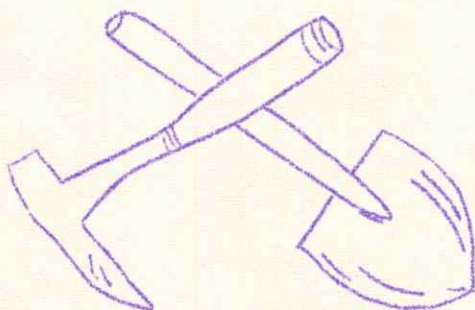


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Lincoln, Nebraska



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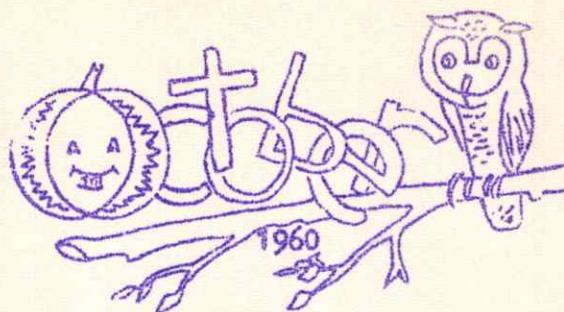


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THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Greetings to the Members of the Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club:

Another show has come and gone. It seems just a short time ago we were all busy getting ready for the big week-end. From all evidence, it was another successful show.

For a show, or any other project, promotion, or undertaking, everyone connected with that project must co-operate, when that particular operation is decided upon. We have had that kind of co-operation in promoting this show. What made our show a success? The wonderful spirit of togetherness, the all-out willingness to help, from all of you wonderful members of the Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club. To the rock hounds and the pebble pups of our club - Thank You!

I feel we have given the public, who came to our show, some very fine specimens, and workmanship to view and admire. We feel they went away satisfied and certainly a great many are surprised at the beauty found in the rocks and minerals of the earth and the sea.

We again learned a lot from this show, and from all reports, and that includes the dealers, everyone is looking forward to the next show in 1961. From my discussions with the dealers, they spoke of wanting to come back next year and want to be notified of the date of the show earlier than they were this year. They also mentioned, quite a few times, that they really like to come to the Lincoln, Nebraska club show, they like the friendly welcome we all gave them. They like our hospitality.

We wish to thank everyone who in anyway gave their time and effort; the newspapers, the radio and TV stations and any publicity given us at the Lincoln Air Base. Also the friendly folks who furnished the brochures for our information table. The kitchen furnished the best feed in town.

Mrs. Carveth and I, as a courtesy to the dealers, invited the dealers, board members, committee heads, and all co-chairman to our home for a Chinese supper. We wished we could have asked all of the club, but space at home would not accommodate all. Maybe at another time, we sincerely hope we can have all of you.

Adios,

V. A. Carveth



OCTOBER 17

Regular Meeting - Morrill Hall Auditorium, 7:30 P.M.

"ROCK HOUNDS"

Rock houns is queer animals. They was made to walk standin' up strait, but when in action they doubles over or crawls aroun on all fours. They all has exceptional eyesight, but carries an extry eye in a pocket; this is used on all sides of every specimen, also, as an aid to eyesight, they licks things with their tongues, regardless of dirt, germs or pizin. They drapes their selves with sacks to carry home their plunder in, an sometimes can scarce stagger under its weight.

A mere whisper to rock houns about avaiilluble material is jest like a red flag to a bull. They chases it. It don't make no matter if its rainin or freezin er so hot that nails melt out of boards; if rock houns hears about somewhere they kin find new and diffrunt rocks, they travels there pronto...

Sometimes they take their wimmen along; even some wimmen is rock houns too! When on the scent they never stop till it gets too dark to see, and then they talks about what they've found till about daylight an time to take the trail agin.

(Copied from Desert Magazine and reprinted on a card purchased from a Gem and Mineral Shop in Yermo, California.)



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* - Junior Members

We are happy to welcome these new members to our Club. Please add their names to your copy of "Who's Who and Where".



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Robert Bainbridge

October 19

Flower of the Month - Calendula or Cosmos

Birthstone Ancient - Aquamarine
 Modern - Opal or Tourmaline

Aquamarine - A variety of Beryl, alumina-beryllium silicate, of pale yellowish-green, bluish-green or sea-green color. Hardness 7.5 - 8.

Opal - A gel form of hydrated silica, with a varying amount of water. The transparent colored varieties, exhibiting opalescence, are highly prized as gemstones. Hardness 6.

Tourmaline - This mineral is a complex silicate of boron and aluminum, with, in addition, magnesium, iron, or the alkali metals, and fluorine in small amounts, which crystallises in the trigonal system. It is usually found in granites or gneisses. The variously colored and transparent varieties are used as gemstones. Greenish blue to green, and shading to leaf green, brown. Hardness 7 - 7.5.



Here's a Tip: *from Guy Miller*

When cutting Turquoise, soak in water twenty-four hours before cutting. The oil will not go into the stone and will not change the color.

CRYSTAL GLASER

Answers Personal Problems

Dear Crystal Glaser:

While rock hunting on private property, the owner shot me with rock salt as I retreated. Do you think that I have a right to get sore?

Smarty

Dear Smarty:

I don't think that you should take this sitting down.

Dear Crystal Glaser:

What was it that Eli Whitney said to the Southern folks?

Curious

Dear Curious:

Eli Whitney said, "Keep your cotton picking hands off of my gin."

Dear Crystal Glaser:

While rock hunting in Montana this summer, you should see what I found. It weights 115 pounds and has big brown eyes. It has beautiful curved lines and is colored with just the right amount of tan. It has no flaws that I can discover. I had quite a struggle getting it into my car. What is it and what do you think that I should do with it?

Lucky Finder

Dear Lucky Finder:

I am not sure just what you found. If it is a rock, put in in some museum, if it is a girl, you'd better marry her.

Dear Crystal Glaser:

When are you going to give some sensible answers to our questions?

Just wondering

Dear Just Wondering:

When people begin sending in some sensible questions.

Dear Crystal Glaser:

While hunting Indian artifacts on the reservation, a band of bashful Indians came by and threw over to me fifty arrow heads. Why do arrow heads have those sticks with feathers attached to them?

Puzzled

Dear Puzzled:

With you luck, why worry? You should have been with General Custer.

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MIDWEST FEDERATION'S L E T T E R - A - M O N T H

Subject: COLLECTION DISPLAYING

-By Haydon Peterson

Acting Editor "Letter-A-Month":

A short time ago I was doing some reading and ran across the following:
"Does Lapidary work include such activities as making cabochons, spheres, slabs and faceted specimens? Of course it does, we are all agreed on that. But there is one other activity associated with this work that seems to be regarded as a sort of step-child or worse, lapidarily speaking. That is the provision and arranging of suitable displays, both momentarily at shows and continuously at home"

Continuing I read, "My feeling is that proper use of good display facilities is as important to the lapidist and as productive of pleasure and satisfaction as is the production of fine workmanship on good material...for what purpose is served by such workmanship and material if the end product is hidden or even partly obscured because of inadequate or indifferent display."

These, the words of Mr. W. H. deNeui seems to bear out the thoughts of many rockhounds, both those with lapidary work to display and those with fine mineral specimens. It seems that we do a lot of work cutting and polishing our material...select many fine specimens from all over the world and then we fail to provide display cases for them.

Some who do have cases for their materials tend to "overload" them with the net result that nothing stand out, causing the case to look like jumbled confusion.

Display cases well arranged and labeled and lighted are a joy to see indeed. Such cases are found in some private displays but usually are found in museums and is probably the reason we like to spend considerable time looking over the material. If we should find the displays "overloaded", poorly lighted, and unlabeled we would without doubt take a hurried look and leave.

How many times have you visited a friends home and took a look at his collection and had to ask, "what's this"... "where did this come from"...and have to strain your eyes because of poor lighting? How many times have you found specimens crowded into make-shift cases or on open shelves collecting dust? Many times I am sure!

I am wondering how many of the members of the Midwest Federation member clubs would be interested in having our Federation take the lead in promoting and encouraging attractive displays of our rocks and minerals. The Federation could provide information and ideas on display, arrangement, lighting, how to classify material, construction of cases, etc. The Federation could be a clearing house for all such information and ideas and have it passed on to member clubs.

If you individual members would like such information, so advise your President who can in turn advise our Midwest Federation officers of your interest. If enough interest is shown perhaps such a program can be worked out in the near future.

Sincerely,

Haydon Peterson

BULLETIN from AMERICAN FEDERATION OF MINERALOGICAL SOCIETIES
Vol. II, No. 1

These are your 1960-61 officers, elected at Eureka, California:

Henry B. Graves, President
Russell H. Trapnell, Vice President
Vervyle Carnahan, Secretary
H. R. Hughes, Treasurer
Wm. H. deNeui, Regional Vice President
Albert J. Keen, Regional Vice President

This report to the clubs will now be sent out bi-monthly instead of quarterly. Mr. Trapnell will continue to be responsible for editing the bulletin, and has named Mrs. Trapnell as co-editor. You are urgently requested to relay to your members the information contained herein. It is only by reaching every individual that we can make this an effective tool for betterment of the organization.

NOTES FROM THE BUSINESS MEETING

The report of the Uniform Rules Committee was accepted. This means that upon ratification of the rules presented, a regional federation is entitled to use AFMS on its awards. This certification will enhance the value and meaning of the prizes and make them more sought after. The machinery for activating liaison committees in the regionals has thus been set in motion. Any changes necessary can be accomplished through these committees. ***In order that work may be started immediately it is imperative that the names of chairmen and workers be sent to Bob Hagglund as soon as possible. The address is 2412 Chestnut Street, Everett, Washington.

The proposal to discontinue acceptance of national trophies from individuals or companies was adopted, and instead the AFMS will provide its own or acquire them from regional federations or clubs. The Graves Trophies were withdrawn and Mr. Graves assured the convention that the Eastern Federation or his own club would perpetuate an award for faceted stones. It is our understanding that two other donors have also made similar arrangements.

The delegates voted to raise dues from two to five cents per member. This will necessitate an amendment to the bylaws. Until such time as this is accomplished the AFMS will accept the increase from the regional federations.

The Constitution and Bylaws now in use have been amended, and patched up on so many occasions that they now contain conflicting clauses, yet still leave gaps in certain prerogatives. It was decided to rewrite both, and a committee has been appointed and is working on this project.

Supplement No. 1 to the Outline for Junior Activities was presented by Vervyle Carnahan. The AFMS will have this reproduced and furnish to the regionals for distribution. Inquire of your federation secretary for a copy. The Supplement contains sample projects for youth groups and is a valuable addition to the Outline.

One of the most important contributions of the AFMS to its members is the Tax Exemption Report made by Helen M. Rice. Mrs. Rice had the assistance of a C.P.A. and officials of the Internal Revenue Service in compiling the information offered. Contrary to the usual belief, it is necessary for every club to file an income tax return. Full details are being furnished to each regional federation secretary and clubs may obtain copies upon request.

BULLETIN from American Federation of Mineralogical Societies Continued

The proposed constitution and bylaws for the Scholarship Foundation was turned over to a committee to obtain legal counsel on its phrasing. Steps are being taken to push this through quickly so that the Foundation can begin its work. It must be in operation a full year before it can obtain tax exempt status on contributions and until this status is received, most sizable donations are being held off. The fund contained \$473.81, to which the Midwest contributed a check for \$162.00 from the Gus Brown Memorial Fund. At the convention banquet another check for \$50.00 was presented by Compton Gem & Mineral Club, Compton, California, half of which came from the club and half from an anonymous member.

The Midwest and Rocky Mountain are the only two having overlapping boundaries. During the noon recess of the Business Meeting, the representatives of these two districts discussed the subject and agreed a solution could easily be worked out. They pointed out that there is no problem, just some confusion.

The Junior Essay Contest winners are:

- 1st Sally Ann Woodward, Farmersburg, Indiana.
- 2nd Linda Proctor, Tulsa, Oklahoma.
- 3rd Diane Worden, Chelsea, Michigan.
- 4th Peter Albert Bradford, Walla Walla, Washington.
- 5th Richard Cirre, Rochester, N. Y.

NOTES ON THE SHOW

Our congratulations to Percy Hollister, General Show Chairman, the Humboldt Gem & Mineral Society, the California Federation, for the exceptionally fine show they staged. Four buildings of the County Fair Grounds were utilized to house the dealers and exhibits. In addition to the many excellent displays, lectures and field trips, there was ample parking space and camping facilities.

It seems all of Humboldt County wanted in the act. The result was a smooth running operation and a cordial air of welcome from the moment you drove into the city. We didn't get the final attendance figures, nor find out how many states were represented, but there were a couple of dozen rockhounds at the banquet who had come more than three thousand miles.

Don MacLachland, Editor of Gems & Minerals, MC'd the banquet, at which some 500 people consumed what must have been a ton (give or take a few ounces) of Humboldt crab. The old and new American and California officers were introduced and the trophies were presented to the winners. The winners list will appear in Gems & Minerals.

With tongue in cheek, Alden Clark laid claim to Hawaii for the Californians. This was in reply to an earlier announcement that Northwest included Alaska, making them the largest geographic area.

Russell & Katherine Trapnell, Editors.