

# 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 the 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.

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North Dakota's Annual  
**GEM AND MINERAL SHOW**  
 Mandan Community Center  
 Sept. 11 & 12, 1975

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

The field trip season is once<sup>more</sup> upon us, and we are starting out the season in earnest by arranging a club field trip to South Dakota. We are again indebted to Dr. McClellan for making the five-hour drive from Mobridge to be present at the last meeting and to help make the plans for the South Dakota excursion.

Trips to Medora, Almont-Glen Ullin and the Cannonball River in subsequent months should round out the season.

At a previous meeting, show chairman Earle Campbell announced that North Dakota gems, minerals, and fossils will be featured at this year's show. At the May meeting he again appealed for specimens for this special display. The last three trips of the season should provide an opportunity for each one of us to garner some North Dakota specimens for that display.

I have again been appointed chairman of the swap area for this year's fall show. I need your help to make this a more successful part of the show this year. The biggest need is for swapping material, especially from our own members.

I am making another plea this year to each and every one of you to plan to bring some swapping material to the fall show. Pick up a few extras on the field trips with the idea that you will take them to the swap table at the fall show instead of having them collect dust in the garage or in the basement.

Bill Buresh

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MORE GLEANINGS FROM THE MEETING

Some of the members were reported in poor health. Emil Hilton had an accident, and although he was there, he wasn't feeling too pert. Mae Fairaizl was reported to have spent a couple of days in the hospital. Mrs. Emma Fischer was home with pneumonia. Emil Hilton has later been reported in the hospital with pneumonia. We wish them all speedy recovery so they can enjoy their favorite hobbies of ROCKS. We hope they enjoy the ones they received instead of flowers.

The door prize was won by Harold Brady. It was another squirrel agate from Theis.

As no one seemed able to attend the Rocky Mountain Federation in Roswell, New Mexico, Mrs. Betty Watts the state director from South Dakota and for North Dakota too will be our proxy. Former members of our Society, charter members, live in Roswell. It would have been interesting to go there. Dale and Alta Glover have settled there.

For the program, Duane Robey had specimens of common rocks and helped the members learn how to identify them. This will be of a great help at the field trip to the Black Hills-Nebraska area on Memorial Day week-end.

There were 43 adults and 4 Pebble Pups. The Pebble Pups didn't meet as there were so few.

The program for June will be "Show and Tell" from the field trip. Be sure to bring some of your "loot" to the meeting. If you can't identify it, maybe someone else can. You might even want to swap a bit.

WE HOPE ALL MOTHERS, GRAND MOTHERS AND GREAT GRANDMOTHERS HAD A WONDERFUL DAY!!!!!!!

### IT TAKES A MOTHER'S LOVE

It takes a Mother's love,  
To make a house a home.  
It's not how much it costs that  
makes it dear,  
It's a Mother's magic hand  
That makes the home so grand,  
It's a Mother's care that fills  
it with good cheer;  
It's not the way it's furnished--  
That doesn't mean so much---  
You realize it more the more you roam  
The finest mansion's bare  
Unless a Mother's love is there,  
Because it takes a Mother's love  
to make a home!

Douglas

MOTHERS AND GRANDMOTHERS ARE TO LOVE  
AND GREAT GRANDMOTHERS TOO.

### VISITORS\*NEW MEMBERS\*\*\*RENEW\*\*

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511 W. Turnpike Ave., Bismarck  
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A special THANKS to Ken Ness,  
one of our newest members has  
donated five polished and  
mounted specimens for the Hos-  
pital Rock Bank!!!

HOW ABOUT YOU????

**T** HILKEN'S ROCK SHOP must be taking a jolt, with accident, pneumonia and such;  
We hope our good advertizer is soon on the go, and not hurting too much.  
They've been faithful with their attending, whenever they have been able;  
Their shop is in Wilton, with lots of supplies, so go to BONNIE AND EMIL!!!

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THIS AND THAT FROM HERE AND THERE!!!!!!

The Lake Agassiz ROCK HOUND informs us that the Lake Agassiz Club is having a field trip to Dickinson and west on Memorial Day week end. They are meeting at Frank Herr's Lapidary and Rock Shop on Saturday Noon- Looks like Herr's won't be with us- Good Hunting LAKE AGASSIZ ROCK HOUNDS!!!

Also from LAKE AGASSIZ ROCK HOUND and PIK N ROK

Rockhound- A good father who slaps his little boy's hand for picking up candy that has dropped in the dirt--- then licks a slab of agate to see if it will polish.

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From THE BLACK HILLS PROSPECTOR

A RATTLESNAKE REPELLENT... Wet the bottom of the pant leg or shoe strings with turpentine to ward off rattlers. They detest the odor of turpentine and will go the other way. At campsites make a circle around the area and pour a stream of turpentine in the ring. Snakes will not cross the ring. If rattlers are sprayed with turpentine it will kill them. (Remember to take yours along)

SHOW ME ROCK HOUND NEWSLETTER, KOHN KRIE NEW AND PICK AND SHOVEL

Plastic trash bags make inexpensive aprons for use while doing lapidary work. Simply cut openings for head and arms and slip on. LOUP SCOOT: PICK AND SHOVEL

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From THE GEODE

DEFINITION OF A GOOD FEDERATION CLUB----A good Federation club is one which provides its members with education, fellowship, information, guided field trips, recognition of achievement, and occasion to share through shows and exhibitions. It supports the Federal Scholarship Fund, encourages members to subscribe to the official publication, promotes active concern with problems of environmental quality, and is the rockhound's voice in the community. Membership is open to all, and leadership is rotated. All aspects of the rock hobby are given equal opportunity. Finally the good club supports the efforts of other clubs within the Federation.

First place award for the best definition- Mrs. Jeanne R. Lower, Castro Valley Club- published in AFMS's BRASS TACKS

What is the difference between a nodule and a geode? A nodule has 100% fewer cavities. Via Pick and Shovel

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From THE HOURGLASS NEWS and AMERICAN RIVER CURRENT VIA AFMS NEWS

NO DIGGING, PLEASE!! It may surprise many weekend pothunters looking for arrowheads, pottery, etc., that there is a federal Antiquities Act that says thou shalt not dig on public lands without permission.

The Bureau of Land Management is responsible for protecting Archeological sites. Indiscriminate digging by people seeking artifacts "destroy any scientific value at the site and removes a part of our national heritage," says E.J. Peterson, acting BLM director of Oregon and Washington.

The government means it. The penalties are severe. You may pick up an arrowhead or a pot lying on the surface, but do no digging. Excavations need a permit.

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From LAKELAND GEMS CHIPS & BITS via THE DRIFT

STONES FOR EVERYONE

For the Laundresses, the Soapstone;	For Architects, the Cornerstone
For Cooks, the Puddingstone;	For Politicians, the Blarneystone
For Sorrowers, the Touchstone	For Policemen, the Pavingstone
For Burglars, the Keystone	For Shoemakers, the Cobblestone
For Tourists, the Yellowstone	For Beauties, the Peachstone
For Motorists, the Milestone	For Editors, the Grindstone

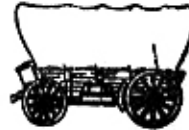
What should not be heard by little ears, should not be said by big mouths.



MORE THIS AND THAT FROM HERE AND THERE

FROM SOONER ROCKOLOGIST

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STONE-AGE KNIFE USED IN SURGERY; THE BEST

Don Crabtree, the Scholarship Foundation's Honary Plaque Winner from the Northwest Federation for 1974, has been involved in recreating stone-age tools such as obsidian knives for twenty-five years. In fact, he is so confident of the tools that he had them used to perform major surgery on him.

His expertise prompted a request two years ago from author James A. Michener for information on early man's technology to be used in his current bestselling book, "Centennial."

Crabtree's surgery last month by a local physician included an incision by an obsidian knife to have a tumor removed from his lung. He said the obsidian volcanic glass is a thousand times sharper than the platinum plus blade used in other surgical tools.

The technique for making these tools probably is at least 10,000 years old, he added. Crabtree said the cutting surface is so sharp it does not bruise the cells and healing is more rapid and scarring is diminished.

"I've given gallons of blood working with obsidian and have no scars on my hand to show for it," he said.

He feels obsidian surfaces will eventually revolutionize surgery and could be especially useful in plastic and cosmetic surgery.

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**From TULIP CITY CONGLOMERATE****ISN'T 'T A FACT**

Rocks on the lawn, rocks in the shed,  
Shovels and hammers under the bed.  
Boots and knapsacks beside the door,  
Clay and grit all over the floor.

Slabs and specimens on the chairs,

Boxes of crystals on the stairs.

A rockhound's home is a disgrace-

But, Oh, it's such a Happy Place!!!

by Nellie Morgan in Scooper Snooper  
via THE GEODE

The world's rarest ruby with Twelve Rays  
was found in Sri Lanka (Ceylon), owned by the  
Colombo Jewelry Store and displayed at the  
American Museum of Natural History in N.Y.

TIP...To level up your camper for the night,  
put a full, undented can, preferably a can of  
beer on the floor. If it doesn't roll in any  
direction, you are within  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch of level.

**MORE OF TIP**

wall to wall. If the can rolls in one direction  
you can raise the low side, lower the high side  
or consume the contents of the can so you won't  
notice the tilt.

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**From S. I.E.S. CLUB NEWS**

**SHOP TIP:** When you want to solder one part  
of a piece without having the solder run  
into an unwanted area, try painting the area  
not to be soldered with a thin paste made  
with jewelers' rouge and water. To remove,  
scrub with a stiff brush.

CRYSTAL GAZETTE, VIA SERENDIPITY GEMS

**POLISHING TIP:** For polishing inside of heads  
or small areas, try a wooden shafted cotton  
swab and mount in a flexible shaft. Apply  
polish compound to cotton and polish.

Glen Ulrich in Pick and Shovel



THE CHAPARRAL ROCKHOUNDS  
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SATURDAY, SEPT.11, 1976 - 10 A.M. TO 9 P.M.

**SUNDAY, SEPT. 12, 1976 - 10 A.M. TO 5 P.M.**

PRIZES GALORE	NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN
DONATION .75	STUDENT'S .25

### PEBBLE PUPS PUZZLE CORNER

If you rearrange the letters in each peculiar word listed here, you should be able to spell the names of some well-known precious gems or stones.

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|--------------|---------------|-----------------|
| 1. SHAPERIP  | 5. THEYMATS   | 9. MOUNTAILER   |
| 2. TENRAG    | 6. SOXYDAEN   | 10. IMAURAGENA  |
| 3. QUITESOUR | 7. NODMAID    | 11. ZIPSAILLULA |
| 4. LADMEER   | 8. SHINENOTER | 12. BOOSTOLDEN  |

From THE ROCK VEIN via PICK AND CHATTER

ROCKHOUND- a good father who slaps his little boy for picking up candy that has been dropped in the dirt---then licks a slab of agate to see if it will polish. AGASSIZ ROCK HOUND

[illegible]

PEBBLE PUPS INTO ROCK HOUNDS GROW  
IT IS FUN TO SEE THEM GO

This card advertising the  
ROCKY MOUNTAIN FEDERATION  
"OUR MINERAL LEGACY" Gem how  
was sent from Mr. & Mrs.  
Glover of Roswell.  
Along with it was a hand bill  
that told of the TRAIL OF JEWELS  
Austin, June 17-20;  
Roswell, June 25-27 and  
San Francisco, July 2-4.  
Too bad if some of the club can't  
get there.

[illegible]

he SEQUOIA GEM AND MINERAL SOCIETY  
Preston Bingham ,Project chairman,  
Redwood City, Cal. sent the fol-  
lowing letter to Bill Buresh in  
thanks for our help.

"The slab of Teredo Petrified wood for our map of the U.S. arrived in beautiful shape, it wasn't broken. It's a very unusual piece of material. When it's cut, polished, and put in place, it will look great.

"Our club would like to thank you and your club for the generous donation. We appreciate the interest you have taken in helping us with our club project. Thank you also for the article that tells about "Teredo Wood."...

"If ever there is anything we can do for you please call on us."  
(Stanley has been generously helping by sending these requests.)

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**FLUORESCENT LIGHT\*** From T-Town Rockhound  
A quick fluorescent light can be made for use in camp by using a flashlight. Purchase a piece of cobalt blue glass from a glass company that makes stained glass windows. cut a circle the size of the flashlight lens and substitute for a black light when out in the field. via The Tumbler, Galco Pebble Patter and the Rock Dobber.

[illegible]

The tree of liberty must be refreshed from  
time to time with the blood of patriots  
and tyrants-- Thomas Jefferson

A thought is an idea in transit-Pythagoras

Answers to puzzles: sapphire: 2. garnet: 3. turquoise: 4. emerald: 5. amethyst: 6. sardonyx & diamond: 8. rhinestone: 9. tourmaline: 10. aquamarine: 11. lapis lazuli: 12. bloodstone.

## 1976 RMF BI-CENTENNIAL SHOW -

Plans for the 1976 RMF Bi-Centennial Show - Our Mineral Heritage - are proceeding on schedule. The Show Committee, headed by Howell Whiting, is hard at work trying to solve many problems as they arise. Dealer contracts have been signed, and requests are being received daily for exhibitor space.

Mailings have been sent out to all clubs in the RMF, as well as to those of the Northwest, California, and South Central Federation. We hope to have many of our Western Friends, especially, drop by on their way home from Austin.

Of special concern to us is housing and space for trailers and campers. We have tied up all Roswell Motel space available and will assist our visitors in getting a place to stay. We do urge all of those who are coming to Roswell to notify us as soon as possible.

Your hosts, the Chaparral Rockhounds, are planning many interesting sights, lectures, and demonstrations for your benefit - See Y'all in Roswell June 26 - 27.

George Hunter  
Publicity Chairman, Chaparral Rockhounds

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- SUPPLEMENTAL EDITION OF THE AFMS UNIFORM RULES as adopted June 1975 in Denver, Colorado may be purchased from the RMFMS Treasurer for 35¢ per copy. These rules, along with the supplemental changes, and/or additions, and corrections, will be in effect at all federation shows held during 1976.

Welda J. Reed, RMFMS Treasurer  
P.O. Box 12087  
200 North Evergreen Lane  
Wichita, Kansas 67212

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## SHOW DATES --

April 30, May 1-2 -- Arizona Sunsites, Arizona, 1976 Sunsites Gem & Mineral Club will be participating in the Sulphur Springs Valley Bi-centennial Celebration, Extensive Exhibits, Recreational vehicles given free parking and utilities, Chairman, Pete Hattem, P.O. Box 569, Willcox, Arizona 85643.

October 2-3 -- Topeka, Kansas, 1976 Topeka Gem & Mineral Society, Inc., 20th Annual Show, Exposition Center, Mid-America Fairgrounds, 18th & Topeka Ave., Hours: 2nd, 10:00 AM to 10:00 PM, 3rd; 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM, Show Chairman: Virgil Zwahl, 841 Hedgewood, Topeka, Kansas 66606. Dealer Chairman: Carroll Courter, 406 Roosevelt, Topeka, Kansas 66606. (Dealer space is filled).

Dixie Lee Alf  
Show Dates Coordinator, RMFMS

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FOR ADVANCED ADMITTANCE TICKETS FOR THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN FEDERATION SHOW "OUR MINERAL LEGACY" GEM SHOW CONTACT:

Show Chairman, Gem Show  
Box 1696  
Roswell, New Mexico 88201

JUNE 25, 26, 27, 1976 -- Eastern New Mexico Fairgrounds -- Roswell, New Mexico

PLAN NOW TO ATTEND ----



REPORT OF ELSIE S. MATTHEWS, CHAIRMAN CONSERVATION OF RECREATIONAL LANDS --

It is not too late to send in petitions to "Save the Selenite Crystal Area"; that is, that it be excluded from the Chloride Project of U. S. Corps of Engineers. Also write to your Senators and Representatives about this. Please send petitions to me.

It is too late to send in petitions about having the Bureau of Land Management keep jurisdiction of the Kofa Range and other areas. Congress recently passed a bill putting those areas and all other areas controlled jointly by the BLM and the Department of Fish and Wildlife under the jurisdiction of the Fish and Wildlife Department. Of course there are still some areas which have always been administered by the BLM and so far they retain control over those areas.

I have received a copy of the final master plan for Rocky Mountain National Park in Colorado - I will comment on that in our next Newsletter.

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1976 FEDERATION DIRECTORIES -- NOW AVAILABLE --

Complimentary copies of the 1976 RMFMS Directory have been mailed to all federation clubs, officers and committee chairman. Individual or group purchases may be made from the RMFMS Treasurer,

Mrs. Nelda Reed  
P.O. Box 12067  
200 No. Evergreen Lane  
Wichita, Kansas 67212

the cost is \$1.25 per copy.

The return of directory information from all Federation Clubs was still not 100% but it was close! This year we asked for a breakdown of membership totals, asking for the number of junior members as well as adults. At press time, the total of junior members listed was just over 5% of the total reported membership. Another item of interest was the increase in the listing of club Federation Representatives, almost double the number reported last year.

Something new has been added to the directory this year -- a listing of the names and addresses of the officers of each state organization within our Federation boundaries. Thank you all for your cooperation!

Louellen Montgomery  
Directory Chairman

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ASK FOR COMMEMORATIVE ISSUES --

Commemorative stamps are the ones most needed in the Stamps for Food Program. The Federation endorses this program and urges its member clubs to participate in it. When you buy stamps for your letters or your club bulletin mailings, ask your postmaster for commemorative issues. Those receiving the bulletins and letters are urged to save them and take them to their club member in charge of the program in their club. -- via American Federation Newsletter

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The Rocky Mountain Newsletter could really use some articles from clubs and the members. I am sure there are a lot of you who have material that would be good to share with the other members of RMF, how about helping the editor out and sending in some articles. We will be watching the mailman for the articles! mad

**SOUTH DAKOTA FIELD TRIP** -- The first field trip of the 1976 season has been scheduled for the Memorial Day weekend. Dr. H. F. McClellan, Sr. of Mobridge S. D. was present at the meeting on May 2 and helped formulate the plans.

The tour will cover several areas in the south western part of South Dakota and along the Nebraska border.

The group will meet at Custer at 10:00 A.M. mountain time on Saturday, May 29. The exact spot will be Ken's Rock Shop which may be found at the extreme east end of Main Street. It is about a quarter of a mile east of Scott's Rock Shop.

For those who will not be able to get to the area until Sunday, the meeting place will be Toad Stool Campground, again at 10:00 A.M. mountain time on Sunday, May 30. The campground is located on a spur off of S.D. #71 of Neb. #2, south of Ardmore, S.D. or north of Crawford, Neb.

Dr. McClellan will again be the leader of the tour and will have detailed directions at each of the meeting places.

Dr. McClellan says that one may anticipate to find the following gems and minerals: Tufa, petrified wood, fluorescent Chalcedony and Calcite mixed, Jaspers, Badlands Agate and possibly a Fairburn Agate or two.

The most direct route for those leaving from the Bismarck area is diagramed below.

