President's Message  Margaret Kolaczyk, AFMS 2022 president

Hi Everyone,

This is my last article as the AFMS President. I wish to say a great big THANK YOU to all the AFMS Committee Chairs, AFMS Executive Committee, Regional Directors, Donna Moore and Pat LaRue. It is their support that made my job so much easier handle. One could not ask for a better team to have your back.

I have been able to attend a few of the rock and gem shows. It is great to be able to see friends and get a chance to catch up on how they are doing. Since I have moved and started a new job, it has not been easy to get to all the regional shows.

Starting November 1, 2022, there will be a new AFMS Executive Committee. Please take time to say thank you for stepping up. All officers, committee chairs, committee members and directors starting at the society/club level, to the regional level and then the national level are volunteers. These individuals are going the extra mile for the societies/clubs. My time as president for AFMS is coming to an end but the memories will stay with me forever. Thank you for letting me be your president.

Respectfully submitted.

“There’ve gotta be some great rocks around here somewhere!!!”
The Art of Being the Meaningful Historian  Jennifer Haley, AFMS Historian

As Historians, you have a meaningful job and are a great value to your organization. You are the keepers of all things memorable and significant. You are the storytellers of the past, for today, and the storytellers for the future generations of historians who will be thumbing through your files to celebrate the joys of the earth sciences, and the practice of lapidary arts and crafts. Think of your file boxes as gift boxes given to you, and the gift boxes you are creating to give to the future of our hobby someday.

I thought this might be a good time to begin talking to you about the many ways you can take care of your society and federation historian files. Over the many years there have been society, federation and AFMS historians. Lots of boxes and even metal cabinets have been passed from one historian to another over generations of time.

This accumulation of so much history can produce a sense of anxiety and a quandary of wondering how to manage not only the space to hold the material, but how to protect it and how to find what you are looking for. Some have asked if it’s even valuable enough to hold onto so much accumulated material. Especially for federations and the AFMS, transporting all the files from a retiring historian to someone new can pose a problem due to the vast traveling distances within their territory.

There aren’t any hard-set rules of how to go about this, unless your society or federation states them. You or your society may have piles of file boxes that haven’t been looked at in ages. You might be wondering what condition they are in at this point and thinking, what on earth should be done with them. I am here to offer some good pointers and some creative ideas to help you out.

There are so many treasures in those boxes when you are able to find them. Maybe not 100% that you might find personally interesting, but gems in the figurative sense and literally to inspire your members today. As historians, you are usually the backup for storing copies of your organization’s business meeting minutes and reports. You also have the special job of keeping copies of your organization’s newsletters, photos and news clippings of the year’s events and sometimes storing mementos. You are the person members will say at some time or another, “thank you so much for keeping the good memories and for remembering us.”

There are different aspects of being a historian. There are various choices available to you about how you can take care of your files, along with ideas to make finding things in the future easier for you. Some organizations are digitizing their files, but if that’s not your cup of tea right now, that’s alright too. Stick with me over the next few months, and in between other historical articles for the AFMS, we’ll go through those boxes together.
Honor your Club’s unsung heroes! So simple anyone can handle the process.

This is such a simple thing to do for those folks who might not otherwise be recognized. It was created to honor an individual or couple and a Junior in your club who has contributed something special during the year. Your club can have a selection committee, a choice can be made by the executive committee, or perhaps, the current honoree can choose the new recipient. A member might suggest an individual to the selection committee. The method used by a particular club is open to what works for them. The important thing is to choose an honoree.

Each year, any club in the American Federation can submit a name and an article about their honoree via email and have a certificate for presentation within a week or two. The presentation can then be made at a special meeting, a Christmas Party or whatever is convenient for the Club. Be assured that the snail mail method is also available.

Each region has its own regional chairperson. The submission should be given to them in order to assure that the honoree’s name and article will appear in its regional paper. Following are the names and emails of those individuals. In the event you do not hear back from them, be sure to double check. We are all volunteers, and although we try our best, sometimes things fall through the cracks. And you are welcome to reach out to me: Jms46 at outlook.com or nfmssec at gmail.com

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**South Central:**
- open (send submissions directly to Judi)

**Southeast:**
- Marty Hart, ACROY at gemizo.com

The certificate reflects membership in AFMS along with the logo and signature of the regional Chair persons. Again, I would love to be flooded with submissions from all the clubs in every region honoring their unsung heroes in such a quick, simple, free and effective manner. So, let’s do it!!!

### Submission Check List
- Name of person or couple being honored.
- Submission year (important with end of year submissions)
- Name of club
- Submitted by
- Email address for electronic version or USPS Mailing Address for receipt of AFMS certificate
- Approximately 75 to 100 words of reasons for the honor
- Picture for publishing (if desired)

### October, 2022 Rockhound of the Year Honorees

**Eastern Federation**

The Morris Museum Mineralogical Society (MMMS) is delighted to honor Kathy Francis for our 2022 Club Rockhound of the Year (CROY). Kathy has served as President of the MMMS from 2017 to present. She does an exceptional job leading our meetings and introducing guest speakers. Additionally, she acts as our club’s liaison with the Morris Museum and organizes/manages the sale of museum de-acquisitioned minerals and fossils at the club’s annual August Gem, Mineral & Fossil show and at the annual November Rock & Mineral Weekend show at the Morris Museum. Kathy has written a number of engaging articles to contribute to the club’s monthly newsletter. She also has promoted our club activities to a number of museum patrons who later joined our club. Submitted by Brendan Dunn, Secretary

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BASIC INFORMATION FOR NEW PROGRAM COMPETITION

DeLane Cox,
AFMS New Programs Chair

It's time to start thinking about the AFMS Contests for 2022, and here is one that needs attention now. The 2022 New Programs Competition is a contest for getting new programs that our member clubs would like to use at meetings. It gives new blood to our Program Libraries in each Federation by having new, fresh ideas. And it can even be a WINNER for someone. But, it does take some time to get it done, and done well. Anyone from a currently registered club in good standing in any Federation can make a program and enter it into this contest. If your own Federation has this contest, it should be submitted to them first. If your Federation does NOT currently have a New Programs Competition Committee, the entry may be submitted directly to the AFMS Competition. The submissions information can be found at the end of this article or on the AFMS website with the New Programs competition information.

A Program entry subject may be concerning anything lapidary--geological, field trips, mines, museums, or anything a rockhound might like to look at or that would interest rockhounds. With just about everyone having cameras and cell phones these days that can make pictures and movies, getting some of the field trips, mines, rocks and minerals recorded should be fairly simple. Of course, shop techniques and other items of interest concerning our hobby would also be good to share.

Here is what it is about:

The purpose of this competition is to recognize and reward producers of original presentations about the Earth Sciences and Lapidary Arts, and to make winning programs available to affiliated clubs across the country.

**Competition Results**

There is a $200 cash prize for the program scoring highest with a 95 and above, and a $100 for the program that has the highest score of 94-90 points in Classes 1-5. In addition, winners receive national recognition. A copy of the top two winning program is given to each AFMS Regional Program Library. Thus winning programs are available to clubs across the country.

Each program is judged on its own merits. Entrants will receive a composite score sheet with comments / scores from the judges. Top winners may be asked to make some changes based on judges' comments before the final version is reproduced and distributed to the Federation Libraries.

**Here is what you need to know to enter:**

What can be entered? All digital presentations or videos relating to the Earth Sciences and Lapidary Arts are eligible. Submit entries in one of the five amateur classes (See below) or professionals may enter the Special Reserve Class Presentation. Who may enter? Any Club, Society, or individual member(s) of clubs that are currently registered and in good standing with their Federation.

The Judging Form and Tips for Good Programs are available on the AFMS website ( www.amfed.org ). Please look at these forms and see how they affect your production.

**CLASSES FOR ENTRIES:**

Class 1. Educational--About geology, minerals, gems, fossils, etc.

Class 2. Field Collecting--Showing site(s), specimens, with some geology, collecting methods and other aspects of interest.

Class 3. How To Do It--Techniques/equipment for fossil preparation, jewelry, metal work, carving, faceting, other lapidary, etc.

Class 4. Miscellaneous Class -- Anything that does NOT fit in any of the above categories.

Class 5. Just for Juniors--Any of the above for/by youngsters under 18 years old (entries are judged separately).

**Excellence in Education** Class--This is a Special Reserve Class for "commercial" presentations (entries are judged separately).

**JUDGING:**

Judges will look for:

- Accuracy of information / educational value, completeness of story
- Quality of photographs / visuals, good photography and good narration, Good use of any special effects
- Narration that is understandable and the story moves well from one image to the next
- Information is something that would be of interest to rockhounds
- Opening with the title of presentation, then Subtitles with any information that needs an explanation or spelling/pronunciation help, credits, and "The End" on all entries
- Use of maps, charts, and informational graphics where needed
- Extra Credit points may be given for creativity that is well-presented

For CD, DVD or VIDEO amateur entries, do not send in a DVD format for judging. Submit a copy preferably in PowerPoint or similar format on a flash drive, not a CD, without producer's name, for anonymity. Entries may be live action or still pictures. Integrated audio is preferred but not required for judging (audio will be added for final version). Please include a typed script for every production. A copy of the Entries Form and the Scoring Sheets (2) must be submitted with your entry.

Need help getting your program into an electronic form? Check with other club members, local schools that might have electronic production classes, or even your kids or grandkids! Help is out there, but you might have to ask questions to find it. 35mm SLIDE PRESENTATIONS can be considered for entry, but please contact me before submission.

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE:** April 5, 2023, is the last day to accept entries for the 2022 year's competition. DIRECT QUESTIONS AND ENTRIES TO: DeLane Cox, AFMS New Programs Chair, 8152 Spanker Ridge Drive, Bentonville, AR. 72712. I can be reached at this email address: delanec3@earthlink.net.
The new AMFS Future Rockhounds of America Volunteer Award is for juniors age 10-17 who contribute 20 hours or more of volunteer hours to their sponsoring club or society. Teens and pre-teens can be an asset to your club. In fact, some of them will become the lifeblood of your club in a few years. The FRA Junior Volunteer Award is meant to start them down that path. Junior members often help set up and take down at meetings, assist at rock shows, and maybe even help teach younger kids. Whether it’s working at a show, filling grab bags, or making cookies for the next club big event, they deserve recognition. This award requires real work, provides real acknowledgement, and gives older juniors pride as they mature into adult members. The Juniors Committee is proud to announce six AMFS youth members who earned this award in 2021.

Jacob Fitch  
Hellgate Mineral Society, MT (NFMS)

Josiah Fitch  
Hellgate Mineral Society, MT (NFMS)

Elisheba Fitch  
Hellgate Mineral Society, MT (NFMS)

Ian Kirk  
Tulsa Rock and Mineral Society, OK (RMFMS)

Lucia Hetrick  
Ventura Gem and Mineral Society, CA (CFMS)

Cade Peters  
Indian Mounds Rock and Mineral Club, MI (MWF)

The Badge Program is one of many AFMS Future Rockhounds of America (FRA) programs. The program consists of 20 badges from basic earth science, to showmanship, to lapidary arts. Those dedicated juniors who complete all 20 badges earn the coveted status of Rock Star! We are proud to announce four AFMS youth members who earned the prestigious designation of Rock Star this past year.

Valerie Churchill  
Ventura Gem and Mineral Society, CA (CFMS)

Delaine Cook  
Indian Mounds Rock and Mineral Club, MI (MWF)

Evelyn Cannella  
Tulsa Rock and Mineral Society, OK (RMFMS)

Olivia Long  
Indian Mounds Rock and Mineral Club, MI (MWF)

Congratulations to these talented and dedication youth members! For more information about these awards and other AMFS youth programs, visit our new website at www.juniors.amfed.org.

We would also like to welcome the following new Future Rockhound of America clubs:

Brown County Rock and Mineral Club Junior Rockhounds, IN
Evansville Lapidary Society, IN
Michiana Gem and Mineral Society, IN
Georgia Mineral Society Juniors, GA
Capital Mineral Club Junior Rockhounds, NH
The Cost of Safety
Ellery Borow, AFMS Safety Chair

What is the cost of being safe? Visited several stores recently and looked at the safety kits. They all looked quite nice in decorative plastic cases, metal with sealed lids, and cardboard boxes which held various assortments of basic supplies such as bandages, gauze, safety pins, ointments, swabs, adhesive tape, safety scissors, and a guide book of some sort.

Safety kits sometime focus on target situations—kits for car or boat travel, kits for the great outdoors, or kits for home safety. One can also find specific medications for insect bites and stings, burns, abrasions, sun burns and so on.

The prices for most safety kits ranged from $4.95 to over $60.00 for the more complete kits in airtight sealed metal boxes with sturdy plastic carrying handles. In practice we have seen tool boxes, shoe boxes, paper and plastic bags, as well as "official" safety kits being used to transport safety supplies in the shop, home, car or field trip. The main point is that a safety kit can be had for very little money. For such little outlay how can one afford not to have a safety kit available? With such affordability why not have a safety kit in the kitchen, shop, car, truck, office, hike, basement, and meeting place?

Considering the modest cost of safety kits, it is handy to have several. Some injuries respond favorably to quick attention. Having safety kits nearby can be advantageous. Take a burn for example—most people will immediately place a burn under cool water for a moment. Burns however can be deep so it is usually more effective to keep the area of the burn immersed in cool water for 3, 5, 10 or even 20 minutes to mitigate the worst of the effects of a burn. Though one should still seek professional medical attention if a burn is severe.

There is a power with having a safety kit at hand when needed. The power, among other things, is in saving money. Having a first aid booklet, knowing the procedures in the booklet (rather than getting familiar with them after the accident) and being familiar with the contents of the safety kit has the potential to save money. That said, it is still best to prevent an injury before it occurs, rather than have to treat it afterward.

We replace the brake pads on a car before they fail, we repair a roof leak before the damage becomes an issue, we paint the wood before natural elements damage it, we prune the dead branch before it falls on the house. We are used to preventing damage before it occurs—we should try to do the same with our personal well-being. A safety kit can help with that.

Keeping with the car example—fixing the brakes can be far cheaper than being in a traffic accident later. Wearing safety goggles, gloves, study shoes, and otherwise being well prepared for a field trip can be well worth the cost of safety equipment and kit. The prices of being safe are many and varied—and well worth the alternative of being injured.

Please consider keeping a safety kit nearby because—Your safety matters.

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California Federation

Brad and Lynn Becker were selected to be Calaveras Gem & Mineral Society Rockhounds of the Year for 2022. Brad and Lynn grew up in Santa Cruz. They moved to the mountains leaving the beach life and welcoming the mountain experience. They have lived in Twain Harte for 20 years. After joining the Calaveras Gem and Mineral Society in 2008, they became an integral part of the club. Brad has been Field Trip Chairman, representing the club at the CoOp meetings and being a shop steward. He has trained many new members on safety in the shop and has mentored members on various aspects of lapidary arts. Lynn is currently the Vice President and has been the club treasurer. As treasurer she modernized the club’s accounting system. Lynn had the vision of having bi-annual tailgate sales, she organized the first tailgate, and the tailgate has become an integral part of the club’s culture. Both Brad and Lynn are worker bees during the annual show and sale. Brad managed the food and they both have worked at the rock sales booth. Brad and Lynn are assets to the club as they are generous with their time and talents. Submitted by: Anna Christiansen - Calaveras Gem & Mineral Society

Amy Phillips has been an integral part of our Santa Lucia Rockhounds club life and family for longer than I can remember. She is a regular attendant at our general meetings and field trips, operates our drawing at our general meetings, manages the kids booth at our annual show and one year even ran the Christmas party gift exchange. Perhaps she is most notable for being the editor and publisher of our CFMS award winning club newsletter multiple years in a row including both first and second place awards. Submitted By: Kim Noyes, President - Santa Lucia Rockhounds

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WE HAVE WINNERS FOR THE All-American Club Awards  Mary Boesdorfer, AFMS  AACA Chair

Congratulations to The All-American Club award winners for the entries covering 2021. 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.

2021 was still a little unusual for some clubs so I’m so happy to see these clubs thriving! The award year covering 2021 had three entries for the All-American Club awards, and the winners are:

FIRST PLACE GOLD Award for the Ventura Gem and Mineral Society—with an average of 101 pts This club always does an amazing job, not only with their club and activities, but also documenting it in their yearbook! This year they continued to do a great job of promoting online resources and meetings but were able to get some in-person activities going again as well. This included an entire line-up of monthly junior meetings each with a different theme/talk.

SILVER Award for Tulsa Rock and Mineral Society—with an average of 80 pts Even with Covid limiting their outreach, the Tulsa club is extremely active in the community. Giving various talks to groups as well as doing booths and displays at locations and events to help promote the interest in Geology and rockhound hobby. They also provide a nice scholarship to an Earth Sciences student.

HONORABLE MENTION for the Vallejo Gem and Mineral Society—with an average of 49 pts This club did a great job of updating their Covid safety guideline to help get their workshop back open, which even includes a neat silver smithing area! They also took a big step and filed for their club to become a 501c.

I would like to thank Reinee Hildebrandt and Carole Harp for being judges this year!

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.

The June 16th, 2022 meeting of the Leidy Microscopical Society was a challenge for the membership when Treasurer, Don McAlarnen proposed homework for our group at the May meeting, when he suggested we bring in micromounts representative of the solar spectrum. We all took to heart our Society’s motto, “Learning Never Ends” and hit the books to find out what elements are found in the solar spectrum and the minerals those elements can produce here on earth.

The solar spectrum is made up of electromagnetic radiation emitted by the sun in the form of energy over a wide range of wavelengths that is close to that of a black body with a temperature of about 5,800 Kelvin. The longer wavelengths have less energy and are representative of the infrared portion of the spectrum and the shorter wavelengths have more energy and are representative of the visible light and ultraviolet light portion of the spectrum. In 1814, Joseph von Fraunhofer studied and measured dark lines in the solar spectrum. Much later it was recognized that the lines coincide with the emission lines in the spectra of heated elements. This allows us to determine the composition of the sun. From the Fraunhofer lines the most prominent elements of the solar spectrum include hydrogen, helium, sodium, magnesium, calcium and iron. Less prominent but still abundant are oxygen, silicon, chromium and nickel.

Once the ground work had been lain, all those present shared their micromounts that contained those elements. Don McAlarnen had a group of pyrite geodes, apatite, natrolite datolite, olevenite, tourmaline, magnetite and hematite. Karenne Snow displayed some millerites and garnets. Dick Tillett had a variety of specimens from worldwide localities and your author shared several augites, diopsides, epidotes and enstatites from an assortment of locations.

**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.
How do you produce an award-winning bulletin? A bulletin that members can’t wait to read? When I’ve spoken with editors at conventions and shows, I’ve noted that one subject gets a lot of discussion—whether or not anyone is reading their bulletin! This October many editors will be at the AFMS Convention in New Orleans. This is a good time to take another look at the simple things we need to include in our bulletins to make them stand out in the eyes of judges and of our members!

Several years ago I asked this question of long-time former SCFMS BEAC Kimberly Brannon and long-time former AFMS Editor Carolyn Weinberger, and they each provided input for this article. Essentially, the guidelines are at our fingertips! A number of very knowledgeable and talented professionals gathered together over the years to identify what features needed to be present in a hobby bulletin to make for an effective publication. They used this set of features to develop criteria by which bulletins could be judged. At the AFMS Convention in New Orleans this October, we will see a number of very good bulletins which will win top prizes! What makes these bulletins so good? They met or exceeded the criteria! YOU can improve your bulletin to award-winning status by making sure that your bulletin has the items on this checklist:

- neat and attractive
- bulletin title, club name, city, state, publication date on cover or front page AND on every page
- return address on outside mailing cover
- editor’s name & contact information
- club officers, club address or contact info, dues, purpose, club federation
- date, time, place of regular meeting
- pages numbered (except for cover page), dated and containing the bulletin name
- headings, margins, white space, spacing good, neat and clean
- orderly & interesting arrangement of subjects
- spelling & grammar acceptable
- all articles credited to writers/publications
- info/articles appear correct—good use of illustrations, graphics, maps, club logo, cartoons, etc.
- variety of material that fulfills the needs of this club
- no apparent copyright violations
- club programs announced, previous program reviewed
- highlights of minutes of last club meeting
- committee/board meeting reports, president’s message
- field trips, workshops/classes, community/federation projects announced, reported
- coming events or calendar of club activities
- events/shows/news of other clubs
- news of members
- American Federation news
- club’s Regional Federation news
- articles that are educational, hobby-related
- articles of hints & tips, safety info, book reviews, humor, etc. as appropriate to your club
- original articles & items submitted by club members
- articles from exchange bulletins and/or other sources

This isn’t difficult, but the results make a bulletin so much more professional and effective! You can refer to this checklist yourself by going to the AFMS website (www.amfed.org). Then, at the very top of the home page is a little blue tab called Site Map. Click on it and look down at the third bullet (Bulletin Editors’ Contest). Scroll down and click on the tenth listing (editor/BEAC/Forms/FillableBulletins.pdf). There you will see the things that you will include in your bulletin to make it both interesting and an award-winner!

Please contact your Federation BEAC or me for questions! Email me at mnelsonair at aol.com.

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Editors’ Forum – At the 2022 AFMS Convention in New Orleans S.C.R.I.B.E. (Special Congress Representing Involved Bulletin Editors) will host a bulletin editors forum. This will be a short (less than an hour) opportunity for editors of rock and mineral bulletins to exchange ideas of things they find successful, and to ask other editors what tips they might have to make bulletins more interesting, overcome software issues, what support they have or need from club leaders and anything else of interest to an individual editor! Editors are encouraged to print extra copies of their club’s bulletin to put on the exchange table, and editors who would like to start an exchange group will be able to list their emails, name and club at this event!. We talked about doing this sort of idea exchange at the AFMS Convention in Albany, Oregon, and I encourage your ideas to make this meaningful to YOU!

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.
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.

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