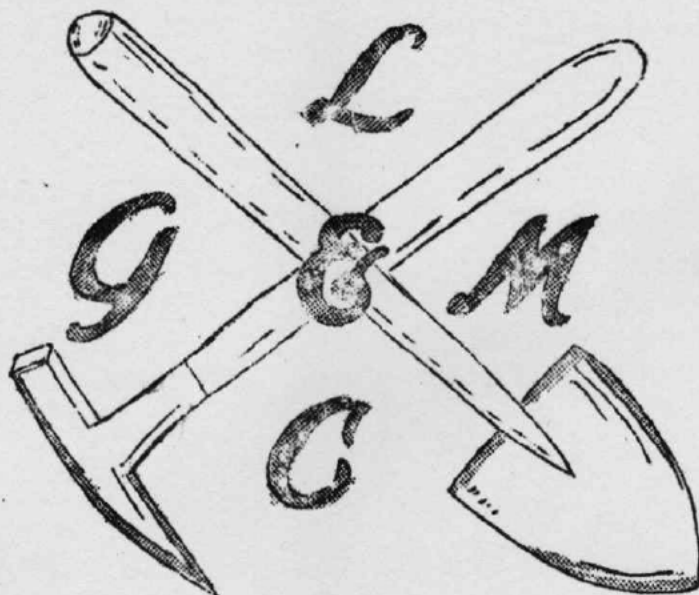


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THE PRESIDENTS PAGE

Dear "Fellow Showman",

It is with great pleasure, and pride, I write the Presidents page, this time especially so.

As president of the Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club, 1963, I wish to say "Thank You" for a job well done.

Our show was a tremendous amount of work for all connected with it, and we all worked hard!
And we did fill the tables!
And the sun did shine!
And I firmly believe we all had fun! Personally, I was on cloud 9 the Sunday of the show. And I shall add this - When a group will come to a meeting in such a down pour of rain, as was the case Sept 22 - our progress report meeting - there is no stopping us. I'm sure you all will agree!

Already we are thinking of next years show.

This year, we have again, come out in the black side of the ledger. Our crowds were large, we had a total of 91 large cases, and 37 small cases, plus several special displays. Our "House of Black Magic" produced a lot of interest and certainly we are happy to have the black lights to use, again and again.

My kitchen committee did well, with delicious food being served. As before, the president dinner for the dealers, and our committee heads was given by Mr. Carveth and myself. This was started several years ago, and we feel this extra effort, and touch of hospitality has created a feeling of good will also for our club. We know it would be fine to have all members who work so hard and faithfully to help produce the show - but circumstances do not permit this.

We understand the dealers were happy and satisfied with their part in our show. Our friend "Indian Ike" from Custer, So. Dakota, created quite a lot of interest this year, and we hope he will return again some time.

My special thanks to some of our newer members, who certainly came forth with a helping hand, both in the work of setting up the show, as well as bringing their own cases to display. Their willingness to help means a great deal to me and the club.

At our past show meeting we have heard of some wonderful ideas, and you shall hear more of this later.

Our guests for the meeting will be Mr. and Mrs. Guy Miller of Hastings, Nebraska, so we shall look forward to a interesting program from these people, who are also dealers at our show every year.

Until Then,

Sincerely
Marie J. Carveth
President



SATURDAY - OCTOBER 26, 1963

Regular meeting - 7:30 p.m.

Program - Mr. and Mrs. Guy Miller from Hastings, Nebraska. They have always presented our club with some interesting talks and it is our pleasure to have them with us again.

Roberts Dairy Party Room
211 South 20th Street

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COMING EVENTS

October 26 - 27 -- The arbor Valley Gem and Mineral Club presents its 2nd annual show. Memorial Building, Nebraska City, Nebraska. Saturday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. No admission charge

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GODS MASTERPIECE

I found a geode one field trip day
And opened in my hand it lay;
Its clustered facets, sharp and bright
Made rainbows from the rays of light.
No human hand had any share --
In all its wondrous beauty there.
A vision bright for those who plad--
The marvelous handiwork of God.

At dawn I gazed with breathless awe
And marveled at the sight I saw,
An artists by his matchless will
Spread tints with more than human skill.
No palette e'er such colors bore
Or canvas like it seen before.
From critics all deserved a nod --
That beauty-loving artist, God.

I climbed a mount 'till almost spent
And saw the strata pushed and bent;
Great rocks torn and rolled and tossed
All semblance of their structure lost.
These mountains reared by power untold
And leveled again by nature bold.
Some mighty spirit here had trod --
The footprints of Almighty God.

But as I go marveling upon my way
And meet my friends from day to day,
I realize that, of all these things
Which Godly admiration brings,
The far most wonderful He sends
Are loving, loyal, helpful friends.
The mold was made from earthly clod ---
The masterpiece of Creator God!

By Harry Lee Zollers
(The Treasure Chest)

Dear Friends,

For sometime I have been interested in offering my opinion on the following subject, this wonderful hobby of ours.

We are Rock-Hounds! However, the term covers a very small segment of the field. Sometimes, in discussing our rock-hunting, our activities, I say to "non" rock friends-- We are Rock-Hounds! And I have experienced the feeling, (as I know others of you have) my friends think we are a " peculiar breed", A "odd-character," a individual that is different! One who will expound about his find, and waste his time on rock trips!

We all know the vast majority of "rockhounds" are well-adjusted, intelligent people from all walks of life. He may be a surgeon, producing beautiful gems from a rough piece of jade, but we call him a rock-hound! He may be a silversmith, and a teacher, and he may be a lapidarist as well! He may hold several college degree, and own a fabulous collection of fossils. And we call him a "Rock-Hound"! He may be a mechanic, with a fine touch for the art of faceting and him too, we call a Rock-Hound!

This is a family hobby, with a variety of activities suitable for all ages, and ability. It is a year around activity for any family, regardless of wealth, social position, or mode of living.

Regardless of how tense or disgruntled one may become with the pressures of everyday living, a study and interest in Mother Nature's wonderful way of combing, over the ages, the minerals, and chemicals, to produce the "rocks" we so eagerly seek, it makes us feel the strife of everyday problems are indeed small.

Can anyone observe a beautiful gem, and knowing its origin, not be impressed with the comforting thought that this old world must have some kind of super intelligence looking after it?

How much more pleasure in the skill and artistry that produced the beautiful polished gem from nothing more than a drap piece of rock - So many do say " I didn't know it could be something so beautiful!"

So let us "high-grade" our wonderful hobby! Let us take every opportunity to show the skill, technical knowledge, artistry, and creative possibilities with our " rocks"! This was done at our recent show, I know, as at our shows of the past. It is being done also, in other places, and though out the year.

Our theme for the coming show must be more variety. The possibilities are endless - each year will bring new ideas, one idea will lead to another.

So when our friends think we've got "rocks" --We have!
LETS " UP GRADE " THE ROCK-HOUND!

Sincerely
Marie J. Carveth
President

Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club

WHAT KIND ARE YOU?

Are you an ACTIVE member, the kind that would be missed
or are you just contented that your name is on the list?

Do you attend the meetings and mingle with the flock
Or do you stay at home and criticise and knock?

Do you take an active part to help the work along
Or are you satisfied to only "just belong"?

Do you do your part with your hand upon the stick
Or do you leave the work to others , then talk about the clique?

Think this over, brother member --- you know right from wrong.

ARE YOU AN ACTIVE MEMBER, OR DO YOU JUST BELONG?

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?? CATALOGING ??

Do you just have a pile of rocks or minerals, or do you have a cataloging system, which makes all your fun and hobby a worthwhile collection?

Did you know that if you plan on giving your collection to the university of any state without a cataloging system, it will be of no use to them, for it cannot be displayed (not that ours will ever be worth a museum) but I do know at this time there are many collections in the club worth that right now, but are they cataloged? Don't be disappointed, it won't all be a loss, for then the beginning students in the geology will have years of your collecting to pulverize in learning to identify minerals.

I know there are many who have collected about the same length of time as we have and we are getting to the point that a good way of cataloging must be found or our collection will mean nothing to us or to anyone else.

We start but never seem satisfied with the way the results turn out. Has anyone with a simple method?

I keep asking myself, why lug them home, breaking my back digging, crawling, using a sledge, tearing my flesh, twisting ankles and pounding my fingers, when some day I won't be able to remember just where I got it from. Everytime we carry more home, it just makes the job a little harder to start. Painting a number! I never seem to be able to find a spot it won't wear off or it covers up something that you know must be shown to make the mineral identified correctly.--Use a number -- Will a card file work? I got this one from Maurice Tracy, as I do not want to loose the memory of each item. This I found in the chicken coop. found this on our first rock trip, Aunt Lona panned this garnet out of Potato Jon's creek while sitting on a chair with her bare feet in the creek.. This garnet, Norman got so excited about, he tore the seat out of his britches.

Then again I find myself buying the wrong specimen because I do not have a photographic memory to refer to. Would a alphabetical list help? I am not a map drawer but we would want the proper place located. If you got a chance to go back, you may have lost that land mark you remembered for progress must move forward and your hunting area may have been gone.

Oh, We do have most of our specimens identified but we have not completed it. There must be a way that is simple.

I am open to all ideas, Hoping I can get this work done on the forth coming snowy nights. How about sharing your ideas?

Dorothy Engelhart



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THE LETTER- A-MONTH
BY Doris Kemp

ENJOYING OUR NEIGHBORS

There are many ways in which we can ENJOY OUR NEIGHBORS and our hobby more. Of course the best way is the KNOW YOUR NEIGHBOR better. How can we do this?

In some areas this is being done by clubs and societies combining their efforts in order to put on larger and more educational shows. This has been done successfully in the Kansas City area, Milwaukee, Bloomington, Minnesota and many other sectors. Contact your neighboring clubs and learn how your ideas and activities can be coordinated so that your members get to know each other better.

Another idea worth passing on is combining your bulletin with a neighboring group, so that both organizations know that happened during the year. The Des Moines Lapidary Society and the Central Iowa Mineral Society have done this once a year with very favorable comments.

Rock swaps as hosted this passed year by the State Line Club of Michigan are becoming very popular. Probably the first held in the midwest, has become an annual affair sponsored by the Sac and Fox Lapidary Club in Oskaloosa, Iowa. Here you can enjoy your hobby by swapping and camping with your friends. They have completely avoided commercialism as there is nothing for sale, just have fun.

Naturally we should all realize that just visiting a show or swap session is not enough. There would be no show to see if you did not exhibit as well as visit.

Another way to enjoy your neighbor is to let your neighbor know more about you. Clubs can further our hobby by seeing that items of interest get into their local papers, if there is an educational TV station in your area offer a program on the phase of the hobby you know best. A word of caution here, we have had the pleasure of being on TV several times, and know that in one instance too much was crowded in one-half hour. If you are fortunate enough to be able to present such a program, do not allow the director to insist on too much. If they wish a lot, ask for more time.

Combined field trips are becoming general instead of occasional, the same is true of society meetings. Invite your neighbors to share your experiences, you will both find that in doing this you will enjoy your hobby more.

Doris Kemp

A LETTER FROM OUR NEW PRESIDENT

by Midwest Federation

Dear Members:

I am indeed sorry that we were unable to attend the 1963 Midwest Federation Field Trip Convention in July at the Hibbing area. We have heard many wonderful reports of this meeting and have had the pleasure of listening to all the tapes recorded at the meetings. I wish it would have been possible for me to thank each of you for the honor bestowed upon me in electing me President of the Federation. A very fine slate of officers was elected at the time. At the meeting it was pointed out that many clubs and their members do not know who their elected MWF officers are. The following officers will serve your Federation until the Muskegon Show and Convention next July:

President - Russ Kemp, 16410 University Ave, South Holland, Ill.
Vice Pres.- Merton Young, Michigantown, Indiana
Sec. - Mrs. Katherine Steinbrenner, 2813 Patricia Dr., Des Moines, Iowa.
Treas. - W.H.deNeui, 6600 Cornelia Dr., Minneapolis, Minnesota
Historian - Dr. Ben Hur Wilson, 406 Grover Street, Joliet, Ill.

These officers and the appointed State Vicepresident, Division Chairman, and Committee Chairman will serve the Federation to the best of their abilities. If you as an individual, or club group have any ideas that you would like presented to the Federation, let us know your thoughts, and we will pass them on at the proper time.

During the past few years, it has been the policy of each President, to suggest a theme and for the Federation to work with that theme. We have information, that Mr. Al Keen, President Elect of the American Federation, will promote a "Know Your Neighbor" campaign, in his coming term of office.

With your kind permission, we would like to help in this campaign and use a theme that follows along this line. In addition to "knowing your neighbors", we feel that you should Enjoy your neighbors. Get to know the new members in your Societies, visit the new groups that have joined the MWF, make them feel welcome and help them to enjoy our great hobby.

We can now look back on a year of accomplishment under the very able direction of Bernice Rexin. You will be happy to know that Bernice has been elected Regional Vice President of the American Federation. We know that she will continue her efforts on our behalf.

In the coming year, Doris and I will visit as many shows and club meetings as we can arrange and look forward to seeing all of you in the near future.

Russ Kemp
President MWF

KNOW YOUR FEDERATION

TO ALL 50,000 OF YOU ----

This wonderful hobby of ours has so many facets (no pun intended), its hard to enumerate them all.

There come to mind, 1) Field-tripping, 2) lapidary work; collecting of 3) micromounts, 4) thumbnails, 5) cabinet specimens, 6) the big ones, 7) faceting, 8) jewelry, 9) fossils, and the many others.

However, there is one more, of which very few speak, but which, to my way of thinking, is the best one of the bunch.

It is working for the Clubs or Federations.

Between our Local Club, Regional Federation and the American Federation I have spent far more time working as a committeeman or an officer during the last six years than I have on any other facet of the hobby. (Actual time spent at my workbench last year was not over 15-20 hours). Nor would I have had it otherwise.

And what is all this leading up to? I'm just trying to sell you the idea that this kind of participation can be so much more rewarding than any of the other branches of our hobby, there just is no comparison.

If you've never tried it, I heartily recommend you do so. To "get your feet wet", just volunteer for the next piece of work for your club that comes along. You'll be amazed to find what pleasure comes from doing things for the group.

Now, with my term of office about to expire, is the time to say "Thank You" to all 50,000 of you for permitting me to serve you.

Though there were trials and tribulations, nevertheless it's been one of the most heart warming and gratifying experiences of my life, and I am deeply grateful to you all.

And to the other Officers and the Committee Chairman and Members that served with me, I can only admit that without there support, I would have been sunk.

Thank you all most sincerely.

W.H. deNeui, President
THE AMERICAN FEDERATION

AFMS BULLETIN

THE CONSENSUS IS ----

Many letters and phone calls have been received requesting information on Federal legislation and restrictions affecting rockhounds, and expressing a desire to know the opinions of other rockhounds, so that uniform nationwide action can be taken where it is felt advisable.

Although the American Federation cannot officially endorse or condemn legislation, it does have a definite obligation to its members to keep them informed. A new committee - AFMS Public Relations - has been created for the coming year, part of its duties being to assemble all information on legislation concerning rockhounds, receive opinions from regional federation legislative or public relations committees, (it is hoped such committees are now or will soon be in operation) and present the consensus in the AFMS Bulletin so clubs and individual members can take nationwide uniform action if they so desire.

All information published will be the general consensus of the members themselves. Some federations already have active, well informed legislation committees and published or otherwise circulated these comments:

Presently the consensus is: Public Law 87-713 (The Petrified Wood Law) Rules for Collecting Specimens, Rule #2 under section 259-67, states the maximum quantity of petrified wood which may be removed in any one day is ten pounds. This limit is entirely unrealistic and would lead to wholesale destruction of fine large specimens. Recommended limit: 150 pounds, or one chunk. Objections to this rule will be received by Mr. Charles H. Stoddard, Director, Bureau of Land Management, Washington 25, D.C. Deadline for objections was October 5, 1963.

Presently the consensus is: Senate Bill S-859, The Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1963, provides a \$3 to \$5 tax for entering any Federal Land -- Bureau of Land Management, National Forests, National Parks, etc. --- in addition to all existing charges. This tax is apparently for increased income only, as funds are not earmarked for improvement of these areas in any way. Fine and imprisonment may be imposed for violation. Presently members are strongly opposed to this tax.

The Consensus is: Best method for action is for every member and club to write letters to people designated and to all members of Congress, both the Senate and the House of Representatives. All of them vote on these bills.

Although the new AFMS Public Relations Committee will not officially become effective until Nov. 1, 1963, you may send your information and opinions now to Dr. Elwood Rees, 806 El Monte, Twin Falls, Idaho, who will chair this committee, so they may be assembled and evaluated.

Albert J. Keen, Liaison Officer
THE AMERICAN FEDERATION