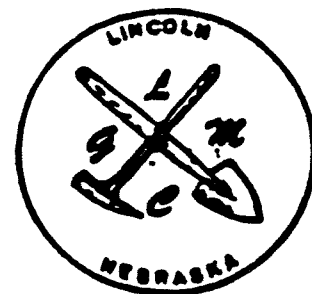


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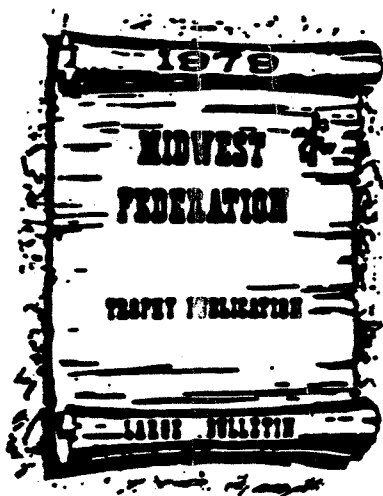
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Neihardt Day, August 2, 1987

Exchange Bulletin 'Bits'

State Show Information



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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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CALENDAR PAGE

SEPTEMBER MEETING: Saturday, Sept. 26 1987, 7:30 P.M.
Nebraska Center, 33rd & Holdrege Sts.
Norfolk Room

BUSINESS MEETING: Review summer activities.
Preview activities for balance of year.
Nominating Committee report.

PROGRAM: Silver Jewelry and Silver Sculpture
Jean Penrod of Lincoln, slides & narration.

JUNIOR MEETING: 7:00 P. M.-ahead of adults
'Quake Lake' West Yellowstone, Montana
Presented by Reagan & Andrea Wright
Followed by "Earthquake" discussion.

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OCTOBER BOARD MEETING: Monday, October 5, 1987. 7:30 P.M.
American Charter, 40th & South Sts.

OCTOBER MEETING: Be thinking 'Halloween'-October 24th
Time and place to be announced soon.

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SHOWS & SWAPS FOR YOUR NEW CALENDAR

Sept. 18-20 SWAP 25th Annual, Lincoln, Missouri

Sept. 19-20 SHOW Plains Rock & Mineral Club, Kimball, Nebr.

Sept. 25-27 STATE SHOW Prairie Rockhounds Club, Host, Ogallala, Nebr.

Sept. 26-27 SHOW Austin Gem & Mineral Soc., 25th show, Austin, Minn.

Oct. 10-11 SHOW Nebraska Mineral & Gem Club, Omaha, Nebr.

Oct. 10-11 SHOW Topeka Gem & Mineral Soc., Topeka, Kansas
(We have a few 50¢ discount coupons available)

Oct. 17-18 SHOW G. I. Earth Science Club, Grand Island, Nebr.

Nov. 20-22 REGIONAL SHOW South Central Gem & Min. Federation, Austin, Texas

March 19-20, 1988 SHOW Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club, 30th show, Lincoln, Nebr.
PERSHING AUDITORIUM, 226 Centennial Mall South (15th St.)

Regional Show Schedule 1988

CALIFORNIA	EASTERN	MIDWEST	NORTHWEST	ROCKY MOUNTAIN	SOUTH CENTRAL
Costa Mesa, CA Aug. 26-28		Macomb, IL July 14-17	Kennewick, WA Sept. 9-11	Bismark, ND June 17-19	Shreveport, LA Aug. 11-14



"Oh, somewhere in this favored land the sun is shining bright" from-Casey at the Bat

THE CLIMB

There's a beautiful view at the top of the hill, If the will be yours to climb. There's always a lift and a rift in the clouds To disclose the peaks sublime. The road may be rough, You may blow and puff; But never you mind, you'll be scaling the bluff, Then yours is the view at the top of the hill, If you've but the will to climb.

--James McGregor Beatty

Talk low, talk slow and don't say too much John Wayne

JCS

300 So Cotner Blvd
Lincoln NE 68510
May 27, 1987

Dear Members of the Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club:

Jed and I wish to thank you for the many letters and "get well" greetings to us that come over the past few months. Letters that came while Jed was a patient in the hospital in Lawa City, La. and while he was in Bryan hospital here in Lincoln, and during the weeks of recovery here at home.

Your encouragement and support were deeply appreciated.

Soon, Jed will shave off his long white beard and be "regular people" once again.

Sincerely

Myrtle and Jed Young

President's Message

Hello Friends,

I hope everyone had a good summer! Now that summer is about over we will begin a new season of club meetings and activities (including preparation for the 1988 show). Our first meeting will be on September 27th at the Nebraska Center. on east campus. Also, don't forget about the state show in Ogallala on September 26 & 27th.

See you the 27th

Kevin J. Schwartzman

P.S. We still need delegates for the state show, if you are interested please call either myself, Phyllis, or Vera.

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September 1, 1987

Vera Lyman
420 North 56th
Lincoln, NE 68505

Dear Ms. Lyman:

The UNL Anthropology Department will be sponsoring a field day for amateur archeologists on Saturday, October 17th in Bessey Hall on the UNL campus. Anyone interested in archeology is cordially invited to attend, and should contact the Anthropology Department at the University of Nebraska 472-2411.

Yours truly,

Peter Bleed
Associate Professor

Neihardt Day, August 2, 1987

Though the weather was hot and muggy, this year's Neihardt Day at the John G. Neihardt Cultural Center in Bancroft, Nebraska, was a memorable experience. Father Peter J. Powell, a research associate of the D'Arcy McNickle Center for the History of the American Indian at the Newbury Library in Chicago, was the featured speaker. A delightfully warm, friendly man, he has spent his entire ministry in service to the Native American Indians, helping them with their physical and spiritual needs and preserving their tribal cultures. He has worked with the Northern Cheyenne people of Montana since 1955 and is at work now on the fifth and final volume of his Cheyenne series. He is also spiritual director of St. Augustine's Center for American Indians, Inc., a private social agency governed and staffed by Native Americans, providing services to more than 16,000 Indians of some 60 tribes.

For his Neihardt Day address, Father Powell compared Neihardt's two volumes on the Lakota Sioux Indians: Black Elk Speaks (1932) and When the Tree Flowered (1951). His understanding of Indian ways of thinking and feeling, his scholarly research and sensitivity to Indian culture and to Neihardt, along with his masterful delivery, insure that his presentation will not be forgotten.

Dr. Lucile Aly, professor emerita of English of the University of Oregon at Eugene and official biographer of John G. Neihardt, was honored during the program as the second recipient of the Neihardt Foundation-Neihardt Fellows award to someone who has made an outstanding contribution to the Neihardt legacy over a long period of time. However, she was unable to receive the award in person because of illness. LGMC's own Myrtle and J.D. Young were appropriately recognized as the recipients of the first award in this annual series, inaugurated last year.

Fred Thomas, Omaha World Herald writer and columnist, served as master of ceremonies. The invocation was beautifully given by Ruth Thone. Liz Otradovsky's very special arrangement of her own music for Black Elk's Prayer was a perfect benediction.

One of the pleasures of the day was visiting Neihardt's mother Alice Neihardt's home on the northwest corner of the Center grounds. The home has been purchased by Neihardt's daughter, Hilda Neihardt Petri, and his daughter-in-law, Maxine Neihardt, widow of his only son, Sigurd. The home has been restored through the efforts of family and friends and is being furnished as nearly as possible in the style of Neihardt's youth. A bountiful noon picnic in the backyard of the home was rather mysteriously provided.

Dr. Robert Vassell brought a group of nearly forty people from the Get Together Club of Omaha. They had traveled to Pipestone, Minnesota, the previous day to attend the annual Hiawatha Pageant. The trip included the Neihardt Day festivities in Bancroft followed by a visit to the Tower of the Four Winds at Blair. Dr. Vassell is reactivating the Neihardt Stamp Committee in the hope of obtaining a Neihardt commemorative stamp by 1991. The following item appeared in the Omaha World Herald August 23:

Efforts Renewed for Neihardt Stamp

The Neihardt Stamp Committee is renewing its efforts to try to get the postal service to issue a postage stamp in honor of John G. Neihardt, late Nebraska poet-laureate.

Omahan Robert Vassell, chairman of the committee, said 1991 marks the 110th anniversary of Neihardt's birth, and that is the year the committee hopes to have a stamp issued.

Several years ago, prototypes of a

Neihardt stamp were designed, but postal officials did not agree to issue a stamp.

Vassell, of 520 N. 86th St., said Neihardt's writings have gained an international audience and he is "the epic poet of the West."

Vassell suggested that people interested in a Neihardt stamp write the postmaster general at 475 L'Enfant Plaza, S.W., Washington, D.C., 20260.

LINCOLN GEM & MINERAL CLUB, INC. - BOARD OF DIRECTORS - May 4, 1987

Rockel Home - 1134 West Avon - Mon. May 4, 1987, 7:30 P.M.

7 Board members present. Tom Simmons & Janet Wright Absent.

Minutes of April meeting approved with motion by Fred Holbert, 2nd by Shirley Rockel. Carried.

Treasurer's report approved with motion by Marie Taylor, 2nd by Fred Holbert. Carried.

BILLS: Paid but presented for approval.

\$ 33.00 Security Storage - June

4.93 Petty cash

20.00 Sec. of State, Allen Beerman - Non-profit filing fee 86/87

Payment & approval:

\$ 30.00 NE Center - April Meeting

Motion for approval by Fred Holbert, 2nd by Marie Taylor. Carried.

SHOW BILLS: Paid but presented for approval:

\$ 28.55 JJ & L - Stones for Jewelry for raffle

3.26 John Harrison - Paid for direction signs

66.83 Schwarz Paper - Table coverings

1.52 Petty cash - for lumber

Motion for approval by Fred Holbert, 2nd by Jim Parks. Carried.

\$ 15.09 NE Dept. of Revenue - Sales Tax on gate receipts.

(will be paid at end of year)

Motion for approval by Marie Taylor, 2nd by Fred Holbert. Carried.

Motion by Fred Holbert that Phyllis Parks be authorized to pay all Show bills; Security Storage through Sept.; P&S Printing and Secretary supplies during summer. 2nd by Shirley Rockel. Carried.

'88 Show:

Fred Holbert: He and Roger had talked with Doug Kuhnel of Pershing Auditorium. ? of good Show dates. No set-up or tear-down for us; they're in charge of tickets; furnish all tables & chairs; advertising on sign 2 wks in advance.

NEW BUSINESS:

Raffle tickets available for Federation Show.

Delegates needed to MWF Show & Convention: Possibly Roger Pabian or Jim Taylor. Club to instruct delegates on their wishes for voting.

Request volunteer delegates for State Show at May Meeting.

4 delegates, 2 alternates. At Ogallalla Sept. 25-27.

Kevin Schwartzman for one.

Note from Kay Woodward regarding book we had returned to her. She is retiring in few years and will return book and a few more she has found helpful for our Library.

MEMBERSHIP:

Hal & Darline Janzen requested reinstatement & sent dues.

Motion to accept by Jim Parks, 2nd by Fred Holbert. Carried.

Phyllis reported that Audit is expected to be done by May Meeting. Also that Show Loss was \$ 557.50. Not nearly as much as expected.

Respectfully submitted,

Vera Lyman
Vera Lyman, Secretary

LINCOLN GEM & MINERAL CLUB, INC. - General Meeting - May 30, 1987

Bethany Park Shelter House - Meeting called to order at 8:05 P.M.

Present: Schwartman, Wright, J. Parks, P. Parks, Rockel, Simmons, Taylor
 Absent: Lyman, Holbert

Past minutes approved as printed. Motion-Marie Wells; 2nd-Tom Simmons
 Treasurer's report approved as printed. Motion-Francis Belahovy;
 2nd-Roger Pabian

Hospitality Report: 31 Adults 1 Jr. Guests: Dr. & Mrs. Hugh Genoways

Old Biz:

Jim Marburger - no Show report as Phyllis had summary in P&S -
 thanked his committees and club members.

New Biz:

1. MWF delegate - no volunteers to attend show and meeting.
2. State Show delegates - allowed 4
 Kevin Schwartman
 Jim M. will be dealer - willing to serve as an alternate.
3. NAOESCI membership cards will be distributed.
4. Marie Wells - thanked club members for supporting LB218!
5. Summer picnic - After much discussion, set for July 11th - 5:00 -
 Pioneer Park. Calling committee will contact members.
6. MWF raffle tickets available

Announcements:

Letter from J.D. & Myrtle Young (published in P&S)
 Silent Auction proceeds to help defray our expense of donation to
 dredging operation at Lake Mac.

Report on Jrs. Field Trip:

7 "people" and 6 adults - trip to Fairbury. Found nice fossils
 and geodes. Planning field trip - 3-4 day trip to Ogallala -
 Chimney Rock and Pine Bluff to hunt agates. Maybe Tom will lead
 us to some of his places.

Meeting adjourned.

Program by Dr. Hugh Genoways

My special THANKS to Susan T. for filling in during my absence.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Taylor (in Vera's absence)

Treasurer's Report Summer 1987 (May thru August)		
	NBC Checking 5-1-87	\$ 506.23
Receipts - '87 Show Flyer advertising	10.00	
May Silent Auction Receipts	<u>62.75</u>	72.75
Transfer from Savings Accts. to checking	5/13 1000.00	
	7/1 150.00	
	8/1 150.00	
Expenses - Corporation Fee	20.00	
Postmaster-stamps	62.50	
Security Storage 4 months	132.00	
UNL Printing/Duplicating Apr.	57.24	
UNL Prgt./ Dupl. May	55.23	
Pick & Shovel Supp/Exp.	20.15	
Misc. Exp.-copy,refresh.	10.43	
'87 Show Expenses	1300.52	
Deposit 1988 Show Site	<u>100.00</u>	1788.07
	NBC Checking Balance August 31, 1987	\$ 90.91

From our recent Exchange Bulletins -

An expert doesn't actually know more than you do, he just has it better organized and shows slides. via Spring River Gem & Mineral Club News
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THOUGHTS WORTH NOTING: Life is like a bank, you get out of it what you put into it -- with interest added. and - The most important thing a father can do for his children is to love their mother. via S I E S Club News
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IN A LIGHTER VEIN - A good marriage is like a casserole, only those responsible for it really know what goes into it. from Chic's 'Loup Scoop'

Also this word - Keep your camp stove level so things will burn evenly.
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JADE ARTIFACTS FOUND. Archaeologists have discovered in Honduras what they think are relics from the dedication of a Maya pyramid 1,200 years ago.

The remarkably well-preserved store of artifacts, including exquisite jade carvings and decorative flint lance heads, was uncovered in the ancient Maya city of Copan.

"This is the finest ceremonial offering that's yet been discovered in the ruins of Copan," said William L. Fash of Northern Illinois University, head of the team that made the discovery.

The researchers said the jade pieces were carved during the early Classic Period, between 250 A.D. and 600 A.D., centuries before they were put under the altar. via Mineral Memo's
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FROM THE THINK ABOUT IT FILE - A difficult enterprise is made easy when it is attended to quickly. With an unassuming attitude, we can accomplish difficult tasks, for no resistance is aggravated. via American River Currents

AND FROM OUTER SPACE - A Meteor fell into a field rented by a midwest farmer who promptly began to charge people who wanted to see it. When the owner of the land found out, he pointed out that the rental agreement didn't include mineral rights: therefore, the meteorite was his. The two came to an agreement and shared the proceeds until US customs intervened. They classified the meteorite as "unmanufactured" and confiscated it because it had entered the country without payment of duty!!! also from Currents
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When you talk, you only say something you already know. When you listen, you learn what someone else knows. via ACHATES, August '87
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Thought for the day: America's high standard of living would be much more enjoyable if we could only afford it. found in Rock Rustler's News
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To obtain maximum attention, it's hard to beat a good, big mistake. from The Rockpicker
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TAKING INVENTORY - We find our bodies contain maybe three pounds of calcium. That is worth pocket change at best to a chemist, but worth a fortune in the form of bones. A dash of iodine, but without your thyroid gland, would file for bankruptcy. Looking down the throat, we'll see 27 pounds of carbon. That's like having 900 pencils inside you. 0.5 pounds of potassium, enough iron to make a marble-sized cannon ball, 1.5 pounds of phosphorous - enough to make 2,200 matches. Enough fat to make seven bars of soap, 100 lbs. of water, traces of cobalt, manganese, vanadium, pocket lint, monosodium glutamate, and artificial coloring. What's it worth? In 1940, it was 30 cents. In 1970, \$3.50. In the late 1970's, \$5.60. In 1980, \$7.28 and in 1987, \$12.00. via The Hound's Tale
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Tact is shutting your mouth before someone else wants to. -Osage Hill Gems



THE LITTLE GEM

THE PRAIRIE ROCKHOUNDS NEWSLETTER

Ogallala, Nebraska

from Harvey Kenfield, PO Box 283 and Howard Kenfield, PO Box 14

As you may know the 1987 Nebraska State Gem & Mineral Show is just a few weeks away. A great show is being planned by members of the Prairie Rockhounds. We would like to extend a big western welcome and let this newsletter be a special invitation for you to exhibit at this show. Details as follows.

DATE: September 26th & 27th

PLACE : Ogallala, Nebraska

LOCATION: Keith County Fairgrounds Exhibition building.
West edge of town-one block north of the Sunset Motel located on west hiway 30, (end of west 2nd or 3rd street).

TIME: 10 AM - 8 PM Saturday
9 AM - 4 PM Sunday

Note: Exhibits accepted at 3 PM friday afternoon and saturday AM.

SPECIAL: Many beautiful and well displayed exhibits is listed for the show.
(Quality displays - this could very well be the finest ever.)

Overnight guards will be provided.

ALSO: Equipment demonstrations
Programs
Silient auction
Tour (special & limited)
NAOESCI delegate meeting Sunday AM

MOTELS: Many near by.

CAMPING: At fairgrounds with limited hook-up.
Near south water tower - all hook-ups available.

DEALERS: San Juan Gems Cortez, Colorado
Lentz Lapidary, Inc. Mulvane, Kansas
Lenswood Salt Lake City, Utah
J J&L Rocks & Minerals Hickman, Nebraska

NOTE:

*Hope you can attend the state show in Ogallala
Please pass this note to any of your members that
would like to display at the state show, we have
a real great show planned. Thank you HK.*

SHOW ITEMS

The **BIG CHANGE** for the 1988 show will be the change of show site from the State Fairgrounds to Pershing Municipal Auditorium. The reasons for the changes were discussed at the September board of directors meeting and you are referred to those minutes upon their publication in the October Pick & Shovel. The show site is now secured and a contract has been signed for the weekend of March 19 and March 20, 1988. Auditorium officials have been very accommodating in helping us develop our show plans.

Fred Holbert has been selected to serve as dealer chairman and he has already mailed out some contracts. Members should let Fred know if they have any dealer preferences.

Some parts of the show will have to be handled differently because of physical differences in the show site, parking areas, and contractual obligations with the new site. As details are worked out, we will publish them in the Pick and Shovel and announce them at the general meetings. Although the set-up and tear-down of the show may prove to be a bit different, we think that the new location will be more conducive to bringing the general public through the turnstiles.

Some parts of the show will be much easier than in the past. The auditorium staff will take care of table set-up on Friday. We only need furnish them a floor plan. They have furnished a drafted to scale floor plan so that we can already think about how to set up the floor.

The auditorium elevator is available for people who may have difficulties climbing or descending stairs. That objection is now overruled.

The one thing that will still remain the same is that we will need exhibitors, workers, demonstrators, and committee members to handle the many details of the show. I will be calling on many of you for your help, suggestions, and support for the 1988 show.

Thank you.

Roger Pabian,
Chairman

AGATES '87

The summer of 1987 was probably not the best one I have ever had for collecting a lot of agates, but in terms of enjoyable experiences, it was one of the best. We did not get in nearly as many field trips as we had hoped for.

One of the earliest trips was with Mike Smith and Jim Null. We looked in some hog lots in Richardson and Pawnee counties. We each found one or two nice agates in these "aromatic" locales. Hog lots are usually pretty productive spots and worth challenging the unpleasant aroma. Many of the best crinoid crowns that I have found came from hog lots in southeastern Kansas; the hogs are more friendly there, but the Nebraska hogs seem to be rather jealous of their domain.

Fred Holbert and I took a couple of trips to look in road cuts and on gravel bars on the Big Nemaha River in Richardson and Pawnee counties. The roadcuts produced a number of smaller agates but the gravel bars were nearly barren and footprints indicated a couple of abominable snowmen or "Yeti" might have frequented the area. Bill and Betty White from Independence, Missouri joined us on a couple of these trips.

On one weekend when Fred could not make a trip, I met Bill and Betty at Tecumseh and we did some collecting in roadcuts in Otoe and Johnson counties. The weather was rather hot and we had fair to middling luck. On this trip, Bill did bring the cup machine that he built for me and I will be demonstrating this piece of equipment at future area shows.

The collecting activities peaked when Fred and I met Bill and Betty at a gravel pit near Barnum, Minnesota, and spent four days collecting Lake Superior agates. We all did quite well and found quite a few nice agates. We collected for two days in the Two Harbors area and for another day in the Cloquette and Scanlon area. Bill probably found the best agate for the trip, but we all turned up some very nice material. White's traveled in their mini-home and each day proved to be one for very good eating.

Fred and I stayed at the Norman Bates' Motel. Scenes from "Psycho" could easily have been shot there. It was truly 1958 vintage. Fred's wife, Gloria, met him at Duluth at the end of phase one of the trip and I returned to Ankeny, Iowa, with Bill and Betty. I had parked my car at Jim Blair's home. We purchased quite a bit of nice Brazilian agate from Jim and then headed home. All in all, it was a fun trip to Minnesota.

I will be at the state show at Ogallala on the meeting night so I will not have display cases available at this meeting.

Roger Pabian

Midwest Federation NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

The 1987 Convention at Dearborn has come and gone. It was a success, we hope, for the Midwest Mineralogical and Lapidary Society. We are indebted to them for hosting the convention. With 31 dealers and an interesting assortment of excellent exhibits, the show was a great introduction to the hobby for the novice and stimulating to the more experienced hobbyist. Since the show was located in a building that had to remain open to the general public, many people were exposed to the displays that might otherwise never have seen them. Let us hope that we have gained some new hobbyists.

At the Council Meeting, two major proposals were adopted. The first combined the Environment and the Legislation Committees into a single Environment and Legislation Committee. The second, which passed by a large margin, raised the MWF adult member annual dues from 50 cents to one dollar. The proposal to charge a fee

for cases entered in competition at the convention show was defeated. Florence Hill, retired State Director for Michigan, was awarded an Honorary Membership for her efforts to strengthen the MWF in Michigan and her service to the Federation. Glen Hanning of Illinois was elected 2nd Vice President while Paul Clifford moved up to President and Ben Moulton took the 1st Vice President's chair. Jean Reynolds, Secretary, and Kitty Starbuck, Treasurer, retained their respective positions on the MWF Board of Directors. Mary Edwards of Illinois and Jim Taylor of Nebraska were elected to the Nominating Committee.

With a beautiful, though breezy, day, the outdoors auction for the MWF Endowment Fund was a success. The Dearborn Club's Raffle resulted in prizes going to winners from all over the Federation. Thanks Dearborn!

That is a brief overview of what took place. The Secretary's minutes will contain more details for those who are interested. Until next month - enjoy the many upcoming Fall Shows and Field Trips!

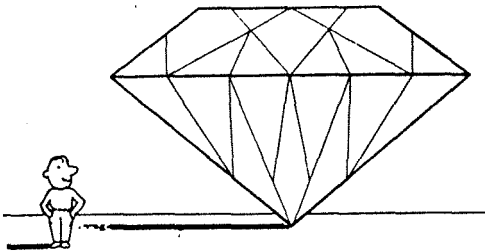
Esther

NEWS FROM THE PAST:

From Marquette Geologists Assoc. bulletin, April 1, 1939 --

"Miss Dow also reports a clever mechanical dop stick with which to set angles for facet cutting. It consists of a tapered piece of steel or aluminum for a dop stick with an adjustable top piece marked with verticle ruled lines & numbers which can be set to the desired degree by a set screw. It is used in conjunction with a jam peg with horizontal grooves for the angles. This is the invention of Dr. J. Daniel Willems....."

MWF 50th Anniversary Committee, Diane Dare - Chairman



A TOPAZ--THE WORLD'S LARGEST CUT GEMSTONE

A truly unique opportunity for our gem and mineral clubs and members to participate in obtaining the world's largest faceted gem stone for the National Museum of Natural History. You and your club will become partners with thousands of other rockhounds and hundreds of other gem and mineral clubs across the nation. Let's acquire this light yellow, world's largest cut topaz for the National Collection, where it will be displayed in the Gem Hall for all the public to view. During the stages of its acquisition and immediately following it will be displayed at major shows and thus used as a drawing card for such shows.

Since the Museum of Natural History has no budgeted funds to acquire this stone, members of the six federations of mineralogical societies have developed and set up a fund called the "Friends of the Smithsonian Topaz Fund". Your contribution will give you a share in the prestige and enhancement of our hobby's image in obtaining this huge (over 22,000 cts.) yellow topaz.

We need your immediate response and participation. By becoming a "Friend of the Smithsonian Topaz Fund", you will truly be a part of a most necessary "grass roots" support to obtain this gemstone for the National Museum.

Won't it be thrilling to see this stone displayed in the Gem Hall with a plaque stating your federation helped acquire it, and know your personal contribution was included.

Send your check now! Make it payable to "Friends of the Smithsonian Topaz Fund" and send it to the Idaho First National Bank, P.O. Box 69, Idaho Falls, ID 83402. All monies collected will go toward purchase of the stone as all administrative expenses have been donated. No collected funds will be used for promotion expenses.

In the event that, for any reason, this project cannot be brought to its anticipated conclusion, all funds will be immediately turned over to the AFMS Endowment Fund. (Eastern Fed. Newsletter)

UNIFORM RULES COMMITTEE REPORT-

As rules chairman for the MWF, I attended the two day meeting of the AFMS - URC in Oklahoma City in June and found it very interesting. All federations were represented by their rules chairman, and several proposals to changes in the rules were presented and passed or tabled until the 1988 convention in Louisiana.

The URC passed the following modifications to Division C rules. These were proposed by the South-Central Fed. Chairman, Ron Carmen.

1. Change Rule 14.2 (f) to read: Out of Class - "(a) Glass (except in classes C-1, CF-5, CF-7, CF-8, CW-6, CW-9, CW-11 & CS-1)"
2. Change Rule 17.5 (a) to read: Out of class - "(a) Synthetics or other man-made stones, including glass, in classes restricted to natural stones (e.g. classes....)"
3. Delete paragraph (e) from Rule 17.5 (the word "glass").


These modifications will permit the use of glass as a material for lapidary exhibits in those classes which allow synthetic materials

The MWF Convention on Dearborn had 38 competitive exhibits and 21 trophy/plaques were awarded. All competitive and non-competitive exhibits were really special. Many good fossil cases and minerals, along with carvings, jewelry, petrified wood and two beautiful cases of Ivory carvings, among others to numerous to mention.

Other rules changes passed by the URC will be published in the Newsletter when the minutes of the meetings are received.

Margaret Heinek





IT'S SHOWTIME

September is the starting month of the fall club show season.

Check your MWF Directory for shows near you or special ones to visit; and enjoy!!

To my regret, the MWF Newsletter's policy does not allow the advertising of individual club shows. So, check your exchange bulletins and flyers.

LH, Ed.

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