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- OBJECT: 1. To further the study of mineralogy and geology;
2. To arrange field trips to collect minerals, gems, and fossils;
3. To assist its members to improve in the art of cutting, polishing, and mounting gem material;
4. To provide opportunities for the exchange, purchase, and exhibition of specimens and materials; and
5. To share knowledge about gems, minerals, and activities of the Society with the general public. --Article II, CDGMS Constitution

MEETINGS: First Sunday of each month in the Hospitality Room, Capital Electric Building on Highway 83, north of Bismarck; 7:30 p.m. from April through October and 2:30 p.m., November - March. VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME.

ANNUAL DUES: Family - \$8.00; Individual Adult - \$6.00; Individual Junior - \$3.00

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North Dakota's Annual GEM AND MINERAL SHOW Mandan Community Center

SEPT. 25 - 26, 1981

NEXT MEETING: April 5, 1981, 7:30 p.m. (Discussion Class, 6:30 p.m.)

PROGRAM: Speaker--Lou Hoffermill; Topic--"Antiquity Laws"

LUNCH COMMITTEE: Emma Brady, Verna Giese, and Viola Anderson

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IN MEMORIAM

Vernon C. Richardson, 71, Hazen, died on February 26, 1981, at a Rochester, Minn., hospital. A former teacher and superintendent, he was involved in education most of his life. Services were held at 1:30 p.m. on March 2 at the English Lutheran Church in Hazen.

Born April 20, 1909, at Bucyrus, he was raised near there and graduated from Bucyrus High School. He graduated from Dickinson State College in 1942 and received his Master of Arts Degree in Educational Administration from Colorado State College, Greeley, Colorado, in 1959.

He married Emma Renke on August 25, 1934 at Hazen. After retiring in 1975, the couple returned to Hazen in 1976. Since his retirement he has been active in a number of community and county activities, including the Knife River Rock Club, of which he was the current president. He joined Central Dakota Gem and Mineral Society in 1977 and will be remembered as an enthusiastic exhibitor at annual shows.

Survivors include his wife, one daughter, three grandchildren, two brothers, and one sister.

The sincere sympathy of the members of Central Dakota Gem & Mineral Society is extended to the family.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(* Federation Shows)

- April 5 Bismarck, ND--7:30 p.m., Regular Meeting, Central Dakota Gem & Mineral Society, Capital Electric Bldg., Highway 83 North of Bismarck
- Apr. 11-12 Mankato, MN--23rd Annual Show, Minnesota Valley Gem & Mineral Club
- Apr. 18-19 Hibbing, MN--18th Annual Show, Mesabi Rock & Mineral Club
- May 16-17 Hot Springs, SD--South Dakota State Gem & Mineral Show
- *Apr. 24-26 Lubbock, TX--Annual Show, South Central Federation of Mineral Soc. Inc.
- *June 4-7 Salt Lake City, UT--"Gem-Boree of the Rockies" Show, American Federation and Rocky Mountain Federation of Mineralogical Societies
- *June 26-28 Lexington, KY--"Blue Grass State Gemboree" Show, Eastern Federation of Mineralogical and Lapidary Societies
- July 2-5 Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada--12th International Gem and Mineral Show, Winnipeg Rock and Mineral Club
- *July 23-26 South Bend, IN--Show, Midwest Federation of Mineralogical and Geological Societies
- Aug. 8-9 Mitchell, SD--Gem and Mineral Show, Holiday Inn, Corn Palace Rock Club
- *Aug. 21-23 Midway, Wash.--"Nature's Rainbow of Jewels" Show, Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies, Inc.
- Sept. 18-20 Williston, ND--Annual Show, Williston Rock and Mineral Club
- SEPT. 25-26 MANDAN, ND--NORTH DAKOTA'S SEVENTH ANNUAL SHOW, Mandan Community Center sponsored by CENTRAL DAKOTA GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY. Show Chairman: Don Campbell, 1119 Memorial Highway, Bismarck, ND 58501

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello, Everyone,

I was really happy to see some of the older members return to the meetings. It is nice to have confabs with members willing to share their treasures. A special thanks is due to members contributing door prizes.

The silent auction produced some of the best materials we have had. The selections were varied and the results in the club treasury indicated that members thought so, too. I hope all of you will continue to bring good specimens and join in on future auctions.

The upcoming meeting, I feel, will be an important one. Guidelines for the show will be established. If you have something to say, now would be the time to do it. What is set up now will help govern future shows. This is another situation that we can work together on. Not everybody may be satisfied, but show up and something will get done. So I hope to see all of you there.

Mary Beth Osborn

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SHOP HINT: WASHING MINERALS

Most common laundry detergents will leave a film causing a dull lifeless appearance if used to wash minerals. This is due to a whitener in the soap to make the clothes white. Use dishwater soap instead. Additives to dishwater soaps do not have this whitener. If used for your final wash, it will leave specimens bright and shiny.

--ROCK EXPRESS via ROCKY MOUNTAIN NEWS,
March, 1981

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ADDITIONS TO MEMBERSHIP LIST: (Please add these to your list in Feb. "Diggin's")

48. Clifford/Delores Barnhart	811 S. Lincoln Ave.	Sidney, MT 59270	406-482-2135
49. Julius/Rosa Thies		Menoken, ND 58558	673-3458
50. Joe/Agnes Vetter	R.R.2, Box 1C	Linton, ND 58552	254-4206

CORRECTION: Please correct the telephone number for Verl and Edna Mausehund on line 26 of your previous membership list to read 782-4291.

FIELD TRIP SCHEDULED--May 30-June 2

Merle Lanz, field trip chairman, has announced an out-of-state field trip to a sapphire mine in the Helena, Mont., area for May 30-June 2. (Some members free on Friday plan to leave May 29.)

This trip will take eager rockhounds to the El Dorado mine, which is a fee area (\$10 per adult, \$15 per couple). Free camping is available with necessary facilities but apparently no hookups. Lodging is also available in Helena or East Helena about 35 miles from the mine. The hunting area includes over 70 acres, according to the literature received.

The announcement is being made early so that members can make plans as well as preparations. You will need:

- Equipment you normally take on a field trip, plus
- Pick or shovel
- 5-gal. bucket with handle
- Set of screens(Shaker wire mesh)
 - Top--1/2" or 5/8" wire mesh
 - Bottom--1/8" wire mesh

(Screens available for rental at \$3.00 per day if you don't have your own)

A further announcement about the rendezvous site in Montana will be made for those who start at different times.

The dates of this field trip have been correlated with the dates for the combined regional/national federation show. This will make it possible for members who wish to attend the Rocky Mountain Federation/American Federation (RMFMS/AFMS) Show in Salt Lake City, Utah from June 4-7 to drive there directly from field trip site. This will save both time and expensive gas.

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AT THE LAST MEETING--March 1, 1981

Gen Buresh, Reporter

Forty-six adults and seven juniors were reported present at the meeting March 1st by Melvin Anderson, greeter. Guests introduced were Mr. & Mrs. Albert Martineson, Wilton; and Jim Johnson, Bismarck, junior guest. Mrs. Martineson is a cousin of member Henry Solberg. Twenty adults and four juniors were reported present for the discussion class.

Larry Strand, program chairman, announced that the speaker for the April meeting will be Lou Hoffermill, who will discuss "Antiquity Laws."

A motion was approved to pay bills presented by Gen Buresh, editor, for postage, paper, and printed covers for the "Diggin's."

Harold Brady reported that a motion was passed several years ago that all bills for the bulletin and for the refreshment committee should be paid automatically. Bill Buresh inquired whether the secretary has the old minutes to determine for the new officers which motions pertain to continuing policy. Jane Lenz, secretary, reported that the secretary files contain minutes from the last three secretaries, and that she would check the complete file and dates of the minutes on hand and report at the next meeting.

A new motion was approved to pay all bills for the bulletin and for the lunch committee automatically upon presentation of the bills to the treasurer.

Ida Mae Ramberg reported on the offer of the publishers of "World of Treasures" of five free copies plus additional copies at 40¢ per year. A show of hands indicated ten members wished to receive individual copies. It was agreed that the society should pay the publisher, and members who requested copies will reimburse the society. A motion to this effect was made, seconded, and passed.

Bill Buresh mentioned the recent death of Vernon Richardson, society member from Hazen, and suggested a period of silent meditation in his honor.

Bill then read an obituary from the paper and stated that in addition to being an active member of Central Dakota Gem & Mineral Society, Vernon was the president of the Knife River Rock Club at Hazen at the time of his death.

Don Campbell, chairman, reporting for the Show Policy Committee, read a proposed show policy statement and requested that it be included in the next "Diggin's." He suggested that members study the proposal and be ready to discuss it at the April meeting. Suggestions for changes or additions may be made at that time.

(Members: A copy of the proposal is attached to the bulletin. Please bring this copy to the April meeting for use during the discussion.)

Because the supply of copies of the constitution of the Society is almost depleted, Gen Buresh moved that a committee be appointed to review the constitution for reprinting, with the current parliamentarian as chairman. The motion carried. President Osborn appointed Al Hartl as chairman, Gen Buresh, and Harold Brady to serve on this committee.

A motion by Bill Buresh to rescind the motion passed at the January meeting to change the name of the 1982 show was seconded and carried.

Don Campbell reported briefly for the show committee and called on Bob Randall, who reported receiving a plaque from AFMS. (See story page 4)

Bill Buresh inquired about custody of the plaque. President Osborn announced that it would be turned over to the Librarian-Historian. Bill explained that the reason for his inquiry was that he has in his possession the shovel used for the planting of a tree for the Soc. in the Bismarck "Centennial Forest." It was left with him when former president John Dosch moved to Carrington.

For the benefit of new members, Earle Campbell explained the location of the tree planting plot along the I-94 Interchange road east of Bismarck. "Our" tree, Earle explained, is the fifth one

AT THE LAST MEETING, Mar. 1, cont.

from the top of the letter "I" in the word "Bismarck" and is "still alive and thriving." The letters can be most clearly seen when approaching Bismarck from the east by plane.

The door prize, a honey onyx slab donated by Al Hartl, was won by Glenn Michaels.

The program after the business meeting consisted of a silent auction under the direction of Larry Strand and Earle Campbell. Displayed on the auction tables were some fine examples of a wide variety of specimens, slabs, and finished jewelry. Bidding appeared to be brisk.

President Osborn reminded members that meeting time changes to 7:30 in April.

Lunch was served by Ron Wandler, Larry Strand, and Gen Buresh.

CLUB RECEIVES RECOGNITION

At the March meeting Robert Randall, Show Treasurer, presented to President Mary Beth Osborn a plaque which he had recently received, on behalf of the Society, from Dixie Lee Alf, RMFMS Scholarship Fund Chairman. The inscription on the plaque gives recognition to the Central Dakota Gem & Mineral Society for its contribution at the 500% level to the American Federation of Mineral Society's Scholarship Foundation.



DUES ARE PAST DUE--

KEEP OUR TREASURER BUSY WRITING
RECEIPTS--

AFTER MARCH--

NO DUES--NO "DIGGIN'S"

PARLIAMENTARY POINTERS, by Al Hartl

The parliamentarian has no authority by virtue of his office. He is merely an adviser to the president. His opinion on a procedural matter is just that, an opinion, and can be either accepted or rejected by the presiding officer.

(Next month we will continue with a statement on the procedure should the assembly disagree with a ruling of the presiding officer.)

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

The following letter was received by the editor, with membership dues enclosed, since the publication of the last "Diggin's." Their address is listed in the membership list.

2-5-81

Dear Gen and Bill--

Thank you so much for sending us your newsletter, "Diggin's from Dakota." We have enjoyed your articles. Enclosed is a check for membership for Cliff and me. However, I am afraid we'll be rather inactive as the Bismarck-Mandan area is too far to commute from Sidney.

Keep up the good work. We also would like to thank all of you for inviting us back to display at your show. We do appreciate the friendly people and the pleasant days there.

Thank you,

/s/ Clifford & Delores Barnhart
Sidney, Montana

IN REPLY: Your kind words are appreciated, as is your participation in past annual shows. We will be looking for you and your exhibit at this year's show in September.

We hope that you will be able to take part in some of the activities, such as the August picnic, the Christmas dinner, or some of the field trips.

G.B.

EXHIBITS--1981 SHOW, by Bill Buresh

As Exhibits Chairman for the 1981 Annual Show, it is my responsibility to again remind all club members that show time is fast approaching. I hope that all of you are working on an exhibit.

This year's theme, "Nature's Artistry," is very suggestive. I know that most of you have a lot of material that could be arranged in a case in some way that would fit this theme--even material that you have used in previous exhibits in a different way.

Trophies will be presented again this year for the "Best of Show" in both the adult and junior divisions, and ribbons will also be awarded to first, second, and third place exhibits in both divisions, according to information received from Don Campbell, 1981 Show Chairman.

Judging will be strictly on showmanship and public appeal. There are no competitive rules to follow.

I have copies of plans for the construction of a display case. They are available for the asking.

If you have any questions about exhibits, please call me at 663-5397 or stop in at our home.

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EDITOR'S COMMENTS

Discussion of the Bismarck Centennial Tree Planting sent your editor to back files of the "Diggin's" to find the date of that historic event. In the September, 1972, issue I found this interesting item:

"On Saturday, July 22, our president, John Dosch, ably assisted by vice-president, Earle Campbell, participated in the Bismarck Centennial Tree Planting. To commemorate her 100th birthday, Bismarck dedicated a forest of 394 Ponderosa pine trees, planted to spell Bismarck. Our organization's tree is fifth from the top in the letter "I". Slides were taken of this momentous occasion and will be shown at a meeting in the near future."

Have those slides ever been shown at a meeting? Did I miss them? Are they still available?

Reading about the Centennial Tree Planting reminded me of another important date, but I don't have early copies of the bulletin to find the answer.

What is the founding date of Central Dakota Gem & Mineral Society? What month was it? Is this the 15th year? Is that long enough to merit a special celebration of some kind?

An editorial in a recent bulletin stated that it was easy to tell when new editors take over--they are the ones who write hopeful comments about having members write original articles to publish--not only travel reports, which are appreciated, but also articles about rocks or minerals or field trips or how to make whatever you make or shop hints or. . .the list is endless.

Until that happens, editors try to glean interesting material from exchange bulletins. Reading these is one of the pleasant duties (privileges?) of being an editor.

In order to share these with other members, your editor is going to try packing up to ten back issues of exchange bulletins in large envelopes and bring them to meetings. A signature sheet will be placed on the front of each envelope for members to sign so that they can tell if they've had that packet before.

After reading the bulletins, please replace them in the envelope and bring them back to the meeting for someone else to check out.

Even though some articles have been clipped out for future use in the "Diggin's", we think you'll enjoy reading about problems, joys, field trips, programs, shows, and special events of other clubs.

G.B.

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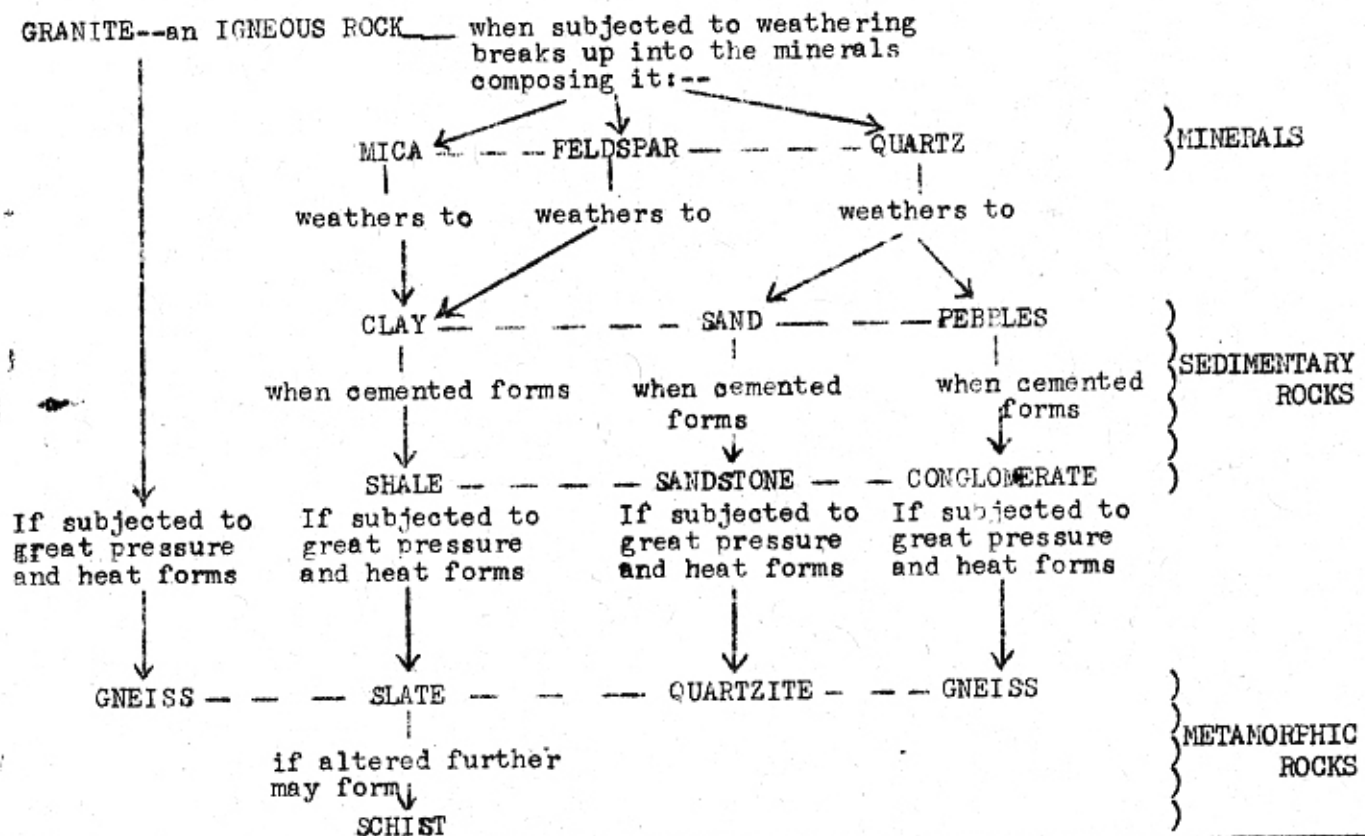
HOW ROCKS ARE CHANGED

Diagram from "Audubon Nature Bulletin"

The above diagram is meant to be self-explanatory. It should be a helpful reference for adults as well as for juniors. If supplemented by representative rock and mineral specimens, the diagram could be the basis of a good exhibit for the show, especially for juniors. -- W.A.B.

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THIS-N-THAT

EDNA MAUSEHUND is reported to be visiting her daughter in Lewistown, Montana.+++

IT WAS GOOD to see Ida Mae Ramberg back at a meeting after a long absence, and also Pat Brady, who was home for a spring break from college. +++

THE MARCH 4th ISSUE of the Washburn Leader has a picture of club member Evert Nelson displaying a plaque which he made with a mounted clock and decorations consisting of a horseshoe and a 45.70 caliber bullet. The decorations are relics from Custer's expedition, according to the article which accompanies the picture.

Evert and his wife Nettie are accomplished lapidaries and are noted for their beautiful work in mounted clocks and artistic lamps.+++

AN ADVISORY SHEET for exhibitors and registration blanks for competitive exhibits and non-competitive exhibit space for the AFMS/RMFMS Show and Convention in Salt Lake City next June 4-7 was included in the last ROCKY MOUNTAIN NEWS. If anyone wishes to have a copy of these, please call 663-5397.+++

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POLICY STATEMENT GOVERNING ANNUAL SHOW

1. Following a decision by the members of the Central Dakota Gem & Mineral Society to have an annual show, the sponsor of the show shall be listed as CENTRAL DAKOTA GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY and the name of the show shall be "NORTH DAKOTA'S ANNUAL GEM AND MINERAL SHOW."
(number)
2. The term "annual show" as used in this policy statement shall refer to a show with a full program including dealers, exhibits, a silent auction, a swapping area, educational sessions of demonstrations, talks, and films related to the lapidary and mineral arts, and other appropriate activities.
3. The annual show shall be planned and managed by a Show Committee consisting of a chairman and two additional members.
4. The Show Committee shall be appointed by the Society's Executive Board with full power to formulate and execute plans for an annual show. This committee shall serve from the time of their appointment until all transactions are completed for the show for which they were appointed.
5. The Show Committee for the following year shall be appointed and announced during each annual show, and the new chairman and new committee members shall assume their duties of making plans for the next show immediately upon their appointment.
6. The Show Chairman shall appoint appropriate sub-committees to carry out assigned responsibilities for a successful show.
7. A show treasurer shall be appointed by the Show Committee. The term of this office shall be from the time of the appointment until all business transactions have been completed for the show for which the treasurer was appointed.
8. All monies derived from each annual show shall be deposited in an account titled "CENTRAL DAKOTA GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY - SHOW COMMITTEE".
9. Any portion of the monies derived from a silent auction at an annual show may be designated for donation to a scholarship fund at the discretion of the Show Committee.

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10. After all bills have been paid for a completed annual show, including any payment to a scholarship fund as authorized in Section 9, all monies remaining in the account of the CENTRAL DAKOTA GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY--SHOW COMMITTEE" shall remain under the jurisdiction of the Show Committee for the purpose of financing the next annual show.
11. The Show Treasurer shall (1) keep an accurate account of all receipts and expenditures for the annual show for which he was appointed; (2) prepare a final report of all receipts, expenditures, and assets of the Show Committee in charge of the recently completed annual show, and present both this report and the show treasurer's books for audit by the Auditing Committee of the Society; and (3) present the report of all receipts, expenditures, and assets of the Show Committee to the Society at the next regular meeting after the audit.
12. The Show Committee designated in this policy statement shall be responsible for the annual show only.
13. This policy statement does not prevent the Society or its members from participating in any other special exhibit(s) during the year.
14. In the event that the CENTRAL DAKOTA GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY ceases to sponsor an annual show, any monies in the account of the "CENTRAL DAKOTA GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY--SHOW COMMITTEE" shall be transferred to the account of the "CENTRAL DAKOTA GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY."

Submitted by the Show Policy Committee

Walter Buck
Bill Duresh
Earle Campbell
Ray Jensen
Don Campbell, Chr.

3/1/81

