

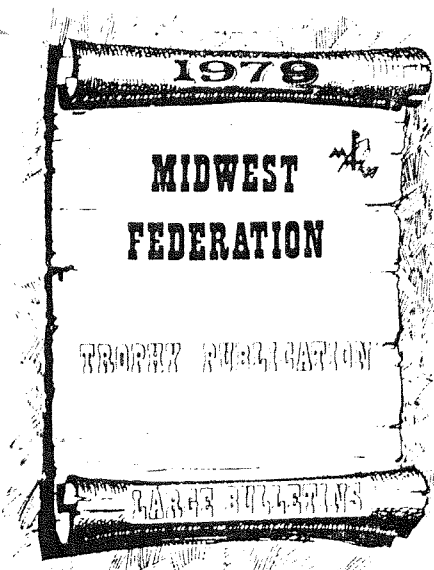


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Neihardt Day

By Florence Boring



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1981 Show	TBA		

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1 year remaining Nelda Oliver, John Harrison; 2 years remaining, Jim Parks,
Phyllis Parks; 3 years remaining, Howard Taylor, Marie Taylor

1980 National Show Planning Committee - Selected, 1977 General Meeting -
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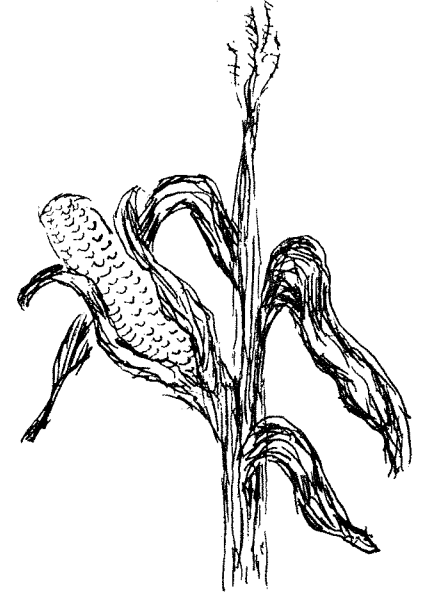
CHANGE OF MEETING PLACE AND DATE

General meeting...Saturday, September 20, 1980

NEBRASKA CENTER for
CONTINUING EDUCATION

33rd and Holdrege

Program... 1980 National Gem and Mineral Show



October Board Meeting...Home of Glen and Flossie
Litzenberg, 1435 North 24th,
Thursday, October 2nd, 7:30 P.M.

1980 Dates to Remember

Sept. 13-14	Kearney, Ne.	Fort Kearney Rock Club, Show
Sept. 27-28	Ogallala, Ne.	State Show
Oct. 4-5	South Sioux City, Ne.	Show, Marina Inn, 4th and B Sts.
Oct. 18-19	Grand Island, Ne.	G.I.E.S. Club, Show

NOTICE

1981 Editor for Pick & Shovel wanted. After editing the Pick & Shovel for 8 years, I have decided that I have served the Club in that capacity long enough. If anyone would like to edit the bulletin, please notify our president, Roger Pabian. I will continue until the end of the year, but the new editor should be prepared to take over the last week in December so that there will be no delay in getting out the January issue. I have enjoyed editing the bulletin, and I am sure whoever takes my place will also enjoy it.

Evelyn

Last month...The last general meeting of L.G.M.C. was held in May. After the business meeting the program was devoted to a discussion of the 1980 National Show. The Show proved to be very successful with visitors from all corners of the U.S.-even Alaska, Canada and England. Reports appearing in exchange bulletins praise it highly with such comments as: "Best National Show we've ever attended", "superb exhibits", "exhibits we've never seen at any Show before". They enjoyed the Bob Devaney Sports Center and the hospitality shown them.

Our poet editor, George "Chic" Cihacek, editor of the Columbus bulletin, The Loup Scoop expresses his appreciation in the following manner:

TRIBUTE TO THE LINCOLN GEM & MINERAL CLUB
(with apologies to Bob Hope)

Thanks for the memories....
Of rocks and gems galore
Brought in from shore to shore,
So beautiful and gorgeous
You wished that there were more,
We thank you so much.

Thanks for the memories....
Of friendships that we made
While admiring the jade
And other stones and crystals
Whose beauties never fade,
We thank you so much.

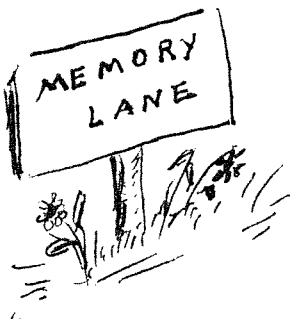
Shows like this do not come often,
In some ways that may be good.
The efforts expended would soften
Even those who are
Made of wood.

So thanks for the memories....
We'll cherish every hour
We spent upon the floor
Admiring this show of shows,
Now who could ask for more?
WE THANK YOU SO MUCH!

September 1970...Show was held at Pershing Auditorium Sept. 26 and 27. Show reports were made and the show was a great success.

Sept 1960...Labor Day weekend--Field trip to Fort Robinson. Regular meeting at Morrill Hall. 32 members present. Sept 24 and 25 2nd annual Gem Show. Held in Pershing Auditorium.

From the History Files of Irl and Lois Everett



President's Message

The 1980 National Show is now history, but a great piece of history of which the participants can be very proud. Much credit goes to the show committee, the exhibitors, and workers from our club as well as other participating clubs, for a job well done.

We are changing meeting places at least for the rest of the year, and, hopefully, permanently. There are several things that should be brought to the attention of the membership concerning the new site. First of all, the new site is the Nebraska Center for Continuing Education (NCCE), at 33rd and Holdrege Street. Metered parking is available immediately adjacent to the building. There is ample free parking in the north parking lot.

The meeting room will not necessarily be the same room every time. This may vary from month to month, but will always be announced on the bulletin board in the main lobby.

The public dining room (The Lincoln Room) is opened from 5:15 to 7:30 on Saturday evenings. On meeting nights, I will plan to have my supper at the Lincoln Room, and will look forward to having informal get-togethers with all interested members and guests. The Lincoln Room boasts very good food at reasonable prices.

Smoking is allowed in designated areas of the NCCE, but as per a 1971 club resolution, the smoking light will be out prior to and during the meeting in the assigned meeting room. Those parties wishing to smoke during -his time may go to one of the designated areas.

We must purchase our refreshments from the food service in the building. Coffee and cookies will be delivered to the meeting, and a pop machine is located in the lobby of the building.

The rooms are large and have padded chairs with arms. The rooms contain a podium as well as built in blackboards and screens and are very conducive to holding educational meetings.

The members are reminded that the club mail box is for the use of the board of directors and the appropriate committees for ease in transacting club business. Please do not have mail other than club mail sent to this address.

Because of the unusually hot summer, I felt it best to hold off on any field trips, either club or solo. With the encroaching cool weather, we will have a couple of trips this fall. Members will be notified by the calling committee.

Members are urged to bring along gems, minerals, fossils, and other rock paraphenalia, and especially guests to the September meeting

Roger K. Pabian
President

From the editor's desk... Time flies! The long awaited 1980 National Show has come and gone. Only pleasant memories remain. Our Show Chairman, Howard Taylor and his committees deserve a lot of credit for giving us such an outstanding Show.

There were 173 in attendance at the Editors' Breakfast, and around 300 registered visitors at the Editors' Booth. We are very grateful to the following Club members who helped in the Editors' Booth: Marita Bigley, Phyllis Parks and Linda, Ollie Wittmann, and J.D. Young; to the Nebraska editors: George Cihacek, editor of The Loup Scoop, Columbus, LaVerne Lange, editor of The Gem Scoop, Fort Kearney, Maida McGrew, editor of Rock Express, Hebron, Gladys Mohler, editor of The Rear Trunk, Omaha; to out-of-state editors: P.J. Green editor of The Pipe Line, Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas and Rita Hagerbaumer, editor of Gem City Rock News, Quincy, Illinois.

There are many advantages in hosting a Federation Show, but one of the greatest and most enjoyable is meeting the fine people who attend them.

September is a stallion
with a flowing, tawny mane
who has never known a bridle,
nor a rider, nor a rein:
a **steed** of bronze and amber
whose bright hoofs strike the ground
with a sharp staccato rythm
and an icy, ringing sound.
September is a mustang
from wild, untrammeled skies
who gallops down the earthways
with wind-enchanted eyes.

Virginia Moran Evans via Reader's Digest

MINUTES - LINCOLN GEM & MINERAL CLUB, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS, APRIL 3, 1980

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by President Roger Pabian at the Litzenberg home on April 3, 1980, at 8:00 P.M. Five Board members were present; Glen & Flossie Litzenberg. Larry Bigley, Marita Bigley, Ed Johnson, & Farel Hyland were absent.

The minutes of the March meeting were read. After a minor correction in wording; (Treasurer's "30") should read (Certificate) motion was made by Virginia Green, seconded by Frank Rule, they be approved as read. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's report was as follows: Cash on hand, \$ 20.00; Transmatic Account, \$ 462.76; MBC Checking, \$ 118.48; First Federal Certificate, \$ 4,095.72.

Income from March 6 was \$ 34.92; which included \$ 10.92 for AFMS Scholarship Fund from March meeting. Motion was made by Virginia Green to accept the report, seconded by Vera Lyman. Motion carried.

The following bills were presented: Howard Taylor, \$ 3.31 for registered air mail letter; Glen Litzenberg, \$ 15.23 postage for March Pick & Shovel; University of Nebr., \$ 34.70 Pick & Shovel Printing; \$ 147.00 Taiwan, Silver Anniversary Patches. Motion was made by Virginia Green, seconded by Vera Lyman, the bills be paid. Motion carried.

The following have requested reinstatements:

Patricia F. Bury

Dr. Harold F. & Helen Kreiger

Motion was made by Frank Rule, they be reinstated, seconded by Virginia Green. Motion carried.

Roger announced that a Field Trip and Workshop are possibly scheduled for the month of May.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The next Board Meeting will be held May 1, 1980, at 8:00 P.M. at the home of Roger Pabian, 315 'D' Street.

Respectfully submitted,

Vera Lyman

Vera Lyman, Secretary

MINUTES - LINCOLN GEM & MINERAL CLUB, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS, MAY 1, 1980

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by President Roger Pabian at his home on May 1, 1980, at 8:00 P.M. The only Board members present were Phyllis Parks, Virginia Green and Vera Lyman.

Due to lack of a Quorum, no business could be conducted.

The bills for \$ 37.63 University of Nebraska (Pick & Shovel printing) and Postage for mailing (Flossie Litzenberg) will be paid since they were approved previously by the Board when a budget was set up.

Being unable to conduct any further business, the Board members present were excused by the President.

Respectfully submitted,

Vera Lyman

Vera Lyman, Secretary

NEIHARDT DAY CELEBRATED AT BANCROFT

Fans of Dr. John G. Neihardt, poet laureate of Nebraska and honorary life member of the Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club until his death in 1973, gathered once again at the Neihardt Center in Bancroft August third to observe the annual State Neihardt Day. This was the fifteenth year of the celebration and, as always, the register of guests included many from other states as well as from Nebraska.

The magic of the timeless man with the broad shoulders, the man of soft white hair, and the spellbinding manner of speech is still sorely missed; but films and tapes and the carefully selected memorabilia in the circular "hoop of the world" room with its rainbow entrance strongly recall the presence. The beautifully kept grounds, the restored study, and the flourishing Sioux Prayer Garden give the feeling that the honoree of the day could appear at almost any moment, smiling and waving and reaching to clasp outstretched hands.

The timely theme of Neihardt Day for 1980 was "Neihardt and the Contemporary Indian." Vine Deloria, Jr., professor of political science at the University of Arizona, was the interesting and capable speaker. Mr. Deloria was born on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in 1933. His accomplishments as author, lawyer, theologian, administrator, consultant, teacher and linguist have largely centered on Indian affairs. Among the nine books he has authored are the special-award-winning Custer Died for Your Sins and We Talk, You Listen.

It was Vine Deloria who wrote the introduction to the new University of Nebraska Press hardback edition of Dr. Neihardt's Black Elk Speaks. In his introduction Deloria stated: "Neihardt's Black Elk Speaks and When the Tree Flowered, and The Sacred Pipe by Joseph Epes Brown, the basic works of the Black Elk theological tradition, now bid fair to become the canon or at least the central core of a North American Indian theological canon which will someday challenge the Eastern and Western traditions as a way of looking at the world."

This was really the theme of Deloria's speech--the acceptance by the Indians of Dr. Neihardt's works as being authentic presentations of the Sioux Indian culture and theology. Dr. Neihardt, for whom A Cycle of the West was his outstanding work, would have been happy to hear Deloria say that he uses these books as texts in his teaching, but against the background of the Cycle, because that gives their setting in time and place. He would also have agreed with Deloria's admonition that we should not be asking Indians "What do you want?" but rather, "What do you want to be?"

The theme of next year's Neihardt Day will be "The Rendezvous"--a particularly significant theme in the hundredth anniversary of Neihardt's birth. A number of other activities which will be open to public participation are being planned for 1981 also. Among these will be a birthday dinner on January 8th, probably in the rotunda of the Nebraska State Capitol, a literary roundtable at Bancroft in May, and probably a week-long college credit course at

NEIHARDT DAY CELEBRATED AT BANCROFT continued

Wayne State College during the summer. The Neihardt Day celebration at Bancroft August 2, 1981, the first Sunday in August, will be outstanding; so we hope each of you will mark your calendar to reserve that date now.

Florence Boring

MOUNTAIN MEN'S RENDEZVOUS

In the mid-1820's the annual rendezvous was important to the Mountain Men trappers. Dr. Neihardt researched much western geography and history in producing his great American epic, A Cycle of the West, now published by University of Nebraska Press in two volumes, The Mountain Men and The Twilight of the Sioux. This monumental work occupied the poet's time for more than twenty-eight years before completion. Originally published as five poetic narratives titled "songs" the writings dealt with events and people from the early 1820's to the Wounded Knee Massacre in 1890. Much of the locale involved was in areas now beloved by gem and mineral buffs.

Many of the early adventurer-explorers were French, so they called their annual meeting place the Rendezvous, and what a real event it was! Finding the uncharted wilderness spot each year was an amazing feat, and hard to understand.

Neihardt devotees nationwide are planning to honor the poet by an effort to have a commemorative postage stamp either in 1981, a century after his birth, or in 1983, ten years after his death. Below are quotes from his The Song of Three Friends, American Poetry Award, "Best Volume of Verse in 1919".

Who now reads clear the roster of that band?
Alas, time scribbles with a careless hand
And often pinchbeck doings from that pen
Bite deep, where deeds and dooms of mighty men
Are blotted out beneath a sordid scrawl!

The trappers and the singing VOYAGEURS
Are comrades now with Jason and his crew,
Foregathered in that timeless rendezvous
Where come at last all seekers of the Fleece.

J.D. Young

Neihardt Center-Bancroft, Ne. To arrange tours call: (402) 648-3388

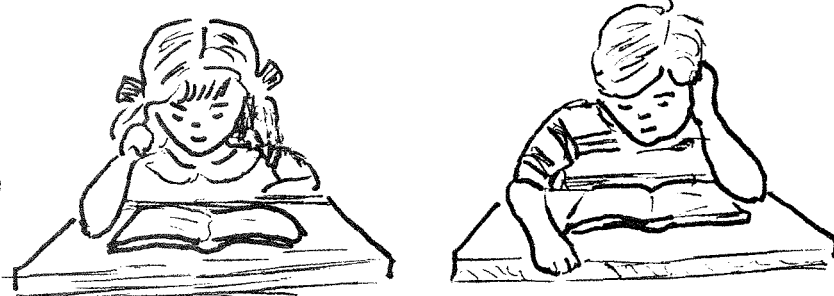
Sunday: 1-5 P.M.

Monday-Saturday 8 A.M.-5 P.M.

JUNIOR PAGE

BACK TO SCHOOL

When the summer smells like apples
 And shadows feel cool
 And falling leaves make dapples
 Of color on the pool
 And wind is in the maples
 And sweaters are the rule
 And hazy days spell lazy ways,
 It's hard to go to school.



SCHOOL
 DAYS

But I go!

Aileen Fisher

HOW ABOUT AN AGATE HUNT?

Louellen Montgomery, in the Glacial Drifter, has concocted the puzzle below which contains names of different kinds of agates. They may be found vertically, horizontally, diagonally, forward or backward.

S D E N D R I T I C N N O T R
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Banded
 Botswana
 Brazilian
 Crazylace
 Dendritic
 Dryhead
 Fairburn
 Fire
 Fortification
 Iris
 Laguna
 Lake Superior
 Mexican
 Montana
 Moss
 Plume
 Snakeskin
 Sweetwater
 Teepee Canyon
 Turritella

via Pick and Chisel

POTPOURRI

Helpful Tip : from Flint Rock, Gem Newsletter, Nishna Valley Grindstone and
The Loup Scoop via Deming Rock Chips

To make a night light from thin agate buy a lantern type night light. Snap the translucent shade out of the frame. Using it as a pattern, cut your thin agate slabs and simply glue them in the frame. Even without polishing, the beauty of the agate is shown. Polishing of course, would make them even better. They are easy to make, inexpensive, and I have found that they are much appreciated as a gift.

THE
CONCRETIONARY
COLUMN

By June Zeitner

The U.S. Board on Geographic names is working on changing the names of famous locations in the United States. For example they will decide whether Mount McKinley should be called "Mount Denali." As if it weren't already bad enough, having to translate "mileposts", "Four Mile Road", and "55 miles per hour" into Kilometers!

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Laugh of the month is from the Geologic Column of Geotimes. It seems a Real Estate company in Los Angeles is trying to sell a house with a genuine "Crisco Cola" fireplace.

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The recent Honshu Japan eruption was the first there in recorded history. Other recent volcanic activity has been in the West Indies, Costa Rica, Chile, and New Guinea.

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For the first time scientists are able to establish the age of a "blue hole", an underwater cavern of great depth. Stalactites from such a cavern from near Andros Island in the Bahamas, were dated by radiology and found to be 150,000 years old, give or take 10,000 either way. Scientists believe that this is evidence that the sea level may have plunged as much as 500 feet during the glacial period of up to 200,000 years ago. Thanks to "Rock Chips" for catching this AP report.

DON'T SCARE THEM AWAY

By June Zeitner

I have an opportunity to talk to many newcomers in the hobby. I invariably urge them to join a club affiliated with the American Federation. But several times lately I get an answer which disturbs me a lot. "I am just a green novice. The people who go to the club near me are old time hobbyists and make me feel like I am ignorant, and that it is all too overwhelming and complicated for me to ever learn. I went to a meeting and they said "hello", glad to see you, and then proceeded to talk for two hours about things which were way over my head."

I know that not all clubs are guilty, but if even a few are, maybe this is a reason that the number of clubs, and the membership of many clubs is dropping off. Perhaps we are not trying hard enough to have something of interest to new hobbyists at every meeting. Maybe there should be more special programs for beginners, more things planned to show them how easy things are, and not how difficult. Maybe they should get more encouragement in displaying anything they collect or do, regardless of how unsophisticated. Criticism of a beginner's work, or ignoring his efforts, is the surest way to chase him to another hobby.

Via The Geode

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MIDWEST TROPHY WINNERS IN COMPETITIVE DISPLAYS

Compiled by Harriet George
Midwest Federation Uniform Rules Chairman

Here is the list of Midwest Federation winners in the AFMS competitive displays at the National show and convention, Lincoln, Nebraska, June 12-15.

TROPHY II - Miniature Minerals: Paul and Janet Clifford, Mineralogical Society of Cleveland.

TROPHY V - Minerals, Junior: Chris Tadych, Roehm Geology Club.

TROPHY VII - Cabochons: Donald M. Bates, Cedar Valley Rocks and Mineral Society.

TROPHY VIII: Specialized Lapidary

TROPHY IX - Faceted Stones: David B. Miller, Flint Rock and Gem Club.

TROPHY XVI - Junior Society: Roehm Geology Club, Berea, Ohio.

TROPHY XVII - Educational, Junior: Judi Demkowicz, Roehm Geology Club.

TROPHY XXIII - Open Division: Mary Lou Poradyla, Chicago Lapidary Club.

TROPHY XXVIII - Personally Collected Fossils, Junior: Eddie Kammerer, Roehm Geology Club.

ALL AMERICAN-MERIT AWARDS

By June Zeitner

The Midwest Federation presented five AFMS All American trophies and three Midwest Merit Awards to outstanding clubs for their achievements in 1979. In addition six Midwest clubs have Honorable Mention Certificates from AFMS. 44 Midwest clubs participated in the programs this year. A thorough and careful job of judging was done by the committee headed by Fred Bermke, State Director for Wisconsin. Other judges were Dr. Katherine Nelson, Harry Pease, Margaret Pearson and Fred Wilder.

The Federation is grateful for their work which was made difficult by the excellence of the entries. Certificates will be mailed to clubs which entered the program. Watch the Newsletters this fall for information about the 1980 entry forms.

Special awards were made to South Dakota for highest percentage of entries, and to the Columbus, Ohio clubs for hosting the outstanding show of 1979.

Following are the AFMS All American winners for Midwest, the Merit Awards Winners, and the list of AFMS Honorable Mentions for the Midwest Federation. We extend congratulations and thanks to all these fine clubs.

AFMS ALL AMERICAN TROPHY WINNERS - MIDWEST

WISCONSIN GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY - Wisconsin

This club has updated it's Constitution and bylaws to make them current. It contributes to it's members in many ways - good general geology programs presented by University, Museum and club members. Active in field trips, local, state, out of state and Canada. Have study groups in Mineralogy and Lapidary. Put on a gem show and had extensive publicity thru a nature center in a county park. Active AFMS Scholarship contribution and in geology presentations to schools. Also active in other Midwest Federation activities. Was instrumental co-operatively persuading officials of the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act to keep talented persons on the Public Museum Staff. Also contacted congressmen relative to amending the MRSA

AFMS-MIDWEST SHOW ONE YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE MISSED

By Haydon Peterson

The 1980 combined American Federation - Midwest Federation convention and show in Lincoln, Nebraska last June 12-15 is history but if you did not attend you missed a truly fine show. Hosted by the Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club it was held in the completely air conditioned Bob Devaney Sports Center on the Nebraska State Fairground with meetings and other events held at the headquarters hotel, Nebraska Center for Continuing Education.

An impressive list of dealers, competitive and non-competitive displays, programs conducted by outstanding authorities in their fields, and the spaciousness of the Bob Devaney Sports Center combined to make this an outstanding show.

Those who came with their RV's found an excellent camping area adjacent to the show location. And those who reserved motel and hotel space found it convenient to the show.

The Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club and its President Roger K. Pabian and its show chairman, Howard Taylor are complimented by the Midwest Federation for presenting this fine show.

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Complete information and minutes of the AFMS meeting and other information on the show will be found in future issues of this Newsletter. Various winners of trophies and awards are printed elsewhere in this issue.

regulations pertaining to collectors of minerals and fossils.

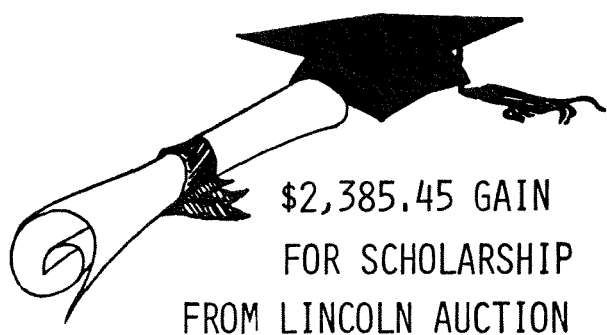
DES PLAINES VALLEY GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

It contributes extensively to it's members with excellent programs and study groups in minerals and fossils. Their bulletin, "Crystal Cluster", shows excellent original articles contributed by the members, not much use of articles taken from other bulletins. This club has made an extensive contribution outside of its immediate area. Des Plaines Valley Geological Society has made an outstanding contribution to Dr. Eugene S. Richardson of the Field Museum of Natural History to aid him in the publication of a new book he has written. Another outstanding contribution is the writing and special publication of an informative brochure titled "Illinois Strata" by club President Andrew A. Hay.

GRAND ISLAND EARTH SCIENCE SOCIETY - Nebraska

Here is a well rounded club. This club evidences an interest in what the Midwest Federation and the American Federation has to offer its members. However, the most outstanding attribute is the contribution to the immediate area and beyond. The junior activity is good and the involvement with students is commendable. This club contributed \$150 to a college student to help him complete his summer field trip. A very well young people oriented group. The Grand Island Club participate extensively in demonstration activities to help educate as well as keep their community informed of the advantages of being a part of the rock hobby. Very active in working with other clubs and hosted a state show.

Awards.... continued on page 3



The Scholarship Foundation auction held during the National AFMS-Midwest show in Lincoln, Nebraska last June 12-15 netted a gain of \$2,385.45 for the Scholarship Fund.

A total of 76 clubs participated in the auction by submitting material to be auctioned. 53 were Midwest clubs, 2 Eastern clubs, 7 Rocky Mountain clubs, 9 Northwest clubs, 1 South Central club, 3 California clubs and 1 Southeastern club.

Norman and Alice Brown of Cedar Rapids, Iowa were in charge of the auction. They, and their committee, are extended a sincere thanks for making the auction such a success.

Individual amounts credited to each Regional Federation were: California, \$12.50; Eastern, \$33.75; Midwest, \$1,569.15; Northwest, 602.00; Rocky Mountain, \$159.05; South Central, \$8.00; Southeastern, \$1.00.

Here is the list of Midwest clubs that furnished material for the auction together with the amount it brought.

ILLINOIS: Park Forest Earth Science Club, \$12.50; Des Plaines Geological Society, \$8.25; Worthen Earth Searchers of Hancock County, \$10.50; Gem City Rock Club, \$106.50; Earth Science Club of Northern Illinois, \$21.25; Lake County Gem and Mineral, \$25.00; Peoria Academy of Earth Science, \$9.35.

INDIANA: Peru Rock and Mineral Club, \$30.60; Duneland Rock Club, \$35.55; White River Gem Society, \$30.70; Michiana Rock & Gem Club, \$3.25; Eastern Indiana Gem and Geological, \$11.25; 3 Rivers Gem & Min., \$8.50.

IOWA: Cedar Valley Rock and Mineral Club, \$185.30; Hawkeye Gem and Mineral, \$8.50; Old Capital Geological, \$35.75; Madison County Rockhounds, \$7.25; Dallas County Rock Club, \$5.00; Mid-Iowa Rock Club,

\$12.35; Tri-State Gem and Mineral, \$3.25; River Valley Rockhounds, \$15.50; Geode Rock and Mineral Society, \$15.00.

KANSAS: Shawnee Mission Gem and Mineral, \$6.00.

MICHIGAN: Huron Valley, \$15.00; Tulip City Gem and Mineral, \$5.25; Michigan Gem and Mineral, \$6.00; Central Michigan Lapidary and Mineral, \$4.50.

MINNESOTA: Richfield Mineral Club, \$41.50, Austin Gem and Mineral Society, \$5.25; Anoka County Gem and Mineral, \$10.75; Minnesota Valley Gem and Mineral, \$1.00; Minnesota Rock and Gem, \$9.00.

MISSOURI: Central Missouri Mineral and Lapidary, \$21.75; McDonnell-Douglas Gem and Mineral, \$30.10; Pike County Mo. Gem and Mineral, \$12.55; Independence Gem and Mineral, \$12.75.

NEBRASKA: Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club, \$208.60; Loup Valley Gem and Mineral, \$18.25; Grand Island Earth Science, \$6.00.

NORTH DAKOTA: Lake Agassiz Rock Club, \$92.10.

OHIO: Miami Valley Mineral and Gem, \$98.10; Toledo Gem and Rockhound, \$28.50; Fairview Park Lapidary, \$15.25; Good Earth Mineral, \$3.00; Richland Lithic and Lapidary Society, \$28.00.

SOUTH DAKOTA: Coteau Des Plaines Gem and Mineral Society, \$5.50.

WINNING EDITOR KILLED IN PLANE CRASH

Gladys Payne, Willmar, Minnesota award winning editor of the bulletin of the Little Crow Lapidary and Mineral Society, was killed in the crash of an Air Wisconsin plane enroute to Lincoln, Nebraska.

Gladys was on her way to the National show to attend the Editor's Breakfast and delegate meeting. She was an assistant State Director for Minnesota for many years, and was also Liaison officer of her club.

CALUMET GEM AND MINERAL SOCIETY - Indiana

Attributes of a well balanced club are those of the Calumet Gem and Mineral Society of Highland, Indiana. It appears this club has many members in one or two adjacent clubs. Experience from this type of association seems to have been concentrated in the Calumet Gem and Mineral Society activities. There is a wide spectrum of contribution to the members, including study groups. Club members are recognized, in an innovative way, for good effort put forth in behalf of the organization. Different than most clubs, Club members make special effort to bring the hobby to senior citizens. Participation in and outside of immediate area is extensive and commendable.

DALLAS COUNTY ROCK CLUB (of Adel, Iowa) - Iowa

What a rock club can do, which is not large in numbers and covers a large area, is evidenced by the activities of the Dallas County Rock Club in Iowa. Although this club, because it covers a wide membership area, cannot offer its members the same benefits as a club drawing its membership from a more densely populated consolidated area, makes up for this deficiency in greater activity outside of the immediate area. Here is evidence of a club consisting of older people who work with school children, with greater than average effort, throughout their area and beyond.

MIDWEST FEDERATION MERIT AWARD WINNERS

DES PLAINES GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY - Illinois - *See synopsis in AFMS Winners above.*

DALLAS COUNTY ROCK CLUB (of Adel, Iowa) - Iowa - *See synopsis in AFMS Winners above.*

ST. CROIX ROCKHOUNDS - Stillwater, Minnesota

A small young club with a many faceted activity program. They show evidence of an intense interest in many areas. Their major thrust is education of Earth Science students in schools, not only locally, but also in surrounding communities. Likewise they show their interest and accomplishments in the hobby to senior citizens. Their bulletin shows that they are extremely concerned about use of public lands, more so than many other clubs. Club members extend themselves more than average when they take students out on field trips, these are field trips for school classes. This club surely is field trip oriented - who else would make it a regular recurring planned activity to have a field trip in Minnesota n New YEARS Day! They are to be complimented for their diligence.

MIDWEST CLUBS RECEIVING AFMS HONORABLE MENTION

Evansville Lapidary Society, Evansville, IN; Independence Gem and Mineral Society, Independence, MO; Ishpeming Rock and Mineral Club, Ishpeming, MI; Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club, Lincoln, NE; McDonnell Douglas Gem and Mineral Society, St. Louis, MO; St. Croix Rockhounds, Stillwater, MN.

MIDWEST BULLETIN AWARD WINNERS

Here is the list of Bulletin Awards as announced at the American-Midwest Show and Convention, Editor's Breakfast, Saturday, June 14.

LARGE BULLETINS - Judges Award: "The Tulley", Betty Meyers, Editor, Park Forest Earth Science Club, Park Forest, IL; 1st: "Crystal Cluster", Jean Mueller, Editor, Des Plaines Valley Geological Soc., Chicago, IL; 2nd: "Gem City Rock News", Rita C. Hagerbaumer, Editor, Gem City Rock Club, Quincy, IL; 3rd: "Pebble Pusher", John Boland, Editor, Coulee Rock Club, LaCrosse, WI; 4th: "The Geode", James P. Silva, Editor, McDonald Douglas Gem &

Mineral Soc., St. Louis, MO; 5th: "The Glacial Drifter", Robert & Ruth Beauvias, Editors, Grand Rapids Mineral Soc., Grand Rapids, MI; 6th: "Pick & Shovel", Evelyn Ulrich, Editor, Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club, Lincoln, NE; 7th: "The Beachcomber", Jan Huff, Editor, Lake County Gem & Mineral Soc., Zion, IL; 8th: "Chip and Lick", Martha Miller, Ed., Miami Valley Mineral & Gem Club, Fairborn, O; 9th: "The Trilobite", Margaret M. Pearson, Ed., Wisconsin Geological Soc., Milwaukee, WI; 10th: "Serendipity Gems", Luella Bond, Ed., Evansville Lapidary Soc., Boonville, IN.

SMALL BULLETINS - Judges Award: "Rock Express", Maida McGrew, Ed., Fort Butler Rock & Gem Club, Greta, NE; 1st: "Korn Krib News", Mrs. Ralph Helle, Ed., Corn Palace Rock Club Mitchell, SD; 2nd: "Sandscript", Mrs. Marilyn McFadden, Ed., Duneland Rock Club, Griffith, IN; 3rd: "Rockfinder", Frederick C. Niebauer, Ed., Michiana Rock & Gem Club, South Bend, IN; 4th: "Gemrock", Betty S. White, Ed., Independence Gem & Mineral Soc., Independence, MO; 5th: "The Template", Jacque Nawojski, Ed., Chicago Lapidary Club, Richton Park, IL.

MINI-BULLETINS - 1st: "The Conglomerate", Walter S. Johnston, Ed., Blue Grass Rock Club, Lexington, KY; 2nd: "Little Crower", Mrs. Gladys Payne, Ed., Little Crow Lapidary & Mineral Soc., Willmar, MN.

SPECIAL PUBLICATIONS - 1st, "Gem & Mineral and Fossil Show and Annual Honorary Award Guide", by Glenn Grant, Evansville Lapidary, Luella Bond, Ed.; 2nd: "Historical Geology", Dave Peterson, Author, McDonnell Douglas, James P. Silva, Ed.; 3rd: "Wonderland of Gems and Minerals", Jan Huff, Ed., Lake County Gem and Mineral Soc.

ORIGINAL ARTICLE CONTEST (Adult Division): Tie for 1st: "Alchemy to Chemistry", Diane Dare, Author, Evansville Lapidary Soc., Indiana and "The Hairy Elephants of the Past", Betty McVey Meyers, Park Forest Earth Science Club, Illinois; 2nd: "Those Predictable Gentle Volcanoes", Jack Mueller, Des Plaines Valley Geological Soc., Illinois; 3rd: "Field Trip to A Farmer's Pig Pen", by Paul Harris, Ozark Earth Science Club, Mountain Home, AR.

ORIGINAL ARTICLE CONTEST (Junior Division) - 1st: "Topaz in Depth", Jeff Nekola Author, Cedar Valley Rocks & Minerals Soc., Cedar Rapids, IA; 2nd "The Difference Between Swamps, Bogs and Marshes", Joseph Boehning, Author, Park Forest, IL.

NEW BOOK BY ROGER PABIAN

"Geology Along The Republican River Valley Near Red Cloud, Nebraska" by Roger K. Pabian has been published by the University of Nebraska of which Roger is a staff professor. He is also president of the Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club, host to our our recent National show and convention.

Copies of this booklet and prices can be obtained by writing Conservation and Survey Division, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Nebraska 68588.

LINCOLN SHOW NOTES

There were many outstanding displays at the National show last June in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Among them was a group of Intarsia Pictures by Walter Heinz, De Sota, Kansas. And "Mini-Mineral Landscapes" by Mrs. Daisy Skidmore, Mountainside, New Jersey. Mrs. Skidmore says each "Landscape" contains 20 thousand tiny polished stones. It takes about 200 hours to complete one picture.

Then there was the windmill made of polished stones complete with turning blades. This exhibit was brought to the show by Chester and Betty Smith of Zeeland, Michigan.

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Adult membership fee \$4.00 (age 16 and over)

Junior membership fee \$1.00 (age 12-16)

Family membership fee \$9.00 (husband, wife and all children under 16 - permanent residents of household)

New membership must be approved by the Board, after applicant attends at least one (1) regular meeting of the club, and pay the above dues plus \$1.00 registration fee.

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The meeting has been moved up one week to September 20, 1980, at 7:30 P.M. because of the State Show.

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