

Regular Meeting: Sept. 25, 7:30 PM, Nebraska Center, 33rd & Holdrege Sts
Nominating Committee Report for 1994 Officer Candidates

Program to be announced by Charles Wooldridge.

Youth Meeting: 7:00 P.M. Bring your finds from this summer's Field Trip and
be prepared to map them.

October Meeting: Saturday the 23rd, Bethany Park Shelter, Vine & Cotner.
7:30 P. M. Annual Halloween costume, dessert supper.
Coffee and soft drinks by club.

November Meeting: Change of date! to Saturday, November 20th, **before**
Thanksgiving. Details in October Pick & Shovel.

March 26 and 27, 1994 -36th Annual Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club Show
Pershing Auditorium.

NAOESCI SHOWS FOR 1993

September 25-26	LOUP VALLEY GEM & MINERAL SOC. St. Mary's Social Hall, Schuyler	SHOW
October 2-3	NEBRASKA GEM & MINERAL CLUB, INC. Radial Social Hall, 1516 N.W. Radial Hwy Omaha, Ne.	SHOW
Oct. 16-17	GRAND ISLAND EARTH SCIENCE SOC. Fonner Park, Grand Island	SHOW
November 6-7	FORT KEARNEY ROCK CLUB Hilltop Mall, Kearney, NE	<u>STATE SHOW</u>

1994 REGIONAL SHOW SCHEDULE

ROCKY MOUNTAIN FEDERATION

July 22-24
Rushmore Plaza Civic Center, Rapid City, SD
Host: Western Dakota Gem & Mineral Society
Show Chair: Tom Estes, HC 33, Box 8713, Rapid
City, SD 57701 (605) 342-2147

MIDWEST FEDERATION

September 2-4
Century Center, South Bend, IN
Host: Michiana Gem & Mineral Society
Show Chair: Margaret Heinek, 7091 E. East
Park La, New Carlisle, IN 46552
(219) 654-3673

SOUTH CENTRAL FEDERATION/ AFMS COMBINED

June 23-26
Astro Arena (next to Astrodome), Houston, TX
Host: Houston Gem & Mineral Society
Show Chair: Ron Carmen, 6947 Foxhurst,
Humble, TX 77338 (713) 446-8949

EASTERN FEDERATION

July 8-10
Syracuse, NY
Host: Gem & Mineral Society of Syracuse, NY
Show Chair: Lewis Buddell, 2718 Falls Rd,
Marcellus, NY 13108 (315) 673-1891

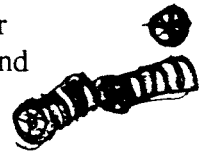
CALIFORNIA FEDERATION

April 8-10
San Diego County Fairgrounds, Del Mar, CA
Host: El Cajon Valley Gem & Mineral Society
Show Chair: Bob Berryman, 410 S. First, #198, El
Cajon, CA 92019 (619) 442-6211

NORTHWEST FEDERATION

June 3-5
Union Station, Ogden, UT
Host: Golden Spike Gem & Mineral Society
Show Chair: Evan Day, 509 Highland Blvd,
Brigham City, UT 84302 (801) 723-3830

YOUTH NEWS Jan Wright led a field trip on August 28th to Odell, Nebraska to look for quartz geodes and fossils. Jan distributed field guides from the Nebraska Conservation and Survey Division to give participants more information.



Odell-Fairbury Field Trip--Emily Rieur

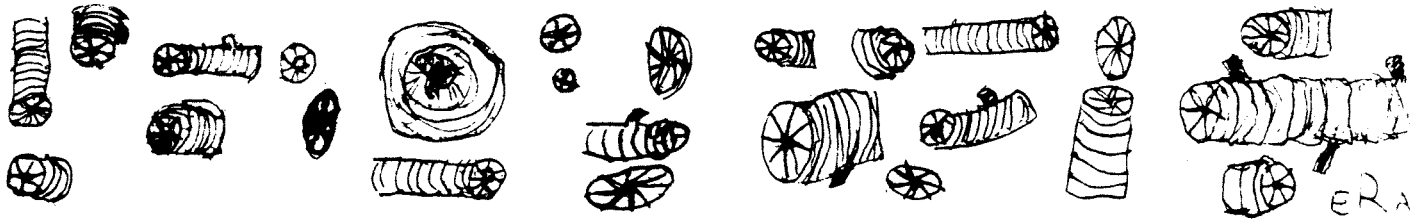
On a rainy, August day eleven members met to go search for fossils and geodes. Our first stop was on a road cut near Odell. Jan pointed out different layers and talked about the ages of the fossils. We could hardly wait to use our rock hammers to open the quartz geodes and look for crystals. Rocks were found that didn't look like they belonged to the area. These rocks were glacial till. In the lower area of the hill crinoids, parts of echinoids, brachiopods, and other small fossils were found.



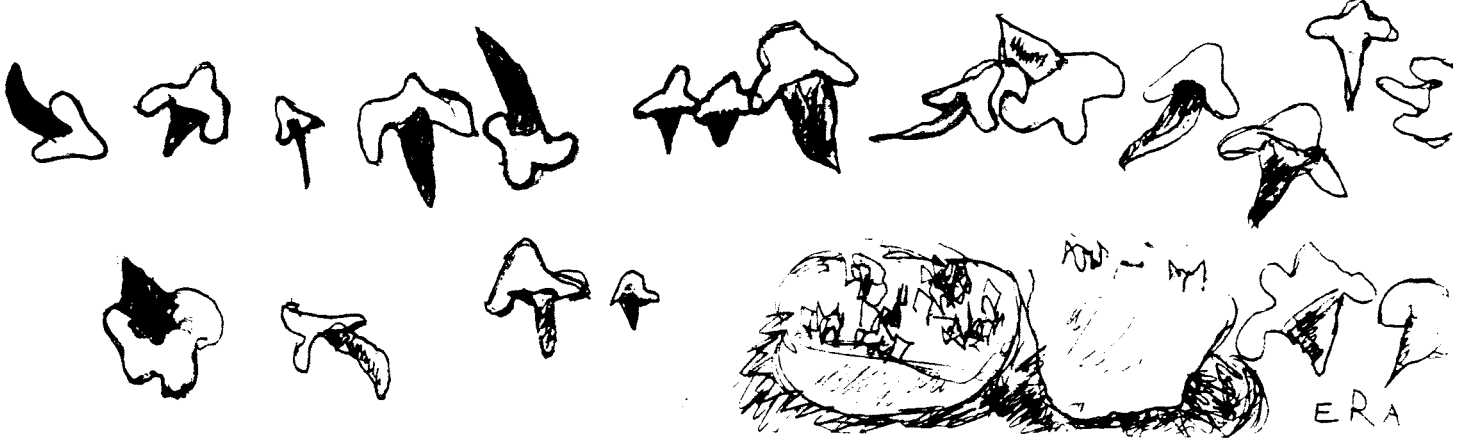
Charles Wooldridge then took us south of Fairbury to look for shark teeth. We had to search on a hill with lots of tall weeds. Everyone found shark teeth. My five year old brother found several and my mother only found one tooth in the limestone. Fish vertebrae, bone, and a plesiosaur tooth were also discovered.



Jan warned us about ticks so we all used insect repellent. Most of us wore long pants and shirts. We also enjoyed watching spiders and wild life. Kay Jurgens discovered a snake coiled between layers of limestone but didn't take the time to find out what kind it was. It was late at night before we got home. The next morning I looked like I had measles. After several phone calls we decided our club had the best collection of chiggers. Thank you Wooly and Jan!



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NOTE FROM LIBRARIAN JIM PARKS:
Thanks to Dwight and Dorothy Miller we have added two new books to our Library.
Wonderful Life (The Burgess Shale and the Nature of History)
by Stephen Jay Gould
Quartz by Michael O'Donoghue

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Summer's over and its back to the old grind. In case you missed it, summer was that hot dry period we had the second and third weeks of August. Those of you who were waiting for summer to go on some field trips were disappointed of course; unless you used scuba gear in your surface collecting areas. It seems that most of the good stuff was under water and most of the roads also were out or impassible. The day chosen for the State Swap was the day no-one could get out of Lincoln, all the roads were under water!

We had no chance for a field trip this summer. In addition to all our other problems, John Abel discovered he had an annurism and had surgery which was not totally successful. He is currently still at the Mayo Clinic and is not doing very well: see Phyllis for his address. Please note we will be having a field trip of some sort in October come sun, rain or snow. We hope to announce the date at the September meeting. We're going to have some fun if it kills us!

On the subject of fun, the storm and tornados that hit town in July did not leave us unscathed. We lost most of the trees in our front yard along with part of our roof. In another sixty years or so we should be back to normal. To make all this even more fun, I got in front of someone who did not feel it was necessary to stop at red lights and have spent most of the summer in therapy. Now that I'm feeling better, I can clean up my yard!

I did make it up to the MWF convention in Houghton, MI and had a good time. As I could not walk very well yet, I did opt out on the mine tours, and settled for a driving tour of the Upper Peninsula. This is a fascinating area; I will be writing some articles for your enjoyment during the year, and I will make my report at the September meeting. Driving tours up there are not without their own hazards however. I had the occasion to donate my muffler and tailpipe (as roadside sculpture) to the Keeweenaw County Road Department (it was either that or my oil pan and transmission). My what fun!

Billie and I did get to the Swap at the Kearney Club. That was a lot of fun and we did get to see some our good friends. Of course, as usual, we had not problems with traction on the way back. How much of this we will actually get around to cutting and how much will become ballast (we could have another tornado) is anyone's guess. The weekend of the meeting is also the show in Schyler and there are shows in Sioux City, Omaha, topeka and Grand Island during October. Also the State Show is in Kearney the first weekend in November. We will need to select delegates for this, so please consider this one.

We are starting our study groups, and will try to get as active as we can form now through the year and maybe into the summer next year. If you can and have an interest in any of the groups offered, please get together with Ralph Ulrich and get involved. We are currently looking for meeting sites; so if you have a room (living room, den rec room, garage, basement, etc) and would like to host a small group once a month, please volunteer to Ralph. While on the subject of volunteering, we also will be needing members to get involved with our swap, show and other activities. These activities are a lot of fun and not too much work, so don't be afraid.

MWF REPORT

The trip to the Upper Peninsula got off to a good start and from there deteriorated rapidly into a disaster due to a bad decision on my part to go through the Twin Cities area. Although it didn't make the news, the floods of summer had pretty well destroyed the interstate system up there. After that experience, I spent the night in Barron, WI, where it rained all night. The rest of the trip was uneventful however, and I arrived in Houghton, MI in plenty of time to register.

There were about 300 people at the convention, however most were not delegates or for that matter, interested in the MWF. The convention was combined with the Red Metal Retreat which accounted for most of the participants. Only five of the states in the Federation were represented by their state directors.

Especially discouraging was the lack of delegates from the clubs. Illinois had six, Indiana three, Iowa two, Michigan had eleven, Minnesota two, Nebraska one (guess who), Ohio eight and South Dakota had one. Ten percent of the clubs were represented, so the meeting could proceed; as ten percent were required for a quorum.

South Bend, Indiana will host the 1994 Show and convention, however bids have not been received for any additional years; and the outlook is not good. One thing that may influence this is the vote to change the profit share of the MWF in future shows from 50% to 25%, and this may help other clubs to host conventions in the future. Also the insurance program by MWF has remained a club option so clubs with their own insurance like our own will not have to participate.

A guest speaker at the convention was Jim Hurlbut, President of the American Federation. He admitted that the request for an increase in AMF dues was out of line and that there were many places in their budget where cost could be cut significantly. With this in mind, the delegates voted to approve a resolution that, after a careful analysis of economy measures, the AMF budget could not be balanced, the executive committee could approve an increase of up to twenty five cents.

CONSERVATION & SURVEY DIVISION of UNL have invited all to help celebrate The 100th Anniversary of the Nebraska Geological Survey in September 1993. This Thursday, the 23rd, Open House at Nebraska Hall featuring gem and mineral displays, test hole drill rig, rock cores from all wells, geologic research and much more. 10:00 am - 7:00 pm

Cards and memorials were sent this summer to the Families of Ruth Krejci, H. O. Paulson, and Myrtle Young. Their names will be added to our Book of Memory.

Mr. Eugene Hilton, who with his wife are former members of LGMC, suffered a severe stroke on July 8th and is slowly recovering at Vet's Hospital. Mrs. Hilton has contacted club members to offer for sale several display cases that they used at shows. Anyone interested may contact her at 418 So.27th or call 477-9589 for information.

LINCOLN GEM & MINERAL CLUB, INC. - GENERAL MEETING
May 22, 1993 7:30 P.M.
Antelope Park Shelter

Minutes of the previous meeting and Treasurer's report were approved as printed.

HOSPITALITY: Reported 31 members, 9 Juniors and 3 guests.

OLD BUSINESS: Liability Insurance through Nebr.Assn. Motion by Charles Wooldridge that club donate \$1.00 per paid adult member to NAOESCI Treasury to enable keeping policy in force. Second Pam Killion. Discussion re benefits to smaller clubs in association as they may utilize. Motion carried.

Re: Contracts with Pershing Auditorium for future shows as per letter included in Sept. P & S. Motion to finalize by Irl Everett, Second Billie Heffelbower, carried.

NEW BUSINESS: Re current Gem & Mineral Stamps - Charles Wooldridge motioned that club invest in 100 sheets of the 29@ stamps, second by Grant Quinn, carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Gary & Georgia Massa have rocks for sale, call for showings.

Picnic meeting this shelter on June 20.

Meeting adjourned for desserts and coffee. Rest of evening spent in scrutinizing the Gem sands in search of the elusive special finds provided by Charles. Many squeals of delight.

Respectfully submitted

Phyllis N. Parks

Acting for Secretary Vera Lyman

LGMC Treasurer's Report May 1 through Aug. 31, 1993

NBC Checking May 1, 1993 \$2330.87

Receipts:

Dues & Registration New Members	27.00	
Return from Show postage	11.30	
Return of State Spec.Asses.Org.	150.00	
6 months int.Scholarship CD	<u>177.00</u>	365.30

Payments:

June Picnic & Oct.Meetings	70.00	
NBC Safety Deposit Box 1 year	23.00	
Print May P & S	18.59	
Secy.State Corp. Fee	20.00	
Nebr.Center April Meeting	50.00	
'93 Show Expense	33.42	
1995,96,97,98 Show Dep.@200.ea	800.00	
Memorials Krejci,Paulson,Young	45.00	
Linc.Parks Lap.classes Youth	108.00	
100 sheets 29@ G & M Stamps	1160.00	
'93 MWF Delegate to Convention	100.00	
NAOESCI Donation/Liab.Ins.	<u>83.00</u>	2511.01

NBC Checking Balance Aug. 31, 1993 \$ 185.16

OGDEN ENTERTAINMENT SERVICES

Pershing Auditorium
226 Centennial Mall South (08)
P.O. Box 81126
Lincoln, NE 68501

Main - 402 441 7500
Administration - 402 441 8744
Ticket Office - 402 441 7766
Fax - 402 441 7913

May 24, 1993

Phyllis Parks
Treasurer
Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club
2435 South 19th Street
Lincoln, NE 68505

Dear Ms. Parks:

Enclosed are the contracts for the use of Pershing Auditorium for the **Gem & Mineral Show** on the following dates:

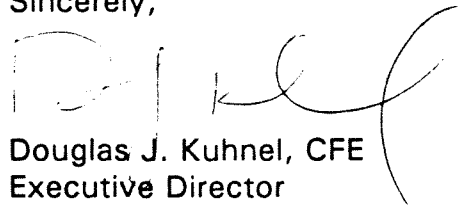
March 25-26, 1995	37th Annual Show	Contract #1454
March 23-24, 1996	38th Annual Show	Contract #1455
March 22-23, 1997	39th Annual Show	Contract #1456
March 21-22, 1998	40th Annual Show	Contract #1457

Please sign both copies of each of these contracts and return them to our office along with a deposit of \$800.00 (\$200.00 for each year contracted). After we countersign the lease agreements, fully executed copies will be returned to you.

We will also need a **Certificate of Insurance**, per the contract, prior to your move-in each year. The remaining deposit of \$700.00 for each year contracted will be due the first of February the year the event is to take place.

We wish to thank you for using our facility and hope you continue to find our service satisfactory. If there is any way we can improve our services and make your stay with us better, please let us know.

Sincerely,



Douglas J. Kuhnel, CFE
Executive Director

Enclosures

DJK:KAC2

Some American Federation Newsletter Clips:**Some AFMS Statistics**compiled by **Fred Schaefermayer, Treasurer**

	1992		1993		
	MEMBERS	DUES	MEMBERS	DUES	CHANGE
MIDWEST	10722	\$2,680.50	10955	\$2,738.75	233
CALIFORNIA	12863	\$3,215.75	12661	\$3,165.25	-202
EASTERN	12124	\$3,031.00	12558	\$3,139.50	434
Rocky MOUNTAIN	7022	\$1,755.50	6598	\$1,649.50	-424
NORTHWEST	5202	\$1,300.50	5042	\$1,260.50	-160
South CENTRAL	4000	\$1,000.00	3502	\$875.50	-498
AFMS	51933	\$12,983.25	51316	\$12,829.00	-617

Editorial

his editor receives a large number of bulletins which are generously mailed as a courtesy exchange. I read about 125 from cover to cover each month and then pass these on to interested additional readers in my geographical area.

A rather interesting statement appeared in a recent bulletin (which shall remain uncited for obvious reasons) but is worth quoting here. The president in the monthly message said, "As you are already probably aware, its time to elect a new president to run the *** Mineral & Gem Society for the coming year. I just do not care to write articles and so I guess there is only one solution, elect a new president or cut out the article writing."

While one can hardly fault anyone for voicing their feelings or compel someone to do something which is distastful or difficult (in this case, write), the proposed solutions seem to be inappropriate. A president performs many more duties than just writing a monthly message; and one may have multiple skills and assets - writing not included - which are constructive and valuable to a club. Temperament, leadership, negotiating, delegating and public relations skills may strongly and significantly outweigh any need to be an author/writer.

Personally, I've felt in my decades of organizational participation, voluntary and proprietary, vocational and avocational, professional and non-professional, that a most important team member is the person who directs information dissemination. Information induces feelings,

discussion, participation, recruitment, community acceptance, law and policy change, knowledge and a host of other reactions which are catalysts to the dynamism and vibrancy of an organization.

And to cut out article writing is to sever the lifeline of communication and destroy an organization's link with non-attending members who may be distant or ill and infirm, as well as with the general public. Without information an organization withers.

Which leads to a solution. A workable solution and an additional option.

Encourage the president, or any other contributor for that matter, to submit a fleshed-out, complete offering. It should contain all the facts, information, ideas, proposals, language and idiom that reflect the personal identity of the author. However, it need not be in the "king's English". It need not be grammatically correct. It doesn't even need to be logically organized with an introduction, body and conclusion. It just has to contain the germ and essence of the message.

And now the editor will edit, will redact, and will, without scaring the author of the proposal, resynthesize the ideas into an article in keeping with the author's intent and style. Then give it back to the author for reediting and the final product should be an excellent piece for any newsletter.

If editor's take their responsibilities seriously they can help their organization retain workers and leaders who might otherwise restrict or reduce their level of participation. And, given the number of members in the average club, that is a major loss which no club or society can afford. ♦

1993 ELECTED OFFICERS

President: C. David Heffelbower, 1819 Washington St., Lincoln, NE 68502 475-4713
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Board Member: Kevin Schwartzman, 5522 Shady Tree Ct., Lincoln, NE 68516 475-4713
Board Member: Billie Heffelbower, 1819 Washington St., Lincoln, NE 68502 474-9441
Board Member: Shirley Rockel, 1134 West Avon Lane, Lincoln, NE 68505 464-3059

Nominations Committee Long Range Planning & By-Laws Committee

3 Years: Jim Marburger
 Kathy Pavlish
2 Years: Dwight Miller
 Janet Wright
1 Year: Gerald Moore
 Don Phillips

3 Years: Vera Lyman
 Roger Pabian
2 Years: Kevin Schwartzman, Chair
 Jim Marburger
1 Year: Jim Parks
 Linda Parks-Lundgren

Chairman: Immediate Past President **Chairman:** Immediate Past President

STANDING COMMITTEES

Membership: Shirley Rockel
Education: Roger Pabian
Field Trips: Kevin Shwartman
Historian: John & Lillie Lewis
Hospitality: Eddie "Lightning" Ridge
Study Group Coordinator: Ralph Ulrich
Housing/Property: Jim Parks
Junior Activities: Pam Killion
Librarian: Jim Parks
Gem Palette Correspondent: Pam Killion
"Geology Day" Coordinator: 2nd Vice President

Programs: Charles Wooldridge
MWF Liaison: Vera Lyman
Scholarship: Dwight Miller
Christmas Party: Billie Heffelbower,
 Shirley Rockel
1993 Show: Francis Belohlavy
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1993 Swap: Roger Pabian
1994 Swap: Kevin & Kathy Schwartzman
Rockhound of the Year: Emily Rieur

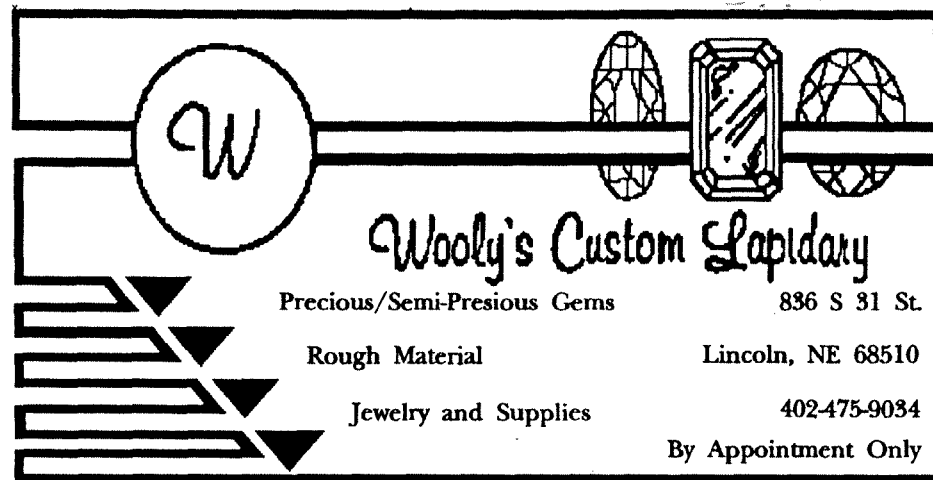
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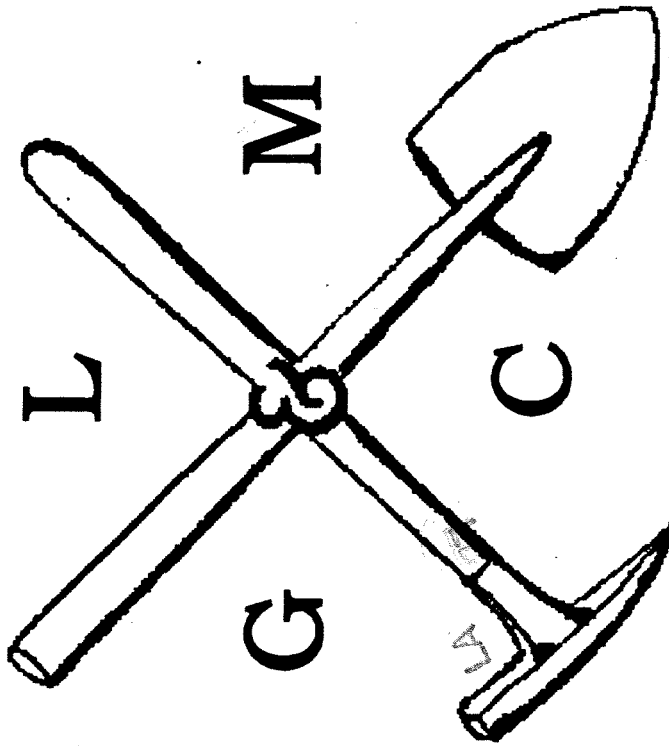
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