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CEDAR VALLEY ROCKS AND MINERALS SOCIETY, INC.

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This corporation is organized for the purpose of studying the earth sciences of mineralogy, geology, paleontology, and the arts of lapidary. 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, and December 7:30 P.M., R.E.C. Building in Marion -- 999 35th St.

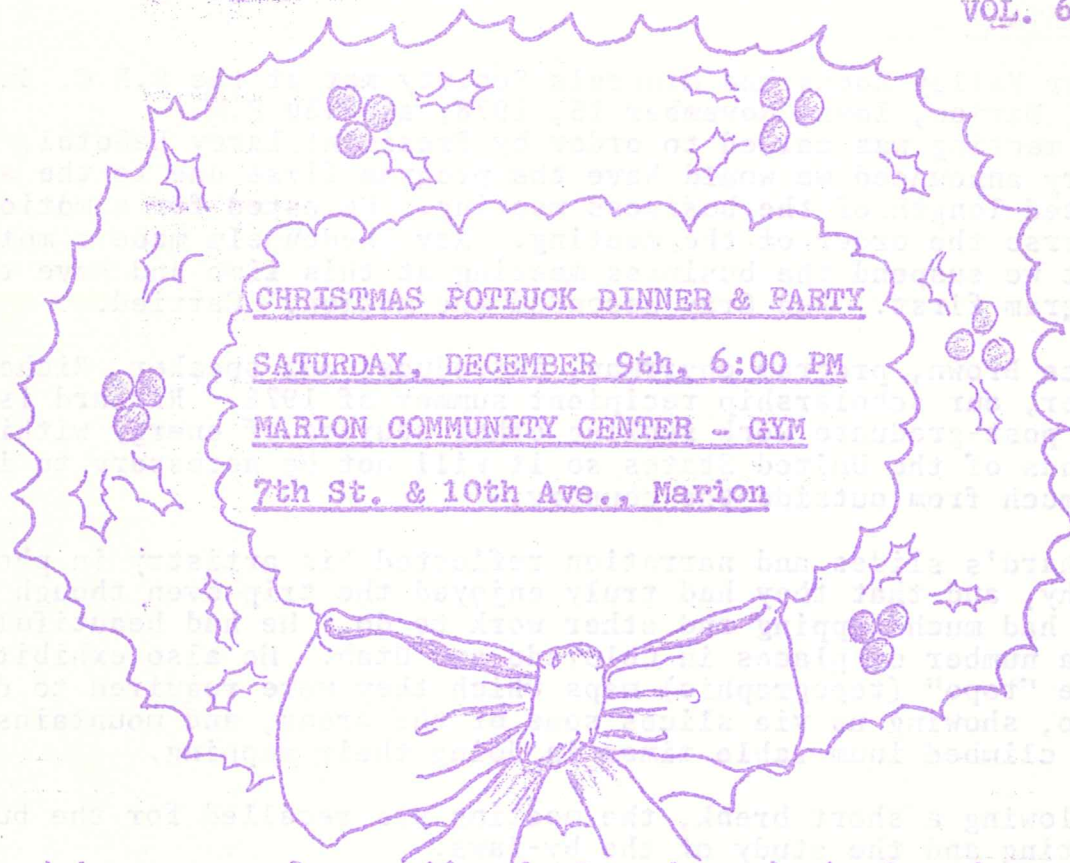
BOARD MEETINGS: Fourth Wednesday of each month except June, July, and August -- 7:30P.M.

CLUB DUES: Due and payable January 1st of each year. Deadline is March 1st.  
Regular membership -- \$6.00 per adult couple; \$4.00 per single adult; \$6.00 per family membership.  
Junior or Pebble Pup Membership -- \$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.

Members are requested to contribute articles to be published in the bulletin. Articles should be given to the 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.





CHRISTMAS POTLUCK DINNER & PARTY

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9th, 6:00 PM

MARION COMMUNITY CENTER - GYM

7th St. & 10th Ave., Marion

We do not have a regular meeting in December, instead we have a Pot-luck Dinner and Party. BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY! Guests are welcome!!

FOOD.....Bring one or two hot dishes, plus a dessert or salad.  
Bring your own table service and beverages for your children.  
Coffee will be furnished.

"Bingo"

GIFT EXCHANGE....This is optional. If you wish to join the exchange bring an appropriate gift for a rockhound. Of at least a \$3.00 value. Please mark it man, women, child or anyone. The gift should be something a rockhound would enjoy; rocks, books, jewelry, etc. (see page 13)

Join  
The "Bingo"  
Exchange

CHRISTMAS BASKET DONATIONS.....Please bring some items for our Christmas baskets for the needy at this time. Items can be canned goods, (meats, soups, fruit, etc.) and staples such as; cake mixes, jello, puddings, crackers, sugar. We will take up a collection for money to buy fresh fruit, vegetables, meat and dairy products.

CHRISTMAS BASKET RECIPIENTS.....The Christmas Basket Committee, Lumir Dlask, Ida Brunk and LaVonne Grove report that they have found three elderly ladies between the ages of 80 & 90 who would greatly appreciate receiving a Christmas basket. They are living on Social Security and are too proud to accept food stamps. Two of the names came from the Council on Aging and Mr. Dlask is acquainted with one of the ladies.

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BOARD MEETING, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16th, 7:30 PM (Note the change of date)  
At the home of Larry & Betty DeSotel. ALL CLUB MEMBERS ARE WELCOME.



SECRETARY'S REPORT

Cedar Valley Rocks and Minerals Society met at the R.E.C. Building, Marion, Iowa, November 15, 1978, at 7:30 P.M. The meeting was called to order by President Larry DeSotel. Larry announced we would have the program first due to the anticipated length of the business meeting. He asked for a motion to reverse the order of the meeting. Ray Shedenhelm made a motion that we suspend the business meeting at this time and have the program first. Bud Cray seconded the motion. Carried.

Alice Brown, program chairman, introduced our speaker, Richard Hager, our scholarship recipient summer of 1978. Richard is taking post-graduate work seeking other sources of energy within the bounds of the United States so it will not be necessary to import so much from outside the country.

Richard's slides and narration reflected his artistry in photography, and that they had truly enjoyed the trip even though they had had much mapping and other work to do. He had beautiful slides of a number of places in Colorado and Utah. He also exhibited some "topo" (topographic) maps which they were required to do, also, showing us via slices some of the areas, and mountains they had climbed innumerable times in doing their mapping.

Following a short break, the meeting was recalled for the business meeting and the study of the by-laws.

There had been a question on Article II, Section 3. Annual Meetings. We have been holding our Annual meetings in November, which is contrary to what our by-laws read. Jim Dickens made a motion we have our election of officers at an Annual meeting in May with the new officers taking over in September. Bill Myers seconded and carried.

There was some discussion about the treasurer's books, as they now stand, and the preparation she has made for filing with the IRS.

Also - the officers to be elected tonight. It was decided these officers will stand until May 1981, rather than Dec. 1980.

Article IV - 1A. There had been a question as to whether the Liaison Officer should be a member of the board. Leslie Blin made a motion the liaison officer should be on the board. Gladys Zobac seconded the motion. Carried.

Article V. Section 4. Duties of treasurer. We decided the treasurer shall present the books for auditing each year, rather than every two years. Also, all present accounts shall be consolidated into one account.

Article VI. 3. Membership Categories. A line had been inadvertently missed. Following "Junior members or pebble pups must be under 18 years of age," it should read - Junior members may not vote or hold office.

Dues are Due!



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Article VII. 1. Shows and Swaps. There was a discussion whether the show chairman, or coordinator, will be elected or appointed. A vote was taken by a show of hands. The show chairman will be elected. Whether or not we have show meetings will be more or less at the discretion of the show chairman. There was a discussion of a show manual. Larry announced the Midwest Federation will be putting out a show manual probably next year. He added we do have a set of guidelines as prepared by Truman Ramsell, Alice Brown and Alberta Cray (year Truman was show coordinator, and Alice and Alberta were his assistants) . The show coordinator will keep members informed as to show or swap progress at the regular meetings and through the bulletin.

Article IX. 14. Member-Dealer Rules. The last sentence - "Member - Dealers shall assist with shows." will be stricken as it is discriminating.

Article IX. 16. Special Committees. Auditing Committee. There was a discussion about auditing the treasurer's books and club properties. It was decided that there should be a separate committee to audit the club properties which are housed in the shed, and at the homes of members. (There are some properties such as films and library materials that will store better in a warm, dry area, or that must be in the hands of a particular committee chairman in order to be accessible at a moment's notice. Jim Dickens made a motion that two committees be appointed to audit the treasurer's books and the club property. Don Bates made a motion that the auditing committee shall aid the treasurer in compiling the necessary documentation and filing the IRS Form #990A. Leslie Blin seconded. Carried.

Larry asked for a show of hands of those persons in favor of accepting the By-Laws as presented here tonight. The majority of the members voted favorably.

Larry asked for the introduction of guests. Jeff Nekola introduced his grandfather who was visiting from Tama, Iowa.

The secretary's report was approved as printed.

The treasurer read her report for September and October. A motion was made and seconded that her report be accepted. Carried.

Larry thanked the nominating committee for their work in securing a slate of nominees.

Norman Brown, nominating committee chairman, announced there were some changes in the list. Alice Brown wishes to decline the nomination for President, Alberta Cray declines the nomination for vice-president, and add Elwin Woof as a candidate for treasurer. Larry stated we have Jack Bevauns nominated for president. He asked for nominations from the floor. There being none, Jack Bevauns was elected president.

Roger Dabler had been nominated for vice-president. Again Larry asked for nominations from the floor. Roger is elected.



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Helen Troxel had been placed in nomination by the nominating committee. As there were no nominations from the floor, Helen is the new secretary.

Nominations for treasurer are Marian Peters and Elwin Woof. Larry called for nominations from the floor. There were none. A written ballot was taken, for the office of treasurer. Marian Peters was reelected.

The slate showed Rosie Richardson and Helen Shedenhelm nominated for a three year term as board member. A written ballot was taken. Helen Shedenhelm is elected to the board.

The nominating committee had nominated Leslie Blin for editor. There being no nominations from the floor, Leslie will continue as our editor.

Fran Bates is the nominee for Liaison Officer. Nominations from the floor were called for. Gerry Kysilka was nominated, however, she declined. Fran Bates was elected.

A motion was made that all written ballots be destroyed. It was seconded and carried.

It was announced that Phillip Leakey will give a program, "Fossils to Footprints", at the Cherry Auditorium, Coe College, November 30, 1978, at 7:30 P.M.

The rock sale at Reinbeck for November 18 and 19 was announced. We were reminded of the rock auction at the home of Ruth Taylor, Iowa City, which had been scheduled earlier but had been postponed to Nov. 19, at 2:00 P.M.

Don Bates, show chairman reported our contract with Hawkeye Downs for our show, April 7 & 8, 1979, has been finalized. We will have to pay an extra \$50. in order to get in on the 6th to set up for the show. Don said he still needs a chairman for radio and TV publicity. Joe Kysilka has volunteered to help someone with this.

Jeff Nekola suggested the club buy a short wave lamp for use in the fluorescent booth at the show. Jim Dickens said his lamp could be used. There was a discussion about buying a lamp. The general concensus was that it would be too expensive to use buy just to use at show time.

Larry asked if the Christmas Basket committee had anything to report. Lumir Dlask reported he had contacted some of the churches for names, but had not heard anything as yet. Ida Brunk said she is also on this committee for Kings Daughters and that they are going through the Council on Aging for a name. *Continued next page \*\*\*\*\**

From the AFMS Newsletter. Fossil leaves from Oregon which are 30 million years old and virtually unaltered are being studied by New York paleobotanists. The remarkable thing is that the leaves are still green. They were first discovered by a hobbyist in the 50's. The volcanoes may have destroyed the forest, but ash preserved leaves.

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Larry read a letter which revealed our AFMS scholarship fund will be credited with \$104.81, as a result of donations made to the silent auction booth at the Midwest Federation Show.

Rick Austin announced the field trips have not been wellattended, and he has nothing else planned at this time.

Gladys Zobac reported she has additional materials on the subject of Rare II which we should read. She urged us to write our congressmen or representatives, emphasizing the importance of preserving some wilderness lands, lest they be overrun by commercial ventures.

Larry reported he had had a phone call regarding the Science Fair. He said he had asked them to send a letter giving the details.

Larry announced he would appoint an auditing committee. Don Bates will chair the committee.

He reported we have not chosen a book for the library, to be placed there, in memoriam to Truman. He added the by-laws allow \$15. for this. Someone said that might not be enough now that reference type books had increased measurably in price. Larry indicated this is the responsibility of the Sunshine Committee, and she is not here tonight.

A motion was made and seconded that the bill for the floral tribute for Truman be paid. Carried.

Don said he would take care of sending the show dates to the magazines.

Norman Brown made a motion we pay Skinny Lutz \$5. per month, as previously suggested, for rental of the space the club building sets on. It was seconded and carried. The money may be paid in one lump sum rather than monthly.

It was suggested we should insure the building and its contents on our liability insurance. Don will check on adding such a clause.

A motion was made that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded and carried.

Respectfully submitted  
Alberta Cray, Secretary

#### EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES

The executive board of Cedar Valley Rocks and Minerals Society met at the home of Norman and Alice Brown, November 20, 1978, at 7:30 P.M.

Fran Bates, Marian Peters, and Helen Troxel were absent. Larry DeSotel, President called the meeting to order.



Secretary's Report of the Board Meeting, continued

Several letters were read, among them was a note from Wilma Ramsell thanking the members for all of their help and courtesies at the time of Truman's passing.

Leslie Blin reported there was a note in the Illowa News Grinder to the effect that Dick Johannesen is selling a quantity of his fossil collection.

Don Bates announced Elwin Woof has consented to serve as Assistant show chairman. Elwin was to have been chairman of the guards committee, so we need a chairman for that, Don added. Also, Geraldine Brown will chair the Radio and TV Advertising Committee. Bill Myers has resigned as Swap Chairman as he is not certain he will be in Iowa at that time. He will help if he is.

Leslie said there were a few questions as to how they should write up some parts of the by-laws.

Article VII - 1. Show and Swap Coordinator. The second sentence will add the clause, "from the membership." The show coordinator will give reports to the membership at the general meetings and via the bulletin.

Don repeated a motion much the same as at the general meeting -- "A motion that an auditing committee be appointed and that they assist the treasurer in filling out the various forms."

"The president will appoint a committee to aid the property chairman to audit the properties."

A motion was made and seconded to accept any modifications of the by-laws made at this time. Carried.

Skinny Lutz reported another coat of wood preservative has been put on the shed, at a cost of \$3.16. Jim Dickens made a motion that the bill be paid. Seconded and carried.

Skinny reported his property insurance will not cover persons, on his property, as they go back and forth to the shed on club business.

It is thought that probably the club's liability policy will cover this. Don reported the policy comes due in Dec. 1978. It was suggested we add a rider of \$3000. - \$5000. for property insurance on the shed and contents. Don read a portion of the insurance policy siting the amounts paid for property damage and bodily injury, adding that is at a cost of \$188. based on 150 members.

Bill Myers made a motion that the policy be renewed, with a clause added for building and contents to be insured for \$3000.- \$5000. (The difference was to be accordinly with where the break comes, or how much more it costs to insure for \$5000.) The motion was seconded and carried.

Jim Dickens suggested a form should be drawn up, to be signed by persons storing or removing things from the building.



Secretary's Report of the Board Meeting, continued

It was suggested a flower fund be set up for memorial gifts. No action taken.

There was a discussion on charges to be made for demonstrating dealers at the show. Some require several tables, whereas others need only one table. Ten dollars seemed to be approved by most of the members present, - that is, per table.

Alice Brown inquired what the members thought about picking up the Commemorative Stamp Project which we used to do several years ago. She will write for more information.

Bob Blin noted we have a new member dealer and wondered if he would be considered at this show. It was pointed out that our by-laws state: a member dealer must have been a member in good standing for two years.

There was a discussion about advertising in the bulletin to defray costs of printing and mailing. (We used to do this several years ago,) dealers would place a box type ad, and members would pay so much a line or per word.

We discussed several ways of repaying the several clubs who helped so much at the time of the show. Some felt a gift of money would be in order. Another suggestion had been to have a day long, or possibly a week-end long seminar with noted speakers or demonstrators providing the educational portion, and the club providing the food. (Presumably this will need to be taken to the general membership meeting as a recommendation.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded and carried.

Respectfully submitted  
Alberta Cray, Secretary

Sorry I just could not get this done for last month. Hope it is not too late to pay our respect.

TRUMAN RAMSELL -- There was a man who thoroughly enjoyed life. There was always fun where Truman was. Remember that jaunty peacock feather? Whenever he was the object of the camera's lens, he would always quip, "Is that my best side?"

Probably no other person has given so much of their time, energies, and spirit to our club, and to all of the Iowa clubs. So much so that he and Wilm were made honorary members of at least two other clubs.

Like many of you, I will treasure many pleasant memories of Truman.

I am so glad that we were able to be present at several of the swaps this year, which Truman and Wilma attended. He was always clowning and carving.

WHAT A LEGACY HE LEFT EACH OF US !!

Bud &  
Alberta  
Cray



THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Here we are at the closing of another year and the start of a new one. A new year with a new President and Vice-President. In the next two years let us show them our support by working with them to make our Club even greater than it is now. It takes fresh ideas and cooperation to achieve this. By being one big happy family this can be accomplished. As far as we are concerned, we have the most active and best Club in Iowa. Our awards from the Federation is proof of this. This was achieved by lots of hours of work. Mentioning the word "hours", I was doing some casual figuring on number of hours put in by the Board members at Board meetings in the past four years while I was President. Would you believe I came up with approximately over 1000 hours plus over 2500 miles driving. This would be the equivalent of one person working 25 weeks at 40 hours. This doesn't cover the hours we spent outside of Board meetings on behalf of the Club. And then there are the different committees who spend their time and money on behalf of the Club. Add this all up and this is why we have a successful Club. So when your new President, Jack Bevauns, calls on you to serve on a committee say yes. It is a good and rewarding experience for you and one way of helping all of us to keep our Club the best one in Iowa.

I want to thank all of you who worked with me the past four years. It has been a great experience for me. We all have learned much by working together. Not just in the field of geology but in the field of human relations and understanding, also. So as we go into a new year, feel free to speak up and be heard. You are the Club.

I hope to see all of you at the Christmas Party on December 9th. Lets make it a Happy occasion.

Respectfully,  
Larry

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T.J. Ramsell...from the exchange newsletters.

THE CHIEF IS DEAD...from The Pica Pick, Editor Don Good, Aledo, Ill.

Truman J. Ramsell passed away in late October after a 2 year bout with cancer. He was 61.

T.J. was the MWF state director for Iowa and lived in Cedar Rapids. In our "Anything Goes", T.J. was chief of the Iowa group. We also remember his wood carving and peacock feather in his hat. In his report at the MWF Convention this summer he told all of the delegates about the "All Illinois" in Aledo and how we kept score funny...with a wink at me. To say he'll be missed is an exaggerated understatement.

Let's all include Wilma in our prayers.

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From ROCKHOUND TALES, Editor, Octavia Pratt, Old Capitol Geo. Club, Iowa city  
We are all so glad that Truman had his "Day" at the Midwest Federation show that he had worked so hard and long to bring to Cedar Rapids. He truly enjoyed the show and the visits with so many long-time friends-- --it helped him to forget the suffering he has borne. He will surely be missed by his many friends and the family.



RARE II : LAST CHANCE FOR OUR WILD FOREST LANDS\*\*\*

The U. S. Forest Service intends to determine once and for all the fate of 62 million acres of the last remnants of wild land within our National Forest System. Powerfull anti-wilderness lobbies are leaning hard to get most of the remaining roadless land within our National Forests officially declared "non-wilderness", dismissed from possible preservation Once and for all. This covers 2,686 different areas in 37 states and Puerto Rico.

In November and December, the Forest Service's recommendation will be under review (and possible revision) in the White House. The results are expected to be sent to Congress in January, and to lead to a year of unprecedented political action for wilderness in 1979. IT IS NOT TOO LATE TO WRITE!

Write to your Senators - U.S. Senate, Washington D.C. 20510  
 Representative - House of Representatives, Washington D.C. 20515  
 President Jimmy Carter, The White House, Washington D.C. 20500  
 Write to the Governors of the 37 states involved.

Tell them of the benefits of wilderness preservation to all Americans. Advise them that many deserving roadless areas must be saved from needless destruction. Urge that a very strong showing of public agreement be required before any area is dropped from wilderness consideration. Urge that the inadequate Resource Planning Act wilderness goal be dropped altogether as a decision criterion. Urge that unfair restrictions for wilderness on our publicly owned grasslands be scrapped. Above ALL, write for more information on the above - write for the folder RARE II: LAST CHANCE FOR OUR WILD FOREST LANDS from\*\*\*

The Sierra Club, 330 Pennsylvania Ave.S.E.  
 Washington D.C. 20003

For more information:

Also write to:

The Wilderness Society, 1901 Pennsylvania Ave. N.W., Washington, D.C.10006

The Director, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior,  
 (Ask for their various publications) Washington D.C. 20240

(Rare II)

Forest Service, USDA, P.O. Box 2417, Washington D.C. 20013

See the September newsletter for Forest Service Regional Offices.

Or Call me 362-8807.

Submitted by Gladys Zobac

There has been much discussion and a lot of confusion over Rare II and all the Alternatives. It looks like rockhounds may lose which ever way it goes. We will have to sacrifice some freedom to preserve the land. With no wilderness it is open to everyone. Read these excerpts from an article by TanisDiedrichs, Editor of Rock Talk, Waterloo, Blackhawk Gem & Mineral Society in the Oct. issue of their newsletter.

"I speak for the Trees" by TanisDiedrichs

Flinging junk into Yellowstone National Park's geysers and hot pools is something approaching a national pasttime; so reports the Waterloo Courier 8/27/78. They come and throw - cans, coins, and flip tops, hairpins, gum wrappers, shoes, sticks and stones as big as footballs. Once a shing, red snowmobile escaped its owner and buzzed into a hot pool. It's enough to disgust even the most placid of rangers. Not just objects end up in the pools. "Hot-potting" - the illegal Yellowstone Park version of skinny-



I Speak for the Trees\* continued.....

dipping, has claimed several lives and sent other people to burn treatment centers.

Rangers also worry about "takers" as well as "tossers." "If everyone took a rock sample from the geyser basins this would be Yellowstone National Hole," says Rich Hutchinson, geologist in the park.

Besides spoiling the natural beauty, throwing items into the hot pools is damaging, because the mineral rich water quickly forms a crust around the foreign objects, sealing the escape vent.

According to David Sheridan, consultant for the President's Council on Environmental Quality, his recent study gives data to show that the wheels of even the most carefully operated vehicle are far more destructive to the land than walking shoes are.

In an article written for Smithsonian, Sept. 1978, Sheridan explains that millions of acres of our Western public lands may not survive being used and abused by hordes of off-road vehicles (ORVs). It is easy to see the damage that is being done in the photographs by Howard Wilshire in the magazine. Recent studies show plant life in "moderately" used ORV areas has declined about 50 percent, terrestrial animals life about 60 percent. In the so-called pit areas where ORVers congregate and park their campers cars and pickup trucks, plant life is down 90 percent, animal life is down 75 percent. ORVs devastate desert life so effectively because they attack that thin layer to which all life clings; the soil. Dr. Howard Wilshire of the U.S. Geological Survey has found that ORVs can cause staggering soil erosion. The eroded soil goes somewhere. Some of it ends up piled at the bottom of slopes burying vegetation and burrowing animals. Some washes into stream beds, soaking plant roots and muddying the water. And some is carried away by the wind, occasionally as dust storms. Air-borne dust aggravates various respiratory diseases.

Remains of earlier inhabitants, plants, animals, human beings, and their works of art - are also destroyed, (See Oct. 1978 Reader's Digest for an article and pictures "Indian Rock Art: A National Treasure in Jeopardy")

As reported in Rock Talk in Dec. 1977, the Wall Street Journal said that by July 1977, 2 months after President Carter directed that protection be tightened in public parklands against environmental damage from ORVs, 95 boxes ---80,329 letters had been received in opposition to the idea of closing public lands to vehicles. No doubt, since then, many thousands more have been received, including those that rockhounds have been urged to write recently.

I hope that collecting areas will remain available so that rockhounds can continue to hunt and collect. However, even if Federal Lands are closed or severely restricted there is still enough material already collected and available for sale or trade and material to be collected outside the restricted areas to keep us busy a long, long time.

Environmentalists are not nuts - they are people who have become aware - and care. "I speak for the trees.\*"

\*From THE LORAX by Dr. Seuss

by Tanis Diedrichs



PLEASE REMOVE THIS PAGE AND PUT IT IN YOUR COPY OF THE BY-LAWS. Make the corrections or additions in your copy.

ARTICLE IV

1. B....change "January 1st" to "September meeting"

ARTICLE V

4. DUTIES OF TREASURER..change audit "every two years" to audit "annually"

ARTICLE VI

3. MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES...on second line, mark out "An". After "Associate member" add ", Junior members & Pebble Pups are". mark out "is".

ARTICLE VIII

1. SHOW AND SWAP CO-ORDINATOR..line 2, add underlined words." The Co-Ordinator shall appoint a Co-Chairman and Committee Chairman from the membership, as necessary for the event.

2. SHOW AND SWAP PLANNING MEETINGS..add.."He/she shall keep members informed of the Show or Swap progress by giving reports at the regular meetings and providing reports to the Editor to be published in the newsletter.

ARTICLE IX

1. MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE...add.."and Code of Ethics Cards. Keep a file of membership applications forms."

14. MEMBER DEALER...mark out.."Member-Dealers shall assist at Shows."

Write in....

17. AUDIT COMMITTEE: Shall audit the Treasurers books annually and assist the Treasurer in compiling and filing IRS form 990 A.

Write in...

18. PROPERTY COMMITTEE: Shall keep an inventory of all Society property. All Society property shall be kept in the Societys storage building except for that assigned to officers or committee chairman. Keep a list of the Society property assigned to each Committee and officer. Keep a checkout sheet for removing property from the storage building.

THE BY-LAWS, with corrections and additions, were approved at the November 15th, 1978 regular meeting.

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Whats your hurry, Og?





## SANTA IS A ROCKHOUND

OR

" A Lapidary's Version of "The Night Before Christmas"  
 Adapted by Cecilia Duluk from the poem, "A Visit from Saint Nicholas"  
 Taken from 1972 issue of "CHIPS OFF THE OLD BLOCK" via many, many more

T'was the NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS, and all through the house  
 Not a ROCKHOUND was stirring - I felt like a louse!  
 For the Lapidary gifts I was making this year  
 Lay down on my workbench, UNFINISHED, I fear!

The PENDANT my dear wife had wanted so much -  
 As I polished the cab, it fractured with a touch;  
 And the lovely JADE BROOCH for Grandma, so sweet,  
 Just wouldn't polish - it looked terribly beat!

As for sister's new bracelet, with BAROQUE dangling lightly  
 I ran out of bell caps, after the stores were closed tightly.  
 Then the tie clasp for Uncle, that would make a hit,  
 After I'd cut the CAB - no mounting would fit!

And even Junior's new crystal growing set  
 Though I'd sent for it months ago, had not arrived yet!  
 So I tossed and I turned as though caught in a trap;  
 I could not settle down for any "long winter's nap"!

When all of a sudden I heard such a clatter  
 I sprang from my bed to see what was the matter;  
 I raced for the door, then saw with a flick  
 A red-suited man I was sure was SAINT NICK!

As I reached for my robe and was turning around,  
 Down the basement stairs Santa went with a bound.  
 He went straight to my WORKBENCH, to see what I lack,  
 Then with a nod of his head, opened up his huge pack.

Out tumbled MOUNTINGS and BELL CAPS without stop  
 I was sure Santa must own a LAPIDARY SHOP!  
 He said not a word but went straight to his work  
 And finished each piece, then grabbed his pack with a jerk.

And, shaking his white-bearded face, with much glee  
 Took out some new SLABS I knew must be for me!  
 Then laying a finger aside of his nose,  
 With a nod of satisfaction, up the stairway he rose.

Went straight to the door, to his team gave a whistle,  
 And away they all flew like a down on a thistle.  
 But I heard him exclaim, "ere he drove out of sight,"  
 "MERRY CHRISTMAS, DEAR ROCKHOUNDS, and to you a goodnight!"



MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!





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## Membership cards distributed

1979 Membership Cards have been distributed to all Midwest Federation Clubs based on previous years request. Cards were given to State Directors at fall Executive Committee Meeting in Lansing, Michigan and should be in the hands of your club president before the first of January. We are sure the club treasurer will appreciate this change.

The information sheet for the directory and calendar of events should already have been completed, and along with your check with Midwest Federation dues, sent to the secretary Jean Reynolds, 107 Tuttle Ave., Clarendon Hills, Ill. 60514. It is needed now so please check with the person in your club who is responsible for getting this information to the federation. DO IT TODAY.

## ALL AMERICAN TIME

It's All American Merit Award time again. The form has already been included with this Newsletter and the American Newsletter. Check to see who is responsible in your club for filling out this form and mailing it in soon after the first of the year.

The Midwest is a consistent leader in this worthy program, which started in our Federation 14 years ago. This year the big National All American Club was the Wisconsin Geological Society. Other National winners have been from Michigan and Iowa, and the Roehm Geology Club, our active Juniors from Ohio, have been among the top winners for 5 years in a row. Put your club at the top next year! Here's how . . . Get the form. Fill it out. Send with it documentation of your club activities for the year, pictures, clippings, letters of appreciation, etc. Mail it in before March 31st.

It is important for your club to take stock of its accomplishments and for the officers and committees of the Federation to know how great an organization you have. If there are any comments, questions, or if you can't find that form, write me at once. Address, June Zeitner, Mission, S.D. 57555

## OFFICERS INSTALLED

Midwest Federation officers for the 1978-79 year, elected at Cedar Rapids, Iowa last August were installed at the annual fall executive meeting at Lansing, Mich. on Sat. Oct. 28.

A number of items were on the agenda and reports of decisions will be reported in this Newsletter in coming months.

*A message from Paul Good, retiring President*

## It has been a "Good" year

During the past year it has been my privilege and pleasure to serve as your President for the Midwest Federation. Because of the fine cooperation of the officers, State Directors and their assistants, Chairpersons and their assistants, this year will close as a GOOD year.

Much was accomplished during the past year, but we still have a lot of work left for Betty Crawford, your new President, and all the wonderful people who will be working with her.

I wish to take this means of thanking everyone who has worked so hard for the Federation not only during the past year, but also in years that have passed.

It has been said before, "No one person accepts the Jade gavel alone." I certainly agree with that statement. May the future of the Federation continue to grow. I'm sure with the cooperation of everyone, the member clubs and the executive committee, officers, and assistants working together, it can't do anything but grow. Good luck.

And now, all GOOD things must come to an END.

## VERNE MONTGOMERY

Verne Montgomery, a Past President of the Midwest Federation, died October 14. Services were held October 16 in Downers Grove, Illinois where he lived with his wife Chalotte. He was President of the Midwest during the 1966-1967 year.

## \$6,200 FROM CEDAR RAPIDS SHOW

A check in amount of \$6,200 has been received from the Cedar Valley Rocks and Minerals Society of Cedar Rapids, Iowa by the Midwest Treasurer. This amount will be increased slightly when complete results of the show are known. This represents the Midwest share of the show and convention held in Cedar Rapids, last August 10-13.

## AFMS BOUNDRIES COMMITTEE

Russell Kemp, South Holland, Ill., has been appointed AFMS Boundaries Committee Chairman by AFMS President Ellis Courter.

COLUMBUS CALLING... MIDWEST SHOW AND CONVENTION... AUG. 2-5, 1979... COLUMBUS, OHIO



# Your 1979 Regional Show Schedule

Here are the dates and locations of the six Regional Shows in 1979. Note that the National Show and Convention will be held in Tampa, Florida in conjunction with the Eastern Federation, July 12-15, 1979

CALIFORNIA	EASTERN	MIDWEST	NORTHWEST	ROCKY MOUNTAIN	SOUTH CENTRAL
Sacramento, California June 22-24	Tampa, Florida NATIONAL SHOW July 12-15	Columbus, Ohio August 2-5	Kennewick, Washington Sept. 1-3	Rapid City, S.D. June 8-10	Abilene, Texas May 18-20

## Scholarship gains

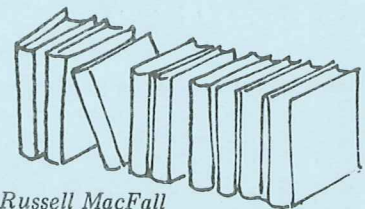
Scholarship Chairman Katharine Steinbrenner reports that since the Midwest show in Cedar Rapids last August, fifteen clubs have sent in contributions amounting to \$1,033.52. As a result, eleven Midwest clubs have advanced their Scholarship status as follows: Minnowa Rock & Gem Club, 400%; State Line Gem & Mineral Soc., 1400%; Joliet Gem Club, 100%; Calumet Gem & Mineral Soc., 400%; Lakeland Gem Club, 1500%; Southern Illinois Earth Science Club, 300%; Old Capitol Geological Club, 600%; Stone Head Mineral & Lapidary Club, 100%; Beacon Rock & Fossil Club, 100%; Midwest Mineralogical & Lapidary Society, 1100%; Northwest Wisconsin Gem & Mineral Society, 400%.

She reports the first Midwest Scholarship Auction in Cedar Rapids was a success and appears to be an excellent way to increase the Scholarship Fund.

Following is a list of the 50 clubs donating material and the amount each club's material brought in the auction. The percentage figure immediately following a club name indicates their Scholarship standing was advanced to that percentage when the auction amount was added.

McDonnell Douglas Gem & Mineral Club, Mo.	\$ 57.20
Earth Science Club of Northern Illinois	59.15
Cedar Valley Rock & Mineral Society, Ia.	90.50
Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club, Neb. (400%)	46.20
Heart of Wisconsin Gem & Mineral Club (1000%)	26.40
Duneland Rock Club, Ind. (1500%)	63.00
Peru Rock & Mineral Club, Ind. (2900%)	31.40
Michigan Gem & Min. Society of Jackson, Mi.	30.00
Siloam Springs Earth Science Club, Ill.	2.70
Coulee Rock Club, Wis.	27.55
Double "I" Gem & Mineral Society, Ill.	9.80
Dallas County Rock Club, Ia.	8.00
Lake Agassiz Rock Club, N. Dak. (500%)	100.80
Midwest Mineralogical & Lap. Society	42.10
Wisconsin Geological Society	.25
Central Michigan Lap. & Mineral Society	4.70
Gem City Rock Club, Ill. (700%)	24.85
Madison County Rockhounds, Ia.	73.95
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Miami Valley Gem & Mineral Society, Oh.	5.20
Oshkosh Earth Science Club, Wis.	17.70
Ishpeming Rock Club, Mi.	13.70
Worthern Earth Searchers, Ill.	1.45
Des Plaines Valley Geological Society, Ill.	8.80
River Valley Rockhound Club, Ia.	.75
Muncie Rock & Gem Club, Ind.	10.00
Bay de Noc Gem & Mineral Club, Mi. (100%)	12.85
Kenosha Gem & Mineral Club, Wis. (500%)	65.75
Toledo Gem & Rockhound Club, Oh.	4.10
Lake County Gem & Mineral Society, Ill.	6.15
Park Forest Earth Science Club, Ill.	13.55
West Suburban Lapidary Club, Ill. (2500%)	14.35
Shawnee Mission Gem & Mineral Club, Kan.	2.50
Pike County Mineral & Gem Society, Mo.	5.20
Blue Ridge Gem & Mineral Society, Mo.	35.15
Rosebud Geological Society, S. Dak.	7.75
Des Moines Lapidary Society, Ia.	40.95
Central Iowa Mineral Society, Ia.	3.15
Old Capitol Geological Club, Ia.	3.70
Earth Science Club of Missouri	10.10

## BOOKS



By Russell MacFall

Perhaps the most important book for rockhounds appearing in recent months is the 19th edition of "Manual of Mineralogy" by Emeritus Prof. Cornelius S. Hurlbut, Jr. of Harvard and Prof. Cornelius Klein of Indiana University (John Wiley & Sons, 532 pages). Although this reviewer would have preferred to get a revision of the "Textbook of Mineralogy", the "Manual" is a very useful book with a new section on petrology and major expansions of the history of the science, coverage of crystallography, mineral chemistry and updated tables. Professor Hurlbut has edited the last four revisions of this basic text.

"The Complete Book of Rock Tumbling" by Christopher S. Hyde and Richard A. Matthews (Chilton Book Co., 183 pages) brings together much of the lore and the hitherto scattered methods and secrets of tumbling, which has become one of the most popular branches of lapidary art. Attention should also be called to an admirably written and illustrated book, "Mosaics with Natural Stones", by Walter Lauppi (Sterling Publishing Co., 96 pages), which certainly should inspire many rockhounds to try their hands at an art that has as old a tradition as any creative activity of man. The same company has also issued "Rock and Gem Polishing" and "Pebble Collecting and Polishing", both by Edward Fletcher.

Last but not least, this reviewer wishes to mention modestly "Rocks Minerals Gems and Fossils" by Donal Dinwiddie and Russell P. MacFall, (Popular Mechanics Press, 1978, 203 pages) which is a greatly expanded version of a well received book by the second author published some years ago. Described by the publisher as a complete book on collecting, identifying, shaping, displaying, evaluating and polishing, the book is a notable for its 24 pages of color on earth and moon rocks in the title classifications. Dinwiddie is a former editor of "Popular Mechanics" magazine and MacFall is a past president of the Midwest Federation.

Kansas City Rock & Gem Society, Mo.	2.30
Dayton Gem & Mineral Society, Oh.	1.50
Valley Rock & Mineral Club, Wis.	2.50
Lewis & Clark Gem & Mineral Soc., S. Dak.	1.30
Evansville Lapidary Society, Ind.	3.25
Central Missouri Rock & Lapidary Society	5.25
Black Hawk Rock Club, Ia. (500%)	16.75
Starved Rock Rockhound, Ill.	4.40
Neville Public Museum Geology Club, Wis.	14.40
Chamberlain Gem & Mineral Society, S. Dak.	7.00



PEBBLE PUP POST.....Meet at Troxel's DECEMBER 22, 4:00 pm to work on Christmas gifts. Please bring \$1.00. Call Troxel's for more information.

Speaking of Troxel's, they have just returned from New York where they went over Thanksgiving to see their son married. Got to see the Macy's parade LIVE, took in the opera and several museums. Good driving weather there and back, better than Iowa had over Thanksgiving! They got a call from their daughter, Mary, saying she had arrived safely in Nome, Alaska. Was 24° and no snow there. Helen has heard from her sister who moved to Iran in Oct., they are getting along O.K. and happy there.

I heard that Sylvia Hinchcliffe is a Grandma! Congratulations!

Jeff Nekola was wearing a badge telling everyone that he was on the No. 1 debating team. Congratulations!

Did you know that you can subscribe to the LAPIDARY JOURNAL at a discount by ordering it thro the Club???? Mariam Peters, Treasurer, will send in your re-newal or new subscription.

SHOW REPORT..by Don Bates, Show Coordinator

All chairman jobs are filled now. Add these to your list: Show Assistant Corrdinator-Elwin Woof, Radio & TV Publicity-Geraldine Brown, Swap Ch.-- Roger Dabler will replace Bill Myers.

Contracts have been sent out to 7 retail dealers and 5 demonstrating dealers. I have had NO ideas submitted for a theme or flyer. GET BUSY ON THIS!!

I see by the Waterloo, ROCK TALK that Gene Burry gave a program to their club about Kesseick agates. Sounds interesting!

The Illowa NEWS GRINDER has an article saying that Dick Johannesen is disposing of his collection. Also a Raytech black light. And ten boxes of fossils, each box has 40-50 specimens. Price \$2.00 per box. He lives in Davenport, Iowa. If you're interested I have his phone no. and his address. 377-3339

Its application for All American Award time again! Fran Bate needs all the info on what YOU'VE been doing all year. Call her.. 366-6012

Do you think we should have a National Gem? If so, what? June Zeitner wants the clubs opinion on our choice for National Gemstone, Nat. rock, Nat. mineral and Nat. fossil. We'll discuss this next month.

Don't miss the Christmas Potluck & Party! We will play "Rock Bingo" to exchange gifts. Notice the price has been changed to a \$3.00 value. If you don't bring a gift, thats O.K., you can still play bingo (and win a prize ) Plans are being made for music, games, singing? Theres always GOOD FOOD. Don't miss the fun! And remember to bring some items to fill the 3 Christmas Baskets.

I believe Alberta broke the record with 6 pages of minutes, shall we ask her to research it?? Saved me a lot of typing but I also had to crowd things a little if you noticed.

"THEY ERR WHO THINK SANTA COMES DOWN THE CHIMNEY: HE ENTERS THROUGH THE HEART!"  
contributed by LaVonne Grove

*Leslie - Pat - Bob - Jeff - Robert - Mike*



CEDAR VALLEY GEMS  
Mrs. Robert Blin - Editor  
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Working on the book "The History of Marion County, Iowa" for the past several years. I have been fortunate to have met many of the old timers who have helped me in my research. I have also been able to visit many of the old landmarks and see the places where the events took place. I have been able to see the places where the events took place and see the places where the events took place.

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It is a pleasure to have you interested in the history of Marion County, Iowa. I have been able to see the places where the events took place and see the places where the events took place.

SHOW REPORT by Don Foster, Show Coordinator. I have been able to see the places where the events took place and see the places where the events took place.

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I see by the letter that you have been interested in the history of Marion County, Iowa. I have been able to see the places where the events took place and see the places where the events took place.

The Illinois State Fair has an exhibit on the history of Marion County, Iowa. I have been able to see the places where the events took place and see the places where the events took place.

The application for the American Award has been received from Marion County, Iowa. I have been able to see the places where the events took place and see the places where the events took place.

Do you think we should have a National Day for Marion County, Iowa? I have been able to see the places where the events took place and see the places where the events took place.

Don't miss the Christmas Book & Party. We will give away \$100.00 worth of prizes. I have been able to see the places where the events took place and see the places where the events took place.

I believe it would be a good idea to have a National Day for Marion County, Iowa. I have been able to see the places where the events took place and see the places where the events took place.

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