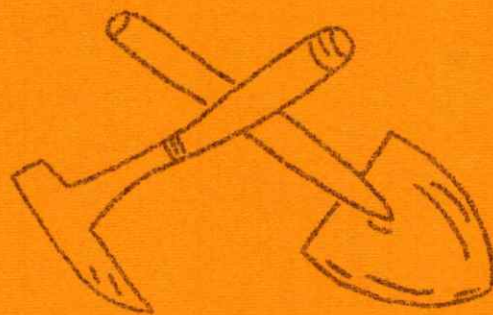
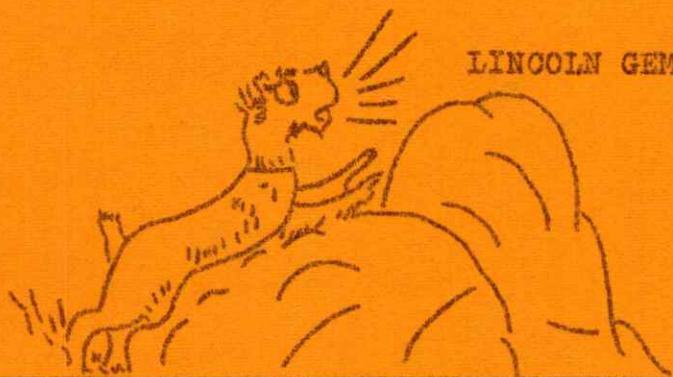


# THE PICK & SHOVEL



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Lincoln, Nebraska



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THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Dear fellow rockhounds,

Another year is about to step so quietly into history, and with it I too move out of the president's chair onto the growing list of ex-presidents. As I review this past year's activities, I suddenly realize I have fallen short of fulfilling each of the goals I had set for myself approximately a year ago. We have, however, accomplished many things, but there are still projects not completed, for this I apologize.

While I still have the opportunity I would like to say that your cooperation, confidence, imagination, and drive have made my term as your president one of the highlights of my life. I am indeed grateful for your support, and hope that this past year has been as rewarding to you as it has been for me. It would be impossible to single out each member of the club who helped, without listing the names of the entire membership. The manner in which each of you "came through" with your assignments gave me the greatest satisfaction I have known. One seldom finds a group of people that will "turn to" like you members of the Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club. I hope that you will continue to give your support to my successor and with your continued support our club will become bigger and better each year.

I would like to close this last letter to you with my sincerest thanks to each of you. Let each of us strive to make 1962 the best year for the Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Rockspectfully yours,

R. D. Gibson

P. S. If you have a polished cab of Crawford, Nebraska material and would be willing to donate it for a case, please bring to the December meeting. I will make up the case and send it to John Kurtz to be displayed in the Fort Robinson Lodge.



EATIN' MEETIN' - 6:30 p.m. - SATURDAY - DEC. 23, 1961

Robert's Dairy Party Room  
20th & N Streets  
Across the street west of the office

BASKET DINNER - Bring the family, food, dishes, cups, silverware etc. Food will be served cafeteria style. Coffee, cream and sugar will be furnished by the Club.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

GIFT EXCHANGE - A rock, mineral, slab, jewelry etc. - something you would like to have yourself. If you would like to include your name inside the package that will be fine. If you have something especially suitable for a child please mark this on the outside of the package.



	<i>Something to crow about</i>	Used Motors
	Choice Slabs	Lapidary Equipment and Supplies
	Cabochons	Rough Cutting Material
<u>C L Y D E    B E N H A M</u>		
1711 Harwood		GA 3-4163

*Merry Christmas*

The Des Moines Lapidary Society would like to know the number of our club members who are planning on exhibiting at the National Gem and Mineral Exposition to be held in Des Moines in July of 1962. The application forms are ready and will be sent to us by return mail if we will advise them the number that we will need. If you are planning to exhibit, and I hope many of you will, please call me (IV 8-5341) now.

They have a tremendous task ahead of them and I know they will appreciate everyone's cooperation. I have one copy of this application form if any of you would care to see it.



Have you seen the December issue of the EARTH SCIENCE Magazine? If you do not subscribe perhaps you can borrow this issue from some of our other members and read especially the article written by Dr. J. Daniel Willems describing and giving the history of the world famous Crown of the Andes. This is said to be the most beautiful and valuable work of gem art ever produced in all history. This Crown will be on display at the Midwest-American Show in Des Moines next July. This will be the opportunity of a lifetime for all of us to see and study this work of art.

This is the first time, since our club has belonged to the Midwest Federation, that a show has been held this close to Lincoln. Maurice and I attended the show in Downers Grove, Illinois several years ago and the one in Saginaw, Michigan this year. We shall never forget some of the fabulous and beautiful displays we saw there. Keep these dates in mind - July 27, 28, 29, 30 & 31, 1962 - for the combined American Federation and Midwest Federation Convention and Exposition and plan to attend.

We have mentioned before, but just as a reminder, EARTH SCIENCE is the official magazine of the Midwest Federation. This magazine is published bi-monthly and the club rate is only \$2.00 a year (\$2.50 to non-Club subscribers). Contact the club treasurer.



# SIMMONS RENTAL & LAPIDARY SERVICE

WISHES YOU A VERY

# Merry Christmas

## AND A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR!

DEAR SANTA CLAUS c/o \_\_\_\_\_

The following check marks indicate an idea of my wishes, for my package under our family Christmas tree!

- ESTWING ROCK-PICK 22 oz. 14 oz.
- Estwing Gem Scoop
- GRINDING WHEEL(S) 1 X 6" 1 X 8"
- 1 1/2 X 8" 1 X 10" 1 1/2 X 10"
- 100 220 Arbor size
- Musto-Keenan Diamond Saw Blade
- " X O. Gadge / Arbor
- Panerama Tumbler 7 lb. 12 lb.
- Alcohol Lamp Lamp Fuel
- Jewelers Pliers Flat Round
- Inflated Sanding Drum(s)
- Folding Magnifier 5X 7X
- Rock Grabber Vise
- Bitner's Templets (set of 3)
- Diamond Wheel Dresser
- Peel-Em-Off Cement 4oz. pint
- Epoxy Cement (Bonds anything)
- Plastic Work Apron
- Lapidary Journal (Subscription \_\_\_\_\_)
- Renewal Reprint \_\_\_\_\_ mo.&yr)
- Book(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Mountings (state size, metal, quant) \_\_\_\_\_

Jar of (rough) OPAL (1 oz.) \_\_\_\_\_

Free- Gift box with purchase of \$5.00 or more! \_\_\_\_\_

Also \_\_\_\_\_

HOPEFULLY YOURS \_\_\_\_\_

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## CHRISTMAS SUGGESTIONS

from

EVERETT LAPIDARY SHOP  
2941 North 65th St.  
Lincoln, Nebraska  
Phone IN 6-6204

Hi, Rockhound Friends!!!

May we take this opportunity to make a few suggestions for those Christmas presents:

As most of you know, we are now a full time rock shop with new hours and a lot of new things for you. We have spent hundreds of dollars to make it convenient for you. We carry all types of findings, rough, fluorescents, slabs and minerals right here at the shop.

FOR DAD...We would like for you to consider a new rock or gem making machine. We are authorized dealers (and have been ever since we opened) for all types of machines. To name a few - Frantom, Highland Park, Hillquist, Slik Tumblers, Ultra Violet Light Products, Congo and Felker blades. We could list more but it would only confuse you. Our name is built on supplying you with top name products.

FOR MOM...Why don't you think about buying her one of the Slik Tumblers? This is a real nice machine that even she can run. The price is only \$39.50 plus postage. I am sure she would enjoy it all through the year.

FOR JUNIOR...I know every kid would like one of the new do-it-yourself Gemini Black Lights. This little unit will out perform most of the bigger and higher priced outfits. They come all ready to put together and their price is only \$19.95. Then, if you want to make this an out-in-the-field-at-night portable light you can buy the battery power pack to convert it to six volts for only \$14.95. These units are all plus postage. With every light that is sold for Christmas we will throw in free (5) different fluorescents. This is a real buy.

FOR SIS...How about buying her a couple of pounds of our very highly polished baroques? We have them in assorted sizes, colors and types for only \$3.50 a pound. Then to make it a Christmas she will never forget, buy her a few bell caps, bracelet chains and neckchains. Let her make up some nice jewelry to wear.

FOR GRANDPA...I'll bet he's a mineral collector! Well, we have just the things for him. In our shop we carry over 2,000 minerals and crystals. I know we have some-thing that will please him.

GRANDMA?...Say, we have just the set for her! This is a one of its kind. Yes, we have only one of these sets. This is beautiful Wyoming green Jade pendant and earrings. They are set in lovely gold filled findings and are only \$25.00 plus \$2.50 tax. Gosh, I wish I was a Grandma!!! I'd love this for my Christmas present.

Now I know we could not think of all the folks you have to buy for, so please come on out and let us help you with those Xmas drudgeries. Our hours are - Monday through Saturday - 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. - Sundays, 2:00 to 6:00. We are a full time store.

Also remember, we carry in stock grits and polish for the tumblers. The coarse grit is only 50¢ per pound and the fine is 60¢ per pound. The polish which we use and recommend is Tin Oxide at \$2.10 per pound.

We have on hand for you cutters some really nice cutting rough and also the best in slabs. Our prices are fair and pleasing.

Feel free to call us on your problems and we will do our best to help you. This is our seventh year as gem and mineral dealers in Lincoln. Our satisfied customers are our best advertisement.

Rockspectfully,

Irl Everett

MIDWEST FEDERATION'S  
L E T T E R - A - M O N T H  
For December 1961

Subject: Correct and Speedy Reporting of 1962 Directory Information  
By: Harry H. Sprague, Directory Chairman.

Very shortly an information blank will be mailed to your liaison officer. This form will contain questions pertinent to your change of officers. Your meeting place, your bulletin, your Liaison Officer and mailing address.

It is important that this form be filled out and returned to this office as soon as possible after the election of officers for 1962 for your society.

The 1962 directory will go to the press on the 15th of February 1962. All information must be in the hands of this committee by the 5th of February 1962. To insure this, with your cooperation, the 1st questionnaire will be mailed out to you around the 1st of November 1961. The clubs that do not respond by the 15th of December 1961 will receive a second copy plus a reminder. A final notice will be mailed to the few that will not take notice of the first two on the 15th of January 1962. If no response is forth coming from your society by the 15th of February 1962, the same listing as 1961 will be used.

1962 is our year to host the American Federation Show and Convention. This committee will go all out to make our directory the best we've ever had for this occasion. But you must help us by supplying the information we need from you.

Each club president and liaison officer is mailed a copy of this directory at no charge by the Federation. Many of the members of our societies don't know that this directory is available to them at the nominal charge of 50¢.

In this directory is a wealth of information, an aid to the traveling collector in locating folks of like interest in distant cities. It is a treasure chest of knowledge. Copies may be obtained by writing this office and enclosing 50¢ for costs and mailing.

Sincerely,

/s/ Harry H. Sprague, Chairman  
Midwest Federation Directory Committee  
11307 Swan Creek Road - Rt. 5  
Saginaw, Michigan



*From Our House To Yours...*

*Season's Greetings*

**YOUT 1961 Officers**