

# CALENDAR

- Meeting: Saturday, February 26, Nebraska Center Continuing Education, 33<sup>rd</sup> & Holdrege Sts., at 7:30 PM
- Program: Slide presentation on some phase of Geology, presented by Eric Fritsch, formerly a Geology Teacher.
- Youth Check your page in this bulletin. Kay's message is for you.
- March 24: : Annual Show 'Set up Day'. Those who have agreed to help haul the Show Props will meet at 8:30 AM, at 19<sup>th</sup> & Knox, Security Storage, to load and have them at Pershing as soon after 9 AM as possible. Those who have agreed to help with covering tables and assembling cases will be at Pershing at 9 or as soon after as possible.

**This LGMC SHOW - MARCH 25-26, 2000, Pershing Auditorium  
(Our 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Show)  
"WONDERS OF THE CENTURY"**

### Nearby Shows to Visit

- Mar.10-12 SHOW Kansas City, MO., Association of Earth Science Clubs, Market Center, Executive Park, 39<sup>th</sup> annual, Discount Tickets available at meeting.
- March 18-19 SHOW Cedar Rapids, IA, Cedar Valley Rocks & Minerals
- April 6-8 Symposium-The Past, Present and Future of the Great Plains Bison (472-3082)
- June 23-25 SHOW & SWAP--Bloomington, IN, Lawrence County Rock Club, Inc., See Flyer at meeting.

**You will find a big red checkmark on your address label this month if you did not get your dues paid. This means you will NOT be in the 2000 Who's Who and you will not receive the next Pick & Shovel. pnp**

## 2000 REGIONAL SHOW SCHEDULE

### EASTERN FEDERATION

September 16-17

Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

### CALIFORNIA FEDERATION

August 4-6

Riverside, California

### SOUTH CENTRAL FEDERATION

May 5 - 7

Fort Worth, Texas

### NORTHWEST FEDERATION

June 23-25

Monroe, Washington

### SOUTHEAST FEDERATION

No show scheduled to-date

### AFMS/ROCKY MOUNTAIN

FEDERATION

October 13-15

Moab, Utah

### MIDWEST FEDERATION

August 18-20

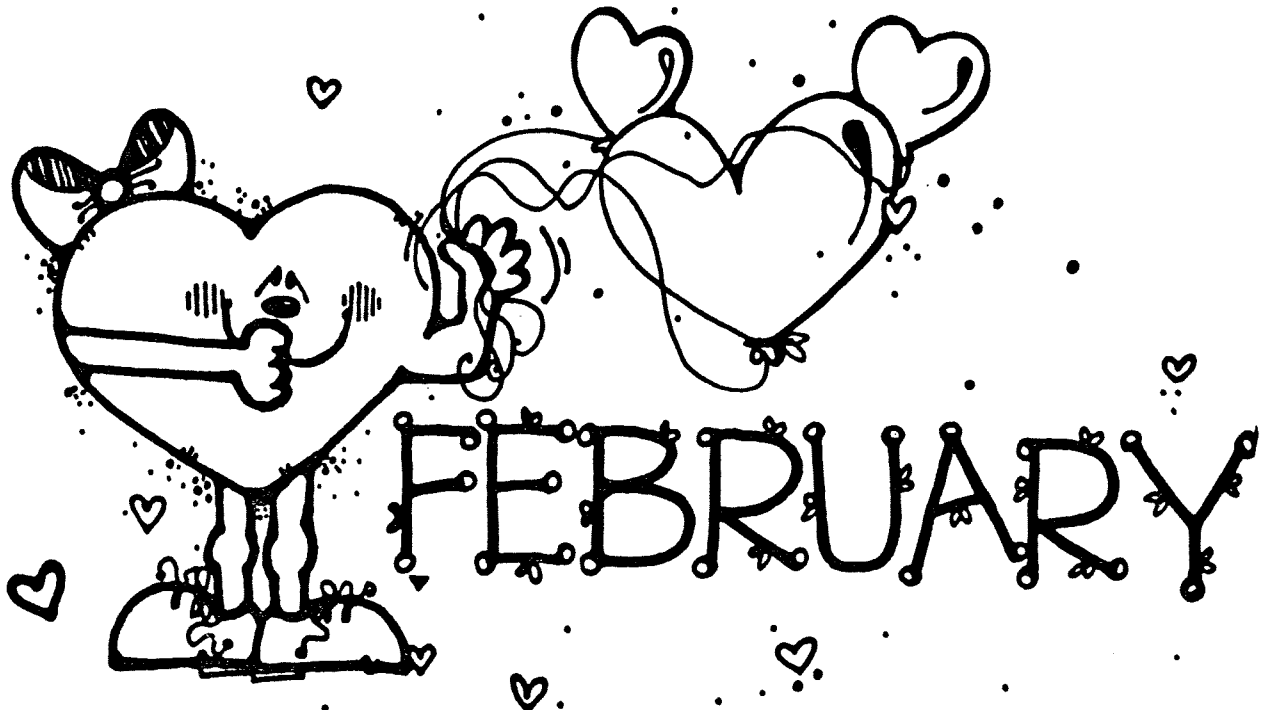
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## JUNIOR NOTES BY KAY JURGENS

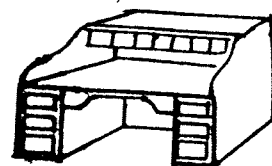
The month of LOVE is here! Even if you don't give a valentine to everyone you ever say "Hi!" to anymore, it's a great time to think of those we love and of things we love. I love having bright, intelligent, enthusiastic junior members who come up with better ideas than I would have ever thought of. I love planning for the show, because I know we will all have a great time, although we will all drag ourselves home on Sunday night. The one thing all of our members have in common is that we all LOVE ROCKS. Whether our junior members live near or far, whether they can make it to every meeting, or are with us in thought, we all LOVE ROCKS! You know you love rocks too much when: \*they've taken over your basement, \*they've taken over your back yard, \*you have them displayed in every room of the house, including the bathroom, \*your mom says you can't bring home anymore unless you get rid of some, \*your spouse says you can't bring home anymore unless you get rid of some, \*all you want for Christmas is specimens or cutting material, \*rock shows are the highlight of your life, or \*everything above is true.

I would be very interested in hearing personal stories about your love for rocks, serious or humorous. It could be about a field trip, a trip across the country, the rocks in your collection, the big moment of your best find, or whatever. Youth and adults alike, please share a story with me so that I could pass it onto the juniors. My story is:

We always incorporate a day or two to collect "something" when we travel. When we went along the East Coast a few years back, our choice was to collect at Franklin, New Jersey. With one day at the mine, we didn't care what the weather was. When rain started to descend, the boy scout troop alongside us and everyone else headed for cover. We all knew we had come too far to let a shower from Mother Nature stop us. When the mine closed, the next stop was the local laundromat, where we washed, rinsed, and dried our muddy, soaked clothes. It wasn't a chore- we had all those visions of our new additions to our stash going through our heads! Of course, we had to throw out some of those shells we had collected along the beach in order to make room for rocks. I still wonder if the wide-eyed children watching us throw them away later collected the large ones out of the dumpster!



## From The President's Desk



Hello LGMC Members:

I want to "Thank" all swappers who helped this year. It was bigger than last year. Last year we had nine swappers, this year we had fourteen swappers. Once again I want to thank all the people who put on the swap. And a big "Thank You" to Susy McMahan, our new club historian who put a club 'History Program' together for the evening meeting, and Vera Lyman 'Thank You' for a 'Rocky Cake'. It was delicious.

By the time you get this Pick & Shovel we will have had our Geology Day at Pioneer Park Nature Center on Sunday February 13 from 1 to 4 PM. Hope to have seen you there.

As for our Show on March 25-26--As Displays Chair Person I have 84 feet, more or less, to fill up. (Yes Adeline Nolde, I have you down.) As for me, if I have time I will have some displays. Thanks to you who were at the January Meeting and gave me your space requirements. Will be asking again at the February Meeting for any one else who will display. If anyone wishes to get hold of me at home please call and leave a message.

As for the next two months, I will be busy. One for club displays, two for work with Valentines Day coming up and three--something personal which I will tell you about at the February Meeting or in the March Pick and Shovel. I've just purchased a 1994 Plymouth Voyager Van to carry all my displays etc.

Edward Ridge

As this year's Show Secretary, and as Editor, I'd like to challenge all of the year 2000 Club Members to make our 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Show the biggest and most interesting show in our history! Let's have at least one case from each club member, (and two or three if you can,) so that all tables will be full of the Wonders of Nature with no spaces empty and no room for criticism. Remember if it interested you it will interest some other person and as members of a great rock club it is our duty to provide the best show we can to interest our total public.

If you don't have a case--build one or borrow one but be sure to have one so you can be counted among the displayers. As Editor, I can verify that back in our earlier shows, 1960 and 1961, LGMC advertised "Over 150 Displays". Surely we should have many more than that in the year 2000.

Will YOU accept the CHALLENGE?? *Phyllis N. Parks*

**2000 SHOW PLANS** progressing:

The committee meeting on February 3<sup>rd</sup> was well attended and each activity is nearly Show-Ready! Dealers, Demonstrations, Special Features, Guest Programs, Youth Activities, Displays, Floor Plan, Gate & Security are right on schedule. A few more workers for the Friday Set-Up and Sunday Tear-Down are needed and more displays would be welcome. If you haven't already signed up please look for the sign up sheets at the February Meeting.

Discount cards will be ready for mailing to those who signed up at the last show, for taking to other area shows and for dispensing in any way possible. Roger has promotions set for radio, TV, Actions signs and newspapers. Watch for them and make note to spread the word. This, our 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Show, has been titled 'Wonders of the Century' and we must all plan to make it **Wonderful!**

Phyll Parks, Show Secretary

On another note--for all of you Annual Show Boosters---we have signed contracts and paid deposits for the next five years at Pershing Auditorium. The dates we have set aside for our use are:

March 24-25, 2001  
March 23-24, 2002  
March 29-30, 2003  
March 26-27, 2004  
March 25-26, 2005

Our January Swap is History! For those who missed it, a good time was had by the many who took advantage of a favorite activity. We had more swappers, more swapper bucks in use and a nice day to get out. The Silent Auctions were well supported and we netted \$89.75 for the Special Lapidary Equipment Fund to help support the Lapidary Classes that Roger teaches. We had several persons ask for and fill out applications for membership and we hope they will all come to the next meeting. Special thanks to Susy McMahan for the History Notes provided to those at the Anniversary meeting and to those who participated in "LGMC, Past, Present and Future." After the meeting we all enjoyed the anniversary cake baked by Vera.--It gets better each year!!

New members, approved by the board of directors, are Charlene and Charles Zweerink, 941 So. 40<sup>th</sup> St., Lincoln, NE 68510, already with dues paid. Also approved were Nancy and Pat Akins, Sr., parents of our Apecial Arizona Wood Displays; Pat Akin and Grandparents to Elizabeth, Christopher, Kathryn and Benjamin. As soon as they pay dues they will become members. Steve May has also been approved and will become a member. Welcome each of you and hope you get lots of enjoyment from your membership.

Adeline has passed along information about 'Nebraska Rocks' that are available for any of the members who wish to avail themselves of the opportunity. Former club member and past president R.D. Gibson and wife Lois have recently moved from their family home on Prescott Street to a one floor residence and have left Nebraska Petrified Wood, Chalcedony, Limb Casts and Jasper by the garage on Prescott. Please call your editor for information.



**MIDWEST FEDERATION OF MINERALOGICAL & GEOLOGICAL SOCIETIES**

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As President of the MWF, I have the benefit of receiving and enjoying the bulletins by other clubs involved in the hobby. *Smoke Signals* (Vol 44, Issue 12) had an article by Lonnie Griffin that I feel is worth sharing. It concerns a lady who asked to join the club, exclaiming how she had enjoyed doing all the fun things that the club had done that year. She prefaced her enthusiasm by stating she did not want to be asked to take on any positions (jobs) of responsibility, or to help with the show.

It has been my experience that with any organization—the more you give and participate, the more you learn and enjoy the club and its' members. This lady was denied membership to the club and rightly so...thought being, "What is going to happen to the life givers of the organization" if they (the clubs) are willing to accept "leeches" (as Lonnie referred to them) into the fold?

When I think and reflect on our club members, I don't think we have any "leeches". We may have at one time or another - but they didn't stick around. I suppose that is a key factor to club survival, continuation of the best of the species. Our members seem to pitch in to "add to", not "take from" the system, and these are the names that appear year after year on the membership role because they are enjoying participating. We welcome new blood and make every effort to recruit and include new members in club activities.

Willis

Clipped from a California Bulletin and contributed by Grant S. Bennett. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President--

**EDITORIAL (Think about this TOO)****OLDER AND SLOWER? by Mel Albright (AFMS)**

Are you all getting older and slower? No, not you individuals. Your club! Are you getting "sot" in your ways? Do you ever venture new things? Are you running out of members? Are all your members retired or nearly so? Do you sit around and wonder where the new members are and why they drop out? If you answered yes to many of the above, it's time to stir the pot.

Through e-mail comments and swap bulletins, I realize that many of our clubs are "fading into the sunset". They are static and rarely get new members and seldom keep those they get. What kind of way is that to run an organization?

The big question is "Why" Why are we not getting new, young members? Why can't we keep those we get? Why are we happy with a fading club?

First - let's consider today's young family. First, we must recognize that they are busy, busy, busy and are scheduled day and night for family, child, church, and civic activities. So, if we want their attention, we must offer something unique. Many clubs do this - they have lots of field trips, they have lessons, they have special youth programs, they talk at schools and to the scouts and who-ever else they can. They recognize that kids love rocks and fossils and are the key to their parents attention. Second - and this is VERY important - we must plan our activities WAY ahead of time, so that we can get on the young family's schedule. If there's an exciting field trip announced for 3 weeks from now, that's too late. They are already scheduled for that Saturday. Try 6 or 8 weeks or more. Then, we must stick to our schedule. They'll soon drop out if they plan a club activity and then we change it at the last minute. Your old members may be worn out on a collecting site, but the new ones surely are not!

Now, what do most new folks find interesting? HOLD ON! It is NOT shows, swaps, contests, show cases, rock shops and the like. It is field trips. It is show and tell - touch and feel. It is teach me how. It is hands-on workshops. It is "gee whiz" like dinosaurs, and sea fossils and beautiful minerals and interesting crystals and glowing fluorescents and plate tectonics and "why" things are as they are. And - how rockhounds fight pollution!! Your club better be an active environmental protector. (Read the AFMS field trip rules) Just watch the places where non-members stop and spend time at a show and the places they leave soon. AND it is variety. If every meeting is just like the last meeting, they'll soon disappear.

Maybe you don't agree with everything I've said. Fair enough. BUT, please take a close, critical look at what your club is doing and how they are doing it. If need be, I hope you find ways to liven things up and keep the hobby glowing and growing in your part of the world. This is a great hobby and a wonderful, unending, fascinating education! AND IT IS FUN!!!!

## 2000 ELECTED OFFICERS

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<b>3 years</b>	Jim Parks
<b>2 years</b>	Charlene Bingell
<b>1 year:</b>	Jerry Moore
	Kevin Schwartzman
	Roger Pabian
	Bill Rockel

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<b>1 year</b>	Jim Parks
	Vera Lyman
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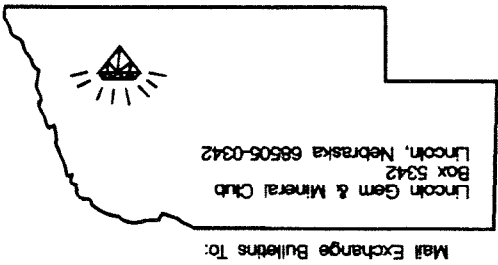
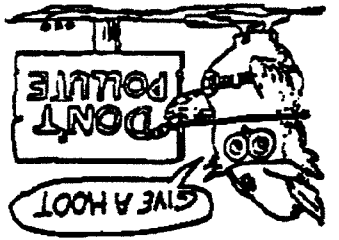


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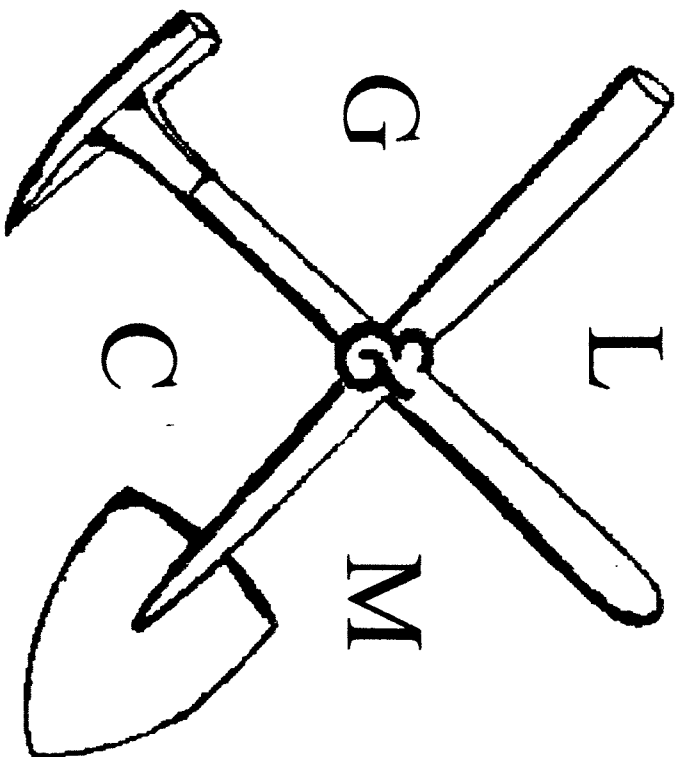
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