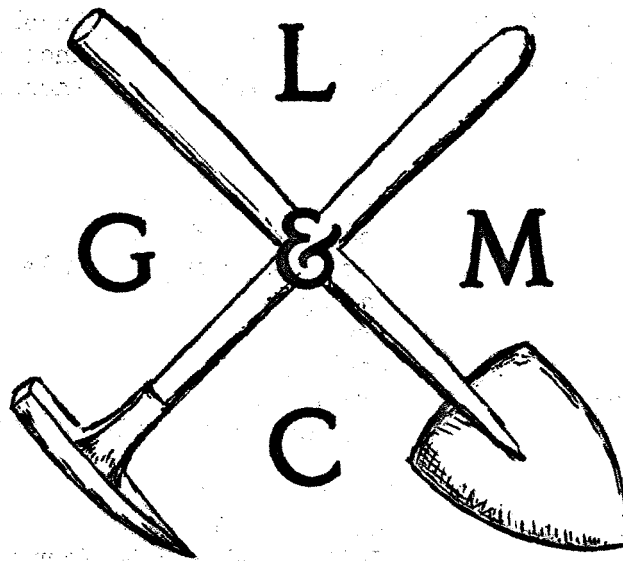


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The purpose of this corporation shall be to study, promote an interest in, and disseminate knowledge of lapidary and various Earth Sciences including but not necessarily limited to geology, paleontology and mineralogy. It shall be a particular purpose of the corporation to provide education in these fields to its members and the general public, particularly youth and student groups.

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American Federation of Mineralogical Societies (AFMS)
Nebraska Association of Earth Science Clubs, Inc. (NAOESCI)
Community Arts Council of Lincoln (CAC)
Nebraska Recreation League (NRL)

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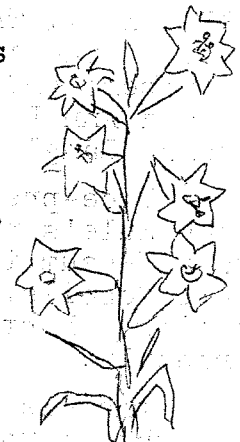
REGULAR MEETING---Sat., March 22, 1975, State Fair Grounds
 Lowel level Administration Bldg.
 Enter west door.

PROGRAM-----Fossils

REFRESHMENTS-----Will be served by Refreshment Committee.

LGMC BOARD MEETING---April 3, 7:30 p.m., Home of
 Don Carter, 1101 Driftwood Drive.

Directory Addition: James Marburger's phone: 477-4976



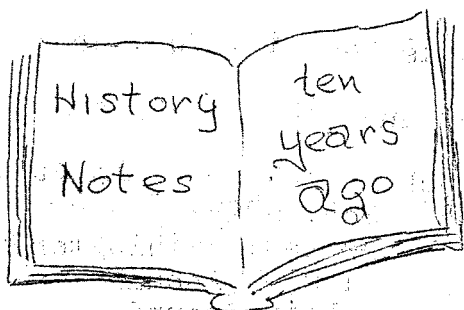
1975 DATES TO REMEMBER

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| Mar. 21-23 | Bridgeton, MO | St. Louis, MO Rock Hobby Club Show,
Machinists' Union Aud. 12365 Charles St. |
| Apr. 5- 6 | Davenport, IA | Gem and Min. Show--Assumption High
School, 1020 W. Central Park |
| Apr. 5- 6 | Ogallala, NE | Prairie Rockhounds' Open House,
Holiday Inn |
| Apr. 12-13 | Cedar Rapids, IA | Cedar Valley Rocks and Min. Soc. Show
Hawkeye Downs |
| Apr. 12-13 | Sioux Falls, SD | Sioux Empire Gem and Min. Soc. Show
Masonic Hall |
| Apr. 18-20 | Hastings, NE | Central Nebr. Rock & Min. Show City Aud. |
| Apr. 25-27 | Wichita, KS | Wichita Gem & Min. Soc. Show, Cessna
Activity Center, 2744 Geo. Washington St. |
| May 10-11 | Lincoln, NE | Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club Annual Show,
New Ag. Bldg., State Fair Grounds |
| May 17-18 | Ellinwood, KS | Rock Swap, City Park |
| May 17-18 | Hot Springs, SD | Picture City Gem & Min. Show, City Aud. |
| June 7- 8 | Hebron, NE | Fort Butler Rock & Gem Club Annual Swap,
City Camp Grounds |
| June 13-15 | Gering, NE | NAOESCI State Show, National Guard Armory. |
| June 19-20 | Denver, CO | AFMS-RMFS Show and Convention, Coliseum
Complex, 1325 East 46th Ave. |
| June 28-29 | Grand Island, NE | Grand Island Earth Science Soc. Swap,
Fonner Park |
| Aug. 2- 3 | Gothenberg, NE | NAOESCI State Swap, Lafayette Park |
| Aug. 9-10 | Mitchell, SD | South Dakota State Gem & Min. Show,
City Park |
| Aug. 16-17 | Crawford, NE | Northwest Nebraska Show, City Park |
| Aug. 30- | | |
| Sep. 1 | Omaha, NE | Nebraska Min. & Gem Club Show,
Holiday Inn, 3321 So. 72nd St. |
| Sep. 26-28 | North Platte, NE | Platte Valley Rock and Min. Soc. Show,
National Guard Armory |
| Oct. 9-12 | Detroit, MI | International 75, MWF and Central
Canadian Fed. of Min. Soc. Show and
Convention, 4400 E. Eight Mile Road,
Detroit Light Guard Armory |
| Oct. 12 | Murdo, SD | Four-Club Show, Auditorium |
| Oct. 18-19 | Grand Island, NE | Grand Island Earth Science Show,
Fonner Park |

LAST MONTH...The February meeting of the LGMC was held in the lower level of the Administration Bldg. at the State Fair Grounds. There were 60 members and 8 guests present. The guest list included the following: Ray and Ann Beamer, Topeka, Kansas; Henry J. Schneider and Scott; Deborah Langley; Andy Zarins; and Al Prost and Laurie.

First Vice-president, Larry Bigley, presided in vacationing President Frank Rule's place. The Club voted to donate \$250 to the University State Museum to help finance a project for better display of invertebrate fossils. A very fine program on minerals followed the business meeting. Burton Barnes had the distinction of naming the most minerals correctly.

Since the meeting night fell on George Washington's birthday, the Refreshment Committee--Marie Carveth and Marcella Hilton--honored the occasion with very appropriate table decorations. There was a red table cloth, Williamsburg pewter candlesticks tied with red, white and blue ribbon, an antique blue glass bottle in the form of a bust of George Washington, and greenery. The doughnuts and coffee were enjoyed by all present.



The March, 1965, meeting was held at Robert's Dairy Party Room.

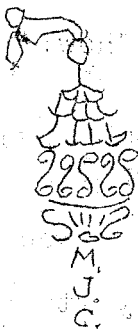
It was announced by the treasurer that we had 139 members.

Mr. John Boellstorff presented slides of the General Geology of the Tasersiaq Area in Southwest Greenland.

"VAJA CON DIOS"

Cards were sent this month to:

- Mrs. Lona Simmons - Get Well
- Mrs. Smith (Phyllis Parks' mother) - Get Well
- Norman Englehart - Get Well



THE YEAR'S AT THE SPRING

The year's at the spring
 And day's at the morn'
 Morning's at seven'
 The hillside's dew-pearled;
 The lark's on the wing'
 The snail's on the thorn;
 God's in his heaven--
 All's right with the world!

From Pippa Passes by Robert Browning

THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Febr. 27, 1975

Dear Club Members:

It is terrible of me to tell you how much I am enjoying the sunshine and warm weather here.

I was at Quartzsite, Arizona, for three weeks taking in the Pow-Wow and Show. I met many Rockhounds who had attended the 74 National Show and they all praised the Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club for having such a wonderful show.

I met Glenna & Mac McGinnis also Art Bloyd and Mr. & Mrs. Harry Keller.

After leaving Quartzsite, I went to Palo Verde, California, to a fire agate mine where I did four days of hard rock mining, and it was just that!

This weekend I will leave Lancaster, California, for Long Beach to visit with my brother and also my sister. I will leave California for Lincoln about the seventh of March stopping in Phoenix for about three days on my way home.

Yours truly,
Frank Rule

BICENTENNIAL PLANS??

Please let the AFMS Associate Editors know if your club has any plans for the Bicentennial. We have heard of antique car clubs, garden clubs, civic clubs, and even a cat club making plans for special events for the Nation's 200th Birthday. What is your club going to do?

--AFMS Newsletter

June Culp Zeitner is one of the Associate Bulletin Editors. Her address is: June Culp Zeitner, Mission, SD 57555.

NOTICE: An increase in the subscription price of GEMS AND MINERALS will go into effect with the April issue. Club members may beat this price increase by sending in their renewal before April 1st. Subscriptions will be extended for the full renewal term from the actual date of expiration. Members may order direct giving the name of the Club, stating that they are current members. Payment must accompany orders. Those who do not already subscribe may take advantage of the offer. Starting with the April issue GEMS AND MINERALS will be 25% bigger, having 80 pages. There will be more space for interesting articles, such as how-to features on Indian-style silversmithing and turquoise, basic and advanced jewelry-making, gem cutting, field collecting, displaying minerals, and many others. You may send your order to P. O. Box 687, Mentone, CA 92359.

From the Editor's Desk... Spring is almost here. After a long winter, how sweet it is to hear the cardinals and jays, to see the tulips and daffodils peeking up out of the ground! It won't be long until all good Rockhounds will be out searching for specimens to add to their collections. Your editor sure hopes to find a nice Fairburn this summer.

A letter from Paul Good tells how much he enjoyed rock hunting in Nebraska while here for the National Show. Many of you met him at that time. I'm sure you would enjoy hearing about his experiences, so I'm sharing a portion of his letter with you.

You are not the only ones that are "living in the memories of the '74 Show!" (By the way, where was the '74 Show held? It seems to have slipped my mind. Ha.) I was looking over my many mineral and fossil specimens that I collected over the summer in a place called NEBRASKA. I have been putting the specimens (that I collected and/or traded and/or found) in $1\frac{1}{4}$ by $1\frac{1}{4}$ inch boxes (plastic) and 2" by 2" boxes. It sure has been a lot of fun. I still remember the good hunting grounds that we went to: Fairbury, Neb., at the Fire clay pit. My son went crazy over the selenite there, and a lot of limonite; Weeping Water for fossils; selenite crystals in vugs near Beatrice, Neb. We found lots of those beautiful crystals and some very nice complete geodes.

After leaving Nebraska, we went to Oklahoma via Kansas, and picked up several pounds of petrified wood, cycads, rosebud agate, which is good cutting material.

After leaving Oklahoma, we went into New Mexico and hunted for Indian artifacts. We found two nice arrowheads, several broken pieces of pottery, and a lot of pieces of obsidian.

After leaving New Mexico we got some more barite roses and then went to the Coleman Mine in Arkansas for quartz crystals.

All in all we really enjoyed our trip this year and especially to a place in Nebraska. I keep forgetting the name but I think it was Lincoln or somewhere like that.

A more recent letter from Mr. Good states: "I enjoyed Nebraska so much! I think we will plan another trip through there soon."

RESOLUTION LOST by Blythe Best

With aching back and tired feet
I start my homeward way,
To reassess most leisurely
My findings of the day.
I look at them and with a sigh
I vow I'll go no more
Until I'm rid of all the rocks
That line my basement floor.
And yet it seems as time goes by
I let the sorting slip
To do it at some later date--
I'm on another trip!



--from the Water Rock,
S.I.E.S. Club News
via The Geode

The Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club Board Meeting was held at 6126 Hartley at 7:30 P.M. on February 6, 1975, with Larry Bigley as acting President.

To be noted in the minutes that Frank Rule, President, and George McGinnis are on vacation.

President, Frank Rule wants Roll Call of officers and this will be implemented tonight, and part of the secretaries duties. Roll call had 6 officers and 4 committee people.

Minutes of the January meeting were read and approved as read. Moved by Howard Taylor to approve, seconded by John Harrison, Jr.. Minutes of the Special January 19 meeting were read and motion by Don Carter to approve, seconded by Howard Taylor.

Treasurers report given by John Harrison, Jr.. Motion by Nelda Oliver to approve, seconded by Howard Taylor. Motion carried.

Bills were read by the treasurer. Motion by Howard Taylor to approve as read, seconded by Don Carter. Motion carried.

After discussion, moved by Howard Taylor to give check to Florence Boring from 1974 show fund for slides for Midwest and NAOESCI, as soon as she calls they are ready, seconded by John Harrison, Jr.. Motion carried.

An NRL meeting will be held February 7, 1975. Tom Simmons is planning on attending. Would like report at general meeting. Howard Taylor will also be there.

After discussion about Long Range Planning Committee, number 4, a motion by Howard Taylor that President or acting President contact Roger Pabian to get a meeting very soon. Seconded by Nelda Oliver. Motion carried.

Pete Klien would like to place an ad in the P & S. Moved by John Harrison, Jr., we accept Mr. Klien's ad for 1/3 page, seconded by Glen Ulrich. After discussion motion denied.

Larry Bigley will contact Mr. Klien about the P & S ad and also his advertising in the paper. If Mr Klien and members are to be notified the Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club does not approve of commercial shows. If Mr Klien would like to resubmit his ad to the board again, they will take another vote on it.

The Pick & Shovel will try to hold to nine pages plus covers. Ads and officers will be on inside covers.

The 1975 show will have a whole page in the P & S. Committees are all filled up. Plans are for 10 dealers. After discussion on dealers and special features, a motion by John Harrison, Jr., that the board accept recommendations of wholesalers, (comma) and demonstrators on a fee basis, seconded by Nelda Oliver. Motion carried.

Show vouchers will be a different color than club vouchers. Motion by Howard Taylor we set up a 1975-S fund of \$1500.00 for 1975 show, seconded by John Harrison, Jr.. Motion carried.

Motion by Howard Taylor, Show bills can be approved at board meeting and/or general meeting with a quorum of the board at the general meeting, seconded by John Harrison, Jr.. Motion carried.

John asked Flossie Litzenberg to keep a separate voucher for each committee expense, regardless of how trivial, so treasurer knows which committee to charge to. Flossie to mark voucher in top corner which committee the voucher belongs to.

Membership is 158 paid members (adult) and 2 paid junior members.

Applications read by Marita Bigley for Mrs Arlene Eckels and Mrs Ardeen Newell. Motion by John Harrison, Jr. to approve to membership when dues are paid, seconded by Howard Taylor. Motion carried.

Who's Who is being printed by Phyllis Parks.

Recommendation by Howard Taylor the board get some action going on the 1976 show. Should be set up and regulated by the board. Should be a special show being the Bi-C Centennial year.

Members are asked to extend courtesy to older members and our disabled by keeping the passage open to the club meeting door.

Fairboard to be contacted to see if we can have a light over the door or in the general vicinity.

Motion to adjourn John Harrison, Jr.

Nelda Oliver, Secretary

Board members present at the general meeting of February 22, 1975 acted on the following:

Bond for treasurer \$38.00. Motion by Don Carter to pay the bill for bond, seconded by Howard Taylor. Motion carried.

Florence Boring presented for the slides for Midwest and NAOESCI. After discussion motion by Howard Taylor and seconded by Don Carter to make two checks \$54.40 toward education for Florence's bill, and \$4.63 toward scholarship.

(\$4.63 is a kickback from the orders for slides that members purchased.)

Nelda Oliver, secretary

Action taken at the March 6, 1975 board meeting as follows:

Florence Boring gave a report from the Committee to consider the feasibility of raising dues. After report a motion by Howard Taylor this board to recommend this report to the members, seconded by Irl Everett. Motion carried with one apposed. THIS WILL BE BROUGHT TO THE MEMBERS AT THE GENERAL MEETING IN APRIL, FOR DISCUSSION AND VOTING.

A NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS:

From the Secretary Minutes of August 30, 1973 Board Meeting.

Printed in the Pick and Shovel in September 1973.

Roger K. Pabian, President.

"The President discussed with the board about Commerical Shows!.

After an explanation, Ralph Ulrich made motion that Roger Pabian, as President, compose a letter to circulate to each member to outline the pitfalls and evils of the comm- erical type GEM SHOW and ask members to protect the Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club, by not displaying in the name of the Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club, seconded by John Harrison Jr..

Marie Wells, Howard Taylor and Ralph Ulrich will help Roger Pabian to compose the first letter.

They will be a committee against commerical shows.

The above was read to the membership at the February 22, 1975 general meeting.

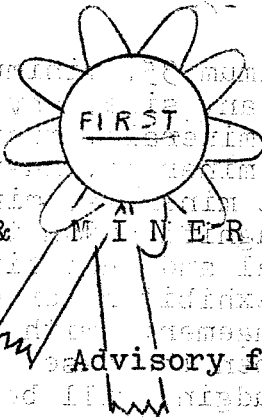
Nelda Oliver, Secretary

CLASSIFY YOURSELF

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 club along?
Or are you satisfied to be the kind who "Just Belongs"?
Do you help to plan the programs---get new members quick,
Or leave the work for just a few, then talk about the "Clique"?
There is quite a list of work involved that means success if done
But it can be accomplished with the help of everyone.
So attend the meetings monthly and help with hand and heart,
Don't be just a member, but take an active part.
Think this over, member, am I right and am I wrong?
Are YOU an active member, or do you "just belong"?

Author Unknown

submitted by active member Clenna McCinnis, now on vacation



L I N C O L N V I G E T T E & M I N E R A L C L U B , I N C .



Advisory for Competitive Exhibits

Annual Show
May 10 and 11, 1975
State Fair Grounds

Judging this year will operate under this brief outline. The AFMS Uniform Rules may be used as a guide only. Several significant differences occur between the AFMS Uniform Rules and the following advisory. The provisions contained herein will govern in all cases. This is a local show and any score earned here does not apply toward qualification in a regional or national trophy competition.

As a local club, we offer competition in four groups: Masters, Advanced, Novice, and Junior.

Anyone who has won a first place ribbon in the advanced group at any show any place must enter as a master if they wish to enter the same class again. Anyone who has been awarded a first place ribbon in a novice group at any show must enter in the advanced group. The novice is the beginners group and is for persons who have not previously won a first place ribbon as a novice in the chosen class. For example, any exhibitor who has won a first place ribbon in Class D-1 Metalcraft must compete in the advanced group if he wishes to enter in Class D-1 again. They may, however, compete in Class E-3 Jewelry, for example, as a novice because they have not previously won a first place ribbon in that class. A Junior is one who has not reached his 16th birthday on the opening day of the show and who has not previously won a first place at any show in the class he is entering. Juniors who have competed and won first place in a given class must enter in a higher group if they wish to compete in that same class again.

DISPLAY CASES:

THE HOST CLUB DOES NOT HAVE DISPLAY CASES TO LOAN TO EXHIBITORS. EACH EXHIBITOR MUST MAKE HIS OWN ARRANGEMENTS FOR DISPLAY CASES. NO COMPETITIVE EXHIBIT MAY EXCEED 5 FEET IN LENGTH OR 12 SQUARE FEET OF FLOOR OR TABLE SPACE.

We offer competition in the following divisions and classes:

Division A Unclassified Exhibits. Any exhibit that does not logically fall into any other division and class.

(over)

Division B Minerals. Maximum 35, minimum 20.

Class B-1 Minerals, any size, any type.

BS-1 Miniature minerals, must fit into a 2" cube.

BT-1 Thumbnail minerals, must fit into a 1" cube.

BM-1 Micromount minerals, mineral crystals that require magnification to correctly evaluate the mineral and must fit into a 1"x1½"x1" box.

The exhibitor for Class BM-1 must make arrangements with the competition chairman to open the case. The use of optical aids in judging will be necessary.

Division C Lapidary.

Class C-1 General Lapidary. Variety of work, variety of material. Maximum 30, minimum 10.

CC-1 Cabochons. Maximum 30, minimum 20. Any number may be mounted. Mountings not judged.

CW-1 Polished flats. Maximum 30, minimum 10. More than one material.

CS-1 Lapidary specialties. Do not fit into any specific class in either C or D. Items such as ash trays, cubes, spheres, clocks, lamps, mosaics, novelties, etc.

CS-2 Intarsias, any size. Jewelry, etc.

CS-3 Carvings.

Division CF Faceted Stones. Maximum 40, minimum 20. Exhibitor

must make arrangements with the competition chairman to open the case for judging. The exhibit may be examined by the use of optical aids.

Class CF-1 Faceted natural gemstones. Any number may be mounted.

CF-2 Faceted stones, natural and synthetic. Not more than 5 stones may be mounted.

Division D Jewelry and Metalcraft.

Class D-1 Metalcraft. (No stones).

D-2 Jewelry. (Stones and metal). Any type.

D-3 Matched sets.

D-4 Jewelry using polished stones, tumbled, cabochons or faceted. May be mixed.

Division E Educational Exhibits. Purpose is to teach and inform

the public concerning the earth science hobby.

Class E-1 Mineral.

E-2 Lapidary.

E-3 Jewelry.

E-4 Fossil.

E-5 Other, mixed exhibit in which no one aspect

dominates.

Division F Fossils.

Class F-1 Fossils, animals. In proportion of four invertebrate to one vertebrate.

F-2 Fossils, vertebrates. Includes one locality, one time unit, thumbnails, micromounts, one taxon.

F-3 Fossils, invertebrates. Includes one locality, one time unit, thumbnails, micromounts, one taxon.

F-4 Fossils, animals and plants. In proportion of four invertebrates, one vertebrate, and two plants.

F-5 Fossil plants.

Judging:

1. Judges will be permitted to handle only those specimens that require optical assistance to correctly identify and evaluate them. This applies to micromounts, faceted stones, and micro fossils. Judges will not be permitted to handle any other specimens.
2. The judges may open a case only in the presence of the competition chairman or a duly appointed representative.
3. Each judge will be accompanied by a duly appointed clerk. The judge's and clerk's tallys must coincide for all exhibits before premiums are awarded. The clerks shall serve as a measuring committee where size determines class (i.e. thumbnails).
4. In case of tied scores, the judges panel has the option of awarding one point, by any chosen method, to the exhibit of their choice, for determining best of division, best of group, or best of show winners.

General Information.

Competitive exhibits must be in place by 10:00 a.m., May 10, 1975. They may not be removed until 6:00 p.m., May 11, 1975. Judging will begin promptly at 10:30 a.m., May 10, 1975.

A critique for exhibitors will be held beginning at 5:00 p.m., Saturday, May 10, 1975. Anyone interested in competitive exhibits is welcome to attend.

Entries will be accepted until the deadline for exhibits to be in place, 10:00 a.m., May 10, 1975. However, to avoid confusion and unnecessary last minute rushes, please send your entry form in ahead of time. Thank you.

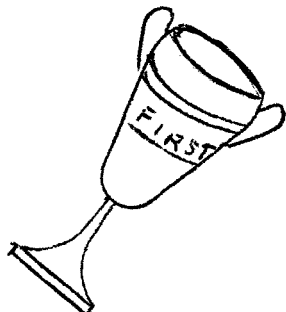
The Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club reserves the right to reject any exhibit, which in the opinion of the displays committee, may be objectionable. In the event of such rejection, the Club, its members, officers, or authorized agents will not be liable for any inconvenience or expense to the prospective exhibitor.

The Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club will take all reasonable precautions to protect the person and property of each exhibitor. However, the Club and its officers shall not be held liable to an exhibitor for loss or damage to his property. Should a prospective exhibitor wish special security arrangements they should contact the Club's security officer well in advance of the opening of the show.

Ralph L. Ulrich

Ralph L. Ulrich
Competitive Displays Chairman
3909 Pace Blvd.
Lincoln, NE 68502

L I N C O L N G E M & M I N E R A L C L U B , I N C .



Official Entry Form for Competitive Exhibits

Annual Show
May 10 and 11, 1975
State Fair Grounds

Please use separate form for each exhibit.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

EXHIBITORS GROUP: Circle One MASTERS ADVANCED

NOVICE JUNIOR

Age if Junior _____

Division and Class: _____

Describe exhibit briefly _____

Will lighting be needed? _____ All exhibitors must furnish their own cases and extension cord.

Persons requesting exhibit space agree, by filling in this form, to comply with the provisions contained in the "Advisory for Competitive Exhibits."

Please complete this form and return it to:

Ralph L. Ulrich
Ralph L. Ulrich
Competitive Displays Chairman
3909 Pace Blvd.
Lincoln, NE 68502

1975 SHOW NEWS



WE ARE GETTING THE SHOW ON THE ROAD...Remember? Your Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club's 17th Annual Gem and Mineral Show. May 10 and 11 are the dates, which is over Mother's Day. Bring your Mother and somebody else's Mother, too. It will be held in the new BIG Agricultural Hall. We will need a lot of exhibits to fill it. Be thinking about that. We will have the blue papers for you to fill out next meeting, too. If you don't have a case to exhibit in, ask--and maybe we can get one for loan for you.

An Open Display does not need a case. Anything pertaining to our hobby that is appropriate for your home decor we would like to have you display. Just let us know so that Jim Marburger will save space for it.

Howard Taylor has been getting replies from the Dealers. Pat Lawson has heard from some of her many letters for Special Features. Glen Ulrich has some workers lined up for his Working Shop. Marie Carveth is the chairperson for our Hospitality Hour Saturday night.

Mrs. Lois Terry got too involved in some extra work on her job and had to give up being chairperson for Publicity with regrets, but Ruthy Coleman is replacing her and will do a fine job.

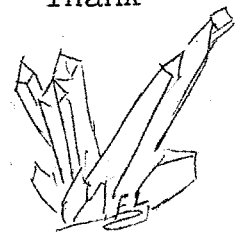
You voted to hire the janitor work to be done, so that will be taken care of, but we will need help to set up tables Friday and take them down Sunday night. You will be able to set up your displays after 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Saturday morning from 7:00 a.m. till 9:00 a.m. The Show opens at 10:00, which will give us an hour to be sure the Hall is cleaned up and ready for the public.

As soon as the judging is done after 5:00 p.m. Saturday, the Awards will be given out in the program room upstairs. If you want to hear what the Judges have to say about the displays, come on up. Then Florence Boring has a program set up for 7:00 p.m.

Please be prepared to mark your blue paper on what space you will need for display and where and when you would like to help. Thank you!

From now on, THINK SHOW...SHOW...SHOW!

Show chairperson and Spouse
Glen and Flossie Litzenberg



This little gem borrowed from the President's Message in THE TEMPLATE, a Chicago bulletin, is just what we need to follow Flossie's report. It was written by the American humorist, J. Mason Knox:

It is not the guns or armament	It is not the individual
Or the money they can pay,	Or the army as a whole,
It's the close cooperation	But the everlastin' TEAMWORK
That makes them win the day.	Of every bloomin' soul.

The 1974 president of the Chicago Club, Robert J. Welch, terms the workers as "foot soldiers in our army" and says without them the club could not exist. How true this is. Let's give Glenn and Flossie all the help we can.

NELDA'S NEWS



Our President, Frank Rule will be back from Arizona for the March General Meeting. Let's all turn out for this meeting for Frank.

Norman Engelhart has been hospitalized in Room 420 at Bryan Hospital since March 1st. A speedy recovery for you Norm.

Congratulations, Frank and Hilda Oliver, celebrating their 55th Anniversary on March 20, 1975.

Ewald Paul fell on the ice recently, but was one of the lucky ones, with no broken bones.

Ruth Kreici is still recovering at home from her fall on the ice. We hope you will be able to get around better soon.

Marita Bigley, received a letter from Charlie Anderson, a long time member in our club. He has resigned from our club, but is a member in the Leisure World Rock and Mineral Club. Charlie says he hasn't seen a snowflake in two years and flowers bloom all winter. He also states he has heard many compliments about the Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club magazine sent him in California. His last paragraph in letter states: I hereby reserve the right to think about that gang (LGMC) often and will kiss every petrified saber tooth tiger that I meet. Chas. Anderson.

Floyd Olson was a TV star on the Morning Show Channel 10 recently. He showed some of his faceted material and other gems. He is to be on again, but we don't have a date at this time.

Roger Pabian, has a new project going and he would like several worn out diamond saw blades. Please call him at 489-3081 if you have blades to donate.

Phyllis Parks mother has been in the hospital, but is now home again and on the mend.

Marie Wells picked up a virus bug last month and finally gave in and called her Doctor for medication. Hope your feeling better by now Marie.

Howard Taylor exposed all of his 'friends' at the last board meeting with his bug.

Darline Janzen's father had a severe stroke, so Hal & Darline are tripping to Fremont often. They hope to have her father home after the 28th of February.

All members are asked to donate rocks for the Rock Pile at the 1975 show. Please call or deliver them to Larry Bigley. His phone 466-0211.

Publishing day additions - LGMC President has returned - on the heels of our latest snowstorm - with tales of 100,000 rockhounds at the Quartzite POW WOW, 600 or more tailgaters at a swap, thousands on BLM Land just enjoying the sun and fun. He also tells of hard work, unstable digging equipment and new ideas for heavy duty tools.

Come on all you club members - start ringing Nelda's phone with bits of news about yourselves or another rockhound to share and fill up this page - your publisher hates to put out blank spaces.

INVERTEBRATE FOSSIL AND PALEOBOTANY GALLERY

One of the committees on which I serve at the University of Nebraska is the Museum committee responsible for the completion of a new gallery dedicated to invertebrate paleontology and paleobotany. In addition to myself, Dr. James Gunnarson, the director of the Museum, Dr. Allan Griesemer, Dr. J. A. Fagerstrom, Dr. Bob Kaul, and Dr. Paul Krutak are members of this committee.

At the February meeting of the Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club a resolution allowing \$250 for the purchase of specimens for this gallery was passed by the general membership. As a way of saying "Thank you!", some of the goals of the invertebrate paleontology and paleobotany gallery are outlined below.

The current display of invertebrate fossils now along the east wall of the second floor at Morrill Hall will be revamped considerably in order that they will introduce the viewer to the fields of paleobotany and invertebrate paleontology. The display will hopefully lead the viewer physically into the gallery. The present plans call for a diorama of a Permian reef to be situated at the gallery entrance.

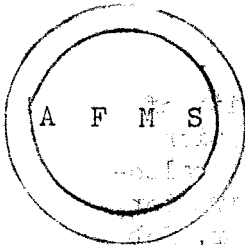
Upon entering the gallery, the viewer will be hopefully led through geological time through a series of dioramas depicting some of the important geological periods. Plans call for those depicting a middle Cambrian life assemblage based on fossils from the Burgess Shale of British Columbia. Another will depict life in a Mississippian age crinoid colony such as those collected in Iowa near Gilmore City or Le Grand. Another will hopefully be a walk-in diorama of a Pennsylvanian age coal swamp such as those seen in the fossil records of Pennsylvania or southeastern Nebraska or southeastern Kansas. Several other dioramas are planned.

Some exceptional specimens will be on view such as a slab of Cretaceous age, free-swimming crinoids measuring 5' x 5', and a slab containing over 100 trilobites from the Ordovician of the Arbuckle Mountains of Oklahoma.

The central area of the gallery will contain taxonomic cases designed in such a fashion to acquaint the viewer with criteria that distinguish the various invertebrate groups and plant groups. These will contain numerous specimens of exceptionally high grade and high educational value. Most of this material will be typical of the kinds of fossils a paleontologist would most likely find in the course of his years of field work.

Temporary displays will be ready in the very near future and most of this material is already laid out in the research facility at Nebraska Hall. The cases are being readied at Morrill Hall and as the carpenters and glassiers finish up, the artists and paleontologists will take over and begin filling them. We will keep you posted as to when these can be seen.

Roger Pabian, Member
Invertebrate and paleobotany
gallery committee



The Scholarship Fund Report

The months of January and February we have given a free will offering to the scholarship fund, collected at each general Club meeting. The results have been gratifying. We will continue this policy through March, and then take stock of our progress toward our goal of becoming a one-hundred per cent Club. Be dreaming up money making ideas if our prospects are not encouraging by then.

Below is a review of stamps to save. Kinds of stamps:

1. Large commemorative stamps (the biggest part of the income from stamps comes from these large commemorative stamps.
2. Large and middle-sized foreign stamps.
3. Large and middle-sized Air Mail stamps.
4. Precanceled stamps of all sizes and denominations, including precanceled Christmas stamps.
5. Special stamps as follows: Duck Hunting License stamps; United Nations stamps; \$1.00 Airlift stamps; Documentary stamps of all sizes and denominations; 8¢ Champion Liberty stamps; certified mail stamps (with figure of postman); First Day covers (please send the entire envelope); Stamp albums; small rare stamps such as 16¢, 19¢, 24¢, \$1.00, \$2.00, \$5.00, etc.; blocks with and without plate block numbers; also single stamps with plate block number.

Please do not save small regular stamps of low denominations, or common air-mail stamps, or regular Christmas stamps.

HOW TO PROCESS STAMPS: Cut from paper, leaving about $\frac{1}{4}$ inch margin of paper around the stamp.

DEFECTIVE STAMPS: Please do not save any defective stamps. No clipped tops (the automatic letter openers often take the top of the stamp). No torn edges, no missing perforations, no damaged backs.

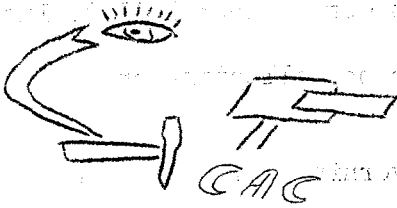
Timely Suggestion from Midwest President Terry Huizing

That all Federations should be encouraged to send their minutes and reports and other pertinent information to the President of all the other Federations. It would also be helpful to send copies of the minutes to the six officers of the American Federation. A freer exchange of such materials would help the federations understand one another better; would suggest new answers to shared problems; would promote common goals; and in some cases would even save time and money, as when one federation is pioneering a program which has already been tried by another. Another benefit would be that the regional federation officers would become better acquainted. All of our regionals could be strengthened through more contact with each other. Certainly the exchange of minutes and reports is an easy way to start. The addresses of regional presidents are included in the AFMS Newsletter.

--via AFMS Newsletter

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Community Arts Council Report



At the Community Arts Council meeting in February President Larry Lusk discussed the goals of the council for 1975: An arts festival in April, 1976; an arts coordinator for the Lincoln Arts Council and Lincoln; Exploration of city government in the Lincoln Arts Council; and a broadening of the membership of the Lincoln Arts Council or a group of volunteers in the arts.

In regards to the 1976 arts festival (in conjunction with the Bi-Centennial celebration) the intention is to include every strata of the community at all social and ethnic levels. Location of the festival is not determined as yet. Volunteers from the membership are asked to work on committees in the production of the festival. (Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club should be aware of this and plan to participate.)

Concerning the united arts fund, Lusk said the executive committee has met with the representatives of the large arts organizations and presented the idea of a single united arts fund drive and it was favorably accepted.

Application has been made for matching funds from the Nebraska Arts Council (NAC). And a coordinator is needed who will make a list of the resources of arts in the Lincoln area and who will keep a permanent arts council calendar of all artistic events in the city and surrounding area.

President Lusk feels it is important that a representative from the city government be on the Arts Council. And he talked of involving more persons connected with the arts in the council. The original council had asked all art organizations (performing and visual) to send representatives as council members.

Dues of the council are on a sliding scale. Large organizations may pay \$25, smaller ones \$5, \$3, or \$1. Some organizations which have no budgets or monies pay no dues.

Lusk hopes to hear from anyone who has an opinion concerning involvement in the council of more people from a broader strata of Lincoln area residents.

--submitted by Norma Miller, substituting for
Rev. & Mildred Pfeiffer, LGMC Representatives
to C.A.C.

P.S.: It's always a pleasure sitting in on the Arts Council meetings.. They are people in professions taking time to better organize the arts functions...and our city and the people in it gain much in the way of entertainment and education from their efforts. nm

NOTE FROM ROGER PABIAN - He is working on an art form other than his usual lapidary and has need of several 'worn-out' diamond saw blades. If you can supply same please contact Roger in the very near future.

NOTE TO ROGER - The LGMC members will be watching for some examples of your project. pnp

CODE OF ETHICS

The American Federation -- and approved by Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club, Inc.

I will respect both private and public property and will do no collecting on privately owned land without the owners permission.

I will keep informed of all laws, regulations, or rules governing collecting on public lands and will observe them.

I will, to the best of my ability, ascertain the boundry lines of property on which I plan to collect.

I will use no firearms or blasting material in collecting areas.

I will cause no wilful damage to property of any kind -- fences, signs, buildings, etc.

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 wilful damage to collecting material and will take home only what I can reasonably use.

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 designated in authority in all collecting areas.

I will report to my club or Federation officers, Bureau of Land Management, or other proper authorities, any deposit of petrified wood or other material 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.

LET'S ALL FOLLOW THESE RULES...ON CLUB TRIPS AND WHEN WE ARE ALONE!

Each year it is good to review these notes and reaffirm our thoughts of keeping our hobby amongst the high rated activities in this world.

On March 1st Nebraska was 108 years old. To commemorate this occasion a story about a famous Nebraska rock follows:

COURT HOUSE ROCK

In the North Platte valley near the town of Bridgeport in Morrill County stands Court House Rock, rising three hundred and forty feet above the level of the valley, grand and massive in form. It is a landmark noted in all the West, which may be seen at a distance of fifty miles. Upon its summit is a small tableland. Upon three sides its walls are vertical, with no crevice or point where hand or foot may cling. There is one difficult path on the remaining side up which a man can climb with toil and danger to the summit.

Many years ago a small party of Skidi Pawnees camping near Court House Rock were surprised by the Sioux. They climbed the rock for safety while the Sioux camped at the foot where they waited for the Pawnees to starve or to come down and fight.

The Pawnees suffered terribly from lack of food and water. Their leader was overcome with grief, for he saw the death of all his brave men near at hand. At night he went away from the others and looking up to the stars from the top of the rock, he prayed to Tirawa for help. As he prayed a voice spoke to him and said, "Look for a place where you may get down from this rock and save both your men and yourself." All night he kept on praying and in the morning he looked along the edge of the rock for a crevice where one might get down. Near the edge of the cliff he found a point of rock rising above the steep wall below. With his sharp knife he cut a deep groove around the base of this point where it was no larger around than a man's body. Then he tied together all the pony lariats which the Pawnees had, let them down and found they were long enough to reach the ground below. He tied one end of the long lariat around the point of the rock, made a running loop in it for his foot and slowly let himself down pushing his back against the wall for support until he reached the bottom. Then with great strength and steadiness he climbed up by the same rope. The next night he called the Pawnees together and told them the way of escape. One by one, beginning with the youngest, the Pawnees let themselves down by the rope to the bottom of the wall. The last one to go down was the leader. Then they softly crept through the camp of the Sioux and by morning were miles away on their journey to the Pawnee villages upon the Loup.

No one knows how long the Sioux camped at the foot of the great high cliffs waiting for the Pawnees to starve or to surrender. But tradition says that if one will go to the top of Court House Rock and camp there all night he can hear the whisper of the Sioux sentinels far below him as they watch at the base of the cliff for their old enemies to come down.

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We are very grateful for permission to re-print this very interesting story. Nebraska has an interesting and proud history with which we should all be familiar. There are many places in Nebraska of historic importance. Knowing the stories about such places promotes a greater appreciation of these famous landmarks.



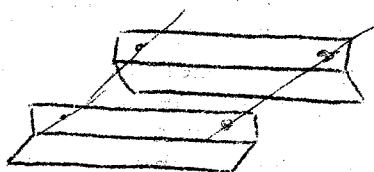
HANDY HINTS

To improve your tumble polishing, use small pieces of styrofoam plastic instead of those hard round little plastic beads. Your polishing agent will do a better and quicker job of it. Those hundreds of polish impregnated little plastic pieces will really put a shine on everything in the tumbler and will have disappeared from sight by the end of the cycle. --via Rock Ramblings

A slick sanding cloth can be renewed by holding a smooth chunk of obsidian against it for a very short time. --L. J. & Agatha Hines, Kyana Gemscoop

Undop Stove...Have you ever thought of using an undop stove? Here's how you can make one.

Start with an old electric iron, three pieces of sheet iron, and two stove bolts ($\frac{1}{2}$ "x2"). Bend two pieces of sheet iron into a shallow V, fasten through the handle of the electric iron so that when the electric iron is turned upside down the two pieces of sheet iron act as legs.



Bend a third piece of sheet iron to prop the dop sticks against while you are heating the electric iron. When the wax softens, cut the stone off the dop stick close to the stone, scrape the wax residue off the back of the stone, and clean stone with alcohol.

Felt Bases...When you have a large piece of polished rock, slab, or lapidary display, you can apply a felt base to these objects if you use carpet tape. It is sticky on both sides and can be attached to an area that is not too smooth, so that the felt base can be easily applied thereafter. The felt base will also have a tendency to smooth out an otherwise rough base for such items. --via Smoke Signals

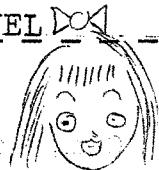
Tips for the Silverworker...A Stockton, Calif. club member uses stainless steel solder in silver work, as it is cheaper, easier to handle, and does a beautiful job....The use of a brass brush is a very efficient way to clean silver before soldering. It will also take out fine scratches. Use a circular brush and the center hold will fit the tapered spindle of the polishing motor....via ESCONI

A Pamphlet, Public Service Publication #1518, "Working with Silver Solder," may be obtained from the U. S. Dept. of Health, Education and Welfare, Washington, D. C. 20201. --via Cedar Valley Gems

If soft material sticks to your buff when polishing, try vinegar instead of water. --via Lapidary Journal

To start a fire in rain or snow, keep a tube of rubber cement handy. It is highly flammable and will light instantly, even in a downpour, and it can be carried easily.

--Eureka Rock and Gem, B.E.M.S. Tumbler via The Geode

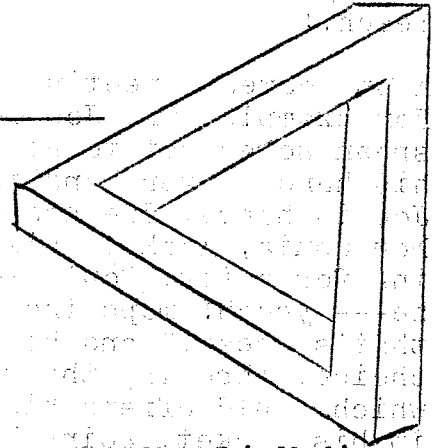


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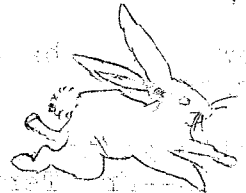


1. A dove and not day _____
2. Not off and Roman numeral ten _____
3. Edge of skirt and an a and not loose _____
4. To press _____
5. A fish and a snare _____
6. A vehicle and second number and not dark _____
7. Feline's orb and two pints _____
8. Hold a ship and not wrong _____
9. To be sorry and an insect _____
10. A color _____
11. Seventh letter and a poem _____
12. Coffee rock _____
13. A fowl and a rock _____
14. Five cents _____
15. First man and ite _____

WHAT IS IT?



Mesabi Media



via North East Iowa Rock Club News

What's the longest word in the Dictionary?

Surprisingly enough, it isn't "anti-disestablishmentarianism" as many people believe. Instead, a 45 letter jawbreaker connected with the mineral industry goes to the forefront on this one. The word is "pneumonoultramicroscopic silicovolcanoconiosis," an ailment caused by inhaling very fine silicate or quartz dust; occurring especially in miners.
--via THE TEMPLATE

A woman angrily jumped out of her car after a collision with another vehicle. "Why don't you Rockhounds ever watch where you're driving?" she shouted wildly. "You're the fourth car I've hit today!"

During a discussion of the Old West in a fifth grade class, some of the boys were relating what they knew on the subject. One youngster volunteered the information that Billy the Kid had killed about a dozen men before he reached the age of 20. One very shocked girl asked, "What kind of a car did he drive?"

Answer to the Puzzler

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| 1. Pigeonite | 6. Chlascitolite | 11. Geode |
| 2. Onyx | 7. Cat's Eye Quartz | 12. Mocha Stone |
| 3. Hematite | 8. Ankerite | 13. Peacock Stone |
| 4. Iron | 9. Ruby | 14. Nickel |
| 5. Garnet | 10. Coral | 15. Adamite |

SAFETY PAGE

YEECH! YEECH!

by Ted Marikos, The Geode, St. Louis, via SW Gem, San Antonio

Rock hunting folk are clean living, hard working people. They care for their families, feed them vitamins when they are well, medicine when they are sick, clothe them warmly when it's cold, fan them when it's hot and then-- Yeech!!



Along comes a meeting or show and all common sense goes by the wayside. For example, Mr. Joe Germfear is a very sensitive person. He wipes his spoon so as not to get germs. He has a strong compelling desire to wash his hands after handling a door knob or shaking hands with someone. Joe is happy; Joe has a pretty rock slab. Joe lets his dear friend, Mr. Nou Monia, look at his pretty rock slab--what happens? Like a frog going for a fly, Nou's tongue uncoils and with the skill of a paperhanger he---yeech! mops the pretty rock slab into a slobbery mess. "Hey, Joe, that's great," and he hands it back to poor old Joe. Now Joe has his choice, throwing the slab away, hiding in the corner and crying--all of which would offend his buddy Nou, or smiling weakly, stuffing said slab in his pocket, going home, throwing slab away and burning his pants or anything that touched the rock. Joe is no longer happy.

Now, I may have put that a little strongly--What's a little spit among friends?

Let's go to a show and look around a bit, maybe we'll see, Oops--there he is--Mr. Terry Trenchmouth licking a rock now. "Nah, that just isn't the right color." Down goes the rock, exit Terry stage left. Enter, stage right, Ms. Mono Nucleosis (my contribution to women's lib) a gleam comes to her eye, she gets breathless, she reaches for that same rock. Like the British flag at Waterloo, her tongue unfurls--now Mono has Terry's trenchmouth. Like Terry, Mono didn't like the color either so she leaves it with a sigh to none other than our friend Sam Snotnose. He can never understand why he always has such a bad cold after each show. Now Sam is luckier than Terry or Mono. He can get Terry's trenchmouth or Mono's nucleosis, or with a little luck he can get both--which he will probably take home to his family.

Now everyone is thinking "maybe I can get there before Terry." It won't work that way because most people store their rocks outside in gardens, around trees, and where you find trees and fire plugs, you find dogs.

In all seriousness, this is a very unhealthy habit. Aside from the possibility of getting someone else's illness, that lovely piece of jasper may have been rubbing shoulders, in a specimen box, with a mineral that is poisonous.

FIRE SAFETY...Most families have one or more fire extinguishers in their homes and garages. Many carry one in their car, too. All members of the family should know where the extinguisher is and how to use it. Many people purchase an extinguisher and neglect to have it checked at least once a year and recharged when needed. Campers should always carry extinguishers and have them readily available for use. Check to see how flammable the materials in your camper, sleeping bags or bedding are.
--from AFMS Newsletter by Max Holliday, MWF Safety Director

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Educational Seminar

The First Annual Michigan Geology and Gemcraft Society Educational Seminar will be held in Ann Arbor, Michigan, Saturday and Sunday, April 5 and 6, 1975. The advance ticket sales began February 1st. The admission charge is \$5.00 per person for both days for all seminars. If someone decides only to attend a selected lecture, the charge is \$1.00 per lecture.

The seminar is being hosted by the Washtenaw Community College. There are unlimited attendance facilities for all lectures and special demonstration areas. The seminar will cover many facets in the geology and lapidary fields such as silversmithing, faceting, photography, carving, spheres, fossils, geology, gemology, preparing and maintaining a mineral collection and seminars for bulletin editors and for leaders of junior activities.

Washtenaw Community College has given us permission to allow self-contained campers on the college property, but there will be no hook-up available. Within a 3 mile radius from the college, there are several nice motels: Holiday Inn East, Howard Johnson, Stage Stop Motel and the Marriott Inn, plus countless restaurants.

There is an area of interest for everyone at this seminar. A good attendance is expected. For further information contact Mr. Lary Bailey, V.P. MGAGS Seminar Chairman, 1340 Fairland Drive, South Lyon, Michigan 48178. Phone: 313-437-3463.

Announce judges for awards

Co-Chairpersons of the judges for the Midwest All American Clubs and the Midwest Merit Awards will be Bill and Jean Dahlberg of Minneapolis, Minnesota. Bill is a former treasurer of Midwest and Jean was Minnesota State Vice President. The Dahlbergs are active members of the Minnesota Mineral Club of Minneapolis and are well known to Midwest Federation members. Serving with them on the judging committee will be Mr. and Mrs. J. Webster Jones, also of Minneapolis, and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Maine of Robbinsdale. Mr. Jones is past president of Minnesota Mineral Club, and Mr. Maine, a school counselor, is prominent in the activities of the Central Minnesota Mineral Society.

Mrs. June Zeitner, Merit Awards Chairman, in announcing these judges, asks that all clubs help make the judges work difficult, by sending in their entry for this annual competition. It is hoped that Midwest can surpass its excellent record of last year. Entries must be postmarked by March 31st and should be mailed to Mrs. Zeitner either at Mission, S.D. 57555 or her winter address, 2205 South 281, Edinburg, Texas 78539.

Clubs active on state stones

Clubs in Maryland, Georgia, Massachusetts and Washington are busy trying to get official State Gems and or Minerals named in time for the Bicentennial. Best of luck to them! If other states are working on such projects, please contact June Zeitner. Arizona now has an official gem. It is turquoise, an appropriate choice. Most of the states (33 or more) now have State Stones. The first hints on how to get State Stones were printed in AFMS Newsletter 11 years ago.

A few states which have passed State Gems or Minerals have apparently forgotten about it. In a recent survey, one state which previously reported that they had a state stone, wrote that they did not. Another state said for \$1.75 they would find out if they did or not. And, a third had the State Geological Survey send a list of state symbols such as bird, flower and tree...everything but their well-known gem, which according to the clubs was adopted several years ago. If officials and bureaus of your state have forgotten, remind them and also your fellow citizens.

Some states have gone far in recognizing their state stone. Ohio has an educational museum at Flint Ridge showing the historical significance of Ohio flint. Illinois sends samples of its fluorite to those inquiring about the State Mineral. Specimens of the State Stone are seen in several state museums and statehouses and Governor's mansions. What has your state done?

New MWF Appointments

Safety and Field Trip Chairman -
Mr. Marion Gingery
G-4481 Mollwood Drive
Flint, Michigan 48506

Credentials Chairman -
Mrs. Esther Mullaly
30018 Dawson Street
Garden City, Michigan 48135



Johnny Horizon says
**THIS IS YOUR LAND
KEEP IT CLEAN**

Scholarship award

Dr. Clayton H. Johnson of the University of Missouri at Columbia is the recipient of the AFMS Scholarship Foundation Honor Award for the Midwest Federation. Dr. Johnson is Associate Professor of Geology and has been active in the outreach of his department to earth science teachers, students and collectors.

Besides his work directing graduate work toward M.A. and Ph. D. degrees in the study of igneous and metamorphic rocks, he has spoken to lapidary clubs and high school science classes, identified specimens and answered questions from students, teachers and collectors, and headed the Science Teachers of Missouri. He led field trips for the National Science Teachers of America.

Dr. Johnson's Honor Award entitles him to select an institution and a graduate student to receive the scholarship of \$750 a year and good for two years of graduate study which is the Midwest Federation's share of the Scholarship Foundation's similar annual grants to each of the regional federations. These scholarships are paid for with income from the contributions in money and Betty Crocker coupons made by the member clubs of the federations.

THE PUBLIC IMAGE AND COURTESY COMMITTEE

The Lake County (Illinois) Gem and Mineral Society has had many pleasant associations with the county and local officials whom they have asked to participate in their annual shows. A couple of months prior to the spring show, the County Board under the hand of the chairman proclaimed "Lake County Gem and Mineral Week" culminating at show time. The County Superintendent of Educational Service Region has cooperated by notifying elementary schools that the show is open without charge to chaperoned groups provided reservations are made. This invitation has also been extended to any other organization of young people or adults. These guided tours have been scheduled at about ten minute intervals. The officials, perhaps five, cut the ribbon opening the four day show and often stayed on to see the exhibits with emphasis on "Education in the Fascinating World of Earth Science." (The first two days have been especially designated for school children.)

Let us know what your club is doing to let those not in our inner circle realize the constructive factors that make up "rock-hounding our way" or whatever. We'll report on them. Please send the information to Mrs. Allan (Ruth) Mogg, R. #1, Box 231, Grayslake, Illinois 60030 (Chairperson)

new program

Good news! Along with the ESCON I Micromounts and Ishpeming Field Trip, we have the American Mineral Heritage Stamp Program, thanks to American Federation and Norman Steel. But, we still need new programs to replace those that are wearing out. Come on, Clubs! Help your Federation help you.

Please do not order programs for July and August as we have clean-up and repair work to do.

E. Donald Stinnet, Program Chairman

1975 MWF DIRECTORY

The price of the 1975 MWF Directory is \$1.50 postage paid. You may recall that the pre-publication price was \$1.00 each for all orders received prior to February 1st. I have just been notified by Terry to advise our members that the price is as given above.

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The Tulip City Gem and Mineral Club of Holland, Michigan holds Silent Auctions at many of their general meetings throughout the year. At the last board meeting, it was passed in the form of a motion to give the proceeds from the Silent Auction to the American Federation Scholarship Fund.

The Charles City Rock Club became 500% by donating the money from the sales of their own cook book to the Scholarship Fund! The cook book is excellent! (They are all sold out!)

GEOLOGY TOUR

Midwest Federation Geology Chairman, Wayne Henderson, and his assistants, are planning an exciting new service for Midwest Federation members. It is a Geology Tour of the Lake Superior-Keweenaw areas. This will be a two week camping trip and is scheduled for late July and early August. The group will be limited to the first fifty Midwest members who apply after announcements have reached all members. President Terry Huizing says he is sure this novel service to members will meet with enthusiastic approval.

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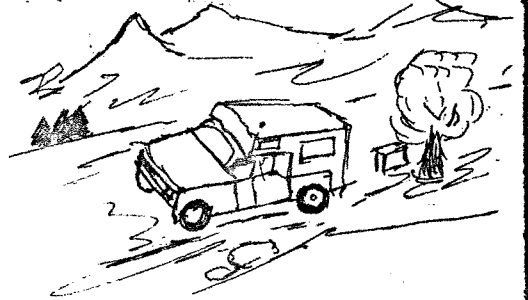


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