth.net

Parliamentarian
Sandy Fuller
<mwfreas at rock-biz.biz“

Past President’s Advisory
Judy Beck (see Long Range Planning)

Photography
John Martin

Program Competition
DeLane Cox
<delanec3 at earthlink.net>

Publications
Lee Whitebay
<lwhitebay at poncacity.net>

Public Relations
Bob Jones
<jonesb52 at gmail.com>

Safety
Ellery Borow
<rocknellery at fairpoint.net>

Show Consultant
Walt Beneze
<wmbenlbk at gmail.com>

Uniform Rules
Lee Whitebay
See Publications

URC Eligibility Files
Leslie Wayment
<aastainedglass at bellsouth.net>

Ways and Means
Richard Jaeger
<rgrsci at aol.com>

Website/Webmaster
Marty Hart
<brwebmaster at amfed.org>

Web Site Contest
Don Shurtz
<don.shurtz at gmail.com>

AFMS Scholarship Foundation
Sandie Fender, President
<sandie.fender at gmail.com>
Judy Beck, Vice President
Margaret Kolaczyk, Secretary
Barbara Ringhiser, Treasurer
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

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Year</th>
<th>California Federation</th>
<th>Eastern Federation</th>
<th>Midwest Federation</th>
<th>Northwest Federation</th>
<th>Rocky Mountain Federation</th>
<th>South Central Federation</th>
<th>Southeast Federation</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>2023</td>
<td>Howell MI Sept. TBD</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2024</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Purpose of the AFMS:

To promote popular interest and education in the various Earth Sciences, and in particular the subjects of Geology, Mineralogy, Paleontology, Lapidary and 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.

The A.F.M.S. Newsletter is normally published monthly except January, July and August by the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies.

Each Regional Federation Club is entitled to receive three (3) copies of the AFMS Newsletter. These are usually sent to the President, Federation Director and Editor.

Subscription Information, Distribution Questions and address changes should be sent to the AFMS Central Office. Subscriptions are $5.00 per year. Checks should be made payable to “AFMS” and sent to Cheryl Neary, AFMS Central Office, 42 Jefferson Avenue, Patchogue, NY 11772-1008

516-449-5341 <centraloffice.afms@gmail.com>

Content: Letters, Editorial Comments, Submissions

Any questions or other communication concerning the content or format of the newsletter should be sent to the Editor. Suzanne Webb, 9895 Kerrydale Ct., Reno, NV 89521-4401

775-624-8446 <AFMSeditor at gmail.com>

Deadline: 5th of the month preceding publication

Material in this Newsletter may be duplicated for non-commercial purposes provided credit is given this publication and the author. For commercial use, the individual author(s) must be contacted for approval.