

# 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 ots members in the art of cutting, posishing 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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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

There were quite a number of satisfied and happy "swappers" going home from the last meeting. I was among them, taking home nice specimens of Pink Dolomite, Smithsonite, and Iceland Spar.

It was gratifying to see so much swapping material at the first attempt at this type of activity. I hope that all of you who took any of your own material home with you will save it for Sept. 6, add to it, and bring it to the swapping table at the fall show.

I would like to suggest that you again read the article titled "Care To Try Swapping?" in the last issue of "Diggin's From Dakota". It has some good pointers on swapping ethics and attractive arrangements of materials for the swap table.

I am in charge of arrangements for the swap table for the show, hence my special interest in this topic at this time.

-- Bill Buresh



An afghan made by Emma Fischer  
Of brown and green and blue  
Was donated to the club  
And may belong to you.  
A donation to the State Show  
Should be given soon.  
The last time you have a chance  
Is the first Sunday in June.

EARLE CAMPBELL, show chairman is donating to the Fair Fund.

SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING FAIR WINNER

GARY MUGGLI, son of Mr. & Mrs. EWALD MUGGLI was one of the winners at the Southwest District Science and Engineering Fair, which was held at Mandan, on March 21st. Gary's project was on "How Fossils Form". He was one of twelve winners in the district. There were 160 projects at the fair. Gary was entitled to enter the state competition, which was held at Valley City State College on April 10 and 11. Gary is in Junior High at the Glen Ullin Public School.

Congratulations, Gary- Maybe the club can see the project some time.

THE DOOR PRIZE for May, of blue Crazy Lace, was donated by Mr. & Mrs. ED MUGGLI and the happy recipient was Mrs. GENEVIEVE BURESH.

THE HAZEN-BEULAH ROCK CLUB has recently been organized. Some of its members are also members of the Central Dakota Gem and Mineral Society. Good luck in your rock-hounding and fellowship.

MR. AND MRS. DICK MERRILL, who are moving to Worland, Wyoming, will be greatly missed. They were awarded an Honorary Life Membership. We will be looking forward to hearing from them.

THE JUNE MEETING will feature the making of plastic table tops using rock slabs. Showing the club how will be MR. STANLEY FAIRRAIZL. He has some beautiful specimens of this work.

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Shown above are the two end views of one of the three massive concretions uncovered at one of the higher elevations in north Mandan, N. D. during excavation of a basement for a new home in August 1974. The protruding object is a Teredo petrified log imbedded in a matrix of cemented sandstone. The above concretion measured 51 inches in diameter and 84 inches in length. The fossilized Teredo bored log was interesting but not of very high quality.

It was indicated at the time that the concretions would remain as part of the landscaping of the yard; however, no signs of the concretions are presently visible in the yard.

-- Bill Buresh

#### FIELD TRIP - May 24, 25, & 26

In a telephone conversation with Dr. McClellan, it was agreed that everyone meet at Scott's Rock Shop in Custer, S.D. by 10:30 AM on Saturday, May 24, 1975. From there we will proceed to Tipi Canyon, which is seventeen miles from Custer. The owner of the mine will be there with a bulldozer to uncover new material. He wants to be there in the morning, hence the 10:30 meeting time.

Directions to Tipi Canyon from Scott's Rock Shop will be available at the Rock Shop and the road will be marked for those that cannot make it to Custer by 10:30 AM.

If it should rain on Saturday or the night before there will be one mile of muddy road, so be prepared.

There will be no meeting at Timber Lake as was previously discussed. Make your own arrangements for the best route to Custer, S.D.

Plans for Sunday and Monday, May 25 and 26, will be made at Tipi canyon, depending on the weather.

Bill Buresh

P. S. What are we looking for??? Tipi Canyon Agates and Prairie Agate!!!!

NEW MEMBERS : JAMES AND CAROLE RUFUS, Route 4, Minot, N.Dak. 58701  
MR. AND MRS. LEO J. FRANK, Route 2, Box 40, Dickinson, N.D. 58601

Scenes of activities during "swap" night at the May meeting of the Society.



Ida Mae Ramberg questioning Ray Barnett about some of his swapping material



Blossomae Campbell trying to convince Bill Collins that he is getting a bargain.



Left- Chow Time  
Those who served in May were  
CLARA MUGGLI  
KATHERINE MUGGLI  
VINA ANDERSON  
June hostesses will be  
NETTIE NELSON  
VERTA GIESE  
MRS. ART JORGENSEN

Symposium and Mineral Display at the Museum of Man and Nature at Winnipeg, Manitoba - October 16, 17, & 18th. This will feature speakers, workshops, field trips and dealers. Speakers will include Dr. Paul Dessautels, Curator of the Smithsonian Institution; Professor Richard M. Pearl, Professor of Geology at the University of Colorado; Dr. Robert I. Galt, Assistant Curator, Royal Ontario Museum; Dr. Peter Cerny, Assistant Professor of Geology, University of Manitoba. There will be field trips to Bernic Lake and to Souris. Registration fees, regular \$7.50 per day, or \$15.00 for three days. Student \$3.50 per day or \$10.00 for three days. For more information write to the Mineral Society of Manitoba, C/o Manitoba Museum of Man and Nature, 190 Rupert Street, Winnipeg, Manitoba. R3B0N2

from Manitoba Naturalists Society

BE A BIG POTATO. We are told when a truck of loose potatoes is hauled to market, the big potatoes work their way to the top and the little ones are crowded to the bottom. It is the same way with men; over the hard and rocky road of life, big men come to the top and the little men fall to the bottom. You can notice this in any club. When there are hard jobs to be done, the big men come to the top and do them; the little men disappear somewhere and cannot be found. This is one test of a big and a little man. The next time the club finds itself in a tough spot with hard work ahead, why not be a big man and come to the top? from ALASKAN PEBBLE CHATTER, VIA CHIPS; VIA THE GEODE

WATCH OUT WHEN TIRED

All kinds of advice have been given on how to overcome fatigue at the wheel. Every driver has heard of the rules but the trouble is: Most Of Them Are Wrong!!

Opening the window to get fresh air in your face may be dangerous. Nothing will soothe you to sleep like fresh night air blowing against your face.

Turning on the radio won't work if you are dog-tired. The added volume will not only lull a driver to sleep but may make him sleep more soundly.

Anything that relieves hunger will relieve the weary feeling it causes. But if you are tired because you are short of sleep, eating may only make the problem worse. Be especially careful a half hour after you eat.

Taking an alcoholic beverage is the worst thing a sleepy driver can do. "Alcoholic sleep strikes instantly, without the usual advance-warning signals.

Coffee, caffeine tablets or amphetamines cause a strong reaction. The letdown can be sudden and cataclysmic.

Anything that stalls off sleepiness may cause it to come on in even greater force soon afterward. The only safe thing to do when sleepy is STOP AND SLEEP. Veteran drivers pull off the road for a short nap of about 20 minutes.

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THE ROCK PILE

I'll tell you what I often do,  
When I am tired or feeling blue;  
I like to take a chair or box,  
And sit beside my pile of rocks.  
I get a thrill as I begin  
To think of places I have been  
To gather these, my treasures here,  
In various spots both far and near.  
Although I've sat here oft before,  
Each time I find in this rock store  
Some hidden gem I did not see  
Which somehow hid itself from me.  
You'd be surprised the peace of mind  
This simple act helps me to find.  
So I advise you, when you are blue,  
To do this thing I often do.  
You'll find relief from toil and care.  
You've left them at the rockpile there.

by Charles G. Schweitzer  
via PICK & CHATTER  
VIA THE CYCAD

ALASKA TRIP

Mr. & Mrs. JOEL RAMBERG have had quite a few opportunities to show their slides of their last trip-1974- to Alaska. They drove up the Alaska Highway and returned by way of the Narrow Gauge Railway from Whitehorse to Skagway, and by ferry to Seattle. The early snow made for winter wonderland pictures.

They subscribe to ALASKA and yearly buy THE MILEPOST- All The North Travel Guide. One part of this is a ROCK HOUNDS' GUIDE that should be helpful to anyone traveling, with time to stop.

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"This thing about pollution hain't new. My uncle Clem never lived a Saturday night when he wasn't polluted. He sure would have made a good rockhound--When he wasn't stoned, he was petrified." Via THE GEM NEWS, THE T-TOWN ROCKHOUND, OSAGE HILLS GEMS

DATES TO REMEMBER:

May 17,18 PICTURE CITY GEM AND MINERAL SHOW, HOT SPRINGS, SOUTH DAKOTA  
May 24-26 FIELD TRIP CENTRAL DAKOTA GEM AND MINERAL SOCIETY - CUSTER, SOUTH DAKOTA  
June 6-8 NATRONA COUNTY ROCK SHOW, CASPER, WYOMING  
June 19-22 ROCKY MOUNTAIN FEDERATION SHOW, DENVER, COLORADO  
August 9-10 STATE GEM AND MINERAL SHOW, MITCHELL, SOUTH DAKOTA  
September 6-7 NORTH DAKOTA'S FIRST ANNUAL GEM AND MINERAL SHOW, MANDAN, NORTH DAKOTA  
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If you think it's hard to find a movie that's okay for your children to see..try finding one to take your mother to!

When you feel dog-tired at night, it may be because you growled all day.

From OSAGE HILLS GEMS, JADE JOURNAL

Three men of different occupations were looking at the Grand Canyon:

The Geologist said, "What a wonder of Science". The Clergyman said, "One of the glories of God." The Cowboy said "A heck of a place to lose a cow."



## DENVER '75 AFMS/RMFMS "ROCKHOUND RENDEZVOUS of the ROCKIES"

You know that there is going to be a National Show and Convention in Denver, June 19 - 22, 1975. You know that delegates will meet, that awards will be given, and that there will be special events and displays.

Ah, the special events; they are the things that Mr. and Mrs. Rockhound want to know about and here is a partial list:

From the Smithsonian, Paul Desautels, who will bring a suite of rare French Minerals and discuss them during his lecture period. Also John White, Assoc. Curator and Editor of Mineralogical Record, who will chair the Friends' of Mineralogy Luncheon and who will devote two days to a Micro-mount Symposium. John Sinkankas will deliver two lectures, one on 'Amber' and one on 'The Theory of Polishing', and will be the guest speaker at the FM luncheon.

Dr. Clifford Frondel, Curator of the Harvard Museum, will bring type specimens from Colorado and present slides of Harvards recently catalogged collection of gold, many of which have never been exhibited nor pictured before. Dr. Vincent Manson, American Museum, will bring portions of the Morgan/Montgomery collection and speak of 'The Relationship of the Private Collector to our Museums.' (And no, the message isn't 'leave us your collection.') Dr. Willard Roberts, So. Dakota Schl. of Mines, will bring Barites of So. Dakota and present 'Mineral Micro-rama' in living color and rated G (ood).

The Directors of the Denver Museum have given permission for 'Tom's Baby', the largest gold nugget ever found in Colorado, to be displayed at the show. Clive Colhour is bringing twelve cases of gem-stone carvings; Raymond arndt, has a new faceted 'Fairly Castle' to add to his display; and Linton Riggs is bringing his jade carvings. All three of these 'headliners' were invited not only for the excellence of their work but for their willingness to discuss the technicalities of thier work with others.

Richard Pearl will be the main speaker at the awards banquet and Bill Hayward is the MC. Dr. Nininger is coming up from Arizona to lecture upon Meteorites and we can promise some outstanding local material will be displayed.

Strictly on the fun side is an evening at Heritage Square with meal and Mellerdrammer, a square dance, and special arrangements with Elitch's Gardens so that the Pebble Pups won't be overlooked. During the first two days after the show Ft. Collins and Pueblo are planning field trips. For the more adventurous in good physical condition, a trip up Mt. Antero--IF conditions permit.

We hope your members will consider these events worth a trip in our direction; we've tried to make it so. Ernie Parshall & Jeanne Foster, Publicity

## DENVER '75 NATIONAL GEM AND MINERAL SHOW

The show will be open to the public from 10:00 am. to 6:00 pm., Thursday, June 19 and from 10:00 am. to 10:00 pm. on Friday and Saturday, June 20 and 21st. Sunday June 22 from 10:00 am. to 5 pm. at which time the show will close.

Admission charges will be: \$1.50 daily for adults, 75¢ daily for juniors, ages 12 thru 17 years. Children under 12 will be admitted free if accompanied by an adult, otherwise they will be charged a 75¢ fee. Four day passes are available by advance sale or at the door on the first day of the show. The cost is \$5.00 adult and \$2.50 junior.

A dining room serving breakfast, lunch and dinner and a full time cafeteria are located in the show building.

Convention headquarters will be located in the Denver down town area, at the Capitol Plaza Inn, 303 West Colfax Ave., Denver, Co. 80204 Phone (303) 292-9010. The show building is located in the Coliseum Complex, just off Interstate 70 exit 73B (Stockyards-Brighton Blvd. - Coliseum exit) approximately one and one half miles east of Interstate 25 and Interstate 70 interchange.

Camping will not be permitted on the show grounds. For information on trailer parks and campgrounds contact: Colorado Campground Association, Inc., P. O. Box 965, Colorado Springs, Co. 80901.

For complete information mail inquiries to: National Gem and Mineral Show, P. O. Box 1975, Denver, Colo. 80201, or phone Ernest E. Parshall, Publicity Chairman, area code 303/ 733-3191.

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There's not a place in earth or  
heaven,  
There's not a task to mankind given,  
There's not a blessing or a woe,  
There's not a whispered "yes" or  
"no",  
There's not a life or death, or birth,  
That has a feather's weight of worth  
Without a woman in it.

"One man says he would  
like to go back to the days  
when his wife's meals were  
carefully thought out instead  
of carefully thawed out."

**BE THE BEST**

*If you can't be a pine on the top  
of the hill,  
Be a scrub in the valley—  
But be the best little scrub by the  
side of the rill;  
Be a bush if you can't be a tree,  
If you can't be a bush, be a bit of  
grass, and some highway hap-  
pier make;  
If you can't be a muskie, then  
just be a bass,  
But the liveliest bass in the lake.  
If you can't be a highway, then  
just be a trail,  
If you can't be the sun, be a star!  
It isn't by size that you win or  
fail  
Be the best of whatever you  
are!*



NORTH DAKOTA'S FIRST ANNUAL  
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COMMITTEES HAVE BEEN APPOINTED AND ARE FUNCTIONING TO MAKE THIS SHOW THE GREATEST AND BEST GEM & MINERAL SHOW EVER IN OUR AREA!!! ENTHUSIASM IS RUNNING HIGH!! ALL BUT A FEW OF OUR DEALERS SPACES HAVE BEEN RESERVED WITH DEPOSIT MONEY PAID!!! EXHIBIT SPACE IS FILLING RAPIDLY TOO!!! PLANNING IS NEARLY COMPLETE, SO THE ACTION IS STARTING!!!!!!

THE COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN WILL NEED YOUR HELP TO GET EVERYTHING DONE ON TIME. WHEN YOU ARE ASKED TO HELP, BE A WILLING HAND TO PUT ON YOUR SHOW!!!!!!! EVERY MEMBER OF THE CENTRAL DAKOTA GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY IS A MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE TO MAKE THIS SHOW A HUGE SUCCESS!!!!!!

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