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**CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA**



CEDAR VALLEY ROCKS AND MINERALS SOCIETY

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This corporation is organized for the purpose of studying the earth sciences of mineralogy, geology, and the arts of lapidary and Gemology. We were organized on June 12, 1951, incorporated on June 21, 1956, as a non-profit organization.

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CLUB MEETINGS: Third Wednesday of each month except June, July & August (we have picnics at parks) and December (2nd Saturday night is our Christmas Potluck and Party).  
7:30 PM at Linn County Rural Electric Cooperative Building at 999 - 35th St., Marion, Iowa.

BOARD MEETINGS: Fourth Wednesday of each month except June, July & August.  
At place announced by the President. 7:30 PM.

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REGULAR MEMBERSHIP - \$6.00 per adult couple; \$4.00 per single adult;  
\$6.00 per family membership

JUNIOR or PEBBLE PUP - \$3.00 (a member under 18 years of age)  
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Persons joining during the year will pay dues to the nearest quarter.

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APRIL MEETING

WED. April 18, 7:30 PM

REC Building in Marion

Program - ??

Goodies - Ora Mae Cozart, Wilma Ramsell & Roger Dabler.

Display table - Something new you have collected this spring--  
in the field or at the Show. (frozen fingers &  
toes don't count!)



PROGRAM - No word from the program Ch., Roger Dabler, on what the program will be. As for the meeting I know the Show will be discussed. Do you want to have one next April? Did you like this one? If you have any comments on the Show bring them to this meeting. A vote will be taken this month or next to decide if we have one next year. So be there!

BOARD MEETING-The April Board meeting will be at the home of Jack and Connie Bevauns on April 25, at 7:30 pm. Board members who cannot attend should contact Pres. Bevauns. ALL MEMBERS ARE WELCOME.

FIELD TRIP?? - Come to the April meeting for field trip plans.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS -I have flyers on most of these.

- APRIL 21 -22 - Mason City, Iowa (Gem & mineral Show) Minowa Four (4 clubs in Iowa & Minn. North Iowa Fairgrounds, camping, dealers  
" 21-22 - Mt. Sterling, Ill. (Show) Siloam Springs Earth Science Club. St. Mary Academy Gymnasium  
" 21-22 - Waterloo, Iowa (Show) No dealers, Recreation & Arts Center  
225 Cedar, Waterloo 1:00 - 3:00 pm both days  
26-27-28-29 - Grays Lake, Ill. (Show) Lake County Gem & Min. Society  
April 28-29 - Milwaukee, Wisc. (Show) Wisconsin Geological Society  
" 21-22 - Mt. Clemens, Michigan (Show) Mt. Clemens Gem & Min. Society

May 12-13 - Dayton, Ohio (Show) Dayton Gem. & Mineral Society

" 18-19 - Allentown, Mo. (Swap) Greenfelder Park

" 26-27-28 - Wheaton, Ill. (Show) Dupage County Fairgrounds  
Chicagoland Gems & Minerals Association

JUNE 16-17 - Iowa City, Iowa (Mini-Show & Swap) Izaak Walton Clubhouse  
Highway 218 South of Iowa City, Old Capitol Geological Club. camping, auctions, potluck, dealers, exhibits.

" 22-24 - Ottumwa, Iowa (ALL IOWA ROCK SWAP) Ottumwa Park Pavilion  
Sac & Fox Lapidary Club. camping, Sat. potluck.

" 9-10 - OREGON, Ill. (Show & Swap) Ogle County Fairgrounds.

" 8-10 - Rapid City, S.D. (Rocky Mt. Federation Show)

JULY 14-15 - Joy, Ill. (Swap) Edwards River Earth Science Club, Aledo  
Camping, auctions potluck, Joy City Park, 7 miles W. of Aledo, Ill.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Cedar Valley Rocks and Minerals Society met on March 21, 1979 at 7:30 at the Marion REC Building. Walter Birdsell was introduced as a guest. The secretary's minutes for February were corrected to report that Alberta Cray was questioning whether a fall swap should be held if we had a spring show, rather than questioning whether there should be a swap booth at the spring show itself. Motion for approval by Larry DeSotel; seconded by Elwin Woof and passed.

Bud Cray moved and Elwin Woof seconded the motion that the treasurer's report be tabled until she was present.

CORRESPONDENCE: Rog Dabler ("the cabler") was volunteered to demonstrate cabling and rocks at Bowman Woods Elementary School, a job similar to others which he's been performing previously.

The Mid-America Paleontology Society Show at Macomb, Illinois, on March 31-April 1 was announced.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Elwin Woof reported on the show meeting at Troxels on Wednesday night. He also announced that the tables are to be at Hawkeye Downs between 9:00 and 10:00 A.M. on Friday, in preparation for set-up.

Jeff Nekola displayed one of the black lights which the club now owns. Elwin Woof moved and Larry DeSotel seconded that a longwave bulb and white light be purchased for the black light booth. Passed. Connie Bevauns clarified that the light was to be used for generalized club functions only, and was not to be available for individual members usages.

Pebble Pit still seeking volunteer relief. Also to help Jeff Nekola in black light booth and Ida Brunk at hostess table.

Helen Shedenhelm reminded everyone of the potluck for Friday night for workers and dealers. Betty DeSotel said some printed tickets from last year are still in their garage. Leslie Blin was soliciting club demonstrations.

Open House, i.e. Indoor Field Trips, will be held Sunday at Barnett's from 1:00-4:00 and at Troxel's afterwards with a potluck scheduled for the table at 5:30.

OLD BUSINESS: Connie Bevauns raised the question of donation of a book to a library only upon a member's death. After discussion, Elwin Woof moved and Connie seconded that a plant also be sent to the home of the family, to cost under \$15.00. The Sunshine Chairman will make the purchase, and the bill will be mailed directly to the club's treasurer.

NEW BUSINESS: Larry DeSotel has been asked to become Second Vice President of the Midwest Federation by Paul Good. APPLAUSE!!

Skinny Lutz announced that they had taken some of their soapstone display to the cases at Trowbridge Hall at the University, which

Secretary's report continued from previous page.

the University had appreciated.

Ora Mae Cozart thanked the club for flowers and cards when Louie died. Helen Lutz thanked the club for the cards she received when she was in the hospital.

A lengthy discussion was initiated by President Jack Bevauns who stated that he felt the club had lost sight of its goals of studying and identifying rocks; that too many of us are now interested in trophy collecting or making money. The extent of unquestioned support of the MWF was raised in regard to support beyond 1000% for the scholarship fund. The historical days of the club when there was no money but much fun were remembered by four families. This, in contrast to lengthy business discussions and voiced disappointment by new members, etc. The discussion terminated when Jim Dickens brought it to a quick death by suggesting the board handle this, and such lengthy hassles be avoided at regular meetings, as is true to the purpose of the board. A questionnaire about the issues, however, may be printed in the Newsletter.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 P.M. after which Larry DeSotel became the shrewd businessman-auctioneer-money-mad-seller who disposed of numerous items to club members and raised \$88.00. (no, not the roof!)

Sincerely submitted  
Helen I. Troxel, Secretary

POTLUCK - Sunday, March 25th. A delicious potluck was enjoyed by ten members following the Indoor Field Trips. It was held in Helen Troxel's basement. Helen gave members a tour of her home and her geology lab and the group played +able games, studied Helen's tumbled quartz and visited -- a good time was had by all. We were sorry more members couldn't attend.

#### EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES

The March Board Meeting of the Cedar Valley Rocks and Minerals Society was held on the 28th, 1979 at the home of Helen Troxel at 7:00 P.M. President Jack Bevauns called the meeting to order. All board members were present. Treasurer Marian Peters reported \$88 was received from the white elephant auction. She read a letter from Katharine Steinbrenner thanking the club for the \$315.19 for the AFMS Scholarship Fund. A 1000% plaque has been ordered for the club. Don Bates made a motion that we recommend to the club to add enough money to the \$88 to make it a 100% for the year and send it to the AFMS Scholarship Fund. Roger Dabler seconded, and the motion was approved.

Marian Peters presented a copy of Non-Profit Organizations Financial Regulations she received from the accountant. Connie Bevauns reported there will be no charge for the Newsletter covers, thanks to her boss. It was recommended the club send her boss a thank you note.

## Executive Board Minutes continued

President Bevauns reported on the Science Fair March 31-April 1. Jim Dickens and Roger Dabler will be judges. Leslie Blin recommended we order copies of the New Reference list of Lapidary Material names. Larry DeSotel reported that he has recommended Karen Waterman for the post of MWF Treasurer.

Roger Dabler asked if anyone wants an Iowa or South Dakota Geological map, they should contact him and he will order them. Leslie Blin reported the All-Iowa Swap will be June 22-24 at Ottumwa, Iowa at the Park Pavilion. There are camping facilities.

It was noted that the Board made a recommendation that we give a \$200.00 Scholarship to a Cornell College student, and it was not brought to the attention of the club at the regular meeting. Pres. Bevauns recommended we discuss this next month.

The board adjourned for a tour of Helen's basement to see her collection and lab, and enjoy refreshments served by Helen.

SHOW MEETING: A show meeting was held at 8:00 P.M. with 32 members present. Show co-ordinator Don Bates called the meeting to order by presenting a layout of the show and asking for a committee report from each chairman.

Dealers: Larry DeSotel reported all dealer spaces filled. The Simons of Lincoln, Nebraska and Den's Petrified Critters of Monroe, Iowa, will be two new dealers.

Special Exhibits: Betty DeSotel read the list of special exhibits that are coming and noted that because of the MWF council meeting the same weekend, some exhibitors had to decline our show. Approximately two-thirds of those she asked accepted.

Radio and TV Publicity: Leslie Blin reported that Geraldine has contacted seven radio stations and is working on more publicity. KCRG-TV will be out there Friday night or Saturday. Larry was contacted by WMT. Don Bates will handle this.

Tickets: Marian reported there are tickets left from last year.

Local Publicity: Mary Dickens has placed articles about the show in the Gazette -- the "Calendar of Events, the City Briefs" and the Sunday paper. Don Bates reported he sent flyers to out of town members to post in their town. He also reminds members that whoever does the magazine publicity next year should mail it to them in October.

Letters to Newspapers: Gladys Jensen sent these to papers in a 150 mile radius. A News Release Form Letter was printed by Alberta Cray for this purpose.

Hostesses: Ida Brunk needs a few more helpers.

Black Light: All ready - but needs some helpers. Skinny Lutz volunteered to have the black light booth and pebble pit box out

Show Meeting continued.  
on Friday.

Pebble Pit: Robert Blin passed a clipboard for helpers. He will need some more material.

Swap Chairman: Cliff Steiner made 1,500 swap bucks. They were printed on the club's duplicating machine.

Ribbon Chairman: Alice Brown presented a bill for \$44.03 for ribbons.

Schools and Youth Groups: Gladys Zobac sent letters and flyers to schools with information going to all local science teachers and all schools within 35-40 miles from Cedar Rapids. These were also sent to Girl Scout, Boy Scout and Camp Fire Girl Offices.

Program: Rick Austin has five programs set up. Don Bates asked if members think that is enough. Members agreed it was.

Club Demonstrations: Leslie Blin reported Floyd Zook will demonstrate but not as a club demonstrator. There will be 9 demonstrators by club members. Don Bates is bringing his cabbng equipment, and members are needed to work with it.

Camping: Norman Brown reported that camping will be on the gravel or blacktop, not on grass - and none next to the building.

PHotography: Mike and Bob Blin asked for suggestions of what members would like pictures of. Don Bates suggested they place a notebook at the front table asking members when they could open their cases or assist with photographing on Friday night, Saturday or Sunday morning, or if they have something special requested. Alice Brown told of an idea she has of making a slide program of their table-making demonstration as a club project.

Show Flyer Committee: Don Bates announced that he has made a new committee for next year. They will pick a theme, design flyer, send and distribute them and mail them. 2,000 were printed this year.

Friday Potluck: Helen Shedenhelm said most of the food should be there by 5:00 or 6:00. Beans, salads, beefburgers are good. It was decided that Alice will fix a large roaster of beefburger and the club will pay for meat and the club will buy buns.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 to look at the floor plan of the show.  
Submitted by Leslie Blin, Secretary Pro Tem

Science Fair Report - Jim Dickens and Roger Dabler were judges of the earth science exhibits at the Eastern Iowa Science Fair March 31 & April 1, 1979. They represented the club in presenting \$15.00 to Angie Backes of Dubuque and \$10.00 to Aaron Thomas of Anamosa. Both exhibits were about volcanos.

MWF DIRECTORIES - I have recieved two copies, they will be available to read at the meeting and buy if Larry has recieved some or to order.

I have recieved MWF Show(Columbus, O.) & AFMS Show (Tampa, Fl.) info if wish

to read it call me.

IOWA GEOLOGICAL SURVEY TO STUDY EARTHQUAKES via ROCK TALK, Waterloo

Otto Knauth reported in the Des Moines Sunday Register, 3/25/79, that micro-seismometers (extremely sensitive earth quake sensors) will be placed in five locations in Iowa along the Mid-Continent Gravity Anomaly, which runs from Mason City, west and south to Council Bluffs in Iowa

The micro-seismometers will be connected by telephone lines to the headquarters of the Iowa Geological Survey in Iowa City.

Interest in earthquakes in this area goes back to the winter of 1811-1812, when an earthquake, (actually a series of quakes) which has been described as the most powerful in the history of the United States, struck near the little Mississippi River town of New Madrid, Mo.

New interest in studying earthquakes is created by nuclear power plants which have been built and are planned in the area.

The Iowa sensors are part of a five-state network funded by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to determine potential hazards if an earthquake should occur.

The earthquake network in Iowa is being set up by the Iowa Geological Survey, with associate state geologist Orville Van Eck as the principal investigator.

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State Rock of Kansas- from the PICK AND CHISEL, April 1979 an article tells how elementary school children from northwestern Kansas have petitioned the Kansas Legislature to name LIMESTONE as the official rock of Kansas.

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A HINT- via THE NISHA VALLEY GRINDSTONE, From Template & The Loup Scoop

To make your own jewelry cleaner, use  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup of white vinegar,  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup household ammonia,  $\frac{1}{3}$  cup dish detergent. Mix and drop the jewelry in it and watch it shine. It will also help your silverware and copper-bottom pans.

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There once was a Rockhound named Schartz

Who pounded bare-eyed on some pretty quartz

Now he sees in a fog----and he's led by a dog

He can't watch the news or the SPORTZ.

via ACHATES, from Flint Rock & Agate P.

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A backwoods mountaineer one day found a mirror that a tourist had lost. "Well, if it ain't my old dad," he said as he looked in the mirror. "I never knew he had his pitcher took." He took the mirror home, stole into the house, and hid it in the attic. But his action did not escape his suspicious wife. That night while he slept she slipped up to the attic and found the mirror. "Mm-m," she said, looking into it, "so that's the old hag he's been chasin'." From North Iowa Gravel, Lucille Burdette

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Also from North Iowa Gravel & Lucille Burdette: The best way to forget your problems is to help someone else solve theirs.



Submitted by Treasurer Marion Peters

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1978 FINANCIAL REPORT

RECEIPTS

MISC.

Jan. 138.50  
 Feb. 220.00  
 Mar. 409.00  
 Apr. 842.50  
 May 1,671.50  
 June 2,324.50  
 July 12,742.72  
 Aug. 253.54  
 Sept. 600.00  
 Oct.  
 Nov.

DEALERS

200.00  
 400.00  
 8,088.00

DISBURSEMENTS

Advertising

&

POSTAGE

72.57  
 309.95  
 54.51  
 39.42  
 579.99  
 168.54  
 370.36  
 3,097.55  
 2.41  
 170.23

MISC.

943.53  
 440.04  
 12,023.41  
 3,335.42  
 6,836.34  
 561.73

Total

19,202.26

4,884.53

24,140.47

Total Receipts

27,890.26

Checking acct. bal.

1,404.10

29,294.36

Total Disbursements

29,025.00

Savinging acct.

2,504.04

Certificate of

4,000.00

Deposit

6,773.40

Tax refund due our club 528.09

Aug. Disbursements

Judges

Sherat on Inn

Med. West Federation

All Iowa Fairgrounds

Tent

Iowa Tax

Wagner Printing

Cedar Rapids Special Police

Sept. Buresh Rental

Oct. Insurance

Midwest share

Savings account interest

Certificate of Deposits interest

Miscellaneous receipts includes camping fee, ticket and advance ticket sales, breakfast and banquet tickets.

Interest on CD 20.00  
 Interest on savings 22.00

900.00

3,912.52

1,037.60

3,005.01

543.84

1,042.61

913.61

1,587.00

1,724.11

600.00

6,202.67

118.44

240.00

Submitted by Treasurer Marian Peters

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CEDAR VALLEY ROCK & MINERAL SOCIETY

MIDWEST FEDERATION 1978 SHOW

DISBURSEMENTS

Printing and  
 Advertising 1,290.90  
 Miscellaneous 380.00  
 Rent Hawkeye Downs 500.00  
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 TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS 2,170.90

RECEIPTS

Jan 3,425.00  
 Feb 1,300.00  
 Mar 2,525.00  
 Apr 875.00  
 May 400.00  
 June 650.00  
 July 250.00  
 Aug.  
 Sept.  
 Oct.  
 Nov.  
 Dec.

TOTAL RECEIPTS 9,575.00  
 Less disbursements 2,170.90  
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 Certificate of Deposit 7,404.10  
 Savings account 4,000.00  
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 3,404.10  
 2,000.00

Checking account bal. 1,404.10

540.00  
 116.00  
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 875.00  
 1,005.00  
 2,000.00  
 1,035.00  
 3,000.00  
 85.60  
 60.00

Interest on savings 85.60

Interest on CD 60.00

130.53  
 3,085.22  
 310.30  
 108.20  
 218.88  
 38.45  
 24.21  
 303.82  
 55.25

1,404.10  
 4,000.00  
 3,404.10  
 2,000.00

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



To the Rock Club members:

Thank you for attending the meetings. Since the last meeting, I've become more and more enthused to work with all of you and make our club a "hobby" club that all of us can enjoy.

Take a minute if you will and fill in the questionnaire that follows. With enough interest, we can really go places.

I've been given a rock from Ashkallon, Israel that I need help identifying. Maybe some of you can help me at the April meeting.

See you there!!  
Jack Bevauns, President

Please answer the questions-not necessary to sign your name-bring it to the April meeting (or mail it to Jack if you can't make it-2011 Northgate Dr. N.E. is his address) See inside cover (Use plain paper if  
----- CUT ON LINE ----- you need more room)

1. What does your Rock Club need to do to become the club you can enjoy?

2. Are there any field trips you would like to take as a club group?

SHOULD THERE BE A NATIONAL GEM?

The ballots for our choice were tallied and sent to June Zeitner.  
Here our choices:

(underlined choice is the one sent in)

A. National Gemstone - Quartz 1st, agate 2nd, jasper 3rd.

B. National Rock - Limestone 1st, granite 2nd.

C. National Mineral - a tie between quartz and turquoise, copper & gold each got one vote.

D. National Fossil - Dinosaur bone 1st, brachiopods 2nd, trilobite & coral each got one vote.

Under reasons I picked them to match the 1st place choice:

A. Fairly common B. Limestone is "Iowa's buried treasure".

C. universally available C. no reasons given

Plus I had quite a few comments such as "None, no reason for any", "the whole thing is silly", "nothing" and that only 1/10 of our club would vote at all.

3. Are there any people the club can get to give good lectures to the members?

4. Please give us an idea on how you would like club funds spent and where you think the club should strive to be within the next couple years.

1979 "Gem & Mineral " SHOW REPORT"

The following members set up displays at the Show:

Don Bates - 4 cases, one case was the I-80 case "Rocks of Iowa".  
Norman & Alice Brown - 3 cases, jewelry, Petrified wood and  
Jeff Nekola - one case of minerals.  
Gladys Zobac - one case of Iowa material, I recognized the BIG agate.  
Cindy Zobac - one case of fossils and Pet. wood.  
Chuck & Dorothy Shoemaker - 2 cases of fossil concretions.  
Elwin Woof brought his "dog house" filled with geodes.  
Bill & Gert Myers - one case of petrified wood plus two big pieces.  
Craig Simmons - one case of jewelry.  
Larry DeSotel - one case of amethyst.  
Betty DeSotel - one case of gold mining artifacts.  
Mike Blin - one case of petrified wood.  
Pat Blin - one case of fossils of eastern Iowa .  
Bob Blin - one case of lapidary work.  
Robert & Leslie Blin - one case of Linn County Rocks & Minerals .  
Skinny & Helen Lutz - one case of turquoise .

Roger Dabler - 3 cases, sharks teeth, fossils and agates.  
Lyle Waterman - one case of fossils.  
Bud & Alberta Cray - one case of Iowa fossils.  
Glen Powers - one case of jewelry.  
Jack & Connie Bevauns - one case of Misc. specimens.  
Frances Ling - one case of Montana agate.  
Cliff & Jackie Steiner - one case of alligator teeth, one of Coryphoden  
bones.  
Babe Barnett - one case with mammoth skull and teeth.  
Ora Mae Cozart - one case of agates.  
Dave Richards - 4 cases of slabs & cabs plus 2 tables of petrified wood.  
Mel Abernathy - one case of copper minerals.  
Jamie Stout - one case of Iowa material.  
Jim & Mary Dickens - one case of minerals, one case of Mary's sand

paintings.

Plus - a stone house built and displayed by Jim & Mary's granddaughter  
Jennifer Dickens and a neighbor Steve Harms.

From my count there were 41 club cases there, 32 Special exhibits or cases  
9 club demonstrations and 12 dealers. A lot to look at!!

A report on the Show will be in the May newsletter, only 2 days since  
the Show and everyone's still tired and Easter vacation coming up so  
please get me your reports and comments on the Show by the 1st of May.  
If it is just a one or two line comment CALL ME!!

My favorite exhibit was the MASTODON skull and bones. And the two brothers  
Rocky & Rod Anderson from Corning. Did they tell you about digging it up??

Did everyone UNDERSTAND all Jeff was saying about fluorescent rocks??  
He did a great job and Elwin Woof's pictures were a beautiful addition  
to the show.

The Pebble Pit was a busy place as usual. The kids (and grownups) couldn't  
resist the pretty tumbled stones donated by Gert & George Vacik of Iowa  
City. Thanks very much!!

Babe Barnett really drew the crowds with his gold panning. I know he must  
have had cold hands doing it but everyone enjoyed it and learned a lot.

WITH OUR MEMBERS

DON SHAW is in St. Lukes hospital awaiting surgery thhis week. We all hope everything goes well and wish you a speedy recovery, Don. Neva is better, she can see well enough to drive some. Both of you GET WELL SOON!

OUR SYMPATHY

To Wally Peters who's father died in March, he lived in Männesota.

REV. MOORE had surgery not to long ago, but he was at the Show and said he was getting along fine.

I saw ROBERT & KATHLEEN STARKS at the Show, they looked well. He said he was getting along O.K. after his heart surgery.

Did you read the article in the March Lapidary Journal about Gem Trees? Page 2580, There is a picture of LAVONNE GROVE'S ming tree and she is mentioned in the article. Congratulations LaVonne!!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Walter Birdsell	Dale & Nancy Stout
Add to your directory 101 Grove St.	Jamie, Molly, Nancy,
Shellsburg, Iowa	Jeff and Joe
	2237 Meadowbrook Dr. S.E.
Terry Wallace	Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52403
(no address yet)	(Jamie has been a Pebble
	Pup for a year)

Also add renewed members:

Geraldine Brown	Charles & Sylvia Hinchliffe	Dave Richards
525 5th Ave.	824 -18th St. S.E.	Box 173
Marion, Iowa	Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52403	Oelwein, Iowa
52302	366-0629	50662
377-3414		

Lyle and Karen Waterman Add - Miranda with Howard Meek  
210 Lawrence St.  
Nashua, Iowa  
50658

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MORE SHOW NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. President, Jack & Connie Bevauns BROKE IN their new camper by camping at the Show, now their all ready to go on a field trip!!

The Starks from Riceville, Ia. (Austin MMinn. Gem & Min. Soc. Editor) were camped at the Show to with their new camper.

Thanks to all the Club members who demonstrated at the Show, they put in long hours and worked hard, answered a lot of questions and were a real asset to the show I think.

The only excitment we had was when the wind was in the wrong direction and the SMELL from the table top demonstration didn't go OUT--instead about finished off the Pebble Pit crew! It was soon moved to near a door and an exhaust fan set up to solve the problem.

*Keep America Clean! Put Litter in its Place!*

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## SPRING EXECUTIVE MEETING

The spring meeting of the Midwest Executive Committee will be held in Elmhurst, Ill. on Sat. April 7 at Elmhurst College. The Executive Committee has been invited to visit the West Suburban Lapidary Club show at Elmhurst College April 7-8.

## 20 CLUBS ADVANCE SCHOLARSHIP STANDING

By Katharine Steinbrenner, Scholarship Chairman

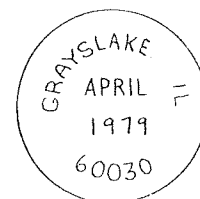
Since the last Scholarship Report in this Newsletter 32 clubs have sent contributions amounting to over \$1700.00 for the American Federation Scholarship Foundation. As a result of their generosity 20 of our clubs have advanced their Scholarship Status as follows:

Brookings Area Gem & Mineral Society	400%
Peru Rock & Mineral Club	3000%
Lawrence County Rock Club	1500%
Stonelick Valley Gem & Mineral Society	200%
McDonnel-Douglas Gem & Mineral Soc.	500%
Wild Cat Geological Society	1000%
Three Rivers Gem & Min. Society	1000%
Esconi	400%
Heart of Wisconsin Gem. & Min. Society	1100%
Midwest Mineralogical & Lapidary Soc.	1200%
Coulee Rock Club	400%
White River Gem Society	900%
Peoria Academy of Science	100%
Huron Hills Lapidary & Mineral Soc.	900%
Missouri Valley Gem & Mineral Society	400%
Rock River Valley Rockhounds	200%
Illowa Gem & Mineral Society	1200%
Blue Ridge Gem & Mineral Club	1000%
Hawkeye Gem & Mineral Club	1100%
Pike County Gem and Mineral Society	900%

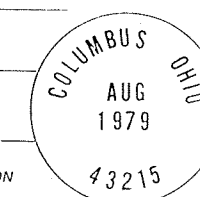
The Scholarship Foundation wishes to express appreciation to all of the Midwest clubs that are so generous in their support of such a worthwhile project. This generosity earned for the Midwest a 500% Plaque. It will be officially presented at the Council Meeting in Columbus, Ohio during the Midwest Show and Convention, Aug. 2-5.

☆ **THIS IS YOUR LAND** ☆  
**KEEP IT CLEAN**

## POSTAL SERVICE O.K.'s SPECIAL CANCELLATIONS FOR TWO MIDWEST SHOWS



'79 SHOW



SHOW & CONVENTION

The Postal Service, realizing the popularity and monetary value of special cancellations, has o.k.'d two such cancellations at Midwest shows this spring and summer.

The Lake County Gem and Mineral Society of Illinois will have a special cancellation at their 14th annual "Wonderland of Gems and Minerals" show April 26-29, at the Lake County Fairgrounds. Other philatelic items will be available at the same time according to Grayslake Postmaster Ernest Plotz. In addition to the cancellation a cacheted envelope designed by member James Zradicka will be sold.

The Postal Service has approved another special cancellation that will be applied during the 1979 Midwest Federation of Mineralogical and Geological Societies Show and Convention in Columbus, Ohio August 2-5. The Federation has received notice from John J. Kelliher, Manager of the Retail Branch of Customer Relations Division of the Central Region of the U. S. Postal Service that also, at the show and convention "Wonderful World of Gems", a complete merchandise line including mint sets, stamp collecting kits, the current "Stamps and Stories" book, and all current commemorative and regular issue stamps should be available for sale.

Drawings for these two cancellations, and the one used at the Cedar Rapids, Iowa show last summer were from original drawings by artist Jane Machak, Grayslake, Ill.

## MORE GOOD PROGRAM NEWS

Our Library Program Chairman, Donald Stinnett, is still swapping slide programs with the Northwest Federation. Three new slide programs have been added to the Midwest library. "Thundereggs and Agates" (90 slides); "Crystals and Minerals" (91) slides; and "Field Trip to Last Chance Canyon" (72 slides).

These programs are available for immediate booking by clubs. And, remember, there is no charge for program use. Send your request to E. Donald Stinnett, 29462 Aspen Drive, Flat Rock, Mich. 48134.

## 3 CLUBS COMBINE FOR FOSSIL EXPOSITION

Three Midwest Clubs, Mid America Paleontology Society, Eastern Missouri Society of Paleo., Earth Science Club of Northern Illinois, have combined to present the National Fossil Exposition March 31-April 1. Exposition will be at Tanner Hall, Western Illinois University, Macomb, Illinois. Write Don Good, 410 N.W. 3rd St., Aledo, Illinois, for more information.

## 1,000 RV SPACES AVAILABLE

There will be plenty of space for RV's at the AFMS National Show in Tampa, Florida, July 12-15.

Henry Bonar, Show Chairman, says 1000 spaces are available with full hookups, electric, water and sewer. And if more room is needed additional spaces can be added. All spaces rent for \$5.00

## On with the shows!

By Haydon Peterson

Once again it is time for all of us to start seriously planning the rock and mineral shows we plan to attend during 1979. Planning is really a good idea as you will want to make hotel, motel, or camping reservations to assure yourself of accommodations when you arrive at your show destination. Also to make reservations for the banquets, editor breakfasts and other luncheons, dinners and special events that include field trips at some shows. Many of these activities have limited space and when it is filled you will miss out if you don't plan ahead.

The American Federation with its six Regional Federations provides an opportunity for nearly every rock, mineral and fossil collector to attend a major regional show within a reasonable distance from their home.

May opens the Regional show season in 1979 as the South Central Federation presents its show May 18 - 20 in the Civic Center, Abilene, Texas. It is hosted by the Central Texas Gem and Mineral Society. For further information write to Harry Elliott, Jr., 4th Floor, First State Bank Bldg., Abilene, Texas 79602.

The second Regional show of 1979 will be in Rapid City, S.D. opening June 8 and continuing through June 10. This is the Rocky Mountain show, with the host, The Black Hills Mineral Society and is titled "The Black Hills Gold Rush" show. It will be held in the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center, Show Chairman is Wayne Olson, Box 9, Keystone Rt., Rapid City, S.D.

The show activity moves to California for 1979's third Regional later in June. "Fantasy 'in Jade'" opens June 22 in Sacramento and continues through June 24 at the Cal-Expo Bldgs. A-B-C. Host for this California Federation show is the Sacramento Mineral Society. Show Chairman is R. G. Hendrix, 5401 Henderson Rd., Sacramento, Calif. 95838.

July brings the American Federations annual national show in combination with the Eastern Federation in Tampa, Florida. Dates are July 12 - 15 and it will be held at the huge 275 acre Tampa Fairgrounds. It is hosted by the Tampa Bay Mineral and Science Club and show chairman is Henry Bonar, P.O. Box 11297, Tampa, Florida 33680.

Then in August the Regional show spotlight is on the Midwest Federation as they present their show in Columbus, Ohio at Veterans Memorial in downtown Columbus. "Wonderful World of Gems '79" is the title given this show for its four day run, Aug. 2-5. Show Chairman is Carlton Davis, 2452 Buckley Rd., Columbus, Ohio 43220.

The Northwest Federation closes the 1979 Regional show season with their show in Kennewick, Washington, Sept. 1 - 3. For this Labor Day weekend show they have titled it "Heavenly Gems". Host at this show is the Horse Heaven Gem and Mineral Societies. Show Chairman is Sid Foreman, 114 N. Olympia, Kennewick, Washington 99336.

So, there you have it. Six great Regional shows for you to enjoy. Attend as many as you can. All show chairmen are working with dozens of club members and others, planning top quality exhibits, many special events, bringing in dealers from all over the country, to make these shows the finest you've ever attended.

## *What is your definition of a good federation club?*

Would you like a little contest? Then let's have one!  
Write your definition of a GOOD FEDERATION CLUB  
... 100 words or less.

Below your definition write your name, and address,  
the name of your club and your Region.

Then mail your entry to me at the address below.  
THE DEADLINE IS JUNE 1, 1979. The postmark will control.

Entries will be numbered as they are received and all entries will be submitted to a panel of six Federation judges. The judges will not know the names on any entry.

There will be some awards and lots of publicity!  
Mail your entry before June 1, 1979 to: **LaDocia Ellis, AFMS Education Chairman, 1350 Bidwell Ave. Chico, California, 95926.**



LETTER FROM ARIZONA - by LAVONNE GROVE

We have visited some old mines here but didn't find anything worth collecting but pictures. Merrill has a new camera & is taking lots of pictures. We visited my brother near Jerome & Sedona area. We went up to Jerome (an old mining town). We visited their mine museum there. It was snowing up there so we didn't stay long.

We ran into Ben Worcester in Cottonwood (where my brother lives) & had a nice chat. His wife Annie was with him & they both looked well & happy. We went to Quartzite a week ago. What a mess! There were supposed to be 100,000 people there & they were all selling something. Rows & rows & rows of booths with everything from rocks to fruit--antiques--hand crocheted & knitted things--junk!--like a huge flea market. We found Everett there (from Lincoln). He's looking good--said he really enjoyed the "card" we sent him at the show. He was camping in a tent camper & was about froze. He had his hair "done" while his wife was at our show last year to surprise her. It was long & curly & combed back in a pompadour. He took his hat off & showed us, but wouldn't let us take a picture with his hat off. Gene Eno (glass artist) & Bev & Hugh Carroll (trees & pictures) were there. Found the Hansen's from Davenport--they're coming down here & we'll take them rock hunting. We were told the Abernethy's were there but didn't find them. Also the Banks (Lloyd & Norma) from our club were supposed to be there but we didn't find them. You're lucky to find anyone in that mob. All we got was tired. I wanted some little crystals (miniatures) but no one had any that I don't have. I'll have to go to the Tucson show for that. It's all minerals & crystals.

You ask about rocks. There are lots of different kinds in Arizona. We hunted fire agate in California just across the Colorado River. Seems when we're in Yuma we usually do go into Calif. to hunt. However, we also hunted for fire agate about 80 miles west of Phoenix & also some beautiful little chalcedony roses. Another time we found some agate nodules that remind me of Iowa's cold water agates--not much color but pretty anyhow. There's an apache tear mine about 30 miles east of Phoenix. More agate & pastellite (opalite) north & west of here. We tried to get permission to hunt petrified iron wood on the Yuma Proving Ground but they wouldn't let anyone in this year. (Too much activity). I found one nice piece in their parking lot. We hunted sand (selenite) crystals near Yuma. There are quartz crystals further on & different minerals to be found in the old mine dumps & there are lots of old mines. We found some beautiful red palm root & some good red & yellow jasper on into California.

We haven't done much rock hunting out of Phoenix. We've had a lot of non-rockhound company & Merrill is taking Kachina doll carving classes. We've always wanted to collect them & last year just before we left here we discovered there is a Navajo teaching the art here in Chandler--so this year Merrill signed up. He has an eagle dancer almost finished. It's beautiful.

Anyhow if anyone in the club wants to know where to hunt rocks in Arizona they can contact us & we'll tell them the places we've hunted. 80% to 85% of the land in Ariz. is owned by government--federal, state, county & city, & by the Indians. Much of it is open for rock collecting. There are some wilderness areas closed & if you wish to hunt on Indian lands, you must ask their permission.

The Yuma & Phoenix rock clubs are very friendly. We've gone on their "treks" & found new materials. At least 3/4 of the Yuma club are winter visitors from all over the U.S. & Canada. Makes very interesting meetings.

We visited a copper mine near Globe & went on a tour through it. They furnished hard hats & safety glasses & told everyone to keep the safety glasses. We had a good guide & so learned lots. They do the whole process from ore to copper coils.

We saw the Phoenix Lapidary Show. They had fabulous exhibits of lapidary & silver-smithing.

There are two pictures of my trees & a paragraph quoting me in the February Lapidary Journal article on gem trees by Mae Hubblell. She saw my trees at the show last summer & asked me for pictures. There are also pictures of some of Bev Carroll's trees. (I taught Bev to make trees).

THE AMERICAN FEDERATIONCODE OF ETHICS

I will respect both private and public property and will do no collecting on privately owned land without the owner's permission.

I will keep informed on all laws, regulations or rules governing collecting on public lands and will observe them.

I will, to the best of my ability, ascertain the boundary lines of property on which I wish to collect.

I will use no firearms or blasting material in collecting areas.

I will cause no wilful damage to property of any kind -- fences, signs, buildings, etc.

I will leave all gates as found.

I will build fires in designated or safe places only and will be certain they are completely extinguished before leaving the area.

I will discard no burning material -- matches, cigarettes, etc.

I will fill all excavation holes which may be dangerous to livestock.

I will not contaminate wells, creeks, or other water supply.

I will cause no wilful damage to collecting material and will take home only what I can reasonably use.

I will support the rockhound project H.E.L.P. (Help Eliminate Litter Please) and will leave all collecting areas devoid of litter, regardless of how found.

I will cooperate with field trip leaders and those in designated authority in all collecting areas.

I will report to my club or federation officers, Bureau of Land Management, or other proper authorities, any deposit of petrified wood or other material on public lands which should be protected for the enjoyment of future generations for public educational and scientific purposes.

I will appreciate and protect our heritage of natural resources.

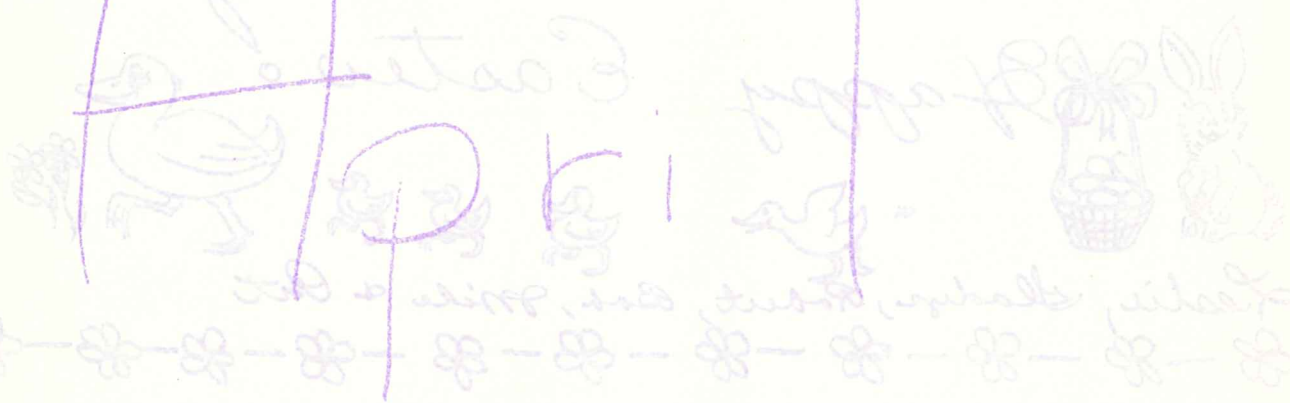
I will observe the "Golden Rule", will use "Good Outdoor Manners" and will at all times conduct myself in a manner which will add to the stature and "Public Image" of rockhounds everywhere.

Don't Forget:

The Great Iowa Cleanup-May 5, 1979

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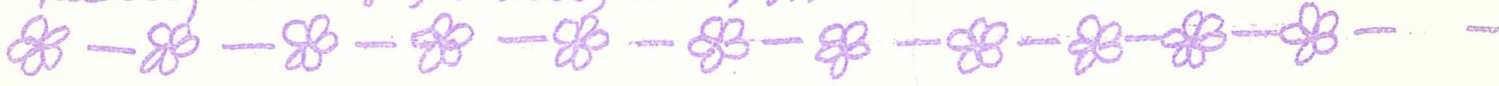
FROM THE APRIL AFMS NEWSLETTER - Mrs Elsie S. Matthews, Conservation and Multiple Use of Public Lands chairman of the Rocky Mountain Fed., is gathering clippings about conservation and related subjects from newspapers and magazines throughout the country. In this way she feels she can be better informed about activities in the different regions and states and plan a more vigorous attack on the whole conservation matter. Clippings should be sent to her at 926 Sandstone, Bartlesville, OK 74003.

Fossil collector Herb Grote of Omaha has found what he believes are fossil clam or mollusk burrows of the Pennsylvanian ina rock quarry of southeastern Nebraska. Grote, a former teacher, and coach thinks fossil collecting as the ideal outdoors hobby. He has given collections to several museums in Nebraska, reports the Omaha World Herald. Grote is currently trying to get complete classification on the animal which made the borrows 300 million years age.



Happy Easter!

Leslie, Gladys, Robert, Bob, Mike & Pat



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