

DIGGINS FROM DAKOTA



CENTRAL DAKOTA GEM AND MINERAL SOCIETY
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- AIMS:**
1. The study of Minerology and Geology
 2. To foster field trips to collect minerals, gems and fossils
 3. The improvement of its members in the art of cutting, polishing and mounting gem material.
 4. To provide opportunity for exchange ,purchase and exhibition of specimens and material.

MEETINGS: First Sunday of each month in the Hospitality Room of the Capital Electric Building on Highway 83, north of Bismarck

VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME: at the club functions, meetings, field trips, Annual shows, etc.

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Exchange bulletins are welcomed and should be mailed to the editor at her home address.

The Central Dakota Gem and Mineral Society is a member of the Rocky Mountain Federation of Mineralogical Societies and the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

Problems do arise in a major undertaking such as the fall show and they can also be resolved as was evidenced at the June meeting of our Society, thanks to the cooperative attitude of everyone concerned.

"I am glad we had this demonstration on table making for the program tonight", or something similar to that, were the comments by two different individuals after the meeting last Sunday. The program chairman deserves credit for that and thank you, Stanley, for the presentation.

The Memorial Day weekend field trip to South Dakota apparently was a success, judging from the remarks of those participating. Tee Pee Canyon jasper, Prairie agates, blue chalcedony and one Fairburn agate were among the loot that was brought back. Ernest Knudson was the lucky finder of the Fairburn agate. We are indeed indebted to clubmember Dr. H. F. McClellan for an exciting weekend and to Mr. Lorenz Burg of Custer, South Dakota for tolerating us on his claim and in his home. A great big "Thank You", to both of them on behalf of the Central Dakota Gem and Mineral Society.

Bill Buresh

HELP !! EXHIBITOR AND SPECIAL DISPLAY CHAIRMEN

Here it is June already and summer vacation time has arrived. But before we know it September will be here, the kids will be back in school and it will be time for North Dakota's First Annual Gem and Mineral Show on September 6 and 7. Earle Campbell, the Show Chairman, talked about the tremendous dealer response and now I'm hoping to get the same reaction from you exhibitors. One of the features of the show will be a Touch Table where visitors can pick up, feel and examine different types of minerals, rocks, and gems. I would like each of our local members to make a list of the specimens they could bring to the show. Bring this list to the next meeting and give it to John Dosch or me. We will go over the lists and try to get the most varieties of specimens without duplicating them and then inform you what specimens we want each of you to bring. Regarding our special display of teredo wood, you members who have outstanding examples of this fossil contact John or me so we can determine amount of display area needed. We have lots of space available for exhibitors displays and hope to have not only local members displaying but also anyone in North Dakota who has gem and mineral specimens and handicrafts. So exchange editors, please inform your members and if a person would like to have an exhibit at the show, contact Dick Bergantine, Exhibitor Chairman, 703 12th Ave. NW, Mandan, N.D. 58554. I would like to have this information by August 1 so that space arrangements can be made.

DICK BERGANTINE AND JOHN DOSCH

*** When working with soft stone such as alabaster, marble, onyx or petosky stone, soak in water a day or two before cutting it in oil. The oil will not soak in, and when polishing later, a better finish will result. from Oregon Rockhound, via Gem Cutters, The Pick and Shovel Osage Hills Gems

THIS AND THAT FROM THE DIGGINS

We have received contributions of thirty eight dollars for the afghan donated by Mrs. Fischer. Mrs. Brady was the recipient of the afghan. She has asked that her thanks be extended to Mrs. Fischer and the club for this beautiful piece of handwork.

The door prize was won by Ray Schubert- it was a Hemimorphite Chrystol donated by Bill Buresh.

Three ads were received at the meeting, Hilken, Herr and Campbell- Let's have some more!

Blossomae Campbell has volunteered to take care of publicity in the paper. Ole Stavem is the new dorman and greeter, taking the place of Dick Merrill who moved to Wyoming.

Mr. & Mrs. Bill Buresh were elected delegates to the National Gem and Mineral Show in Denver June 19-22. This should be enlightening experience and many ideas for our show.

THE MAY PROGRAM was given by Stan Fairaird who gave an interesting and clear demonstration on the making of a table top- showing all of the steps, choosing the size, laying it out, setting up and leveling the glass for the operation; pouring the first resin, setting in the slabs, of other materials, another layer of resin, background resin in color; fitting plywood for the back and setting it on with more resin; sanding and setting the legs and finally making a list of all the specimens used. He had a beautiful top to show.

RAY BARNETT had a very much appreciated display in the Public Library-- Hope all had a chance to see it.

JULY PROGRAM

A silent auction in July will be held
To add to our treasury which we did spend
We need money for financing the show
And all have bits we can let go.
So bring your rocks, bobbles and gems
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Love is not altogether a delirium, yet has it many points in common therewith.

RECOLLECTIONS ON THE SOUTH DAKOTA FIELD TRIP

"Those who missed the trip to S.D. really missed a great time! It was a busy, exciting week end!" Blossomae and Earle Campbell

"Had a wonderful time! One thing, the time seemed to go too quickly." Katherine Muggli

"Really enjoyed the trip to South Dakota even tho I couldn't get out to look much it was fun to see everyone again." Sally O'Neil

"We spent the weekend at Dickinson with our daughter and family. Sorry we missed it!"
Katherine Anderson

"Sorry we had to miss the field trip but we all had colds at our house." Brady's

"We were sorry to have missed the field trip but due to a death in the family we were unable to go. Weisenburger's

"Our plans for the field trip were changed because of the prediction of rain all week-end. So we attended our granddaughter's graduation and worked on our basement."
Thies'

"It was a great field trip, lots of things to look at and pick up, including Fairburn Agates!" Ernest Knudson's

"I was on a fishing trip in Northern Manitoba- Fishing was good. Sorry we missed this trip, will try to make it next time." Norma and Art Jorgensen

"We have a vacation planned in July and are going to a convention in Florida in August, so we could not go. John Dosch's

"We had to attend a funeral at Sherwood, North Dakota. That's why we couldn't go on the Rock trip. We are leaving for Portland Oregon for two weeks. Leaving June 10, and plan to pick strawberries and can to bring home. This is not a rock trip--this time."
Mabel and Ole Staven

"We had to work, sure would have loved to to but couldn't make it, maybe next time."
Emma and Pius A Fischer

"It was a very interesting field trip and we collected several hundred pounds of rock."
Herr's Rock Shop

"I couldn't go on the field trip because my wife was in the hospital." (article elsewhere)
Eml Hilken

"Our whole family had such a great time. Everything was so well planned and the hunting was fun." Bergantine's

"It was a great fellowship to be with so many interested in the same hobby. We coupled the trip with a visit to a life long friend in Custer." Ida Mae & Joel Ramberg

The South Dakota Field Trip was a great success as evidenced by the comments given here. The congregating point in Custer was Scott's Rock Shop. Quite a caravan, consisting of about fifteen cars, campers and vans wound its way around the hills for about sixteen miles to Tipi Canyon. After grabbing a short lunch at the drive-off, we doubled up in cars and went to the "Hunting Place". Lorenz Berg and others were there to help tear away more rocks. The "pickings" were good, and only one snake was reported.

In the evening the group was invited to Burg's home to see his displays, inside and outside. Many added to their collection there. A special thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Burg is due- He was the host with the mostest. Logan Miller also assisted him.

Sunday morning most of the group met in Rapid City and on to Farningdale for a jamboree to which all of the clubs in North Dakota were invited- They also included us. A pot luck lunch was planned, but most people were out hunting so not many were seen.

FIELD TRIP (Continued)

The Scenic Route o Cactus Flats and the south entrance to the Bad Lands was taken—then south and east to Wada Beds, where good prairie agates were found. That night many camped out on the open flat, but some went to Kadoka.

Monday morning they headed toward home and had luck along the Cheyenne River. Your editor and husband are sorry they couldn't attend the last two days, but had a grand time with friends. We hope more good field trips will be planned.

Our president, Bill Buresh and his wife left the group early, because of the death of Bill's brother-in-law, who drowned in the Dickinson Lake. His body was recovered on Sunday, so Bill and Gen went for the funeral. The whole club extends their sincerest sympathy in this great loss.

Following is a list of those who were fortunate enough to attend the field trip.

Mr. & Mrs. Bill Buresh - Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Hudson
 Mr. & Mrs. Les Krenke - Mr. & Mrs. E. Muggli
 Mr. & Mrs. Spencer Bobb - Taylor (New)
 Mr. & Mrs. Dick Bergantine family Mandan
 Ernest Muggli family Glen Ullrich
 Mr. & Mrs. Earl Campbell Duane Robey
 Dr. Mrs. H. Mc Clellan SR Dana Robey
 & Mark Mc Clellan Larry Strand
 Lorenz Bury Custer So. Dak. Box 708
 Logan Miller Custer So. Dak.
 Sally & Owen O'Neil, Mandan N.E.
 Jack and Ida Mae Ramberg
 Mr. & Mrs. Robert Randall
 Bob Randall Jr.
 Becker, Linda

Your editor is sorry that she did not have black and white film so some of the pictures could be used, but she will bring h the pictures to the next meeting.

If you do not recognize your hand-writing we can blame it on the fact that there was no desk--and your editor traced over them with a black pen--next time she will bring one along.

PEBBLE PUPS*****

Pat Brady took the Pebble Pups on a field trip for their May meeting- They were looking and attempted to identify them. Only five attended. She is hoping there will be more in the future. Any one who has ideas she can use in this important post, she would appreciate your help.

Old age is the time of life when it takes longer to rest up than it did to get tired.

"Kites rise highest against the wind — not with it."
 — Winston Churchill

Try to fix the mistake — never the blame.

The following has been suggested as the official dry cleaners' hymn:
 "O for a faith that does not shrink
 Though pressed by many a foe."

(from "The Bond")

SHOW COMMITTEE REPORT

Ten Show Committee Members were present along with Vernie Peterson who was invited to attend. Vi and Walter Weisenburger were also invited but were unable to attend. Dick Bergantine, committee member, also was unable to attend.

The primary business of this meeting was to resolve the problem of space for our "Hobby-type Dealers" who are Society members. After much discussion from everyone present, it was decided to call the West Mezzanine "THE HOBBY LOFT" and allow our members to contract for space at \$15.00 for a 100 square foot space. The reason for the lower cost is the stairway problem and not being on the main floor.

There was great general concern about the fact we are a small organization and will need every member possible to be on hand to work, helping in every way in seeing that everything gets done for a successful show. This means that those intending to be in the "HOBBY LOFT" should plan their work to also assist with other very important aspects of the show.

THE "FREE TABLE". We will need a large amount of small identified specimens, tumble polished material, fossils-----anything that may be given away with the "Free Ticket". These "FREE TABLE" items should be taken to John Dosch or Dick Bergantine as soon as you decide what you will contribute. If you have questions-----contact John or Dick-----NOW!!!!

We have an outstanding list of Experienced Show Dealers from North Dakota and six other states. It is now up to the EXHIBIT COMMITTEE AND THE SPECIAL EXHIBIT COMMITTEE TO SECURE EXHIBITORS FOR THE SPECIAL AREA!!!

We already have a number of very outstanding displays already contracted.

PLEASE !! Let the committee know as soon as you decide how much space you will need for your exhibit and what you intend to have in your case. This will help the committee to lay their plans and be able to accommodate everyone.

BOB RANDALL, Publicity Chairman, has done an outstanding job of getting the publicity plan underway. The mailing has gone out....newspaper advertising contracted for, television programs set, radio advertising plans are being made.....We have had many letters complimenting us on the "Fine Packet", "The best they have ever received", "If the packet is an example of the quality of our show....it will be a GREAT SUCCESS".

WE
NEED
YOU
IN
OUR
SHOW!!!!!!

Earle Campbell,
Show Chairman

JENSON FAMILY REUNION



Front row-left to right- Ruth, (Mrs. Lauren) Smith, Spokane, Wn.; Fredonia, (Mrs. Kenneth) Hemmerly, Tunkhannock, Pa.; Mrs. Alta Waldner, Yankton, S.D.; Dorothy (Mrs. Fred) Dunn, Falls Church, Virginia; Violet, (Mrs. Leonard) Ochsner, Paramount, Cal.; Josephine (Mrs. Walt) Werre, Bismarck; Middle--Edna, (Mrs. Harvey N.) Jenson, Bismarck, N.D.
Back row- Miss Norma Jenson, Annandale, Va.; Norman Jenson, Las Vegas, Nev.; The Father- Harvey N. Jenson, Bismarck, N.Dak.; Ida Mae (Mrs. Joel) Bismarck, N.D.; Helen (Mrs. Ted) Pfeifle, and Ellen (Mrs. Edwin) Hochhalter, Renton, Washington. (The mother passed away 12 years ago.)

The Jenson Family Reunion was held in Bismarck, North Dakota, June 13-15, with family coming early and leaving later. The father, Harvey N. Jenson, Bismarck, will be ninety years old on July 12. An open house was held for him on Sunday, June 15. Ida Mae Ramberg is the eldest and she and her daughter, Lola Mae (Mrs. Clair Huwe) hosted the affair.

There are many reunions being held but this one was unique in that it is the first time all ten sisters and one brother have been together. There is a twenty-five year spread between Ida Mae and her youngest sister, Josephine. An attempt was made in 1942 to get the group together, but one, Dorothy, was missing. It was a great thrill when the last one arrived- Violet- who was met by all of her nine sisters. Many pictures were taken and exchanged.

If all had attended there would have been 125. Others present were grand-daughters, Lola Mae (Mrs. Clair Huwe) and family; Jean (Mrs. Ramberg) Bartels, Anchorage and her daughter and son-in-law, Leone and Chris Ames, Joplin, Missouri; Donna (Hochhalter) Kahl and family, Darby, Montana; Richard Dunn, Falls Church, Va.; and Dan Dammel, Bismarck.

HILKENS SOUTH DAKOTA TRIP

The Emil Hilken left Wilton, Friday morning, May 16 to tour beautiful western South Dakota. They spent some time at the Jack Scheirbeck home at Rapid City, remembering they lived in Wilton. While there the Hilken's attended a Gem and Mineral Show in Hot Springs. Jack Schierbeck, also a "Rockhound", has a large rock and fossil shop in Rapid City and had seven show cases displayed.

Like most shows each show case is displayed more beautifully than the others. Although they had many interesting displays, there were few "sellers", but Emil managed to find more rocks to buy for his collection.

Later they visited more of Emil's "Rock hound" friends at Custer, besides taking in many beautiful sights as well as enjoying the Prairie dog towns and taking pictures.

On Sunday they took a leisurely trip through the game reserve with more pictures- prairie dog towns, antelopes, Mt Rushmore, Mr. Borglum's (schlpt of Mt. Rushmore) ranch and studio. They both agree that each time they go, they see many more interesting sights each time.

Bonnie Hilken

NOTE* Mrs. Bonnie Hilken has been a patient in the Bismarck Hospital. We hope she has recuperated by this date.

FROM THE PRESIDENT:

If you are reading this Recap Sheet before the BIG Show in Denver - We hope to see YOU there! If you receive this after the Show - We hope you had the opportunity to attend and participate in all the activities!

Many important news items were printed in the May Newsletter, including information about the Slide Program Contest, the new RMFMS pins, and the new RMFMS clubs. We hope this information has been passed on to all club members by your officers.

Due to convention schedules, vacation trips, etc., the Rocky Mountain Newsletter for July will not be published. Our editor and circulation manager are deserving of some free time during the year. A Recap Sheet will be published for August and will contain brief summaries of all the federation activities at Denver.

Do have a restful summer, enjoy your vacation and rock hunting trips, and may they be successful in every way!

Louellen Montgomery, President

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YOUR FEDERATION ANSWERS --

Several weeks ago letters were sent to the presidents and editors of all the Rocky Mountain Federation clubs by Mr. Bob York, president of the Nebraska Mineral & Gem Club, Omaha, Nebraska. Since this letter was published in several club bulletins, your federation officers ask that the same courtesy to be extended to the following.

Your federation officers are at a loss to explain the reasoning of the Nebraska Mineral & Gem Club in their withdrawal from hosting the 1976 RMFMS Show. We had anticipated being in Omaha and enjoying their hospitality at that time.

We are also at a loss to understand their taking for granted the statement that an agreement had been reached to establish the RMF-MWG boundary line at the 100th meridian in their state. The Rocky Mountain Federation has claimed, and continues to claim, the whole state of Nebraska as being within our boundaries. NO such agreement has been made to change this status. A proposed addition to the AFMS Bylaws, setting out the boundaries of all regional federations, has been submitted to the AFMS by your federation directors. This proposal will be acted upon at the AFMS meeting in Denver next month.

Considerable time has been spent in correspondence and conversation on boundary problems not only by our federation's but also by all other federation's officers and boundaries committee chairmen. We all feel it is of the utmost importance that we work together to find a solution. The Rocky Mountain officers are of the opinion that the Nebraska clubs should remain in their present status until such time as they themselves can decide where they want the boundary established. When this decision is made by them, the federation involved would then act upon it.

As of mid-April, no official withdrawal from the Rocky Mountain Federation by the Nebraska Mineral & Gem Club has been received by our federation officers. As of this same date, dues from only one other RMFMS affiliated club in Nebraska had not been received.

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HOT off the Press -- "BRASS TACKS"

Do you know how and when each of the six regional federations were formed?

Do you know when the AFMS was formed and by whom?

Do you recognize the AFMS Stationery seal and Official Pin?

As a member of the AFMS have you read the Constitution, By-laws, and Operating Procedures?

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Do you know how to tell in advance which region is to host the AFMS meeting?

The answer to all these questions and more is to be found in: "Brass Tacks" compiled by Mary Anderson, AFMS President and La Docia Ellis, AFMS Educational Chairman.

To receive your copies of "Brass Tacks" (preferable orders of at least 20) send 50¢ plus postage to Mary Anderson, 402 East State Hi-Way Copperton, Bingham Canyon Utah 84006. (She personally financed the printing cost of 50¢ each.)

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List of Minerals Frequently Exhibited Competitively at Mineral & Gem Shows, with Formulae from all Authorized References by Dee and Don Belsher, published by the Colorado Mineral Society, is now available for \$2.

The booklet contains over two hundred minerals listed with their formulae and page number as they appear in Dana's Textbook, Dana's System of Mineralogy, Hey & Supplement, and Fleischer's Glossary.

Dee and Don compiled this list to assist in their mineral judging and received so many requests for copies that it was getting out of hand. The Belshers graciously turned over the material to the Colorado Mineral Society for copyright and publication.

Copies may be ordered from: Colorado Mineral Society, D. Scott Cooper, Editor.
4625 Fillmore, Denver CO 80216.

They will also be sold at the Denver National Show, June 19 - 22.

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RMFMS DIRECTORY CHANGES:

Please make the following changes in your 1975 RMFMS Directory - under COLORADO.

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(VP) A. D. Jones, 401 No. Third St.
(S,T) William Squire, 521 (F) Greenwood Ave.

DENVER GEM & MIN. GUILD - now meets: Norwest State Bank, 7878 W. 80th Pl., Arvada

GRAND JCTN. GEM & MIN. CLUB - officers: (P) Glen Pryor, 319 Mt. View St.
(VP) LouAnn Grosby, Box 100, Mesa, 81643
(S) Carmen Rahn, 810 White Ave., Apt. 10
(T) H. W. Savage, 2493 Random Hills

-- RMFMS Directory Committee

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DENVER, COLORADO - June 19, 22, 1975 - AFMS-RMFMS -- NATIONAL GEM AND MINERAL SHOW
DON'T FORGET -- SEE YOU IN DENVER!!!!

DON'T FORGET -- THERE WILL BE NO NEWSLETTER IN JULY!!!!

READ YOUR MAY NEWSLETTER FOR COMPLETE INFORMATION ON THE BIG SHOW!!!!

HELP ELIMINATE LITTER PLEASE -- HAVE A HAPPY AND SAFE SUMMER!!!!