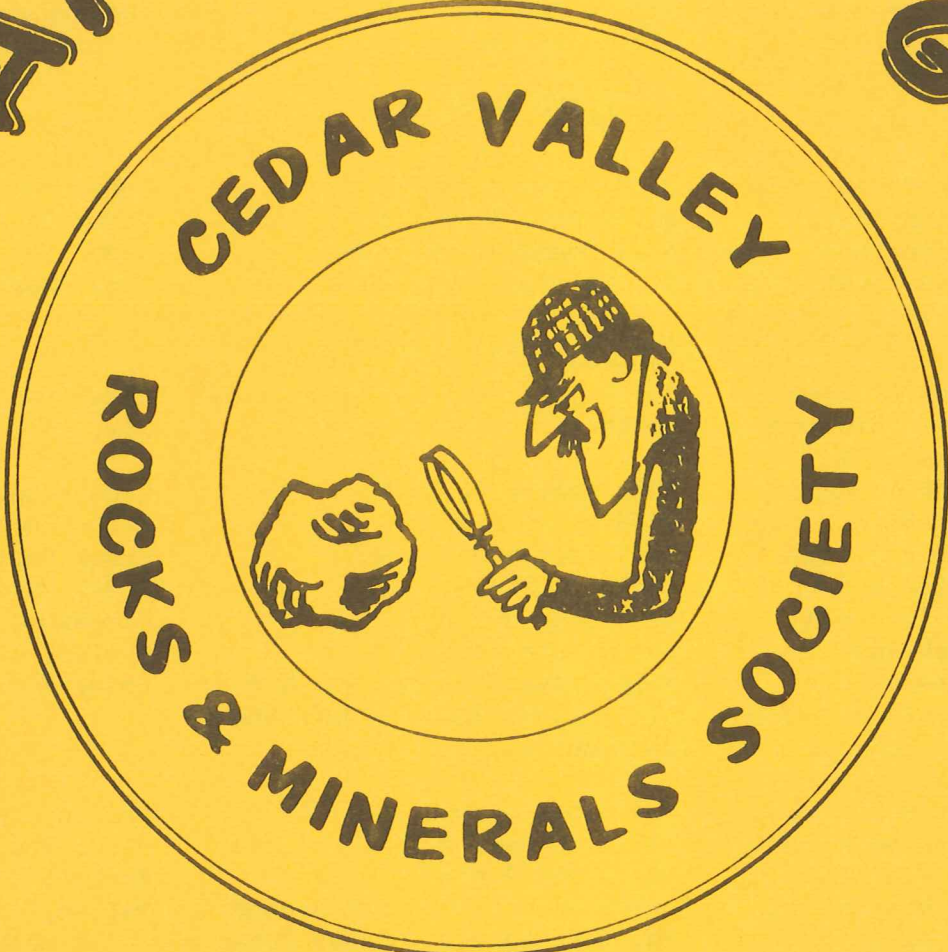


# CEDAR VALLEY GEMS



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ROCKS & MINERALS SOCIETY

MAR 1979

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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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MEMBERS are requested to contribute articles to be published in the bulletin. Articles should be given to the Editor or Co-Editor by the FIRST of the month to be in that month's bulletin. Articles may be reprinted if credit is given the author and the bulletin.

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.

CLUB DUES: Due and payable January 1 of each year. Deadline if March 1.  
REGULAR MEMBERSHIP - \$6.00 per adult couple; \$4.00 per single adult;  
\$6.00 per family membership

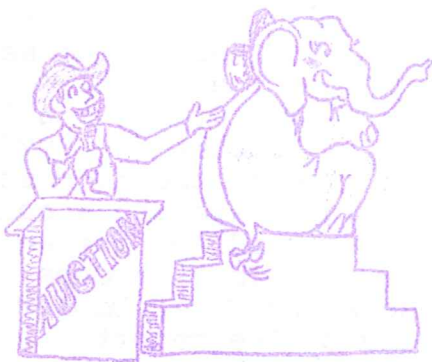
JUNIOR or PEBBLE PUP - \$3.00 (a member under 18 years of age)

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP - \$4.00 per family (associate members will receive the club bulletins but may not vote or hold office).

Persons joining during the year will pay dues to the nearest quarter.

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MARCH MEETING

WED. March 21, 7:30 PM

REC Building in Marion

Program - "White Elephant" Auction

Goodies - Fred Nekola, Vera Vyskocil, and Clarissa Powers

Since the "White Elephant" auction has become an annual March program and everyone enjoys it so much Vice-President Roger Dabler reports that this will be the March program as usual.

So drag out those "White Elephants" and don't forget the ROCKS while you're at it! Bring anything, in the past we've had such things as cookies, fudge, house plants and guppies. Always have all kinds of ROCKS and showcases, agates, fossils, and jewelry. Crafts are good. Even sold a beer can once, and if we're lucky a certain member may bring some scratch pads! A lot of fun, don't miss it!!!

CLUB CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARCH 25, Sunday afternoon...Indoor field trips to Helen Troxel's home and possibly one other members home is being planned. Details at the meeting the 21st. Or contact Rick.

March 28, Wednesday evening...BOARD MEETING at 7:00 pm (note change of time) at the home of Helen Troxel, 1138 Prairie Dr. NE. Board members who can not attend please contact Pres. Jack Bevauns.

MARCH 28, Wednesday ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS.....SHOW MEETING!!!!!!!

7:30 PM at the home of Helen Troxel. This will be the one & only Show meeting so it is urgent that all members attend this meeting, especially Committee Chairman. Bring your questions!!! The address is 1138 Prairie Dr. NE, Cedar Rapids.

APRIL 7 & 8, 1979, Saturday & Sunday

"Gem and Mineral Show" at Hawkeye Downs in Cedar Rapids, Iowa 7 Retail Dealers, 5 Demonstrating Dealers, 5 programs, Club demonstrations (9), Many Special exhibits, Swap area, Pebble pit, club displays, camping and many more exciting things.

JULY 4th week.... Roger Dabler is planning a field trip to Rapid City, South Dakota and going to a private ranch of 17,000 acres to hunt rocks. He would like to hear from all members who would be interested in making this field trip with him...call: 396-3406 right away!

ATTENTION ----Because of the Show and Easter we will need the reports for the April newsletter NO LATER THAN APRIL 1st. Plan on giving me your articles at the March Board meeting if possible. The Editor

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Cedar Valley Rocks and Minerals Society met at 7:30 P.M. on Wed. February 21, 1979 at the Marion REC Building. Donna Madis was introduced as guest to the large number of persons in attendance. The secretary's reports were approved as printed. Copies of the annual Treasurer's Report will be attached to the Newsletter for distribution to members only. The Treasurer mentioned the fact that income for 1977 was greater than had been reported to the IRS because of the Midwest Dealers' fees being received that year, but held in a separate account until the '78 show. The CPA had advised her of the need to file an amended report for '77 and explain the honest error. Jack Bevauns, as President, thanked Betty DeSotel, Marion Peters and Roger Dabler for the time they contributed towards preparation of the report. Lumir Dlask moved, Connie Bevauns seconded, and the membership approved unanimously the report.

CORRESPONDENCE: Don Bates reported that he had received a letter from the Red Cross thanking the club for its contribution to their organization. Christmas basket recipients had also thanked the club for its gifts. Larry DeSotel suggested that they be invited to the Show and possibly to meetings.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Norman Brown suggested the following distribution of \$1,000.00 from the '78 Midwest Show receipts. (See attached sheet--for members only). Connie Bevauns moved, Skinny Lutz seconded, and the membership approved unanimously the suggestions.

DISPLAY: Don Bates reported that the display case at the University of Iowa awaits a display, for which Skinny Lutz volunteered to serve as chairman. The I-80 display needs to be updated in May. Roger Dabler agreed to contact Mike Scott at Mercy Hospital about a display before the April Show. Roger will be asked to contact Linda DeWolf at St. Luke's. Leslie Blin reported that the Marion Library will be available for a display the first weekend of March. Jack Steiner will place a display in Kenwood Library.

SHOW: Helen Troxel agreed to write news releases for out-of-town papers. Don Bates suggested that this task be incorporated in the guidelines for Publicity Chairman for another year.

Rick Austin listed the programs which have been confirmed for the Show to date, and Larry DeSotel added information about the dealers who will be on hand. A clipboard was circulated for volunteers for demonstrations and exhibits at the Show, and Leslie Blin will additionally include such a request in the next Newsletter. Chuck Vyskocil and Jack Bevauns are contact persons about borrowing/purchasing display cases and revolving cases. Don Bates suggested that a telephone committee operate, ascertaining the number of cases which would be on display, the number of campers which will be out there, and the number of other exhibits. Pat Dabler volunteered to chair the committee and Connie Bevauns and Gladys Zobac will assist. Helen Lutz reported that no plastic table covers remained. Hach Brothers was the '78 source.

FIELD TRIP: Roger Dabler gave preliminary announcement of an

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exciting trip for July 4, 5 and 6 to a private ranch of 17,000 acres south of Rapid City which has never known rockhounds! A lively discussion followed about all of the attractions lying nearby. BUILD YOUR VACATION PLANS AROUND THIS ONE. WOW!!!

NEW BUSINESS: Gladys Zobac announced the Audubon film, "Return to the Tetons." Leslie Blin explained the ballots for national gem, stone and minerals. Helen Troxel reported that her sister and husband are in Kansas City after a hurried evacuation from Iran. Marion Peters gave an inventory list of the safety deposit box to each board member. Elwin Woof moved that the meeting be adjourned at 8:30. No objections.

Roger Dabler introduced Babe Barnett who presented an excellent film, "Limestone, Iowa's Hidden Treasure." He announced that they will retain their "Open House" displays available for additional visitors until March. (Call before you go). Many of the items were found in Iowa's limestone quarries.

Answers to questions: The underground mine shown was the Donald Stone mine south of Ottumwa. The suggestion that the 3<sup>rd</sup> air shafts into some of the mines to insure fresh air in the shafts could be used to pipe 55-degree air into a "village" above it for winter heating ease and summer cooling ease.

After the program, excellent refreshments were served by Rosie Richardson, Betty DeSotel and Ora Mae Cozart, hostesses.

Submitted by Helen Troxel, Secretary

#### EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES:

The February Board meeting of the Cedar Valley Rocks and Minerals Society was held on the 28th, 1979, at the home of Connie and Jack Bevauns. Marion Peters reported that recalculation of the amount needed to be sent to the Midwest Federation to bring our participation in the scholarship fund was \$315.19 instead of the \$311.19 reported in last month's Board minutes. A check for \$315.19 was written and mailed. A letter from AFMS thanking us for the 1000% had been received. Copies of the Treasurer's Annual Report are available for members.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: A discussion occurred about possible locations for the fall swap, led by Don Bates, since there will be a horse show the weekend we'd hoped to hold it at the Central City Fairgrounds. Alternate locations were suggested. Connie "was volunteered" to make copies of a news release form with permanent blanks to be filled in for yearly use in contacting out-of-town news sources.

A discussion of mailing costs for the "Cedar Valley Gems" at third class took place which means no forwarding privileges. Anyone on vacation, therefore, who wants to receive the Newsletter during their absence must keep the editor informed of the current, correct address. Pertinent suggestion: Send it by UPS!!!

Executive Board Minutes continued from previous page.

Leslie Blin corrected the idea that she was arranging a display in the Marion Library: She had only meant to report the availability of display space there if we choose to use it.

OLD BUSINESS: After a discussion about the wisdom of having a swap area in conjunction with the Show this spring, the question having been raised by Alice Brown in absentia, it was moved by Larry DeSotel and seconded by Roger Dabler to proceed as originally planned and publicized to retain a swap area this year.

It was clarified by Don Bates that he is Show Chairman for two years. His assistant Show Chairman is the Fall Swap Chairman for two years. After two years, the Assistant Show Chairman becomes the Show Chairman and a new assistant is obtained who then functions in that capacity and also as Fall Swap Chairman.

Larry DeSotel reported that he had been unable to view the used equipment mentioned last month as possible purchases by the Club because of the snow drifts which still had drifted the garage door closed where the machines are. As soon as it is possible to inventory the equipment and its condition, a report will be forthcoming.

Although no firm conclusion was reached, it seemed to be the gist of the discussion that if the Club does become owner of community property that it not be made available for the private use of members, but that it be used for Club display and other such educational purposes at our own events or at those of our friends/neighbors.

It was agreed that the Pebble Pups should be phoned about dues and given a chance to retain membership in the directory.

Only 6 ballots for a national gem were completed at the last meeting. It was agreed that they will be passed among the members again at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: Helen Troxel has volunteered to have an indoor field trip in March. Marion Peters will be hostess for the March Board meeting.

Craig Simmons, Supply Chairman, has a supply of stationery for those who need it. After Larry DeSotel requested that help be given to him in the preparation of a list of functions which will be occurring in the Midwest this spring and summer, the meeting was adjourned and Connie sustained all bodies and spirits present with refreshments. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

Submitted by Helen Troxel, Secretary.

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June Zeitner says in The Concretionary Column of the AFMS newsletter: "In the ballots so far for National "Stones" quartz leads for gem, granite for rock, gold and copper tie for mineral, and no clear pattern for fossil. But I enjoyed the vote which nominated "dinosaurs" for the national fossil emblem. Reason--"Because we like them." "

(Editors note- we will take a ballot at the March meeting ,your last chance.)

## TREASURER'S REPORT -- JANUARY 1979

## Receipts:

Dues	\$ 91.00
Supplies	3.00
Booth Rent (79 Show)	250.00
Subscriptions	13.00
Certificates of Deposit & Interest from Betty DeSotel--'78 Show	4,060.00
Check account balance (1-1-79)	3,286.08
	<u>\$7,782.33</u>

## Disbursements:

Insurance	\$ 84.00
Red Cross	200.00
Magazine subscriptions	13.40
MWF membership	54.50
Postage	58.22
Supplies	5.00
Safety Box	9.50
Transfer to Savings	4,060.00
	<u>\$4,484.62</u>
Total in checking account	\$3,297.71

## APPRECIATION GIFTS FOR CLUBS HELPING WITH '78 SHOW:

Illowa Gem & Mineral Society, Davenport	\$ 150.00
Charles City Rock & Gem Club, Charles City	200.00
Mineral Study Club, Muscatine	100.00
Edward River Earth Science Club, Aledo, Ill.	100.00
Northeast Iowa Rock Club, Sumner	100.00
Tri-State Gem & Mineral Society, Dubuque	50.00
Old Capitol Geological Club, Iowa City	300.00
Total:	<u>\$1,000.00</u>

EDITOR'S REPORT

HELP!!! Please get your committee chairman reports to me by the FIRST of the month. Please try to include all the facts, what? When? Where? Who? etc., It helps us type if we have all the facts the first time & don't have to call you when we're typing. Thanks to all the members who have been real prompt with their reports. The mail seems to get slower all the time, so we MUST mail the newsletter 7-8 days before the meeting, so we must TYPE the FIRST week of the month and we need to KNOW what is going into the newsletter that month otherwise some months we have 20-25 pages typed and have to set some aside or we run short because someone was suppose to write a committee report and didn't.

It has been a long time since we've had an article BY a member so jot down your thoughts on what the club do, review a book or tell us about that winter trip. Bring it to the next meeting and I'll be happy to get it!

DISPLAYING TYPES...by Fred Albert via Rock Roller via The Geode

### SHOWMANSHIP:

Good showmanship is the ability of the exhibitor to use the material, lighting arrangement, placing and labeling, to create a display which will be educational and which will attract and hold the interest of the viewer. One collection may impress you as just mediocre, when it actually contains outstanding specimens; conversely, another may have you dazzled by the beauty of a very ordinary collection. Showmanship is the basic difference.

### CLEANLINESS:

Do not display a dusty or finger-printed specimen or case. Be neat. Display with no lint, dust or foreign objects to distract the viewers eyes.

### LIGHTING:

Good lighting is essential to gem and mineral displays. The standard Federation type cases have been designed by competent professional engineers to efficiently and adequately illuminate the majority of displays. Place specimens in such a position so that shadows will be eliminated. In the case of polished agate slabs, they might be better lighted from behind.

### BACKGROUND:

Make your case as inconspicuous as possible, arranging risers and background so as to keep the viewers eyes focused on the subject of the display. Materials used as liners should be of such color and texture as to enhance rather than distract from the theme of the display.

- a. Use light gray, beige or pastel material with displays that have variety.
- b. Use dark colored material with discretion. It is usually suitable only if specimens are all one color.
- c. Patterned material is a "no, no". It detracts from the display.
- d. Background material should not be gathered, ruffled or pleated.
- e. Select a color that will set off tints and shades of the material to be displayed.

### RISERS:

Styrofoam is suitable for background risers and is useful to form split levels. Be sure all risers are covered.

### ARRANGEMENT:

Good arrangement has balance, good proportion, pleasing color harmony, rhythm, design and suitable background. Specimens can be arranged in geometric patterns, curves, ovals or in any pleasing design as long as they are uncluttered and not complicated. Cases should not be overloaded.

### LABELLING:

Be sure spelling is correct, and that labels are neat, uniform in shape and evenly placed.



SHOW REPORT .....by Don Bates, Show Co-ordinator

Things are progressing - all Dealerships have been filled; 7 Retail and 5 Demonstrating. Rick Austin has the programs lined up. At this point in time the only difficulty I can foresee is getting enough exhibitors to fill the tables.----So I appeal to each and every member of our club to whip together some type of display. It doesn't make any difference if you think you don't have anything new to display, after all we are displaying this for the public and for educational purposes. PLEASE gather together something be it new or old and help make this a good local show.

There will be a Show meeting, FOR ALL MEMBERS, Wednesday night March 28, 7:30 pm. At Helen Troxel's house. This will be the only Show meeting we will have so any questions pertaining to any phase of the show will be answered there. Any Committee Chairpersons needing help pfany kind please let me know -See you all March 28, 7:30PM.

Don Bates

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CHECKLIST FOR THE SHOW -April 7 and 8,1979 Are YOU ready????

- 1.-----Post those fliers you picked up at the meeting. Tell your neighbors, relatives and friends. PROMOTE the Show!!!
- 2.-----Get that Showcase out of the attic or garage and get it ready. Takes longer than you think so don't wait til the last minute. If you need a case or help setting up your case call the Show Co-ordinator or Assistant 366-6012 or 396-6014.
- 3.-----If you are a Committee Chairman have you got enough helpers? Set up a schedule? Does the Show Co-ordinator know how many tables & chairs or anything extra you will be needing?? Let them know.
- 4.-----Set up will start at 9:00 AM FRIDAY April 6. Try to make it out to Hawkeye Downs to help set up tables if you possibly can. Display cases can be set up Friday afternoon & evening. (No later than 9:00 AM Sat. morning.)
- 5.-----Plan to bring some food with you if you come out Friday afternoon or evening for the "Continuous Potluck". Its an "eat when you have time " affair. So we will need sandwiches, salads, desserts, casseroles cookies, etc., to set out and everyone working will eat when they have time...so bring some food and your display cases and come join the fun!
- 6.-----Don't forget material for the Pebble Pit. You can take it out to the Show if you wish. Let Robert Biln know if you have some material to donate. 377-3339
- 7.-----Plan to be at the Show early Sat. morning to help with the last minute details before the doors open at 10 AM. Smile, be a friendly rockhound!!!
- 8.-----Plan to stick around and help with clean-up. Don't be in a hurry to go home Sunday after the 5:00 closing. It is the responsibility of all members to see that our out-of-town guests get their cases carefully packed away and on their way home and Hawkeye Downs is left clean and neat. (Show report continued on next page.....)

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From the MARCH AFMS Newsletter: A new full color "Guide For Collectors in Minnesota" is available from: Tourism Division of the Minnesota Dept. of Economic Development, Cedar Street, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101  
The 3 5/8 x 6 1/2 book has 16 pages. a glacial map of the state is included.

SHOW REPORT(continued.....)

Programs-Rick Austin, Program Chairman reports he has the programs set up on this tentative schedule.

Saturday, April 7 -1:00 PM... "Geological History of Iowa" by Ray Andersen, Iowa City, Iowa Geological Survey.  
 3:00..... "Dinosaurs" by Richard Johannesen of Davenport.  
 7:00..... "Limestone, Iowa's Buried Treasure" by "Babe" Barnett of Marion, CVR&MS member.  
 Sunday, April 8 - 1:00..... "Faceting" by Floyd Zook of Iowa City a Old Capitol Geological Club member.  
 3:00..... "Silversmithing" by Dean Andersen of Iowa City, a Member of Old Capitol Geological Club.

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Club Demonstrations

The following members have signed up to work at the club demonstration booth at the Show:

Pat Blin - painting on rocks & wire jewelry, Joe Kysilka - faceting, Mary Dickens - etching on glass or "something new", Rosie Richardson - rock critters, Elwin Woof - cabbing & engraving, Shirley Murray - she says "maybe" silverwork, "Babe" Barnett - gold panning, Fran Ling, Norman & Alice Brown - Making table tops.

If you would like to demonstrate some thing you do with rocks let me know, Don needs to know how many tables. Leslie Blin -3773339

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DON'T FORGET THE SHOW MEETING March 28, 7:30 PM at Troxels.

WITH OUR MEMBERS (more on page 13)

Jackie Steiner has been to the doctor because of the frog in her throat and he gave her some medicine and she can almost talk again.

CONGRATULATIONS to Fran Bates, she finished the clubs Application for All American Federation Club Award and sent it in! That is no easy job!

WELCOME to new member Marvin Houg of Cedar Rapids.

AN INVITATION.....The Cedar Valley Treasure Hunters Club are having a Special Program on April 12, 7:30 pm at Peoples Bank East, 1st Ave. & 37th St. NE, C.R. Mr. Robert Tatum of Raytown, Mo. will give the program. He is the author of "Missouri Treasures, Treasure Hunting Tips & Metal Detector Facts and other books on treasure hunting, metal detecting and Civil War relics. We visited him at his home in 1977 and saw his collection, it should be an interesting program. You're invited!

A hint

Garbage liners make good aprons when cutting and polishing rocks. (cut out holes for head and arms and slip it over clothes.) Cold cream on the hands will get the oil off if you put it on BEFORE you start to cut.

from T-Town via Pick & Shovel via North Iowa Gravel



CEDAR VALLEY ROCK & MINERAL SOCIETY  
GENERAL FUND

Checking account bank balance

1/1/77  
1/1/78

\$ 396.97  
464.67

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DISBURSEMENTS

Miscellaneous 105.40  
Postage and printing 470.64  
Educational 110.80  
Auction license 10.00  
AMFS scholarship 135.00  
Auction (Shaw) 317.03  
Rent 67.00  
Box Rent 8.00

Receipts

Dues 436.50  
Supplies & Misc. 50.02  
Auction (club) 95.20  
Auction (Shaw) 589.35  
Resource book 100.50

Bank balance

1,291.57  
396.97

1,223.87

Less disbursements

1,688.54  
1,223.87

464.67

1977-SHOW FUND

Rent 848.27  
Amplifier 127.71  
Postage & printing 113.84  
Educational 147.14  
Scholarship 200.00  
Insurance 64.00  
Supplies 67.56  
Tax (sales) 43.35  
Trans. to savings 1,350.00  
end C.Ds. 250.00  
Change

Dealer (show)

Tickets 230.00  
Pebble Bit 1,694.86  
Swap 148.61  
10% of sales 32.50  
Refund 9.00  
Loan for '78 show 13.39  
689.86

1,350.00

Bank balance 1/1/77

2,818.23

3,211.87

Less disbursements

3,211.87

Balance 12,31/77

64.37

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SAVINGS ACCOUNT

Total 1/1/77 141.93  
 Deposits in 77 850.00  
 Interest for 77 20.86

1,012.79

Withdrawals in 78 850.00  
 Interest in 78 162.79  
 42.60

Bal. in savings for 1979, Jan. 1st 205.39

CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSITS

Total for 1977 015441

Interest for 77 500.00  
 15.11  
 Total for 77 515.11  
 Interest in 78 31.61

Total for 1977 109625

Interest for 77 546.72  
 606.77  
 37.24

Total for 1977 109625

Interest for 77 644.01  
 39.52

Total for 1977 14627

683.53

Interest for 77 513.85  
 28.85  
542.70

Interest for 78 30.46  
573.16

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Certificates of deposits continued:

Total for 1977 12976

Interest for 77

542.70  
30.46

Interest for 78  
32.18  
605.34  
4,000.00

Certificate of deposit  
This certificate is in the name of Cedar Valley Rock and Mineral Society and Betty Desobels, Treasurer for the Midwest Show. All the interest that was paid went back in the Midwest fund. This certificate was cashed in Jan. 1979. The money was transferred to the General fund then transferred to the savings account.

SHOW FUND 1978

Disbursements

Scholarship I.V. Geology Dept.	400.00	Bank Balance 1/1/78	64.37
Supplies for building	25.50	Rent (bldg. show meetn.)	5.00
All Iowa Fair (79show)	200.00	Trans. from savings acct.	750.00
Slides for 78 Midwest show	65.00		
Trans to Gen. fund	50.00		
<b>Total</b>	<b>740.50</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>819.37</b>
		Minus disbursements	740.50
		<b>Balance</b>	<b>78.87</b>

Receipts

To certify that a check of \$740.50 was cashed and total trans. to general account.

41.4100  
30.3000  
78.87  
70.0000

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GENERAL FUND

DISBURSEMENTS

Miscellaneous 134.68  
 Insur. 188.00  
 Education 88.60  
 Scholarship 184.75  
 Postage and supplies 509.59  
 Legal fee 35.00  
 Total 1,140.62

Balance 1/1/78  
 Dues  
 Educational  
 Resource book sales  
 Auction (club)  
 Dealers for 1979 show  
 Supplies  
 Refund (adv. 1978 show)  
 Donation  
 Trans. from savings  
 Receipts from 1978 show

464.67  
 343.00  
 54.60  
 40.25  
 86.71  
 440.00  
 50.75  
 18.30  
 5.00  
 150.00  
2,773.40

Total 4,426.68  
 Minus disbursements 1,140.62

Checking account balance  
 Jan. 1/79 3,286.06

This total includes \$1,100.00 which is held in escrow part of which will be divided with the Midwest and part which is to cover our insurance bill which has not been billed to our club as of 1/1/79/.

Total

Savings Account & Certificates of Deposits..... 6614.14  
 General Checking Account Fund..... 3286.06  
 1978 Show Fund..... 78.87  
9,979.07

Marian Peters, Treasurer  
 Feb. 19, 1979

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## *“Wonderful World of Gems”*

Plans for “Wonderful World of Gems” the Midwest Show and Convention in Columbus, Ohio, Aug. 2 - 5 are progressing according to schedule according to Carlton Davis, Show Chairman. The show is sponsored by the Columbus Rock and Mineral Society, Good Earth Mineral Society, Rockwell International Mineral Society and Rolling Stones. It will be held in Veterans Memorial in downtown Columbus.

Speakers will include Paul Desautels, Cornelius Hurlbut, Hohn Sinkankas and Dr. Vince Manson, G.I.A. Exhibits will include those from Smithsonian, Harvard University, Carnegie Museum, Cranbrook, and Gemological Institute of America.

Complete information on the show will be found in future issues of this Newsletter and will be mailed to other interested persons very soon.

Specific information on various aspects of the show can be secured by writing Carlton Davis, Show Chairman, 2452 Buckley Road, Columbus, Ohio 43220.

### OLIVE ELLERSICK

We were sorry to learn of the death of Olive Ellersick, St. Louis, Missouri, on December 8, 1978. Olive was a member of the Earth Science Club of Missouri and a former editor of the ESCOMO Bulletin.

Until a few years ago when she became ill, she was very active in the Midwest Federation having worked on the annual Midwest Directory for many years.

### NAME BADGES

If there are any Midwest Executive Committee members, including Past Presidents, who do not have a new clear plastic name badge for themselves or their spouses please contact Mary McNamar, Chairman Public Image and Courtesy Committee, 3513 57th Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50310.

### AFMS UNIFORM RULES BOOKLETS AVAILABLE

If you do not have a copy of the AFMS Uniform Rules 4th Edition (blue cover) here is an opportunity for you to get a copy. Our Midwest Director of Supplies has a limited quantity available at \$.50 per copy. If you would like a copy, send \$.50 to Clinton Hecket, 725 Stewart Ave., Elgin, IL 60120. This 4th Edition will no longer be in use after Dec. 31, 1979 as a new 5th Edition will be issued early in 1980.

### WELCOME NEW CLUBS

**TRI-COUNTY ROCK AND GEM SOCIETY**  
Dean Stevenson, President  
RT. 5, Box 156  
El Dorado Springs, Mo. 64744  
joined January 24, 1979

**SHABBONA TERRITORY ROCK & GEM CLUB**  
Marvin Lawyer, President  
101 E. Main St.  
Neward, Illinois 60541  
joined January 24, 1979

**UPPER THUMB GEM AND MINERAL SOCIETY**  
Mrs. Jean Reid, President  
4680 Trasmere Rd., Cass City, Mich. 48726  
joined January 26, 1979

### 1979 DIRECTORY AT PRINTER

Most of the copy for the 1979 Midwest Directory has been sent to the printer. Diane Dare, Directory Chairman, plans to have the Directory distributed to all clubs and individuals within a few weeks.

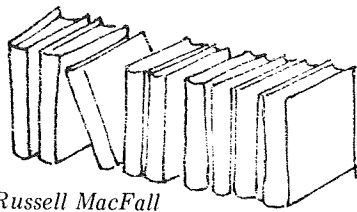


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## BOOKS



By Russell MacFall

Mineral collectors are fortunate to have available several new state guidebooks that have just come to this reviewer's attention. **Minerals of New York State** (Ward's Natural Science Establishment, Rochester, N.Y., \$7.95) is written by David E. Jensen with photographs by Kay Jensen, both former presidents of the Eastern Federation of Mineralogical and Lapidary Societies. Jensen has included a history of mineralogical research in New York State with brief biographical sketches of many of the notable figures and organizations that have laid the foundation for his account of the major formations and mines of the state, followed by a detailed descriptive mineralogy and bibliography. Mrs. Jensen's photographs include 16 pages in color and nearly 100 in black and white.

**Minerals of Georgia** by Robert B. Cook (Bulletin 92 Geologic and Water Resources Division, Dept. of Natural Resources, Atlanta, \$5.00) is virtually a monograph of the reported occurrences of minerals in that state. Published in large format with color illustrations on the front and back cover, it gives detailed location information taken from an exhaustive inquiry into the reports from the nation's first gold rush in Georgia in the 1820's until the multimillion dollar industrial mineral exploitation of today. In its completeness it is a model for state guides.

Only a couple of years older is the excellent **Mineralogy of Michigan** (Bulletin 6 Department of Natural Resources, Geological Survey Division, Lansing) by Prof. E. William Heinrich of the University of Michigan. After an account of the basic geology of the state and the history of prospecting and mining there, Heinrich describes minerals alphabetically rather than in the systematic fashion used in the Georgia guide. Like Jensen's book, it is the convenient octavo size. The bibliography is excellent.

One more word: **Dictionary of Geological Terms**, Revised edition, Anchor Books, Garden City, N.Y. paperback, is a handy book to have in your library.

## SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

*This is a letter to Russell MacFall from our Scholarship recipient for 1978-79, Nancy Newberry.*

I was very happy to find out that I will be receiving the scholarship of the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies for this year, and happy to help you by answering any questions you have about me.

I am from Coldwater, Michigan, a moderately small town in the lower peninsula, where I graduated Valedictorian of a class of about three hundred students. I was a rather typi-

## ARCHEOLOGY GETS A BOOST IN SOUTH DAKOTA

*From Rock Dust — Sioux Empire Gem & Mineral Society, Sioux Falls, S.D.*

Lyle Cheever, retired district judge in Brookings, S.D., is an amateur archeologist. He was concerned when he learned there were no records of archeology finds in the northeast part of South Dakota. While picnicing at Oakwood Lakes last summer, a member of his party found some pottery. Experts were called in who turned up a 1,000 year old village site which has been nominated for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. He says they've located four village sites in Deuel County alone.

Bob Alex, state archeologist, said South Dakota is the only state in the nation without an anthropology major. The U of SD will offer twelve anthropology courses next semester and wants a major in the field authorized by Board of Regents.

Archeologists are proposing an out-reach program to train amateurs to help salvage important sites before erosion, vandals or developments ruin them forever. Mr. Cheever believes amateurs should very much be discouraged from doing individual digging, but there aren't enough trained archeologists to follow up every lead.

It is important to know that when a person comes across a find like these people did — pottery: two little potsherds about the size of a nickel — that it should be reported to an archeologist so a search might be made and the digging and recording done in a way so records can be kept. Darrell Fulmer, who is an archeologist at a village site near Mitchell said, "Artifacts get amateurs into it. But there's more than artifacts. Soil chemistry, magnetic anomalies in the soil, pollen, snails — these things take expertise, and once the site is disturbed they mean nothing."

Amateurs can dig, but an expert needs to be with them to show them how.

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cal active high schooler, having participated heavily in theater, dance, lab assisting, art and at least attempting to rule the world by running in many races for student government.

I have spent my last four years at the University of Michigan and am now twenty-two. During my study here I have earned the Branstrom Freshman Prize and other honors; and am fortunate to work with Dr. Donald Peacor on a research project which will be completed this fall. I will be continuing here in a Master's Degree program and will be assisting in teaching Mineralogy.

My interests outside geology are numerous and varied. I am particularly interested in the old (and once more necessary) arts of spinning, dyeing and handweaving. I am restoring an antique loom which I hope will be very useful. I read extensively, have recently been tackling thirty mile bicycle trips and learning bicycle mechanics and enjoy swimming and sailing. I am a member of Delta Gamma Fraternity and have held the offices of Scholarship chairman and Vice President.

I was surprised to read that you are familiar with the name Newberry. Unfortunately, the renegades of my family are unrelated to these well known and philanthropic people. How did you happen to know your Michigan history?

I would like to thank you again for your support and will certainly keep you informed of any future publications or discoveries.



IN MEMORIAM

Louis W. Cozart

June 14, 1909 - March 3, 1979

Louis W. Cozart, 69, of 2117 High Drive SE, Cedar Rapids died Saturday at a local hospital following a long illness.

Born June 14, 1909, at Hopkinton, Mr. Cozart was a long time resident of Cedar Rapids. He was married to Ora Mae Larson at Golden, Colo., on July 3, 1962.

He was employed for 28 years by the Iowa Manufacturing Co. as a welder before his retirement and was a member of the Cedar Valley Rocks & Minerals Society.

Survivors include his wife; three daughters, Helen Barnette of Wyoming, Iowa; Jo Anne Reed of Los Angeles, and Nancy Nestevy of Decorah; three sons, Louis Jr. and Steve of Los Angeles and David Rude of Cedar Rapids; one brother, Robert D. Cozart of Portland, Ore., 17 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Services were held Tuesday at 3 p.m. at the Turner Chapel East by the Rev. William B. Harnish. Burial at Cedar Memorial Cemetery.

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Louie was a member of the CVR & MS since 1972. He loved to go on field trips and see that Ora Mae found some nice rocks. Heart troubles and frequent trips to the hospital in the last few years kept him from going on field trips. He was always a willing worker at Shows and Swaps. His CB handle was "Red Devil" and he enjoyed talking on his CB to CB friends. He will be missed by all his rockhound friends. Our sympathy to Ora Mae.

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A note from Ora Mae: "Thanks to everyone for their kindness and heartfelt sympathy."

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WITH OUR MEMBERS

GET WELL WISHES to Bob Starks, who I hear had surgery but is home now.

Cliff Steiner had foot surgery Monday (12th). He will be on crutches for 3 weeks and has a surgical shoe for 2 weeks. Get Better Fast Wishes to you Cliff!!

Al Trusdell was sick and in the hospital for a while, the flu maybe Wilma says. Home and feeling fine now. She ask me to tell all the club members "Thanks for the cards".

Neva Shaw is getting along O.K. after her cataract surgery a month ago. Has temporary glasses yet and can hardly see, able to cook and wash dishes a little she says. Neva said that Jim Oliphant, a former club member is in St. Lukes hospital after having a stroke.



OTHER EVENTS

- March 17 -18...Monroe, Wisc.(Show)
- " 23-25....Bridgton, Mo (Rock Hobby Club Show)
- " 31 -April 1..Macomb, Ill.(National Fossil Exposition)
- April 21-22..Waterloo, Iowa (Show)
- March 24-25..Lincoln, Nebr. (Show)
- April 21-22..Mason City, Iowa (Show)
- May 18 -20...Abeline, Texas( South Central Show)
- June 8-10....Rapid City, S.D.( Rocky Mts. Fed. Show)
- August 2-5...Columbus, Ohio( MWF Show)
- Sept. 15- 16..Milan, Illinois (All Illinois Roundup & Swap)

OLDEST MAN?

Mary Leakey and her son Philip found the earliest known footprints of a humanlike creature in February 1978 near Olduvai Gorge at the Laetoli site in Tanzania. The footprints are about 3½ million years old, are 6 inches long and 4½ inches wide. The Leakeys believe that a plodding creature about 4 feet tall left the prints. They also suggest that the creature was not a hunter but ate plants and dead animals.

Source -World Book 1979 Yearbook  
 Drs. Donald Johanson and T.D. White with Cleveland Museum of Natural History and University of California have identified fossil bones dug up at Hadar, Ethiopia as the oldest known direct ancestor of man. The Creature, dubbed the Afar ape-man, walked upright and had a human-like body but had the face and brain of an ape. Their conclusions are being disputed by Mary Leakey, who said the Afar apeman's bones are not from a truly new species, only as a form of an already-recognized species.

Source- Grit

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