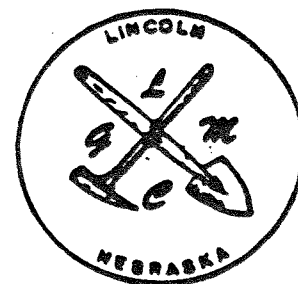


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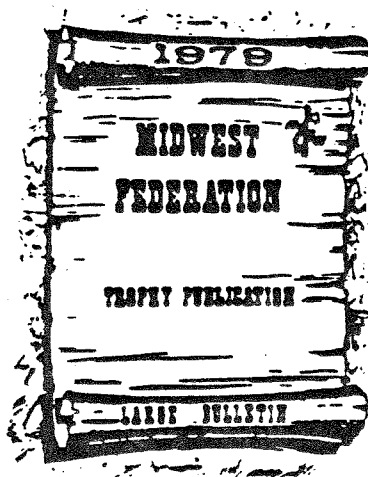
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The purpose of this corporation shall be to study, promote an interest in, and disseminate knowledge of lapidary and various earth sciences including but not necessarily limited to geology, paleontology, and mineralogy. It shall be a particular purpose 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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Nebraska Association of Earth Science Clubs, Inc. (NAOESCI)  
Nebraska Academy of Sciences (NAS)  
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2 years: Richard Haney, Wilfred Wittman  
1 year: Vera Lyman, Frank Rule  
Roger Pabian, Chairman

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1 year - Jim Parks, Phyllis Parks      3 years - John Abel, Roger Pabian  
2 years - Marie Taylor, Vera Lyman      Roger Pabian, Chairman

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# CALENDAR

JUNIOR MEETING:            Saturday, September 22, 1984  
    7:00 P.M. NE Center, 33rd & Holdrege

GENERAL MEETING:           Saturday, September 22, 1984  
    7:30 P.M. NE Center, 33rd & Holdrege

SPECIAL:                      Each family attending the meeting will  
    receive a free 1" cube of Repakivi  
    Granite.

BOARD MEETING:            Thursday, October 4, 1984  
    7:30 P.M. 910 New Hampshire (Taylors)

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## Shows

September 22 & 23 - Nebraska Mineral & Gem Club  
    Holiday Inn, 72nd & Grover, Exhibition Hall  
    1 Blk. North of I-80 at 72nd Exit.  
    Omaha, NE

September 29 & 30 - Platte Valley Rock & Mineral Society  
    October 1                      National Guard Armory  
    North on U.S. 83  
    North Platte, NE

October 20 & 21 - Grand Island Earth Science Society  
    STATE GEM & MINERAL SHOW  
    Fonner Park  
    Grand Island, NE

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### NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

The Nominating Committee met on Wednesday, September 12, 1984 at the Nebraska Hall.

The slate of nominees will be presented at the September meeting, and printed in the October and November issues of the Pick & Shovel.

Roger Pabian, Chairman

## Regional Show Schedule

CALIFORNIA	EASTERN	MIDWEST	NORTHWEST	ROCKY MOUNTAIN	SOUTH CENTRAL
San Diego	Tidewater Beach, VA	Milwaukee Wisconsin	Anchorage Alaska	Tulsa, OK	Waco, TX
July 12-15	Aug. 10-12	July 5-8	Aug. 2-5	June 8-10	March 30-31 April 1

HELLO FROM THE SUNSHINE CORNER

"Life is not the wick, nor the  
candle. Rather it is the burning.

- Anonymous



Get Well cards were sent this summer to Ollie Wittman and  
H. S. Carson.

Sympathy was extended from the Club to Ewald Paul, whose  
wife Louella, a former member of the club, passed away.  
And to Glen Litzenberg, whose wife Flossie, passed away.

Until next month - keep smiling!

Suze Sunshine

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A special "THANKS" to Jim and Linda Stewart  
for their hospitality and the use of their  
back yard for the Board picnic. It was fun.

Members of the Board

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THINK!

What is the Difference?

What's the difference as regards nodules, geodes and concretions?

A nodule is a rounded mass of irregular shape, a little knob or  
lump of any kind of mineral. The word nodule comes from the Latin  
meaning "knot".

A geode is a nodule which is hollow or has a cavity that is often  
lined with one or more minerals. The word geode comes from the  
Greek meaning "earth form".

A concretion is a mass formed by the aggregation and recipitation  
of some mineral like quartz or calcite around a nucleus which is  
often a fossil. The word comes from the Latin "to grow together".

- via the T-Town Rockhound 6/84  
- from Blue Ridge Gem via  
Gem Times 2/82

## President's Message

Another hot Nebraska summer is ending and fall is definitely in the air. With fall comes the renewal of rockhound activities around our state. Many clubs in Nebraska have scheduled shows that we are all welcome to attend. Try to get out on one of the beautiful fall weekends that are ahead; attend one of these shows.

Fall is also the start of another year of activities in our club as well. Our first meeting will be September 22, 1984; please plan to attend.

This summer while at the MWF Convention and Show in Milwaukee, I received a copy of a beautiful writing that tells why there are "Rockhounds". I want to take this opportunity to share it with you in the hope that you will find it as enjoyable as I did.

Jim

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In the beginning, when the Lord created  
Rocks as the building blocks for the earth,  
the Angels of Heaven inquired,

"Sire, because Rocks are inert, who  
shall know their role in the Universe?  
Because they are inanimate, who shall  
reveal their great beauty and charm?  
Because they are inarticulate, who shall  
speak up for them? Because they are  
immobile, who shall take pieces of them  
about for all to see?"

The Lord replied,

"I shall make a special breed for that noble mission;  
and, thenceforth, among all others, the breed shall be  
known as Rockhounds."

And, thus, it came to pass.

(These were printed on parchment and rolled up as  
scrolls for favors at the Delegates Luncheon)

Suzanne's Gem Shop, Inc.  
Wisconsin Rapids, Wis.

# AFMS

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## Scholarship Foundation, Inc.

1184 Collins  
Topeka, KS 66604

June 28, 1984

Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club  
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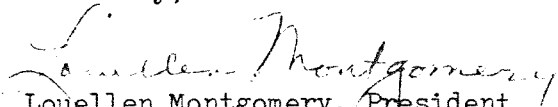
Dear Marie:

It is indeed a pleasure to be notified by our Treasurer, Dan McLennan, that your Club has reached the 2100% level in its support of the AFMS Scholarship Foundation with your recent contribution of \$135.00. Congratulations to you all on this achievement!

Enclosed you will find your 2100 Percenters Certificate. When you display it for all your members to see, they will look on this token of accomplishment with pride and, to all of them, the Foundation's and my personal thanks for their continued support.

It is by the contributions from groups like yours that it is possible to continue providing assistance for deserving students in the Earth Science field.

Sincerely,

  
Louellen Montgomery, President  
AFMS Scholarship Foundation

enclosure

cc. Dan McLennan, Treasurer  
Katherine Steinbrenner, Chairman  
James Edwards, Director  
file.

LINCOLN GEM & MINERAL CLUB - Board of Directors - May 3, 1984

Meeting was called to order by President, Jim Taylor May 3, 1984  
7:30 P.M. at the Taylor home. Seven Board members were present.

Minutes of the April meeting were read. Correction (Lincoln Foundation should read University (UNL) Foundation. Motion for approval by Claude Scott, second by Marie Taylor. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report was read. Motion for approval by Jim Stewart, second by Claude Scott. Motion carried.

BILLS: Paid but presented for approval.

\$ 26.51 Vera Lyman - Mailing April Pick & Shovel & copies  
of Board Minutes

Motion for approval by Jim Stewart, second Linda Parks.  
Motion carried.

BILLS: Presented for approval and payment.

\$ 35.00 Nebraska Center - April Meeting - \$ 30.00

- TV Monitor-Program - \$ 5.00

\$ 20.00 Marie Taylor - 2 Mineral Charts - Club Library  
- JR. Club Members

Motion for approval by Linda Parks, second Claude Scott.  
Motion carried.

Discussion: Two outstanding Show Bills still out. (Fair Board and Triple A) Amount in checking will not cover these and remaining bills until Sept. Board Meeting.

Motion was made by Vera Lyman that the Treasurer exercise her authority to withdraw necessary amount from First Federal Certificate of Deposit (approx. 500-700 dollars) to pay remaining Club bills and maintain a working amount in the NBC Checking account. Second by Jim Stewart. Motion carried.

Can draw \$ 200.00 out of Transmatic first.

OLD BUSINESS:

Jim Stewart had question of displaying 2 large Club Cases. (Gems on Location) If we get permission from Kay Young, will move to Encounter Center.

Should get 2 signs "Displayed by Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club". Will hold off until later.

Jim also suggested charging a set fee for Clubs, etc. who wish to use Rock Race Ramp. (outside club)

Should put plate on Rock Race Ramp indicating property of LGMC. Wait until fall.

After discussion, decided it is an "ambassador of Goodwill".

NEW BUSINESS:

(Linda Parks) No new business

(Phyllis Parks) No new business

(Jim Stewart) No new business



LINCOLN GEM & MINERAL CLUB - General Meeting - May 19, 1984

Meeting was called to order by President, Jim Taylor May 19, 1984, 7:30 P.M. at the NE Center.

Minutes of the April Meeting were approved as printed in the Pick & Shovel. Motion for approval by Irl Everett; 2nd by Wilfred Wittman. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report approved as printed. Motion for approval by David Heffelbower; 2nd by Tom Simmons. Motion carried.

Hospitality report given by Susan Taylor. 38 Adult, 5 Junior members present. She introduced the following guests: Dr. Michael Voorhies, Emma Baegl, Sue Kelly and Mr. O'Havre. She also introduced the following new members: Richard, Nelia & Garen Miller.

Librarian, Jim Parks handed out list of counties needing materials for Gems On Location (NE) map.

#### SUMMER PLANS:

Club Picnic - Sat. June 23, 6:30 P.M. - Bethany Park - Pot Luck  
Tentative - July - Ice Cream Social  
                  - August - Pancake feed or Watermelon feed

#### Possible Field Trip:

Tom Simmons will lead field trip at Crawford, NE in August. He will set time and make arrangements and get information to Club.

Prof. Tanner announced several 1-day tours. More information at June picnic.

Will plan something definite for July after we see how June picnic goes.

#### '84 SHOW REPORT:

Roger Pabian reported on the outcome of our Show. Net profit of \$ 350.79. Thanked everyone who served on Show Committee and Phyllis for preparing Show Report. Was disappointed because some members did not display.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Delegate needed to MWF Show & Convention in July at Milwaukee, Wis. Delegates' meeting Sat. July 7 beginning at 9:00 A.M.

Delegate: Lois Everett      Alternate: Irl Everett

#### MINERAL CHARTS:

Displayed by Tom Simmons in fram; and by Janet Wright in notebook form. Excellent ideas.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Copies of Who's Who and State Directories available.

Complete calendar of summer Shows/Swaps in May Pick & Shovel.

Please support them.

Meeting was adjourned, followed by Silent Auction.

Excellent program by Dr. Michael Voorhies, UNL, on "Fossil Elephants".

Respectfully submitted, Vera Lyman, Secretary

LINCOLN GEM & MINERAL CLUB, INC.      June 1984

A June picnic was enjoyed by 17 members and 3 family guests. It was a super evening; with cool breezes and shade and lots of fellowship. Some of us played catch with the softball and gloves furnished by Greg Lyman. For some, it was a realization that some stiff muscles hadn't been used for a while. A number of those present took turns cooking hot dogs on the grill and roasting a few marshmallows. It was a great evening and those who missed it, certainly missed a great time.

The Club was also saddened this summer by several deaths. Luella Paul, wife of member Ewald Paul; and member Flossie Litzenberg. Our sympathy reaches out to Glen Litzenberg and Ewald Paul and their families.

LINCOLN GEM & MINERAL CLUB, INC.      August 8, 1984      Special Board Meeting

President Jim Taylor called a special Board of Directors meeting for Wed. Aug. 8, 1984 at 6:45 P.M. Eight members of the Board attended.

One member (Flossie Litzenberg); one past-member (Luella Paul) passed away during this summer. Motion by Marie Taylor, 2nd by Phyllis Parks to send Glen Litzenberg a memorial of \$10.00. Letter to be sent by Phyllis with check.

Due to low attendance at June picnic, Board decided to forego August Club picnic and bring up suggestion at Sept. meeting about having Oct. meeting in park. Move Nov. meeting up 1 week due to Thanksgiving.

Decided on picnic for Board members and their families only on Fri. Aug. 31, 7:00 P.M. at Stewart home (1339 Eastridge) and Roberts Park (56th & A Sts) Bring your own lawn chairs.

Marie Taylor to check on Dec. dates for Christmas Party.

Primary reason for Special Meeting:

Nebraska Academy of Science requested opportunity to discuss with Board the status of our Scholarship Fund. Mr. Dale Rathe of the Academy explained it was time to advertise scholarships with Academy. Did we wish to be included in flyers? He explained what information was necessary and would set up as we desired.

Sponsored by: Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club, Inc. (1980)

Amount: \$ 100.00 Paid directly to recipient

Apply to: NE Academy of Sciences by Feb. 1 for use in next fall semester at any accredited college or university in Nebraska for full time student.

Students notified by March 15th.

Arrangements made by Academy

Limitations: Limited to High School Seniors from Nebraska

Stipulations: Limited to NE High School Seniors showing evidence of interest in the Earth Sciences. The evidence may be of the student's own choice in written form.

Include supporting information such as scholastic achievement, student interest, awards, recommendations of at least 2 teachers and/or other adult verification.

Motion for approval by Vera Lyman, second by Jim Stewart. Carried.

A special Thanks to Mr. Rathe for his time and expertise in this matter.

Respectfully submitted, Vera Lyman, Secretary

# WHO'S WHO

Please make the following address changes in your WHO'S WHO!

Rhonda Archuleta  
3031 T St.  
Lincoln, NE 68503

Geoffrey Mumby  
1008 Rockhurst Dr.  
Lincoln, NE 68510

Ray & Mary Lambert, II  
1536 Quail Hollow Drive  
Fort Collins, CO 80525

Prof. Lloyd & Mary Tanner  
Route 2 Box 469  
North Platte, NE 69101  
(308) 534-5507

Gilbert & Florence Lueninghoener  
1931 Park View  
Fremont, NE 68025

Bob & Mary Walker  
3031 T St.  
Lincoln, NE 68503

Add these new members to your list:

Richard & Nelia Miller & Garen  
1101 Rosewood Dr.  
Lincoln, NE 68510  
489-6093

WELCOME  
TO  
THE  
CLUB!

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## CONGRATULATIONS:

### AFMS SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION AWARD WINNER:

Congratulations, Roger on having been selected as the MWF Honorary Award Winner.

Roger will select two students to receive grants to help achieve their educational goals. Each grant will be for school years 1984-1985 and 1985-1986, and is for \$1600 each year.

(Complete report in MWF Newsletter in this issue).

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Congratulations also to fellow Nebraska Rockhounds receiving recognition as Club Member of the Year - 1984. Mary McCartney, 1st runner up of Grand Island NE and to Velma Bower, 4th runner up of Monroe, NE. Congratulations also to all others who placed in the top ten. These are the real rockhounds!

- via MWF Newsletter 9/84



NEIHARDT DAY AUGUST 5, 1984

This year's annual Neihardt Day at Bancroft was the 19th since its inception in 1965. Each program formerly featured the Poet's personal appearance until his death, November 3, 1973. The day is observed in Nebraska by Governor's Proclamation on the first Sunday in August, at the Neihardt Center in Bancroft, a State Historical Society branch museum. It is administered by the State Museum and the Neihardt Foundation.

One or more of the late poet's family usually is in attendance. This year his second of 3 daughters, Hilda Petri came from Columbia, Missouri. His only son, Sigurd, died in January 1973. Hilda and Maxine (Sigurd's widow) are instrumental in procuring the former home of Neihardt's mother for the near-by Neihardt Center, to add to its grounds and facilities.

Myrtle and I have attended each Neihardt Day. During the last 6½ years of the Poet's life he made his home with us while writing both volumes of his autobiography. It was our pleasure to make the 200 mile round trip to Bancroft with him. He was always an unusually agreeable travel companion, even in his nonagenarian years. He faced travel difficulties with aplomb, a good characteristic while he made the primitive voyage in an open boat down the Missouri River from Ft. Benton, Montana to Sioux City, Iowa in 1908. He and a teen-age boy finished the trip in 56 days. His book, THE RIVER and I, tells the story of the adventure, which was commissioned by Outing Magazine.

Results of Neihardt's lapidary skill and ingenuity were exhibited in the 1969 National Gem and Mineral Show at Salt Lake City and in several local and two national shows in Lincoln. (some post-humously) His honorary membership in our Lincoln Club is well-founded.

This year's Neihardt Day program theme was "The Poet's Town". Both Wayne and Bancroft justifiably share that distinction of nomenclature. The poet became inspired in the 1890's while living in Wayne with his mother and two older sisters. Bancroft earned the title after the Neihardt family moved there early in the 1900's, where John's literary ability received national recognition.

Neihardt married Europe-educated Mona Martinsen in November 1908, following their courtship by mail, sight unseen. She had read his lyrics A Bundle of Myrrh in Paris and was enamored. She arrived in Omaha by rail. (no air flights yet!) She soon adjusted to Bancroft's small town life. They later moved to several different cities, and she died just before their 50th year anniversary after a car accident. The whole nuptial story is too long to include here.

Bancroft has enough lore to provide each Neihardt Day with little repetition. Some previous participants were on this years program, and they are always well-received. Capable Neihardt Foun-

NEIHARDT DAY AUGUST 5, 1984 - continued

dation President, Marie E. Vogt, presided. The Rev. Harold L. Snow, St. Paul, NE, gave the invocation with appropriate words. Marie introduced several persons, known for previous Neihardt-related activities, before the rest of the program.

Lincoln's well-known folklorist, Roger Welsch, with his usual charming bits of history and folklore, tied his part of the program to Bancroft's current Centennial theme. His attentive audience of several hundred devotees listened with admiration to the tales of the hardy pioneers who braved early adverse times. Also he flavored the presentation with a few of his "tall tales" and his banjo-vocal art.

Balladeer Bobby Bridger of Austin, Texas, captivated the crowd with banjo renditions and audience participation. His famed uncle, several generations back, was the mountaineer, the "indispensable" Jim Bridger.

The formal program ended with the recorded voice of the poet reciting his interpretation of Black Elk's Prayer. Those words are found on pages 52-53 in Neihardt's When the Tree Flowered. They are a condensed version from the more publicized Black Elk Speaks.

A recent Nebraska Press book on sale at the book sales tent was The Sixth Grandfather: Black Elk's Teachings Given To John G. Neihardt. It is a comprehensive 452 page hard-bound volume, edited by Raymond J. DeMallie, associate Professor of Anthropology, Indiana State University. It has a short Forward by Hilda Petri, the Poet's second daughter, who as a teen-age girl witnessed the profound Neihardt-Black Elk interviews in the early 1930's. Also orders were taken for Bobby Bridger's latest book, A Sender of Words: Essays in Memory of John G. Neihardt.

Other attractions included demonstrations by Ft. Atkinson Muzzle-loaders, Black Powder Artifact Display, Mountain Men Activities, Historic Photo Display, and video tape - Neihardt, a Journey Home. New York artist, Myron Heise painted a picture of the assembled audience.

Bancroft's Centennial Celebration coincided. Below are two stanzas of Neihardt's The Poet's Town. They begin and end the 47, on pages 101-109, Lyric and Dramatic Poems.

Mid glad green miles of tillage  
And fields where cattle graze,  
A prosy little village,  
You drouse away the days.

And yet - a wakeful glory  
Clings round you as you doze;  
One living lyric story  
Makes music of your prose!

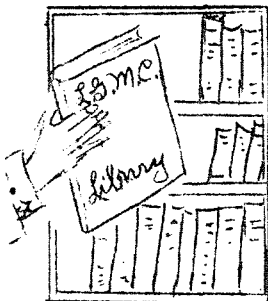
- Submitted by J.D. Young

Lets have a round of applause for Lois and Irl Everett who sent cabochons to represent ten more counties on our "Gems of Nebraska" club project - and did it within just a few days of the May meeting when we made our request for further support in attaining our goal of one or more stones per county, as well as a goal of one or more stones from each club member. Thanks Lois and Evy!!! A great contribution and most welcome.

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Our Librarian announces the following publications added to the club library since the last printed list.

Agate Fossil Beds National Monument, Handbook 107  
(Provided by Roger Pabian)



Coppercraft and Silver Made at Home, Karl Robert Kramer and Nora Kramer (a gift from Helena Baegl)

Mineralogy of the Epitaxial Copper Sulfide Coating on Sphalerite- A Thesis, by Ali Mohamad Ghazi (a former scholarship recipient of LGMC)

The Scrimshaw Connection, Bob Engnath (a gift from Claude and Jerry Dawson)

Transactions of Nebraska Academy of Science, Volume XII, 1984  
Proceedings and Programs of Nebraska Academy of Science 1984

The books in Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club's Library are available at 7331 Thayer Street (73rd and North Cotner Blvd.) from 9:30 to 5:00 weekdays or until 4:00 on Saturday. If there is a book that you wish to check out call Jim at 466-5440 days or 476-6798 evenings and he will bring or send it to the next regular club meeting.

The complete library listing appeared in the 1983 Who's Who with update only in 1984. We'll try to have copies of the list available at club meetings.

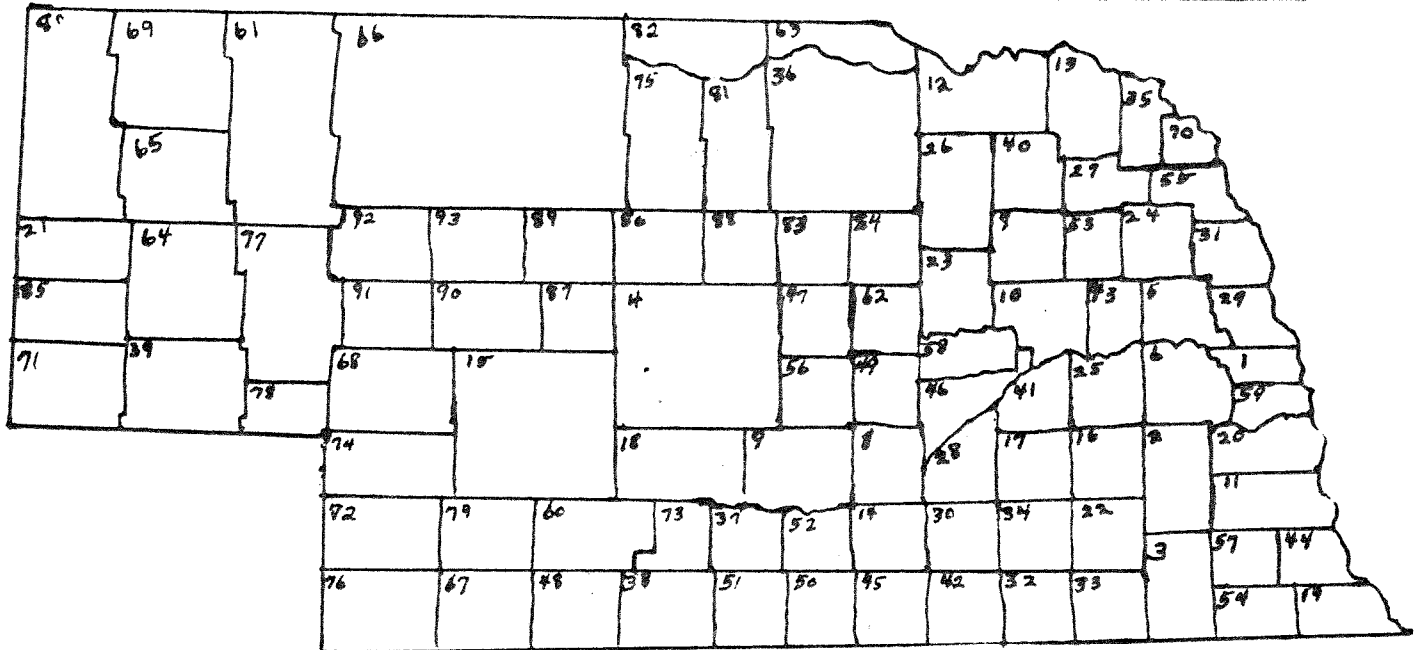
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A BOOK REVIEW - The Scrimshaw Connection by Bob Engnath is well filled with reproductions of many types of Scrimshaw and some of Carving. They are the work of several well known artists including the author. There are also historical facts, methods of producing the art, lists of Scrimshaw Dealers with addresses, and lists of suppliers of the materials needed to do scrimshaw. A fine book, beautifully illustrated.

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Some people search for diamonds, some people search for gold,  
Some people only pick up rocks, at least that's what we're told.  
The diamonds make you famous, the gold you have to spend;  
The rocks just bring you pleasure, and a host of happy friends.

by Elizabeth Martin, via Rock Licker  
via The Puget Sounder,  
via Tips and Chips



Project: 'Gems of Nebraska on Location' update

All Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club members are invited to participate by searching for representative gem materials from our state with special attention to those counties where we do not have a stone displayed.

Attached is a list of the counties which are not yet represented, identified by the official county index numbers as shown on this Nebraska map.

- |             |             |               |              |
|-------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|
| 1 Douglas   | 28 Hamilton | 47 Valley     | 75 Brown     |
| 4 Custer    | 30 Clay     | 48 Red Willow | 76 Dundy     |
| 7 Madison   | 31 Burt     | 49 Howard     | 79 Hayes     |
| 8 Hall      | 32 Thayer   | 50 Franklin   | 81 Rock      |
| 9 Buffalo   | 34 Fillmore | 52 Kearney    | 82 Keya Paha |
| 10 Platte   | 35 Dixon    | 55 Thurston   | 83 Garfield  |
| 14 Adams    | 37 Phelps   | 59 Sarpy      | 85 Banner    |
| 15 Lincoln  | 38 Furnas   | 60 Frontier   | 86 Blaine    |
| 16 Seward   | 39 Cheyenne | 62 Greeley    | 87 Logan     |
| 17 York     | 40 Pierce   | 63 Boyd       | 88 Loup      |
| 18 Dawson   | 41 Polk     | 65 Box Butte  | 89 Thomas    |
| 22 Saline   | 42 Nuckolls | 67 Hitchcock  | 90 McPherson |
| 23 Boone    | 43 Colfax   | 70 Dakota     | 91 Arthur    |
| 24 Cuming   | 45 Webster  | 72 Chase      | 92 Grant     |
| 26 Antelope | 46 Merrick  | 73 Gosper     | 93 Hooker    |
| 27 Wayne    |             |               |              |

(9-6-84) The counties circled have been favored with a beautiful cabochon cut by Lois and Irl Everett. All other counties listed are open - please remember that each county has room for more than one 13 x 18 cab.

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## AFMS SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION AWARD WINNER

### AFMS SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION AWARD WINNER

The Selection Committee has selected Mr. Roger Pabian, University of Nebraska, as the MWF Honorary Award Winner.

Mr. Pabian is a native of Prague, Nebraska, and received his B.S. and M.S. in Geology at the University of Nebraska, Lincoln. An active member of the Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club, he has served as its president four times as well as in various other offices. He has served the Midwest Federation

as Education Chairman and is the current Geology Chairman. Mr. Pabian has been responsible for preparing educational publications for the State of Nebraska, including several popular publications now in their second and third printings. He has developed many field guides and educational circulars.

Students will be selected by Mr. Pabian to receive grants from us to help achieve their educational goals. Each grant will be for school years 1984-1985 and 1985-1986, and is for \$1500 each year.

Jim Edwards, MWF Director-AFMS Scholarship Foundation

## NEW WISCONSIN STATE ASSISTANT DIRECTORS

Marie Carruthers, 9815 Box 362 Airport Road, Marshfield, Wisconsin 54449 and Robert Botts, 317 Racine Road, Madison, Wisconsin 53705 have been named Assistant State Directors for the state of Wisconsin.

Mary Boland, Wisconsin State Director

## ENVIRONMENT

We all know by now that occupational exposure to asbestos can be carcinogenic. A new study of the National Academy of Sciences shows that asbestos fibers in ambient air has a cancer risk for non-occupational exposure. This exposure can come from ambient air in schools and public buildings where asbestos was applied as an acoustical or thermal barrier.

The new study also indicates that small, short fibers from fiberglass insulation are just as dangerous. Another substance of concern is attapulgite, a type of fuller's earth, which is the only natural asbestos in the U.S. It is used in pet-waste absorbents, fertilizers and pesticides and could be released as fine fibers into the air.

John Boland, Chairperson, Environment

## CONGRATULATIONS

The MWF Education Thru Sharing Committee is pleased to announce the top ten individuals in the 1984 recognition program. 1984 Club Member of the Year is Carol Anderson of the Neville Public Museum Geology Club in Green Bay, Wisconsin; 1st runner up, Mary McCartney of the Grand Island Earth Science Society, Inc. of Grand Island, Nebraska; 2nd runner up is Gerald Bates of the Blackhawk Gem & Mineral Club, Rock Island, Illinois; 3rd runner up is Julia Donker of the Tulip City Gem & Mineral Club, Holland, Michigan; 4th runner up is Velma Bower of the Loup Valley Gem & Mineral Society, Inc., Monroe, Nebraska; 5th runner up is Bernadine Druminski of the Wisconsin Geological Society, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; 6th runner up is John Ade of the Earth Science Club of Northern Illinois, Glen Ellyn, Illinois; 7th runner up is Wallace Robinder of the Blackhawk Gem & Mineral Club of Rock Island, Illinois; 8th runner up is Shirly Coven of the Blackhawk Gem & Mineral Club of Rock Island, Illinois; 9th runner up is Fred Bernke of the Wisconsin Geological Society, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Our congratulations to all who were considered. You are truly the creme' de la creme of rockhounds.

The 1984 Field Tripper of the Year award went to Julia Donker of Jenison, Michigan. The judges sited her for her fortitude in conducting a field trip for sixth graders.

Margaret M. Pearson, Chairperson Education Thru Sharing

TO OPEN THE DOOR TO SUCCESS, YOU'VE GOT TO PUSH.....(anonymous)

Most husbands prefer that their wives wear their dress a little longer, about 3 years...

# WE ARE PROUD



## OF THE WINNERS OF THE ALL AMERICAN CLUB AWARD AND THE MIDWEST CLUB AWARD

As a measure of the activities and viability of their clubs, twenty-three of the Midwest Federation clubs submitted entries to the All American Club award and the Midwest Club award competition. On a nationwide basis, sixty-one clubs entered competition and thus the Midwest group share was just over a third.

In preparing this report your Midwest Chairman wishes to acknowledge and thank the committee that read and evaluated the twenty-three entries. They, with one exception, were doing this for the first time. Since they represent four states, the reality of a committee meeting is an impossibility. At the writing of this report your chairman has never met, personally, two of the judges. Thus it would seem that the judges act within the guidelines provided by AFMS as individuals. As far as I know it may be true that the judges have never met each other.

Although as Midwest Chairman it automatically places me on the AFMS committee so far there has been little opportunity on my part to participate or have input in the National rules or judging procedures. For the past three years the National committee chairperson has been Vern Korstad of California and the judges have been selected from California. This appears logical under current procedures. Following the Midwest Convention and Show I shall be going to California and perhaps meet for the first time Mr. Korstad and other members of the committee that might come. Perhaps next year I'll be able to provide additional advice to clubs preparing entries.

Now for the awards for this year. There are five awards for the Midwest Club Award and four for the All American Club Award. Let me caution that at this time we do not know how the four All American Club group ranks in National competition.

### THE MIDWEST AWARD WINNERS (UNRANKED)

1. LOUP VALLEY GEM AND MINERAL SOCIETY INC. A 22 year club of 33 members with a monthly attendance record of 66% for twelve meetings a year and with a ten page newsletter must be doing something right. This club has a complex and varied program for its membership as well as participating with other clubs. This year it is an award winner after "more tries, perhaps 8 or 10, more than can be remembered" as listed by the preparer of the entry.
2. NEVILLE PUBLIC MUSEUM GEOLOGY CLUB. A repeat performer and winner for an active club. The monthly programs are generally external in origin and present a variety of enrichment in related field of earth science. Field trips are numerous and the aid provided by the local museum and the aid provided to the same is an enviable association. There is a significant segment of help to handicapped. A strong but small group of members provides most of the leadership to the group.
3. OZARK EARTH SCIENCE CLUB. A club that has received numerous awards in the past. One could be mesmerized by the writing in this entry. A fourteen page report that describes a youthful acting senior citizens membership club pursuing active interests and promoting the goals of a hobby. The group apparently has great respect for each other and a sincerity in their feeling. These members are not rockhounds but rock angels. The nearest club to Utopia that we met in our reading and they are working hard to keep it that way.
4. GEM CITY ROCK CLUB. A previous winner of awards this club continues its good work. Its program consists of teaching, sharing, enriching and supporting the varied interests of our hobby. Note should be taken of the above average number of members of this club that have worked at the Midwest level. (and the American Federation) They are strong supporters of a sub-regional group, the Geodeland Council and in doing so recognizes that many people with common goals do not let a state boundary detract from their goals.
5. TULIP CITY GEM AND MINERAL CLUB. This club is another club that has successfully developed extended and distant field trips for its members. In addition to the field trip program, it has an excellent show record and teaching program. Several members are strong and persistent workers for the Midwest Federation.

There is no set formula for a club, its life or its survival. Each in its own environment must decide how to best serve its needs and reach out to those who can benefit most. The awards program lets a club share its experiences with other groups. To paraphrase a famous statement "No Club is an Island of its own". The committee thanks all the clubs who shared their experiences.

Benjamin Moulton, Chairman, Wilma Joelner, Joe Claxton, Helen Smith and Alan Hukill

Editor's Note: The All American Winners will be listed next month.

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