Greetings -

It may have come as a bit of a surprise to some of you that I was voted in as president of the AFMS. First, I would like to commend Matt Charsky for stepping up as President basically a little over a month prior to the convention. Matt, once again as President, ran a very successful annual meeting and also as master of ceremonies at the banquet.

Prior to Margaret’s stepping down due to other obligations, Matt had asked if I would be willing to be nominated as the president’s representative I sat on the Board as third and second vice—and obviously I agreed.

So, a little bit about myself.

Growing up, as a child I was fascinated with the world of Jacques Cousteau. Some of you may remember the TV show, which I would watch with my family on the one and only TV in the home. As a youngster, I dreamed of studying marine geology and oceanology. Then, when I was in high school, an English teacher required us to read a biography of a person on death row —and I was moved by the book and thought—maybe I should think about criminal justice. I decided to attend a NYS college in Oneonta that was known for a great geology department and that still maintains a great geology department—and did a year as a volunteer at a jail a few towns away. I graduated with a BS in Geology and have always been interested in geology as a professional and hobbyist. Once I graduated, I thought I would head west as many of my fellow graduates had decided, but by then I met my future husband and wanted to stay on the east coast. I interviewed with ESSO (now Exxon) in NYC and was told that I needed business classes and experience to work as a project manager for them, so I decided to attend Adelphi University for my MBA.

After I settled on Long Island with my now deceased husband and two wonderful daughters, I sought to join a local rock and mineral club. When I inquired about a local club I found out that I could join four clubs on the island—I Island Rock Hounds (IRH), Nassau Mineral Club (NMC), Suffolk Gem & Mineral Club (SGMC) and Long Island Mineral and Geological Society (LIMAGS). I thought about that—four clubs on an island that is a total length about 120 miles, and its maximum width is about 23 miles. Included on Long Island are the two boroughs of NYC, Queens County and Kings County (Brooklyn), The oldest Mineral Club in America—the NYC Mineralogical Club—is also home to members of the five NYC boroughs (Kings, Queens, Bronx, Richmond (Staten Island) and New York (Manhattan)).

I chose to join the IRH, since they met on a day of the week was more conducive to my schedule and that of my family. A few years later, I also joined the Suffolk Gem & Mineral Club. Together, the two clubs requested to host an EFMLS convention—and that began my life with the EFMLS.

I have been very active with the EFMLS and have now served as past president the last 10 years. I have also been active in the MWF for the last few years.

In the AFMS, I hold the positions of Endowment Fund chair and Central Office. Now—a plug for the Endowment Fund—you will see several articles over the next few months requesting donations for the Endowment Fund or for you to purchase tickets to help support the fund. In case you do not realize this, interest generated from the monies invested in the fund are utilized to help support a number of programs offered by the AFMS.

Now, a plug for the other programs! Do you know a child who is interested in the earth sciences or in collecting or in lapidary? Check out the Juniors Program—and the new website! Do you know someone who created a wonderful new educational program that can be submitted to the New Programs committee? There are several Continued p. 2

President’s Message

Cheryl Neary, 2022-23 AFMS President

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The Art of Being the Meaningful Historian: Part 2—Storage Spaces

Jennifer Haley, AFMS Historian

Some societies and federations may have the funds to rent space at a commercial storage facility, others cannot. In the past, societies often could find a city or county partner willing to allow them to use storage space for free or for a very small stipend. As those institutions change management, sometimes that option is no longer possible. Most of the time historian files find their home in a member’s homeplace.

As Historians, we are volunteers. We try to do the best we can, given what we have to work with. The historians that came before us and ourselves, rarely have been able to look after the files and photos like the National Archives. Even with homes and buildings being without air conditioning, most of our treasured files are still in very good condition. As time goes by entropy does have a habit of turning paperwork fragile and crispy, and making photographic images disappear.

Usually, the loss of files which include photos, happens by accident. A leak in the ceiling no one noticed until it was time to get the supplies out again for the annual show, or a mouse got in and loved the paper and photos. Age and humidity once again are the culprits. In a future article I will help you in dealing with some of these nitty gritty problems that show up.

Some societies have used cargo containers for years to store a combination of show equipment, party supplies and historian files. For many years it’s worked fine, until you notice the wasp nests, bee hive, or over winter there had been a leak not there before. Some societies mark their calendar for the annual show, or a mouse got in and loved the paper and photos. As those institutions change management, sometimes that option is no longer possible. Most of the time historian files find their home in a member’s homeplace.

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The Damp Rid company has been around for many years, helping people curb air dampness in rooms and buildings. Today these products come in an assortment of sizes lasting from 45 days to 6 months depending on the room size. Their website can help you figure out which size is adequate for your storage area. Dehumidifying machines are options along with temperature controlling with central heating and air conditioning, but again it comes down to how much you can afford and if it’s appropriate for your needs. Many societies have been around since the 1930’s and 1940’s and still have files which are in pretty good shape—a reminder we don’t have to be perfectionists like the National Archives but may rely on our caring attitude.

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Barbara Sky, 1930-2022

Barbara Sky, our MWF Honorary Member, passed away on October 27, after attending and participating in the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies Convention in Westwego, Louisiana, followed by the Midwest Federation Convention in Springfield, Missouri. Barbara was 92. She was an active member of our hobby and usually could be seen helping at our conventions. When she first moved back to Missouri, she was the photographer for the MWF. She was always willing to serve as a judge for competitive exhibits. She organized an AFMS judges training in St. Louis to train more judges for the MWF and other federations. She remained active with the Eastern Federation of Mineralogical Societies as well as the Midwest Federation.

She had recently served as Uniform Rules Chairman for both federations. At shows, Barbara was often found helping with the silent auction or other areas where she could assist. When she wasn’t actively assisting, she could be observed working on the gem trees she was known for.

Barbara was always available to help with the official judging of competitive cases at conventions throughout the country. She was very knowledgeable and had a good eye for details. She was willing to offer suggestions and assistance to those interested competitors in how they could improve their displays. Until just recently, Barbara drove herself to most of the conventions. She would stop and visit friends and family along the route.

Barbara will be missed by those in our hobby.

American club Rockhound of the Year

Judi Allison, ACROY chair

Northwest Federation

Hatrockhounds Gem and Mineral Society of Hermiston, Oregon, wish to nominate Teddy Bunch as our AFMS Junior Rockhound of the Year. Teddy is a busy Junior with the support of his Mom and Grandma.

He is an active participant in our Junior meetings and helps in the kids’ corner at our annual show. This year, Teddy refined his educational display case on “Rocks of the World” and entered it in competition at the NFMS Gem and Mineral Show. He received a blue ribbon, a trophy from the Regional Club, and two plaques from the NFMS for his efforts! We are very proud of Teddy and so very happy to have him as one of our members. Way to go, Teddy!! Submitted by Hatrockhounds Executive Committee

Midwest Federation

The Rock River Valley Gem and Mineral Society of Rockford, Illinois proudly announces that Jake Roe is the Rockhound of the Year for 2022. While he is fairly new to the club, Jake’s fellow RRVGMS members have voted for Jake in appreciation for his tremendous interest in the club’s activities and rocks in general. A rockhound twenty-four seven, Jake earns his livelihood working in a quarry and he has made possible for the club a field trip to visit a quarry, which was enjoyed by all who participated. Jake’s long association with rocks has guided him to enjoy many facets of our hobby, including collecting, cutting and polishing rocks. Jake is a very welcome member of the RRVGMS and deserving of the recognition bestowed upon him. Congratulations, Jake!

Honoring Our Veterans

Via John Martin, ALAA

New lifetime public lands pass available for Veterans and Gold Star Families

Veterans of the U.S. Armed Services and Gold Star Families can now obtain a free lifetime pass to more than 2,000 federal recreation sites spread out across more than 400 million acres of public lands, including national parks, wildlife refuges, and forests. (DOI News)
QUICK TIPS for EDITORS
Linda Jaeger, AFMS Bulletin Editors Advisory Chair

If you have a question (or suggestion) about editing or writing or the bulletin contest or something related, send it to me by email: LgrAlg@aol.com or at home address: 3515 E. 88th St., Tulsa, OK 74137. If I cannot find an answer to your question, we’ll publish the question and ask the readers for their answers.

CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER!

What a wonderful AFMS/SCFMS show we had in New Orleans this year! Editor, author, and web master awards were presented at the annual Breakfast with the Editors and Web Masters. If you were there, you already have your awards. If we missed you this year, your awards have been mailed to the editor of your club, or they may have been picked up by a representative from your club or regional federation. The complete list of winners is elsewhere in this AFMS Newsletter.

Congratulations to all of you! Just being top three in your regional federation and having your work submitted to the AFMS contest is an accomplishment. Keep in mind that in the seven regional federations that comprise the AFMS there are approximately 640 clubs with about 53,000 members total. In my “okie accent,” let me say that y’all are at the top of the heap!

WHAT MAKES AN EDITOR?

Under the AFMS umbrella we have three types of editor positions:

Editors of local clubs keep their members informed of all club activities, club reports, regional and American Federation news, and provide educational articles, hints, tips, and fun stuff (like poetry or puzzles) that meet the needs of their club.

Local editors are part of the glue that holds clubs together. So, if someone calls you “Elmer,” . . . consider it a compliment. Local editors could be elected or might be appointed by the president or board of directors of the club.

Editors of the regional federations are kind of like the old-fashioned telephone operators who connect everyone in their federation to a party line, plugging all the wires in the right places so everyone can hear. If you are with the younger generation, think “conference call.” Within the seven regional federations associated with AFMS, two regions elect their editors and the other five appoint their editors. The federations depend on these editors to help make federation business run smoothly. They print correct information, officer reports, committee reports, show announcements, regional federation activities, AFMS activities, and other items of importance/interest to member societies in a timely manner and without political comment. Regional editors help everyone work together as a team and are team players themselves. They are knowledgeable about their federation. Some regional editors include educational articles in the newsletter, but some federations consider the regional newsletter to be a vehicle for federation business only. The intent of the regional newsletter is up to each federation in accordance with their operating procedures.

The AFMS Newsletter is the giant switchboard in the sky with connections to each regional federation and every local club. The AFMS editor prints all things related to AFMS business: officer reports, committee reports, safety information, show information, contact information for officers and committee chairs, collecting information (remember ALAA, BLM), and accolades for individuals and societies. He/she also sends out timely reminders to AFMS officers and chairs about important deadlines. And like our other types of editors, the AFMS editor acts as a glue to hold us all together, promotes the interests of our hobby, and works as a team player. The word “divisive” is not part of the vocabulary.

These excerpts from one of our previous (and much loved) AFMS editors, Carolyn Weinberger: “…the editor [every editor!] must be task oriented and good at keeping deadlines, …Knowledge of spelling (not text speak) and correct grammar (not TV tense change or present day only occurrences) are important as well. …It’s also important that the editor has an understanding of the federation and the good sense to not print inappropriate or items of a political nature or opinion that would most certainly offend some readers.”

And these three thoughts from your AFMS BEAC Chair (me):

Being an editor is all about good communication. All the editor descriptions above list things that make good communication happen. We also need to remember that good communication involves listening attentively to others in addition to speaking through print.

Editors know what their job is, they do THEIR job, they help when asked, they do NOT overstep the bounds of their position to do everyone else’s jobs, and they do NOT tell others how to do their jobs.

Editors DO respect differences and act as the glue that holds us together.

Are YOU feeling like glue? May I call you “Elmer?”

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Results of the AFMS 2022 Bulletin Editors’ Contest

Linda Jaeger,
AFMS BEAC

The 2022 AFMS Editor’s Contest culminated at Breakfast with the Editors and Webmasters during the AFMS/SCFMS Convention in New Orleans this past October. From my perspective, we had another successful contest. In case you were not aware, we have begun making attendance accessible to everyone by adding a Zoom call for those unable to attend in person. Thank you to Cheryl Neary & David Wayment for getting this set up, and to anyone I missed who helped work this out.

A huge round of applause must go to our judges, who carefully reviewed each of the entries sent them and wrote comments and suggestions to the editors and authors. I know this is a labor of love for each of them. Recognizing these volunteers:

Terry Yoschak, Mini Bulletins
Mike Wall, Small Bulletins
Jeff Ursillo, Large Bulletins
Linda Nelson, New Editor
Mike Nelson, Adult Articles
Claude Bolze, Adult Articles Advanced
Jim Brace-Thompson, Junior Articles
Sigrid Stewart, Written Features
Drawn Features, Judy White
Pattie Schalo, Poetry
Elizabeth Weston, Special Publications

And here are the results:

I. Original Adult Articles, Top 10

1. “Vermont Rocks!”
   by Alice Wack, Burlington Gem & Mineral Club (EFMLS)
   From: Burlington Gem & Mineral Club Newsletter, 11-12/21

2. “Fossil Hunting”
   by Ted Gray, Santa Lucia Rockhounds (CFMS)
   From: Rockenteur, 10/21

3. “Rock Hunting on the Kokernot 06 Ranch-A Rockhound’s Dream”
   by Terry Roberts, East Texas Gem & Mineral Society (SCFMS)
   From: Rock-N-Rose, 4/21

4. “Safety is No Accident”
   by Ilene Olson, Wyoming State Mineral & Gem Society (RMFMS)
   From: Jade State News, 12/21

5. “Cool Cobbles from North Georgia Streams”
   by Tom Faller, Georgia Mineral Society (SFMS)
   From: Tips & Trips, 1/21

6. “Faceting: Gem Examples”
   by Les Flynn, Reno Gem & Mineral Society (CFMS)
   From: The Conglomerate, 3/21

   by Susan Satchwill, Three Rivers Gem & Mineral Society (MWF)
   From: Strata Data, 11/21

8. “It’s a Sticky Situation”
   by Daniel Hogan, Three Rivers Gem & Mineral Society (MWF)
   From: Strata Data, 4/21

9. “Glauberite – Most Known by its Pseudomorphs”
   by Harlin Unruh, McPherson Gem & Mineral Club (RMFMS)
   From: The Post Rock, 8/21

    by Nick Smith, Three Rivers Gem & Mineral Society (MWF)
    From: Strata Data, 3/21

II. Original Adult Articles, Honorable Mention

“August Field Trip Report – Graptolites”
by Lori Carter, Georgia Mineral Society (SFMS)
From: Tips & Trips, 10/21
“Chlorastrolite – Michigan’s Gemstone”  
by Judy Beck, McPherson Gem & Mineral Club (RMFMS)  
From: The Post Rock, 12/21

“Late Triassic in the United Kingdom”  
by Kevin Dermody, Central Pennsylvania Rock & Mineral Club (EFMLS)  
From: Rock Buster News, 4/21

“Carats, Carets, Karats, Carrots... Oh, My!”  
by Pat Speece, Santa Clara Valley Gem & Mineral Society (CFMS)  
From: Breccia, 3/21

“Ringing’ in Spring”  
by Clarice Turner, North Mississippi Gem & Mineral Society (SFMS)  
From: The Nugget, 3/21

“Trilobite Hunting”  
by Colleen Hayes, East Texas Gem & Mineral Society (SCFMS)  
From: Rock-N-Rose, 9/21

“September Field Trip Report”  
by Roger Danneman, Cascade Mineralogical Society (NFMS)  
From: The CMS Tumbler, 10/21

III. Original Adult Articles Advanced, Top 10  
1. “An Answer to the Pandemic Blues: A Road Trip to the Kansas Cretaceous Chalk Beds”  
by Mike Nelson, Colorado Springs Mineralogical Society (RMFMS)  
From: CSMS Pick & Pack, 7/21

2. “Two New Minerals to Science, Named for Arkansas Geologists”  
by J. Michael Howard, The Hot Springs Geology Club (SCFMS)  
From: The Hot Springs Bulletin, 3/21

3. “Walking Among Ghosts: Ironton, Colorado”  
by Steven Wade Veatch, Colorado Springs Mineralogical Society (RMFMS)  
From: CSMS Pick & Pack, 2/21

4. “Caliperite – A Newly Discovered Rock Occurrence”  
by David Springer, Ventura Gem & Mineral Society (CFMS)  
From: Rockhound Rambling, 5/21

5. “School Collections”  
by Stephen Blyskal, Houston Gem & Mineral Society (SCFMS)  
From: Backbender’s Gazette, 2/21

6. “My Bathroom Rocks!”  
by Keith & Barbara Noyes, The New York Mineralogical Club (EFMLS)  
From: Bulletin of the New York Mineralogical Club, 4/21

7. “Where in Colorado?”  
by Dennis Gertenbach, Flatirons Mineral Club (RMFMS)  
From: Flatirons Facets, 9-10/21

8. “Collecting Jasper Cobbles at Punta Gorda”  
by Jim Brace-Thompson, Ventura Gem & Mineral Society (CFMS)  
From: Rockhound Rambling, 1/21

9. “Cumengeite and Pseudoboleite”  
by Michael Pabst, Micromineralogists of the National Capital Area (EFMLS)  
From: The Mineral Mite, 10/21

10. “Montana Sapphires”  
by Lawrence (Larry) H. Skelton, Western Dakota Gem & Mineral Society (RMFMS)  
From: The Ammonite, 9/21

IV. Original Adult Articles Advanced, Honorable Mention  
“Mineral or Mineraloid, What Is the Difference”  
by Nancy Roberts, North Mississippi Gem & Mineral Society (SFMS)  
From: The Nugget, 10/21

“Definition of the Month: Preserved Pleistocene Cave Lion Cubs from the Siberian Arctic”  
by Steve Mulqueen, Ventura Gem & Mineral Society (CFMS)  
From: Rockhound Rambling, 9/21
“The Dead River of Illinois”
by Rachele L. Best, Chicago Rocks & Minerals Society (MWF)
From: The Pick and Dop Stick, 3/21

“Preparing Your Fossil Specimens”
by Jose Santamaria, Georgia Mineral Society (SFMS)
From: Tips & Trips, 5/21

V. Junior Articles — Under 12, Top 10
1. “Valley of Fire: Spring Break Trip 2021”
by Lucia Hetrick (11), Ventura Gem & Mineral Society (CFMS)
From: Rockhound Rambling, 4/21

2. “Enameling and Why I Love It”
by Sophie Gunter (10), North Mississippi Gem & Mineral Society (SFMS)
From: The Nugget, 11/21

3. “Panum Crater: Step into a Young Volcano”
by Valerie Churchill (6), Ventura Gem & Mineral Society (CFMS)
From: Rockhound Rambling, 8/21

4. “Baculites”
by Adler Casson (11), Flatirons Mineral Club (RMFMS)
From: Flatirons Facets, 9-10/21

5. “My Trip to Aurora, North Carolina”
by Sydney Thornton (10), North Mississippi Gem & Mineral Club (SFMS)
From: The Nugget, 9/21

by Amelia Rosholt (7), Chicago Rocks & Minerals Society (MWF)
From: The Pick & Dop Stick, 1/21

7. “Treloc Lime Mine Field Trip”
by Ellie Misulia (9), North Mississippi Gem & Mineral Club (SFMS)
From: The Nugget, 11/21

8. “Emeralds”
by Henry Poe (11), Flatirons Mineral Club (RMFMS)
From: Flatirons Facets, 9-10/21

VI. Junior Articles — 12 to 17, Top 10
1. “Anomalocaris”
by Connel Casson (14), Flatirons Mineral Club (RMFMS)
From: Flatirons Facets, 3-4/21

2. “Fluorite”
by Charlotte Small (13), Flatirons Mineral Club (RMFMS)
From: Flatirons Facets, 9-10/21

VII. Written Features, Top 10
1. “I Have a Scratch and I Can’t Itch It!”
by Daniel Hogan, The Three Rivers Gem & Mineral Society (MWF)
From: Strata Data, 9/21

2. “Shop Time”
by Terry Roberts, East Texas Gem & Mineral Society (SCFMS)
From: Rock-N-Rose, 12/21

3. “Crossword Puzzle – Geology Quiz”
by John Emery, Colorado Springs Mineralogical Society (RMFMS)
From: CSMS Pick & Pack, 11/21

by Susan Satchwill, The Three Rivers Gem & Mineral Society (MWF)
From: Strata Data, 9/21

5. “Becky Whisenant”
by Becky Whisenant, East Texas Gem & Mineral Society (SCFMS)
From: Rock-N-Rose, 4/21

6. “A Rock Show (At Last!) and the Grandeur of Wyoming”
by Steve Dumortier, Show Me Rockhounds of Kansas City (MWF)
From: Show-Me Rockhound Courier, 7-8/21
7. "Collecting at the Red Cloud Mines of Lincoln Co., NM"  
   by Andy Thompson, Mineralogical Society of the District of Columbia (EFMLS)  
   From: Mineral Minutes, 2/21
8. "Adventures in Flint-Knapping: Chapter 4, Point Styles and Time Periods, Part 3- Mississippian Period"  
   by Terry Comfort, Mississippi Gem & Mineral Society (SFMS)  
   From: Rocky Echoes, 7/21
9. "Field Trip Reviews: Stepping Back in Time"  
   by Nancy Roberts, North Mississippi Gem & Mineral Society (SFMS)  
   From: The Nugget, 5-6/21
    by Rebecca Vallerian, North Mississippi Gem & Mineral Society (SFMS)  
    From: The Nugget, 12/21

VIII. Written Features, Honorable Mention

"Graves Mountain, Georgia"  
by Charles Snyder, The New York Mineralogical Club (EFMLS)  
From: Bulletin of the New York Mineralogical Club, 4/21
"Picturing the Past: The Golden Age of Field Trips (1956-1959)"  
by Jim Brace-Thompson, Ventura Gem & Mineral Society (CFMS)  
From: Rockhound Rambling, 9/21
"Experiencing the East Coast Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show"  
by Ben Dolphin, The New York Mineralogical Club (EFMLS)  
From: Bulletin of the New York Mineralogical Club, 12/21
"Fluorite: Mineral of the Month at the Western Museum of Mining and Industry"  
by Ben Elick, Colorado Springs Mineralogical Society (RMFMS)  
From: CSMS Pick & Pack, 10/21
"Flying Termites"  
by Joshua Hair, Colorado Springs Mineralogical Society (RMFMS)  
From: CSMS Pick & Pack, 2/21
"Pebble Pups Page"  
by Louisa May Carey, Oxnard Gem & Mineral Society (CFMS)  
From: The Rock Bag OGMS Bulletin, 8/21

IX. Drawn Features

1. "CMS Tumbler Cartoon"  
   by Keith Morgan, Cascade Mineralogical Society (NFMS)  
   From: The CMS Tumbler, 6/21
2. "Odds & Ends – Tourmaline Sketches"  
   by Alice Wack, Burlington Gem & Mineral Club (EFMLS)  
   From: Burlington Gem & Mineral Club Newsletter, 11-12/21
3. "Parts of a Trilobite"  
   by Charlotte Small, Flatirons Mineral Club (RMFMS)  
   From: Flatirons Facets, 11-12/21
4. "Word Fill Game – Birthstones"  
   by Don Shurtz, Pleasant Oaks Gem & Mineral Club of Dallas (SCFMS)  
   From: Chips & Chatter, 8/21

X. Adult Poetry, Top 10

1. "Rock Story"  
   by Sigrid Stewart, Houston Gem & Mineral Society (SCFMS)  
   From: Backbender's Gazette, 12/21
2. "Brothers"  
   by Steven Wade Veatch, Colorado Springs Mineralogical Society (RMFMS)  
   From: CSMS Pick & Pack, 3/21
3. "Rockhounds Must Be Tough"  
   by Betsy Oberheim, Central Pennsylvania Rock & Mineral Club (EFMLS)  
   From: Rock Buster News, 9/21
4. “Stones for Christmas” 
by Carolyn Hiwe, Oxnard Gem & Mineral Society (CFMS) 
From: The Rock Bag OGMS Bulletin, 12/21

5. “The River”
by Barbara Braun, East Texas Gem & Mineral Society (SCFMS)
From: Rock-N-Rose, 9/21

XI. Junior Poetry, Top 10
1. “I Love Them All Big and Small”
by Lucia Hetrick (11), Ventura Gem & Mineral Society (CFMS)
From: Rockhound Rambling, 11/21

2. “Tide is Low, Time to Go!”
by Valerie Churchill (6), Ventura Gem & Mineral Society (CFMS)
From: Rockhound Rambling, 11/21

3. “The Best Part of Rockhounding”
by Ellie Langille (11), Ventura Gem & Mineral Society (CFMS)
From: Rockhound Rambling, 10/21

XII. New Editors, Top 10
1. Rockhound Rambling, 9/21, Celia Churchill, Editor
Ventura Gem & Mineral Society, Ventura, CA (CFMS)

2. Cobb-L-Stones, 9/21, Amanda Rollason, Editor
Cobb County Gem & Mineral Society, Marietta, GA (SFMS)

3. Backbender’s Gazette, 11/21, Sigrid Stewart, Editor
Houston Gem & Mineral Society, Houston, TX (SCFMS)

4. Summit Lapidary Club’s Newsletter, 6/21, Mary Myers, Editor
Summit Lapidary Club, Akron, OH (MWF)

5. Rock-N-Rose, 4/21, Sarah Hawthorne & Julia Toombs, Editors
East Texas Gem & Mineral Society, Tyler, TX (SCFMS)

XIII. Mini Bulletins, Top 10
1. Chips & Chatter, 8/21, Don Shurtz, Editor
Pleasant Oaks Gem & Mineral Club of Dallas, Richardson, TX (SCFMS)

2. The Ammonite, 10/21, Deborah Vick, Editor
Western Dakota Gem & Mineral Society, Rapid City, SD (RMFMS)

XIV. Small Bulletins, Top 10
1. The Hound’s Howl, 3/21, Barbara Fenstermacher, Editor
The Aiken Gem, Mineral & Fossil Society, Aiken, SC (SFMS)

2. The Quarry, 3/21, Jim & Judy Budnik, Editors
Cincinnati Mineral Society, Goshen, OH (MWF)

3. The Post Rock, 12/21, Sara Murphy, Editor
McPherson Gem & Mineral Club, McPherson, KS (RMFMS)

4. The Collecting Bag, 10/21, Barbara Hadley, Editor
Richmond Gem & Mineral Society, Richmond, VA (EFMLS)

5. The Bulletin of the NYMC, 4/21, Diane Beckman, Editor
The New York Mineralogical Club, New York, NY (EFMLS)

6. The Pick and Dop Stick, 3/21, Rachele L. Best, Editor
Chicago Rocks & Minerals Society, Skokie, IL (MWF)

XV. Large Bulletins, Top 10
1. The Rock Bag OGMS Bulletin, 12/21, Laura Driskell, Editor
Oxnard Gem & Mineral Society, Oxnard, CA (CFMS)

2. CSMS Pick & Pack, 11/21, John Emery, Editor
Colorado Springs Mineralogical Society, Colorado Springs, CO (RMFMS)

3. Rock Buster News, 2/21, Brittany Martin, Editor
Central Pennsylvania Rock & Mineral Club, Harrisburg, PA (EFMLS)

4. The Hot Springs Bulletin, 10/21, Raymond Lynch, Editor
The Hot Springs Geology Club, Hot Springs, AR (SFMS)
5. The CMS Tumbler, 10/21, Keith Morgan, Editor
Cascade Mineralogical Society, Kent, WA (NFMS)

6. Rockenteur, 8/21, Amy Phillips, Editor
Santa Lucia Rockhounds, Paso Robles, CA (CFMS)

7. Rocky Echoes, 1/21, Rosina Echols, Editor
Mississippi Gem & Mineral Society, Florence, MS (SFMS)

8. Burlington Gem & Mineral Club Newsletter, 11-12/21, Alice Wack, Editor
Burlington Gem & Mineral Club, Shelburne, VT (EFMLS)

9. The Mountain Gem, 9/21, Stacy Walbridge, Editor
Franklin Gem & Mineral Society, Franklin, NC (SFMS)

10. Breccia, 9/21, Josephine Borucki, Editor
Santa Clara Valley Gem & Mineral Society, San Jose, CA (CFMS)

XVI. Large Bulletins, Honorable Mention
Flatirons Facets, 9-10/21, Dennis Gertenbach, Editor
Flatirons Mineral Club, Boulder, CO (RMFMS)

Jade State News, 6/21, Ilene Olson, Editor
Wyoming State Mineral & Gem Society, Big Piney, WY (RMFMS)

XVII. Special Publications
1. “RGMS Fall Swap Flyer” (10/21)
by Barbara Hadley, Richmond Gem & Mineral Society, Richmond, VA (EFMLS)

2. “In Loving Memory of Betsy Martin” (9/21)
by Thomas Hale, Richmond Gem & Mineral Society, Richmond, VA (EFMLS)

3. “A Triassic Vertebrate Fauna” flyer (8/21)
by Barbara Hadley, Richmond Gem & Mineral Society, Richmond, VA (EFMLS)

by Julia Toombs, East Texas Gem & Mineral Society, Tyler, TX (SCFMS)

2022 AFMS Website Contest Report

Here is a list of this year’s winning entries in the 2022 AFMS Website Contest. We try our best to avoid ties, but this year there were two entries tied for 3rd place. The base scores were identical. The bonus points were also identical although the bonus points were awarded for differing aspects of the Website.


Third Place (tie): Cristine Grimm, Midwest Faceter’s Guild, https://www.midwestfaceters.org/ Midwest Federation of Mineralogical and Geological Societies

Third Place (tie) Brad Zyman, Michigan Mineralogical Society, https://www.michmin.org/ Midwest Federation of Mineralogical and Geological Societies

Honorable Mention: Mark Hohn, Cascade Mineralogical Society, https://www.cascademineralogicalsociety.org/ Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies

WE HAVE WINNERS for the ALL-AMERICAN CLUB AWARDs

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 include 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.
AFMS 75 th Annual Meeting--October 14, 2022--Westwego, Louisiana

Donna Moore, AFMS Secretary

President Matt Charsky called the meeting to order. The invocation was given by Sheri Johnson. Matt led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Matt greeted everyone and thanked them for coming.

The minutes of the 74 th Annual Meeting held in Big Piney, Wyoming on June 17, 2021, had been printed in the AFMS Newsletter. Printed copies were also available at the meeting, Sandie Fender noted that her name was misspelled and the stone offered for the Scholarship Auction was certified by the GIA instead of the CIA. David Rich moved to approve the minutes as amended. Catherine Clevenz seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. Matt explained that he had just become president on September 11, when Margaret Kolaczyk had resigned. He will serve till the end of October.

Chris Picou president of the Louisiana Gem & Mineral Society welcomed everyone. He said this was his third year as president of the host club. They had worked hard for the additional part of this convention. He said they are using Google for non-profits in building their group which is growing. He suggested the AFMS and the South Central Federations write a book about running a show and a convention. This is the club’s 50 th Anniversary and their first year of rocks for kids.

Matt introduced the officers and directors:

South Central – Don Shurtz sitting in for President Roger Burford. Dennis Buchanan, President; Danny Griffin, Vice President, of the South East Federation; Richard Jaeger sitting in for the vice president of the Rocky Mountain Federation; Sheri Johnson, President of the Rocky Mountain Federation; Cheryl Neary, Central Office; Sandy Fuller, Parliamentarian; David Rich, 2 nd Regional Vice President (MWF); Roger Burford, 1 st Regional Vice President (SCFMS); Matt Charsky, AFMS President (EFMLS); Donna Moore, Secretary (MWF); Doug True sitting in for Ronna Watkins, 3 rd Regional Vice President; Liz Burford, sitting in for Don Shurtz, SCFMS Vice President; Pat LaRue, AFMS Treasurer (CFMS); Josh Hulstrom, sitting in for NFMS Vice President Darrell Coyle; Larry Hulstrom, NFMS President; Mary Ann Rich, MWF Vice President; Catherine Clevenz, MWF President; Bill Stephens, EFMLS Vice President; Ellery Borow, EFMLS President; Kimberley Fiala, California Vice President; Jim Barton, California President.

Secretary Donna Moore announced that a quorum had been established. Parliamentarian Sandy Fuller noted that the rules of the meeting were in the packet. Roger Burford moved to adopt the agenda. Dennis Buchanan seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Matt asked for reports from the officers.

Matt, as well as Margaret Kolaczyk, had submitted reports, which were in the packet.

1 st Regional Vice President, Roger Burford, had a report in the packet.

2 nd Regional Vice President, David Rich, had a report in the packet.

3 rd Regional Vice President, Ronna Watkins had a report in the packet, but was not present. Doug True was sitting in for her at this meeting.

4 th Regional Vice President, Steve Henegar, had submitted a report, but was not present.

5 th Regional Vice President, Liz Thomas, had a written report in the packet.

Secretary, Donna Moore, had a report in the packet.

Treasurer, Pat LaRue, had a report in the packet plus a printed report.

Central Office, Cheryl Neary, had a written report in the packet.

Immediate Past President, Judy Beck, had a report in the packet.

Matt then asked for reports from the directors.

CFMS – President Jim Barton had a written report. He presented a proposal that the 2024 AFMS Convention would be hosted by them at Ventura in June. CFMS Vice President, Kimberly Fiala-- No report.

EFMLS President Ellery Borow had a written report in the packet. He added thanks to Matt and Jean Charsky for their wisdom and determination in working with the federation through their recent problems.

EFMS Vice President Bill Stephens had a written report to which he added that they had held elections and revised the by-laws. They felt they now had a mandate to move forward. He noted he will be the presenter at the awards banquet speaking on the Hogg Mine.

MWF President Catherine Clevenz had a written report in the packet. MWF 1 st Vice President Mary Ann Ferguson-Rich had no report.

NFMS President Larry Hulstrom had a written report in the packet. NFMS Vice President Darrell Coyle had no report, but was on Zoom. Josh Hulstrom was sitting in for him at the meeting.

RMFMS President Sheri Johnson had a report in the packet. She modeled her hat which had a rock shaped in the form of each state in her federation on her hat band. Liz Thomas noted that there was a date change for the show in Casper to the 3 rd weekend in July. RMFMS Vice President Jodi Brewster had a written report in the packet.

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SCFMS President Roger Burford had a report in the packet.
SCFMS Vice President Don Shurtz had a report in the packet.

SFMS President Dennis Buchanan had a report in the packet. He noted that their federation has a separate scholarship fund. This year three students at the University of Tennessee applied and all were funded by the Mayo Foundation.
SFMS Vice President Danny Griffin had a written report with nothing to add.

Matt asked for reports from Permanent Committee Chairmen.
All American Award Chairman Mary Boesdorfer had a written report in the packet.
AFMS Boundaries Chairman Dr. Robert Carlson had no report.
AFMS Club Rockhound of the Year Chairman Judi Allison had a written report and was attending by Zoom.
AFMS Newsletter Editor Suzanne Webb had a written report. She is resigning by the end of November. Linda Jaeger will be taking over as editor.
Auditing/Review – Pat LaRue had included the report in the packet.
Bulletin Editor’s Aid Committee – Linda Jaeger had served as acting chairman. She had a written report in the packet.
Bulletin Editors Hall of Fame Chairman Frank Mullaney had a written report in the packet.
By Laws Revisory Chairman Steve Weinberger had a written report in the packet.
Commemorative Stamps Chairman Ellery Borow had a written report in the packet.
Conservation and Legislative Chairman Jerold Simpson had no report. He had asked to step down.
Endowment Fund Cheryl Neary had a written report. She added that she, J.C. Moore and Richard Jaeger were still selling tickets for the drawing. Only five federations will be in the drawing because she had heard or received nothing from the South Central Federation. The tickets from California had not made it here, so they would be drawn later.
Financial Investment Chairman Wayne Cox had no report.
Historian Jennifer Haley had a written report and attended on Zoom.
Inter-regional Field Trip Chairman Doug True had nothing to report.
Junior Programs Chairman Lora Hall had a report in the packet. She was attending on Zoom and noted that she had started junior award in the California Federation.
Judges Training Chairman Margaret Kolaczyk had no report. It was noted she had held a training in the Northwest Federation that several members participated in.
Long Range Planning Chairman Judy Beck had a written report.
Past President’s Advisory Chairman Judy Beck had a written report in the packet.
Photography Chairman John Martin had a written report.
Program Competition Chairman Delane Cox had a written report in the packet including the suggestion to add the word “New” to the name of this committee so everyone understands only new programs should be entered in the competition.
Public and International Relations Chairman Bob Jones had no report.
Publications Chairman Lee Whitebay had a written report.
Safety Chairman Ellery Borow had a written report. He added that he always welcomed ideas for safety articles.
Scholarship Foundation President Sandie Fender had a written report in the packet. She apologized about the time change for the Scholarship meeting. It would follow this meeting. They would be voting on the OP and By-Laws changes.
Matt Charsky noted they would be promoting a milestone. The foundation has given out $2 million in scholarships.
Sandie said the exact amount would be announced at the meeting.
Show Consultant Walt Beneze had a written report including a chart of conventions back to 2007. He added that updates will be in the newsletter.
Uniform Rules had a written report in the packet from Lee Whitebay.
Uniform Rules Eligibility Files – David Wayment reported for Leslie that there was very little activity. The files had been updated.
Ways and Means Chairman Richard Jaeger had a written report.
Webmaster Marty Hart had a written report in the packet.
Website Contest Chairman Don Shurtz had a written report. He noted that he had the list of winners. Normally three places were awards plus honorable mention, but this year there was a tie that could not be broken.

Unfinished business
Website – Sandy Fuller noted there was nothing additional to share. David Rich said Lora Hall had asked that the new junior portion be noted. Lori Carter, Assistant Webmaster, who had spent much time helping with the update, was present. She reported that “There are several technical complications involved in migrating the old website to the new website. To prevent the majority of existing links from breaking, we are working on a way to do a migration in place so that old pages will redirect visitors to the same page, but with an updated URL that matches what the URL will be on the new site. Visitors will be advised that the page is moving and that they must update their links. Once the pages that are visited the most have been migrated in place, we can shut down the old site and bring up the new site all at once. Visitors will have had time to update their links to match the links for the new site, so they will work automatically without any additional redirection.”

Doug True thanked Lori and Marty for all the hours they had devoted to updating the website.

Doug True announced the ALAA meetings will take place on Sunday. There will be no presentation, but the meeting and auction will be held. He noted that they are working with the BLM. There is a new national monument in California that they are lobbying to keep the area open to collecting. We need to set limits for collecting. We need to settle some information for the area of this national monument about where you can collect. ALAA will be available on Zoom also.

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Approval of the 2022-23 Budget – Matt said the proposed budget was in the packet. It is 4 pages long and he had prepared it. 2020-21 was the last complete year of expenses and income. This year we still have June through October that will be added. Noteworthy areas are Awards, Club Publications, and mailing postage. In the committee area, the Club Publications is higher. Everything else is within the same range. The zero amounts previously spent just shows that many people gift back their expenses. That money can be added back if necessary. The Newsletter committee expenses were a little higher. Everything else is within the budget. Every year within the negative moved to positive before the end of the year. This report shows the proposed and actual to August 3. Everything so far is less than proposed. Pat LaRue noted that the amount for the audit went up from $2,300 to $2,700. Other items are still partials. As of August 3, we have $14,011. She urged everyone to submit any bills by the end of October (end of the fiscal year).

Matt noted that the future starting date of November 1 for the new fiscal year. He had made a 10% adjustment to dues because we are losing clubs. We have had a big hit, and this is more reasonable. He added $1,000 to Awards for the bump in 2021. Club publications was raised. Junior Activities is up $100. A lot of their funds are from the AFMS Endowment Fund. He noted it is all a guessing game. He thinks we will end up in the black.

Cheryl Neary asked Pat LaRue about the actual income for the Endowment Fund for 2021-22. She said she posted amounts according to when they were posted by the bank. She deposited $819.83 for junior badges on October 30, but the bank statement recorded it in November. There was a similar issue with Awards. It showed double because of when the bank recorded it. It is especially hard with a meeting at the end of the fiscal year as with this one. Any times the show is late in the year, some things fall into the next fiscal year. Matt noted that this budget proposal is a draft and can be changed if needed.

Richard Jaeger moved to approve the proposed budget. David Rich seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Election of Officers for 2022-23. The nominating committee submitted the following names. Pat LaRue to be elected to treasurer for a two year term. Donna Moore to begin serving the second year of her two year term. President – Cheryl Neary, President-Elect – Roger Burford, 1st Vice President – J.C. Moore, 2nd Vice President – Doug True, 3rd Vice President – Reggie Bolton, 4th Vice President – Liz Thomas, 5th Vice President – Jim Brace-Thompson.

Jim Barton moved to accept the nominations as presented by the nominating committee. Catherine Clevenz seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

By Laws Change – DeLane Cox had proposed that word “New” be added to the title of the Program Competition Committee in order to emphasize that only new programs should be entered into competition. Because this is not a bylaws change, the board can approve this change.

Matt noted under general housekeeping that we ask for reports for the annual meeting sixty days in advance. It is quite helpful if everyone can get their reports in by that time frame because things change as we get closer to the actual meeting date. This time we had a lot of last minute changes as well as reports which puts a lot of pressure on the secretary and the Central Office.

Jim Brace-Thompson asked that a name be added to the memorials. He just received word that Rick Davis, the past president of the Ventura Club, had just passed away.

Sandy Fender announced there would be changes voted on at the Scholarship Meeting and the officers and directors needed to attend. The proposed changes had been printed in the AFMS Newsletter in April, May and June. Their meeting will start right after this one.

Uniform Rules – There was a request from the committee to form an ad hoc committee to revise the rules and come up with a more friendly name such as Display Competition or whatever the group suggested. They wanted a more friendly book of rules. The committee will work over this year and present their proposal at the next annual meeting. Cheryl Neary will assist. David Rich moved to form a committee including the uniform rules chairman from each federation. Doug True seconded the motion, which carried.

Upcoming Meetings and Conventions – 2023 Annual Meeting will take place in Billings, Montana, August 3-6. 2024 Annual Meeting will be in Ventura, California in June. Watch the newsletters for more information.

Doug True wanted to welcome everyone to Billings, Montana, next year. There will be dinosaur exhibits as well as field trips the week after the show. Packets about Billings were available at the meeting. Everything will be in the newsletter including registration. It will also be on the web page. Everything will be in one location except camping.

Matt offered thanks to the New Orleans Society for hosting us this year. Roger Burford noted that the New Orleans club just joined the South Central Federation two years ago, so hosting the South Central and AFMS Conventions was a big deal.

Dennis Buchanan invited everyone to Marietta, Georgia for the Southeast Convention next month. J.C. Moore invited everyone to Springfield, Missouri the weekend following this convention.

Mary Ann Ferguson-Rich moved to adjourn the meeting. David Rich seconded the motion. Matt declared the meeting adjourned.

SECRETARY’S NOTE: The packet of reports referred to will be posted on the AFMS Website. It was distributed to all Officers, Directors, Committee Chairmen, and Past Presidents preceding the meeting.
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 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: 2022-23

Here is the Committee Chairs list for 2022-23. 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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