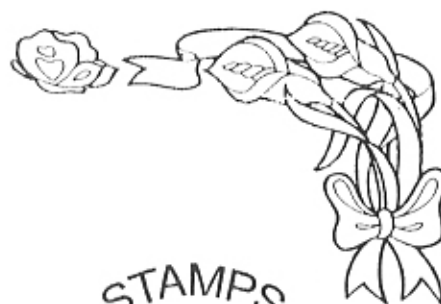


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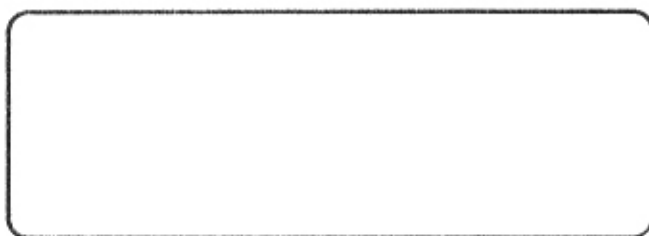


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MONTHLY MEETING UPDATE . . .

The monthly meeting of the C.D.G. & M.S. was held on April 5, 1998 at the Masonic Center. President Russ Oliger called the meeting to order.

The minutes from the February meeting were approved as corrected. (The meeting for March was canceled due to bad weather conditions.)

Treasurer, Ray Oliger, reported a balance on hand of \$96.07. Ray also reported that due to the many bills coming up, (Post Office box rent, copier repairs, rent for our monthly meetings) he will have to borrow from the \$500.00 in savings that the club has.

The President announced that the next meeting will be held on May 3, 1998. The early class will begin at 6:30 PM and the regular meeting at 7:00.

Committees:

Fieldtrip: Steve Newstrom informed the members of the scheduled trip to South of Glendive, MT to look for fossils on May 9, 1998. A sheet with the directions and a map was available for anyone interested in going. (Editor's Note: A copy of the map is included in this edition of the Newsletter.)

Hospitality: Carol Hickle told the members that the servers for next time will be Mel and Agnes Berg. One more person is needed to help serve in May. Volunteers are needed to sign up to serve for the rest of the year. Please contact Carol Hickle to sign up. The lunch for the April 5 meeting was served by Jerry & Melody Nevland.

Show Chairman: Rodney Hickle told the members that he has eight dealers signed up for our show and has signed a contract with the Mandan Community Center. The rental agreement price will remain the same as 1997. Rodney Hickle said he is short a few show cases and asks that whoever has them to return them.

A Moment of silence was observed in memory of two club members that had passed away — Ralph Hickle and Vernie Peterson.

Doorcount: There were 30 adults and four juniors present. The junior doorprize was won by Muriah Nevland and the adult doorprize was won by Walt Weisenburger.

President Russ Oliger told the members that the club is in need of doorprizes to give out at the meetings and would appreciate any donations.

The program that followed was the annual "Silent Auction." Russ Oliger explained the rules and 20 - 30 minutes was the time given to examine and bid on the specimens. The meeting was adjourned and lunch was served.

Minutes by Secretary,

Lanora Bpp

Two members of the C.D.G.M.S. have passed on this year. They were at one time very active with the Rock Club during their participation in Club activities. We will surely miss them and their contributions to the members of the Rock Club. Our condolences go out to the families of these two individuals.

In Memory of

RALPH HICKLE

February 18, 1904 — February 24, 1998

A member of the C.D.G.M.S.

In Memory of

VERNIE PETERSON

Sept. 20, 1906 — March 29, 1998

A Member of the C.D.G.&M.S.

PACK IT IN !! — PACK IT OUT !!

Ponder on these statistics — If a Ranger district receives 25,000 wilderness visitors a year, and each visitor leaves behind one ounce of litter, that would result in 15,625 pounds of abandoned litter in ten years, Rangers say.

Put another way, if Rangers had to pack it out at 50 pounds per trip, it would take 313 trips to remove that litter.

In a time of slice-and-dice on Forest Service budgets, that's not a good use of Ranger's time.

It's a no-brainer — **PACK IT IN,
PACK IT OUT !**

From: *Rocky Mountain Federation News*
4/98, (excerpts from *Everett Herald*
article by Sharon Wooten,
Outbound Editor.)

**BIRTHSTONE****EMERALD****FLOWER****LILY OF THE VALLEY**

- MAY**
- 2 - Leigh Johnson (1985)
 - 4 - Deanna Wanner (1983)
 - 4 - Jim Ellis
 - 7 - Jim Nevland (1951)
 - 9 - Gloria Wanner
 - 10 - Allison Wanner
 - 13 - Muriah Nevland (1986)
 - 25 - Gene Larson
 - 28 - Susan Simonson (1963)

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

MAY 28: Doug & Jan Rhonemus

Rock of the Month: Halite

The crystals formed by Halite are cube-shaped and frequently have concave faces. They are called hopper crystals. Very rarely, halite occurs as octahedral crystals. Other habits include massive, granular, and compact. In a compact habit, the mineral is known as rock salt. It can be white, colorless, orange, yellow, reddish, blue, purple, and black. The streak, however, is consistently white. Halite is transparent to translucent, and has a vitreous luster.

FORMATION: This is an evaporite mineral, formed by precipitation, as the water in a salt lake or lagoon dries out. Halite is associated with other evaporite minerals, such as sylvite, gypsum, dolomite, and anhydrite.

Word of the Month: Foliated

Laminated, parallel orientation or segregation of different minerals.

LAUGH A LITTLE . . .**"Life Begins At 90"**

The first 90 years are the hardest, but, my, after that, everyone wants to carry your suitcase, help you with the steps or into the car. If you forget anyone's name, forget to keep an appointment, spell words wrong, you only need explain, "Why, I am 90!"

If your hair isn't quite right, your lipstick on a bit crooked, your wardrobe not coordinated, it is perfectly all right, because, my gracious, you are 90. At 90 years, you can relax with no misgivings, for you have an alibi for everything. Nobody really expects too much from you. It is a great deal better than being 75 or 80, for then everyone expects you to retire, and become discontented, and maybe even crabby. But if you survive until you are 90, everyone is surprised you are alive, can have fun, walk, talk, and even remember who you are. Why at 70 or 80 people get mad at you for everything, but at 90, they forgive you for everything. If you ask me, folks, LIFE REALLY BEGINS AT 90. This little story is in the October, 1997 MWF Newsletter. Editor Kitty Starbuck said she found it on a bulletin board when she went to visit a friend celebrating her 90th Birthday.

From: *the Strata Data*, 10/97 via
"No Stone Unturned" Oct/Nov 1997

A fellow went to a fortune-teller.

"What are your rates?" He asked.

"Three questions for \$25.00," she said.

"Gosh! Isn't that rather high?" He said.

"Maybe," She said.

"What is your third question?"

From: "No Stone Unturned," Oct/Nov 1997.

DULL SLAB SAW BLADE ?

By: Dick Rathjen

After years of dealing with apparently inferior blades in my slab saw, I found out that it was not the fault of the blade at all. Years ago when we bought the slab saw, it was set up to run the blade at about 1175 rpm. It turns out that this was much too slow for the newer blades. I replaced the drive pulleys so that the blade is now turning at 3450 rpm. The saw now cuts through even the toughest agate with no trouble at all. If you have been having trouble keeping your slab saw blade cutting properly, check the speed of the blade and run it according to the manufacturer's suggested recommendations. It makes a big difference.

From: *STONE STATEMENTS*, 7/94 via
T-TOWN ROCKHOUND, 12/97

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hi again,

Spring has sprung and many of us are starting to think "fieldtrip." Our first club field trip of the year is coming up fast. We'll be going out after fossils and agates and anything else we can find around Glendive, Montana, on May 9, 1998. I hope there will be a good turnout of C.D.G.M.S. Members.

Our silent auction was a pretty good one, only there were more sellers than buyers. I brought more home than I took in and there was a lot of good material, some equipment, and other lapidary supplies and findings on the auction tables.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 3, 1998, with luck we'll be able to get State Paleontologist, John Hoganson to attend the meeting to give us updates on all the digs he is working on. He always gives an excellent and educational presentation.

See you at the meeting,

Russ Oliver

ROCK — OL — OGY

From: Pebble Trails, April, 1998 - Bob Jimenez, Editor
Editors Note: In one of the past issues, I talked about *Rock-ol-ogy* and some of the effects it has on rockhounds. In the *Maplewood News* from the "Maplewood Rock, Gem and Community Club" (via the Internet and the *Skagit News*) comes some more little tidbits about rockhounds. As the old saying goes, "If the shoe fits, wear it."

1. You dig all day in the boiling sun, pack a few buckets of rocks home, and when the day is done, you insist you had fun.
2. You go to a romantic resort with your husband and the first thing you do upon entering the hotel room is to open the phone book to see the listings for "Rock Shops."
3. You move bushes in your yard to make room for more rocks.
4. You purchase an extra airline seat for that box of rocks you acquired.
5. You talk to your rocks more than you do to your spouse.
6. You are at a nude resort and the only place you look is at the ground for rocks.

THE INVISIBLE ROCK

Although the "Silent Auction" held April 5, 1998 at the monthly Central Dakota Gem & Mineral Society was an apparent success. One member in the junior category seemed to turn a profit with a little ingenuity and imagination. Zach Nevland brought an "invisible" rock to sell at the auction. He described it as very rare and although his minimum bid was one penny and his minimum raise was one penny, it soon grabbed some attention and a bidding war escalated. The bidding was fierce and after the dust settled, Harold Brady was the proud owner of the invisible rock. He poured invisible water over the invisible rock to check for quality and clarity and after realizing what a great purchase he had made, he asked Zach for an invisible bag with which to carry his prize possession. Zach obliged and produced an invisible bag and happily gave it to Harold. Who says a dime doesn't buy anything any longer.

SILENT AUCTION

NAME Zach Nevland
SPECIMEN invisible rock
LOCATION very rare
MIN BID 1¢ MIN RAISE 1¢

1. JIM NEULAND 4.3
2. Mel Berg 1.28
3. Bob Bennett 0.034
4. Ed Hensley 1.05
5. STEVE NEWSTROM .06 1/2
6. (BIBAD) 10.4
- 7.
- 8.
- 9.
- 10.

SPOKANE BAR SAPPHIRE FIELD TRIP

By: Steve & Darlene Newstrom
C.D.G. & M.S. Field Trip Chairpersons

A field trip has been arranged for June 26 - 29, 1998 to Helena, Montana to mine sapphires. Sapphires in every color may be found here. Sapphires from .5 carat to 10 carats are fairly common and the largest found is 155 carats. Other stones of interest that may be found here are moss agates, petrified wood, gold, hematite, fossils, and jasper (kind of sounds like the Cannonball River). Free dry camping is available at the mine. The price to mine sapphires is \$36.25 per person per day or \$52.50 a day per couple.

Recommended tools to bring include: a screwdriver, whisk broom, tweezers, gloves, garden trowel, dust pan, and a large pick and shovel.

DON'T FORGET YOUR ROCK PICK!!

Sapphires and gold may be found in low spots and the last three feet of gravel, just above the bedrock. After loosening the gravel, you screen the material in a shaker. Throw out the larger rocks and sift the sand. The remaining pea gravel will fill your 5 gallon buckets. Be sure to clean your bedrock with a whiskbroom and scoop. For this a small prybar and screwdriver may be useful in loosening the pockets of gravel and sapphires lodged in the bed rock. Sapphires and gold can rarely be seen until the gravel is washed and concentrated.

The phone number for the mine is: 406-227-8989 or 800-GET GEMS. The address is: Russ & Deb Thompson, 5360 Castles Drive, Helena, MT 59602. The hours of the operation are 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, 7 days a week. If you would like to extend or amend your trip, you may want to contact the mine directly, and make arrangements.

AMMONITE LOCATION

By: Duane A. Robey

Go south out of Malta, Montana to a ghost town of Sun Prairie. Then go an additional three miles (approximate), then turn left (east) and travel another three miles. At this point should be in the area where Ammonites of large size are found. It is near the boat landing of Fort Peck Lake. Distance from Malta is sixty plus miles. Roads are of gravel and dirt surface. You need to go during a dry period. This location was described to me by Dr. Cornatzer.

The editor of Diggins's Newsletter gives a *tip o' the hat* and a *heartly thank you* to Duane Robey for submitting these interesting articles for publication. Anyone else out there have an article for the Newsletter?

**OKANAGAN OPAL TRIP — 1997**

By: Duane A. Robey

In June, my wife, Ledores, and our daughter, Jennifer, went to a Beta Sigma Phi convention of four states at Lewiston, Idaho. During those three days, Bob Williams, my son-in-law, and I, *the nice*, planned and prepared a trip to Vernon, British Columbia and the Okanagan Opal Mine. On a Thursday morning Bob and I left Twin Falls, Idaho, and drove to Soap Lake, Washington, where we stayed overnight with my son, Dana. Dana, not having to be at the hospital till the next day, the three of us dined at the local supper club and enjoyed each other's company.

The next morning, we again drove northward, first through basaltic rock formations that formed through the last 30 million years. At this time of the year, the slopes were in bloom with wild roses and flowering dogwood bushes. The basaltic rocks began to soften in appearance and orchards began to increase in number as we drove toward the Canadian border.

After passing through American and Canadian Customs, we drove in the Okanagan (different spelling) River Valley, a most beautiful drive that I recommend highly to anyone. The river, the lakes, and the high mountains were seen all the way to Vernon.

The mine is located some 5000 feet above sea level and in deep forest. The second day, driving up the dirt and rocky forest road and rounding a bend, we came upon a baby black bear with a cinnamon-colored coat. It was a round, roly-poly, little ball of fur. Just like a stuffed toy. We stayed in the car as MaMa bear was not far away even if we could not see her. The cub ran from the road and into a spruce thicket.

The mine lies in a high mountain meadow. Our collecting area was in the tailings pile. The workers cannot get all the opal. They go after the most obvious opals with the result that which is breaking the larger pieces of rock, many smaller opals are missed. They really do not want to bother with that part of mining. (looking for the smaller, less defined opals) The mine is open to collectors each Friday, Saturday, and Sunday through the Summer months. Your \$30.00 (Canadian exchange) fee allows you to the first five pounds. Beyond five pounds, there will be a cost of \$3.50 per pound.

The first two days of opal hunting were subject to frequent showers. We wore raincoats most of the time and washed promising rock samples from a bucket of water to remove the mud. It had been raining the past two weeks. The miners stated that this was very unusual. Bob and I found two outstanding pieces of crystal opal. The first was a red-green opal. The second a blue-green-red opal. Both were nice, clean specimens.

PLAN TO ATTEND
OUR FIRST FIELD TRIP TO
GLENDIVE, MT ON MAY 9, 1998 TO
LOOK FOR FOSSILS.

THE
ROCKHOUNDERS
GUIDE TO
BURIED TREASURE

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

from the voice of Health via Glacial Drifter 5 & 6/96

Your True Age... YOU are as young as your faith, as old as your DOUBT, as young as your CONFIDENCE, as old as your FEAR, as young as your HOPE, as old as your DESPAIR.

In the central part of every heart there is a recording chamber; so long as it receives messages of beauty, hope, cheer, and courage, we are YOUNG. When the wires are all down and your heart is covered with snows of pessimism and the ice of cynicism, then and only then have you grown OLD!

THE OLD FASHIONED WAY . . .

In 1895, a young Indian named Simon Patino was working as a clerk in a store in Cochabamba, Bolivia. The owner of the store sent him to collect a big bill from a Portuguese miner at a tin mine high in the mountains. The miner couldn't pay the bill, but he didn't want to see the clerk lose his job, so he deeded the mine to the store owner.

The store owner was furious. He owed the clerk two months pay, so he deeded the near-worthless mine to the clerk for his two months salary and fired him.

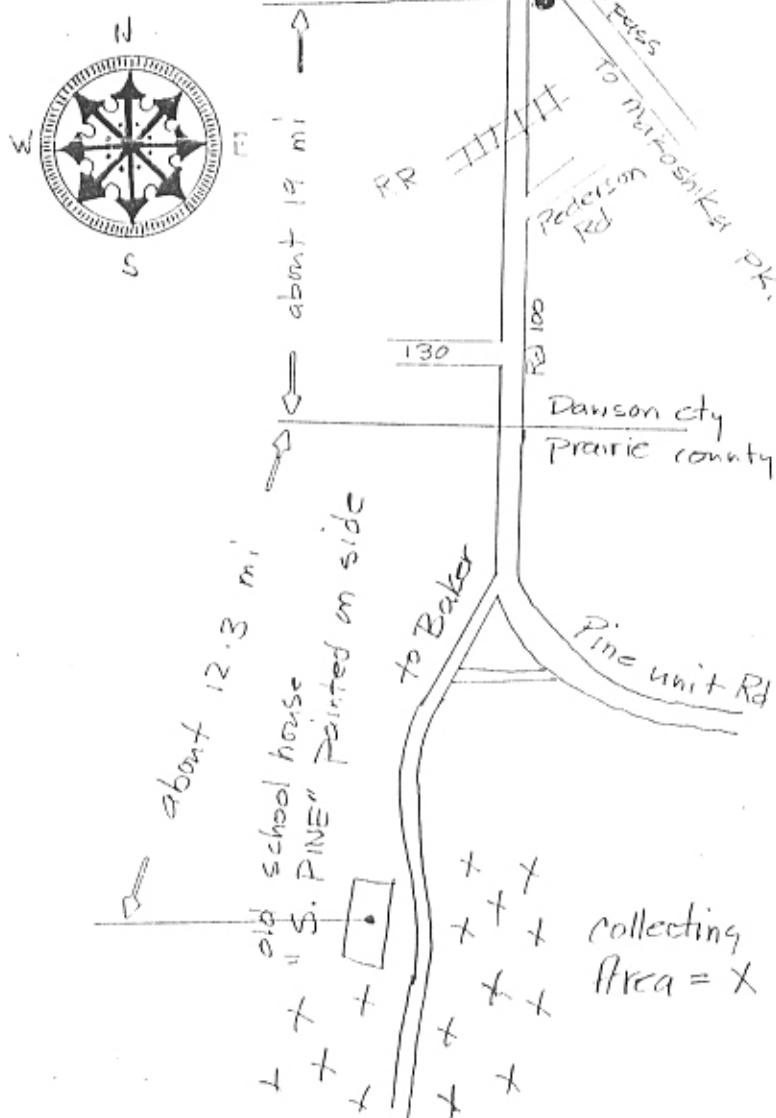
Unable to find another job, Simon and his young wife went to work the mine. They crushed and milled the low grade ore by hand and sold it for barely enough money to live on. At times when his wife was pregnant and unable to help in the mine, it was especially rough. Then one day, when Simon was working in the mine, he struck a very rich vein of Cassiterite, the ore of tin. A geologist from a mining company offered him a million dollars for the mine, but his wife didn't think he should sell it, so he continued working the mine. He hired a dozen Indians to help work the mine, and as the tremendous size of the tin deposit became evident, he hired more. Eventually he had over two thousand Indians working the mine and he began to buy other mines.

When Simon Patino and his family left Bolivia to see the world in 1920, he had a fortune of about \$5,000,000 and was the richest man in South America and one of the richest men in the world. From: Chaparral Chatter, 3/98

FOSSIL FIELD TRIP

SAT. MAY 9 1998
GLENDALE MONTANA

MEET AT MCDONALDS
PARKING LOT IN GLENDALE
AT 9:30 AM MOUNTAIN TIME.
WE WILL DEPART FROM
MCDONALDS AT 9:45 AND
CARAVAN TO THE
COLLECTING AREA SOUTH OF
GLENDALE, AS INDICATED ON
THE MAP. IF ANYONE IS
LATE OR HAS TO ARRIVE AT
A LATER TIME THE MAP
SHOULD GET YOU TO WHERE
WE WILL BE. THE FOSSILS
WE HAVE BEEN FINDING IN
THIS AREA ARE AMMONITES,
BACULITES AND LOTS OF
PELECYPODS (CLAMS).
SEE YOU THERE!!



HEALING PROPERTIES OF GEMSTONES (Part II)

STONE	PHYSICAL HEALING	SPIRITUAL HEALING	CHAKRA	MISCELLANEOUS
14. Hematite	Headaches, blood disorders, burns, hemorrhages, inflammation & hysteria.	A grounding stone. Best area to wear is by the base of the spine.	Grounding Tool	Beneficial stone for those whose mind is oriented to the sciences.
15. Herkimer Diamond	An energy booster. When placed between the Chakras, energy is allowed to flow freely.	Cleanses astral, emotional, & etheric bodies. Clears emotional, tense or congested areas in healings.	Any Chakra	Works well with Malachite at the Solar Plexus. Malachite surfaces suppressed emotion and the diamonds dissolve & dissipate it.
16. Kunzite	Opens Heart Chakra. Balances the cardio-vascular system. Blood disorders.	Emotional equilibrium. Connects one to their own infinite source of love. Dissolves lower energies.	4th Heart	Ideal stone for children who are having a hard time adjusting & functioning in life by cleansing Auric shadows accumulated by dirty or negative vibrations.
17. Lapis Lazuli	Throat inflammation, esophagus, larynx, minor inflammations in the atlas, upper bronchial passages. Should be worn by thyroid gland.	Stimulates psychic abilities. Inner vision, enhanced wisdom, insight, & good judgment.	6th 3rd Eye	A purger or cleanser for the Aura for the part of the past that is no longer necessary to carry. Penetrates subconscious blockages - 3rd Eye.
18. Malachite	Promotes sleep, strengthens eye, head, kidneys, pancreas, stomach, eases ulcers. Increases fertility, relieves cramps.	Protection stone from accidents, negative vibrations. Strong healing stone — surfaces that which is impeding spiritual growth.	3rd Solar Plexus	When placed over any Chakra that needs to be opened, energy is circulated. Stones with straight lines move the energy in the direction that the lines are placed.
19. Malachite/Azurite	Penetrates through negative mental states (depression/anxiety) to initiate an intuitive experience.	An emotional releaser especially in areas of past thoughts. Very strong. 3rd Eye area.	3rd Eye	When using this stone, be prepared for emotional & physical detoxification.
20. Malachite/Chrysocolla	When this stone is placed over an imbalanced area, it lends its sense of peace & wellness to the body.	Integrates the physical & spiritual, creating a sense of wholeness & well-being — Earth & Sky united.	3rd Eye	When placed over the 3rd Eye negative thought patterns neutralized & the mind becomes calm.
21. Moonstone	Food digestion, feminine disorders. Abdominal Chakra is opened. Female Stone. Ulcers.	Brings peace & harmony & pulls the individual toward spiritual things. Psychic gifts develop.	4th Heart	Increases access to the subconscious mind. When placed at the center of the chakra, a peaceful balance is created allowing greater awareness.
22. Obsidian	Balances stomach & intestinal tract. Masculine qualities are strengthened.	A protection stone used to prevent emotional draining from others.	1st Base	Helps protect soft-hearted & gentle people from being misused or taken advantage of. Should not be exchanged with another person.
23. Quartz (clear)	Alleviates emotional extremes, enhances healing. Amplifies crystalline properties of the body. Stimulates all Chakras.	Removes negative thought forms. Increases psychic gifts. Communication with nature spirits, focuses meditation.	Any Chakra	Brow, Crown, & Solar Plexus Chakras are augmented. Creativity of the 2nd Chakra is balanced with Emotional Chakra, aiding in expression.
24. Rose Quartz	Promotes skin rejuvenation. Heart, kidneys, liver, & lungs.	Heals the heart of emotional wounds, especially those of childhood where there was not enough love. Releases suppressed feelings.	4th Heart	Teaches one to love oneself, works well in healings with Amethyst. Brings about a peaceful balance of mental & emotional energies.
25. Smoky Quartz	Fertility increases. Eases heart disease. Assimilation of protein increases. Physical energy.	Stimulates 1st Chakra, sense of pride. Beneficial for depressed, fatigued or spaced out people.	1st Base	Teaches one to let go no longer needed for growth. Dissolves suppressed negative patterns. Initiates Kundalini Energy.
26. Sodalite	Eliminates guilt & fears. Inner conflict between the conscious & subconscious mind is eased.	Good stone for over-sensitive people. Stabilizes mental power & allows a shift from emotional to rational.	6th 3rd Eye	3rd Eye. Gains intellectual understanding of one's self or a situation. Clears the mind, enabling it to function properly.
27. Topaz	Relaxes tension in the body. Stomach & pituitary glands are enhanced.	A source of strength when dealing with life's problems. Passions & emotions are calmed.	3rd Throat	Natural vitamin "C." Restores physical energy. Relieves tensions & stress.
28. Green Tourmaline	Purifies & strengthens the nervous system. Opens Heart Chakra, regulates heart & immune system.	Seals auric holes. Inspires creativity relieves chronic fatigue. Activates lower digestive system.	4th Heart	Strengthens the ability to project, create, & manifest goals.
29. Rhodochrosite	Heart. Lessens nightmares & hallucinations. Kidneys, pancreas, & spleen. Eyesight, cancer, liver.	Clears the Solar Plexus, digestive orders, lung problems, constipation. Bridges Upper & Lower Chakras.	4th Heart	Channels white light from the Crown Chakra into the physical body. Used in meditation to focus the Soul's purpose — left hand or 3rd Eye.

IT'S SCARY!! --- IT'S CRITICAL!!

FROM: MWF NEWSLETTER

via: G. I. NUGGET, NOV. 1997

The following was handed out by Dean Stone, MWF Environmental/Legislation Chair . . . received from Marion Zenker, Legislative Coordinator . . .

RE: ALAA SUPPORT AND LEGISLATIVE EFFORTS

Amateur fossil and mineral collectors, if you are tired of the fight to preserve your rights to collect on federal public lands, and think that your hobby is safe from government intervention so long as you collect on only private land, YOU ARE WRONG. If Federal Land Managers succeed in getting either regulation or legislation past public scrutiny that makes the collecting of fossils and minerals on all public lands illegal, your private collections will be fodder for investigation and confiscation unless you have absolute documentation as to when and where each piece you possess was collected and by whom. The laws now in place for asset seizure and forfeiture are open to use and abuse by any Federal Agency and believe me they will be used. All it will take for you to be under suspicion is if anyone, anywhere covets anything in your collection for any reason or simply because someone dislikes you and suggests that you should be investigated. It is essential that your right to collect on public lands is preserved by statute or you will quickly lose the right to collect anywhere. In addition, any small rockshop across the country can easily be shut down and their assets seized for the same reasons as private collections can be seized.

There are three necessary activities in which every rockhound whether primarily a fossil or a mineral collector must be prepared to participate at the individual and at club level if we are to preserve the right to collect fossils and minerals on public and private land without some type of state and/or national registration or permitting system. Those three elements are as follows:

1. Settle the question once and for all about whether 501 -(c)(3) clubs and association can contribute to the ALAA in substantial amounts - THEY CAN, and the guidelines are available to anyone who has questions from the officers of the ALAA; AND BEGIN VOTING FOR AND SENDING THOSE CONTRIBUTIONS IMMEDIATELY AND CONSISTENTLY UNTIL WE WIN THIS RIGHT LEGISLATIVELY.

2. Each individual member and each club officer must write to their elected U.S. Representative and Senator immediately and urge them to work for the introduction of *The Fossil Preservation Act* into the House and the Senate now and then become sponsors.

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3. Once this legislation is introduced - IT IS AGAIN NECESSARY THAT EACH INDIVIDUAL AMATEUR COLLECTOR IMMEDIATELY WRITE TO THEIR MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AGAIN WITH THE NUMBER OF THE BILL AND REQUEST THEIR SPONSORSHIP. IT IS ALSO ESSENTIAL THAT EACH CLUB ORGANIZE THAT EFFORT TO HAVE EVERY CLUB MEMBER AND THE MEMBERS OF THEIR FAMILIES AND THEIR FRIENDS WRITE AS SOON AS THE BILL IS INTRODUCED. The members of the House who sign on as a sponsor of our bill in the last session of Congress felt strongly that the support we promised them from the grassroots collectors and clubs across the country was very spotty and almost non-existent in many areas of the country. We cannot afford any perception that the people whose rights we are working to protect with this legislation do not support it with their calls, faxes, and letters.

In closing, let me say that there is much work that must be done before Congress reconvenes in January if we are to have any opportunity to see this bill introduced and moved during this session of Congress. That work cannot be done unless there is a tremendous increase in the paid membership and the financial support from Rock Clubs of the ALAA IMMEDIATELY. It costs money to send mailings, make tapes, copy information and send someone to DC to speak for us.

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EACH CLUB - EACH YEAR - ONE ROCKHOUND
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by: Margaret Pearson, Chair.

The AFMS recognition program, Each Club - Each Year - One Rockhound, is a continuous program in which each club is allowed to recognize one member each year for their outstanding work as rockhounds. Nominations can be submitted at any time during the year. There is no deadline date. Also, no waiting to see your nominee recognized. Nominations will be submitted for publication throughout the year.

The AFMS Committee makes no distinction as to who is recognized and who is not. ALL names submitted for recognition will be published in the AFMS Newsletter. The only restrictions that each club may submit only one nomination per year. For this program, married couples are considered "one". If a club submits a second nomination within a year, that nomination will be held and published the next year.

Reasons for the nomination should be kept short and simple. Please tell us the name of the club, city and state where located, and the individual sending the information.

Nominations should be sent to your Federation representative. (MWF — Nellie Claxton, 1001 Wilshire Dr., Mt Vernon, IL 61102

Do you know why grown-ups are always asking little kids what they want to be when they grow up? It's because they're looking for ideas. — Author Unknown