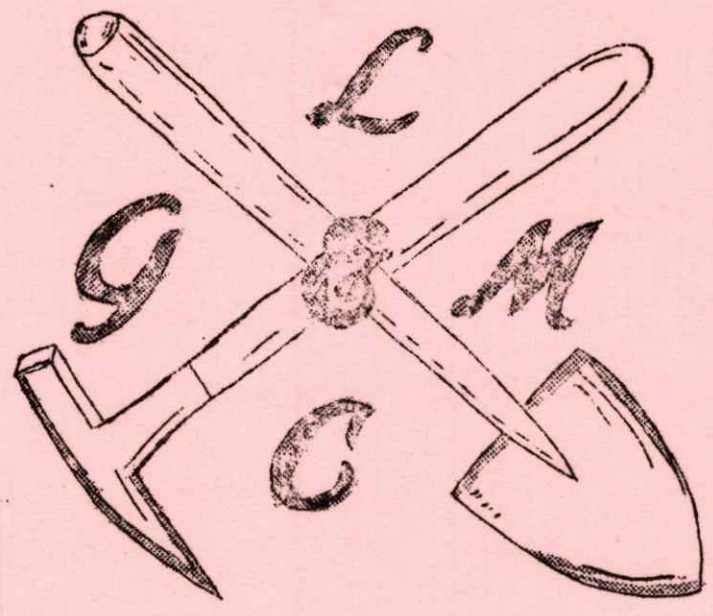


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+ These are your show chairman. They will be calling on you for your support as a committee. If you wish to serve on a particular committee call the chairman, he will be glad to hear from you.

THE PRESIDENTS PAGE

Dear Fellow Club Members:

We feel after our show committee meeting here, that the show is really on the road, "so to speak"! Our progress report is excellent, now lets keep up the good work and proceed toward a bigger and better show then ever before.

Our main attraction "the Black Magic Room" is going to be fabulous. Many of you have some very fine ideas going, and all together its sound-exciting. Just two months away, so the time is drawing closer every day.

At our family style picnic dinner at Pioneer Park, Aug. 25th, 12:30 P.M., we will also feature a "Rock Swap" so come one and all, with food for your own, and swapping material. Mark the date on your calender. Watch for signs at the park picnic area, west end.

The group that managed the Fremont Hunt were well rewarded and a choice Lake Superior was found by young Mr. Rule. We missed you all who could not make it. Maybe next time.

Plans are being made for the trip to Fort Robinson and the rock beds north of Crawford, Nebraska. Several requests through out the midwest have come in to us, to join our group going out to the Orella area to hunt "Fairburns" with us.

We were sorry we could not join John Lewis at Newcastle, Nebraska. It sounded very interesting and we hope to make it another time. Please ask us again John and Lillie and thanks for all your efforts.

Until Aug. 25th, 12:30 Pioneer Park,

Sincerely,
Marie J. Carveth





NO REGULAR MEETING
IN
JUNE, JULY, AUGUST

FIELD TRIP # 5

Crawford, Nebraska -- Labor day weekend --
Fort Robinson --- Outcropping

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ROCK SWAP

Pioneer Park -- August 25th, -- 12:30 p.m.
Family style picnic. Bring food and swap
material to west end picnic area. Watch
for signs.

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COMING SHOWS

- Sept. 6,7,8th Platte Valley Rock & Mineral Society , National
Guard Armory, North Highway 83, North Platte, Nebr.
- Sept. 28 - 29 Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club, Inc. , National Guard
Armory, Lincoln, Nebraska
- Sept. 28 - 29 Northern Oklahoma Gem & Mineral Society, Ponca,
Oklahoma
- Oct. 5 - 6 Nebraska Mineral and Gem Club, Omaha Nebr'
- Oct. 12 -13 Topeka Gem and Mineral Society, Greater Kansas City
Rock Clubs, Kansas City, Missouri

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1963 NEBR. STATE FAIR.

This is Nebraskas Ninety-Fourth annual State Fair. This years
fair starts on August 31st and runs to the 5th of September. There
is a class open to the lapidary people if they should want to enter
into some competition. Many of our members entered last year and wan
premiums. Any of you who have not entered before may call Velma Bloyd,
who will see that you get entry blanks and a preium book.

FAIRBURNS AND FOSSILS ON A LABOR DAY WEEKEND.

Will you be there? We hope you will, as it is a fabulous hunting area for all of the rockhounds. Not only are there the exclusive fairburn agates, but many other types as well. Fossils, woods of many types, the chalcedony beds, calcite roses and fluorescent specimens that are breath taking, beautiful. To really get a good perspective on this country, you must see it to really believe it.

We, as a club, have a grand view every labor day weekend at Crawford, Nebraska. Fort Robinson is the camping site where we meet. Hotel rooms, cabins with cooking are all moderately priced.

The goal is, of course, Orella or rather the rock beds of about six or seven square sections with outcrops of rock beds scattered all over. In most places, the rocks have no weed covering and is gently rolling hills, that I can comfortably walk. There are good specimens of fairburns to be found in the prairie grass as well. The grass will all be pretty well matted down by September.

The fossils that are in this area are almost to many to name. The most predominant, of course, is the petrified wood. Some are so large that I can't move them. The one big hope I dream of, is a cycad. I have seen some that have been found there and all I can do is drool, hope and search. There are also some vertebrate fossils. Most of this area is in the Chadron gravel or the lower Oligocene system.

Have you ever looked over rock beds that stretched in all directions for these beautiful fairburns? It is an experience that can't be described. After you have looked, some times for hours, for a really big bragging rock and your water bucket (for washing rocks) seems to weigh a ton, you set down and rest on the best fairburn you have ever seen. You forget to yell. You even forget you are tired. You even forget to get excited. You sit quiet and just stare and it finally dawns on you that your quest has been realized and you slowly rise up, almost forgetting your bucket of other rocks and take it back to the gang. The gang are real rockhounds, all admiring it and get their new incentive to push on for their own beauty.

We all take lunches and a lot of drinking water or coffee. It can be very hot but always a good breeze to keep you fairly comfortable. All you need is your comfortable shoes and a coat that is loose, as it can also get cold. Take it from me, I went without my coat and I would have froze if Roger Simmons hadn't loaned me his spare jacket.

Did you ever go to bed, tired and happy with a good days hunt behind you? Close your eyes, only to see beautiful fairburn patterns float before your eyes? It is quite an exciting experience.

Hope to see you in Orella. Good Hunting.

Marjorie Heedick

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MY TRIP TO THE
AMERICAN FEDERATION AND ROCKY MOUNTAIN SHOW IN OKLAHOMA CITY

By Adeline Nolde

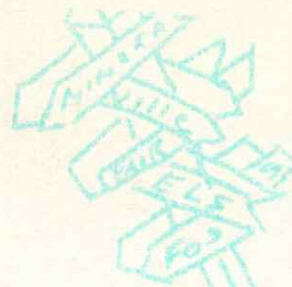
On June 11, I departed for the Oklahoma City to attend the American Federation and Rocky Mountain Federation Show for Gem and Mineralogical Societies.

Wednesday, June 12th, was spent setting up exhibits. Personally, I had five cases to arrange. One was a special exhibit, not in competition, of jewelry without stones or minerals on them. Three cases of jewelry were entered in the Masters Group in the American Federation Show since there was no group set up for jewelry in the Rocky Mountain Federation part of the show. Under the entries in this group I won a third prize on single pieces with cabochons mounted on them. I also had a case in the Educational Exhibits on "How to make a pair of earrings" which was supposed to have been entered in the Novice Group in the Rocky Mountain Federation Show. I won a first prize and the ribbon says "First, Novice, National Gem and Mineral Show". Since I never exhibited an education exhibit in competition, this leaves me in a state of confusion. The ribbon should have stated "First, Novice, Rocky Mountain Federation Gem and Mineral Show".

The main attraction of the show was the Smithsonian Institution Exhibit of Beryl valued at about \$75,000. Another interesting exhibit was the private collection of a Senior Questa ---A collection of the largest pieces of fire agate I have ever seen and, of course, very colorful and in the most intriguing shapes. (Senior Carveth, Jose Waddle and Padre Taylor should have been there to take this exhibit in. Senior Questa probably didn't leave a thing for them to find.) Some of the stone pictures made of small chips of stones caught my eye, particularly those of Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, Sr. and Queen Victoria. These were not large portraits and it would seem to me they would be much harder to do since there are such variations in skin tones, shading, etc. The bringing out of the various skin tones in the portrait of Mrs. Roosevelt was exceptional. There were several categories under which one entered in the Educational Group. One fine exhibit in this group showed how to carve a frog out of alabaster. Chunks of alabaster, each showing the frog in different stages of carving and a finished frog, plus all of the tools used comprised the exhibit. Another pleasing exhibit in this group showed how to make a stone picture. Little stones were sifted through different size screens and bottled according to grain size and color. The finished picture, a scene of ducks in flight was accomplished with the aid of tweezers and Elmer's glue. Of course, the many displays of minerals, lapidary and fossils were beautiful. There were 38 dealers with a variety of things. I found the miniature Scott sphere making machine appealing as well as the various faceting machines in operation.

Lincoln club members attending beside myself were: Mr. and Mrs. William H. Foxwell, Mr. & Mrs. Ray Sincebaugh and Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Simon, Kim and Douglas. Kim was one of the "Pebble Pups" enjoying himself at the swap table. Quite a few members of the Hastings club were there.

I didn't get to attend a lot of the meetings because my Oklahoma City friends entertained me too well on the side. Had I known I was to write something for the Pick and Shovel, I would have insisted on not so much outside entertainment.



ROCKY NUGGETS

The Claus family are going on their vacation the 29th of August to the following places: Colorado, Nevada, Montana, Wyoming and Nebraska. They plan on doing plenty of rocking along the way.

Clyde Benham and Fred Gudtner took a jaunt to Smithcenter, Kansas to find Septraums. They did not find any so they stopped and bought some nice specimens.

The last time I saw Virgil Carveth, He was happily putting together a 24 inch lap. Need I say anymore. Many happy hours virg.

Did you know that we have a T.V. star among us? Irl Everet appeared on the Outdoor Nebraska Program. It not only surprised us but his wife as well. It seems He forgot to tell her till it was over.

Prof. & Mrs. Foxwell have just returned from their two and a half week vacation. They went to the Rocky Mountains. Spent a week in Wisconsin. They visited a lot of rock shops and bought some lovely material.

Dorothy Kohn purchased a hand carved gold obsidian indian figure while on vacation and plans to show it. She is so thrilled about it that she forgot to tell me about any other material that might have

Roger Pabian and Lloyd Ledderer, our like the sultans of old ---- Parading there riches of fairburns instead of Gold.

Bruce Simon and family went to Holmsville, Nebraska recently. They said they did not have to much luck this time.

The Howard Taylors have returned from their vacation. Howard says they found about 75 pounds of Tepee Canyon Agate. Nice, I would say.

Three families went to the Swap Rama in Oskaloosa, Iowa this last weekend. Gene Eno, Arthur Bloyds and the Norman Engelharts. A field trip to the strip mines was planned and all the lincoln families were there. They found some beautiful Calcite crystals. Jan Eno played the piano for the group singing held at the ledge.

If you have any news about your trip call me or I will be calling you.

Dorothy Engelhart



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Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club
Mrs. Dorothy Engelhart

Madam,

At the next meeting of your club, will you give this letter to your club secretary. I am a collector of Miocene and Eocene fossils from Maryland and Virginia, and would like to trade with some collectors in your area of the country.

Are there any members of your club that are interested in trading fossils by mail? If there are, will you please have them contact me.

Sincerely yours,

Paul C. Hawkins, Jr.

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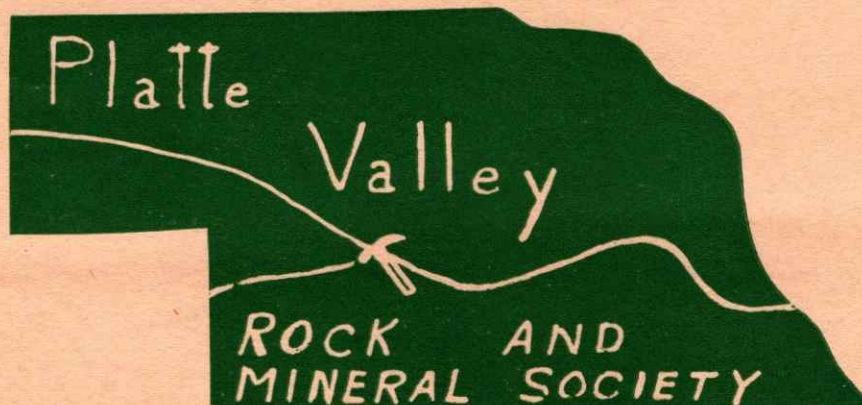
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