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  2. To foster field trips for collection of minerals, gems and fossils.
  3. To improve the skills of its members in the arts of cutting, polishing and gem mounting.
  4. To provide opportunity to exchange, purchase and exhibit specimens and other material.

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# North Dakota's Annual GEM AND MINERAL SHOW

Mandan Community Center

September 26 - 27, 1980

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NEXT MEETING: December 2, 1979, 2:30 p.m. (Beginners' Class, 1:30 p.m.)

PROGRAM: Election followed by Annual Christmas Dinner

DINNER CO-CHAIRMAN: Verna Giese and Emma Fischer

MENU: Turkey and coffee provided by the club--plus potatoes, dressing, gravy, sweet potatoes, cranberries, salads, relishes (pickles/celery/radishes, etc.), buns, and dessert

WHAT TO BRING: Members who were not present to sign up for food at the November meeting are asked to bring one of these potluck items still needed:

*Salad	*Pickles
*Sweet Potatoes (canned)	*Dessert (cake or cookies)
*Cranberries	

If possible, let Emma Fischer know what you are bringing, so that surpluses or omissions can be avoided. Her telephone number is 223-4362. If you can't get her, come anyway!

DISHES: Each family should bring their own dishes and silverware, plus serving spoons or forks for potluck items.

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi, Everyone--

Nov. 10, 1979

I was sure happy to see the large crowd we had at the November meeting and especially all the smiling faces when the club decided to have turkey and all the other goodies for the December meeting. If any members missed the November meeting but decide to come to the Christmas supper, contact Mrs. Verna Giese or Mrs. Pius Fischer in regard to what to bring for the supper.

We will have elections at the next meeting, so be sure to come and vote.

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Dec. 2, 1979 Bismarck, ND--2:30 p.m. Regular Meeting and Election, Central Dakota Gem & Mineral Society, followed by Annual Christmas Dinner--Capital Electric Bldg., Highway 83 North of City

1980

June 6-8 Topeka, KS--Rocky Mountain Federation Show

June 12-15 Lincoln, NE--Midwest Federation/American Federation Show

June 20-22 Charlestown, WV--Eastern Federation Show

Aug. 1-3 Pasadena, CA--California Federation Show

Aug. 1-3 Boise, ID--Northwest Federation Show

Aug. 15-17 Shreveport, LA--South Central Federation Show

SEPT. 26-27 MANDAN, ND--NORTH DAKOTA'S SIXTH ANNUAL SHOW, sponsored by Central Dakota Gem & Mineral Society at Mandan Community Center. Show Chairman: Don Campbell, 1119 Memorial Highway, Bismarck, ND 58501

Happy Thanksgiving!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE, cont.

I sure hope it doesn't snow too much until after Christmas for those who still want to do some rock-hunting. It's been pretty nice to those of us in the Bismarck-Mandan area except for the stiff wind we've been having. Even though there has been a slight snow cover, I've been having some very good luck lately in finding teredo wood.

We tried another P.A. system and it worked very well except for the speaker. We will try out a different one again next meeting. Everyone has been saying they can hear clearly even in the back of the room when some are visiting.

See you all at the next meeting. Bring your appetite!

Sincerely,

H. A. Brady

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AT THE LAST MEETING--Nov. 4

Forty-six adults and four children were reported present at the last meeting, including Edna Anderson, a guest from Reagan, ND.

Show Chairman Don Campbell reported that firm commitments have been obtained from the Mandan Community Center for the club's annual shows for Sept. 26-27, 1980 and for Sept. 25-26, 1981. He also reported that contracts have been mailed to all of the prospective dealers for the 1980 show and that some acknowledgements have already been received.

Show Treasurer Bob Randall reported that the final accounting on the show reflects a total net balance of \$327.27.

Bob also reported that he had received an acknowledgement from Dixie Lee Alf, Chairman of the Rocky Mountain Federation Scholarship Fund, of receipt of the funds from our 1979 show's silent auction proceeds. She stated that the club is now credited with "200-plus percent" participation, based on club membership.

Emma Brady reported the acquisition of a new historian's book. Starting with January 1, club activities will be recorded in the new book.

Bob Randall inquired how the members felt about a club pin with the club logo. He indicated that there seemed to be quite a demand for them for exchanges with other clubs and as a collector's item. He was directed by the President to obtain information on the cost of a club pin.

Farlie Campbell reported that Post Office Box #2445 has been rented in the name of the club. (Details are in another item in this issue.)

Walter Buck, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, reported that the present slate of officers have been selected as nominees for the coming year.

Verna Giese, Refreshments Committee Chairman, asked for suggestions for the annual Christmas dinner. Discussion followed. The decisions are reported on page one.

The door prize, a pin with a blue Italian goldstone, was won by Katherine Muggli.

A good supply of material was available for the silent auction, with very active participation by members.

Orma Swaniok, Viola Anderson, and Carol Kickle served on the Lunch Committee.

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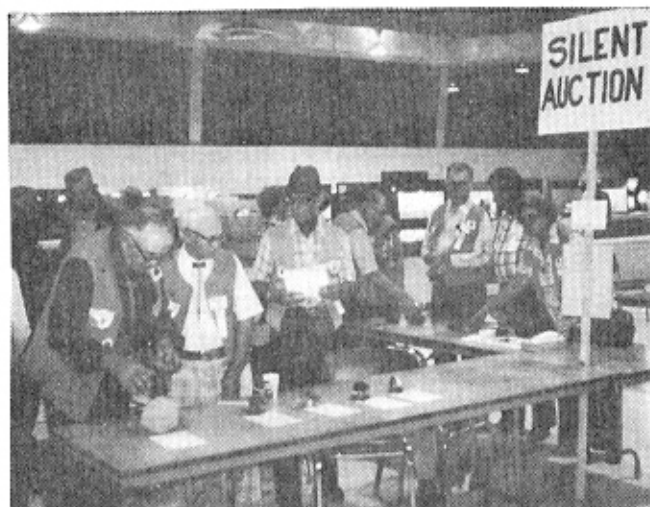
MORE 1979 SHOW HIGHLIGHTS



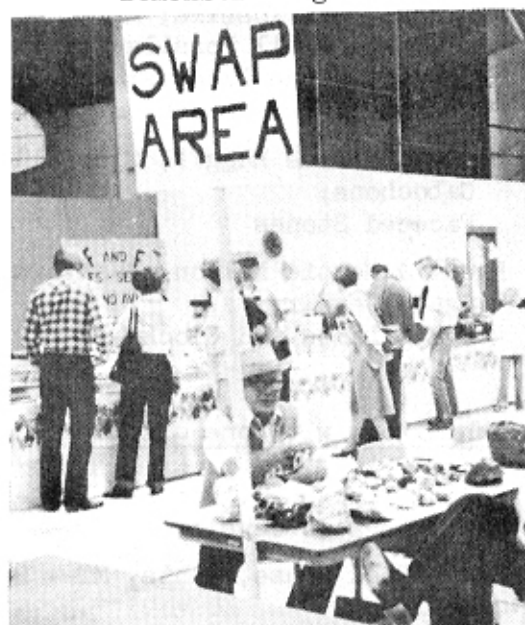
Puzzling Specimens



Demonstrating



Always Active Area



More Yarns Than Swaps?



Information Center



Junior Member John Campbell & Exhibit

EXHIBITORS -- 1979 SHOWExhibitors with two or more displays:

Blossomae Campbell, Bismarck, ND--  
 Crystals;  
 Gems of the Bible

Julius & Rosa Thies, Menoken, ND--  
 Massive Minerals;  
 Brazilian Agate Slabs;  
 Lapidary Products

Bob Randall, Bismarck, ND --  
 Thumbnail Minerals;  
 Fluorescent Minerals

Gen & Bill Buresh, Mandan, ND--  
 Gingko Leaf Fossils;  
 Assorted Small Fossils;  
 Gems from the Dakotas;  
 Specimens from Southwest N.D.

Ed & Katherine Muggli, Glen Ullin, ND--  
 Cabochons;  
 Faceted Stones

Evert & Nettie Nelson, Washburn, ND--  
 Agate Jewelry;  
 Agate Lamps and Clocks

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Exhibitors with one display:

Rolene Rock Shop, Wabasso, WI--  
 Custom Made Jewelry

Ennis Rock House, Ennis, MT--  
 Scrimshaw

Glenn Michaels, Bismarck, ND--  
 Geodes

Albert Anderson, Bismarck, ND--  
 Lapidary Products

Hobbies Unlimited, Los Angeles, CA--  
 Gem Trees and Pictures

Mel & Viola Anderson, Bismarck, ND--  
 "A Rockhound's Dream"--Slabs/Cabs

Ted & Verna Giese, New Salem, ND--  
 Agatized Wood Clocks/Book Ends

F&F Sales & Service, Mandan, ND--  
 Story of Teredo Wood

Harold & Emma Brady, Mandan, ND--  
 Petrified Wood Slabs

Exhibitors with one display (cont.):

Verl & Edna Mausehund, Linton, ND--  
 Arrowheads and Indian Artifacts

Uncle Tom's Rock Shop, Owatonna, MN--  
 Spectrolite

H&R Rock Shop, Mandan, ND--  
 Assorted Specimens/ Lapidary Products

Frandsen's Agates, Sidney, MT--  
 Montana Agates in Various Forms

Don Campbell, Bismarck, ND--  
 Bola Ties

Knife River Rock & Mineral Club, Beulah, ND--  
 North Dakota Fossils

Marlo Maier, Williston, ND--  
 Agate Jewelry

Rodney Hickie, Center, ND--  
 Specimens Collected on 1979 Club Field  
 Trips

Tony Konig, Glendive, MT--  
 Montana Agates in Various Forms

Vernon Richardson, Hazen, ND--  
 North Dakota Fossils

Valborg Fisher, Mandan, ND--  
 Arrowheads and Indian Artifacts (4 cases)

Mrs. John (Carol) Bower, Bismarck, ND--  
 "Little People" (Stone figurines)

Wilma Hilgemann, Leola, SD--  
 Amber--Specimens and Jewelry

Harry Huotari, Glendive, MT--  
 Montana Agates in Various Forms

Mary Beth & Pat Osborn, Mandan, ND--  
 Fossils

Muggli Rock Shop & Museum, Glen Ullin, ND--  
 Geodes

R. O. Syversen, Glendive, MT--  
 Montana Agates in Various Forms

Sue Randall, Bismarck, ND--  
 Pyrite

Daniel Meth, Menoken, ND--  
 Coffee Tables with Glass Tops Underlaid  
 with Lapidary Products

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FIELD TRIP TO MCCLUSKY CANAL

The last field trip of the season consisted of a jaunt to the McClusky Canal on Sunday, October 21. About fifteen members took advantage of the opportunity to absorb some sunshine and fresh air on a beautiful fall day. They all went home pleased with their finds, some carrying five-quart ice cream pails full of selenite crystals.

Glenn Michaels, Johnny Campbell, and the Ewald Marglis were the finders of some especially attractive specimens.-- Information supplied by Blossomae Campbell.

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SOCIETY ACQUIRES OFFICIAL ADDRESS

Post office box # 2445 has been rented at the Bismarck Post Office for the use of the Society. From now on the permanent official address of the Society will be Central Dakota Gem and Mineral Society, P.O. Box 2445, Bismarck, ND 58501. The listing in the Rock Hound Directory as well as the Federation Directory should bear that address. The above address should also be reported when called for on the annual forms going to the American and Rocky Mountain Federations and on any forms calling for the address of the Society.

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EXHIBITORS, 1979 SHOW, cont. from p. 4Exhibitors with one display:

Lawrence Urban, Epping, ND--  
Spheres

Doan's Opal & Gem, Bay City, MI--  
Finished Opal Products

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JUNIOR DISPLAY:

John Campbell, Bismarck, ND--  
State Rocks/Minerals Displayed on a  
United States Map

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE FOR OCTOBER

October 13, 1979

Hi, Everyone,

Well, another fabulous show is over and the beginning of another is started. It seems like the show cases and material get better every year. I hope this continues in the future. I'd like to thank the exhibitors and hard-working members for all your time and effort in making the show a success.

There was a slight misunderstanding in which some of the members were charged admission. If this happened to you, please contact Bob Randall or myself at the next meeting for reimbursement.

At the October meeting we tried out an amplifier and everyone said they could now hear better, even in the back of the room. It was just a borrowed machine and we may try out another one at the next meeting. Hopefully, we'll be able to some day purchase one.

Al White and I decided to take advantage of one of the last nice weekends left and go rockhunting. We went in the southwestern part of the state and found about 126 pounds of beautiful blue wood and two heavier pieces of brown wood. Unfortunately everything you find has to be carried a couple of miles and it sure gets tiring. We also found some fossil bones and one large tooth which weren't nearly as heavy. Even though the wind was very strong the whole time we were there, we figure it was worth it.

I hope to see all of you at our next meeting.

Sincerely,

H. A. BRADY

(Received too late for October "Diggin's")

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The Society is to be listed in the Rockhound's Directory, a national publication of rock clubs and rock hounds.

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Blossomae Campbell's display of crystals is still on view at the Veterans Memorial Library in Bismarck.

PARLIAMENTARIAN'S COMMENTS, by Gen Buresh

For the benefit of all members, listed below are the sections of the Constitution of the Central Dakota Gem & Mineral Society that deal with elections:

"ARTICLE V. OFFICERS

"Section 1. The officers of the Society shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer.

"Section 2. The Nominating Committee shall nominate a candidate for each office and shall announce nominations at the November meeting for election at the annual meeting. At the time of the election at the annual meeting, additional nominations from the floor shall be called for.

"Section 3. Officers shall be elected by ballot to serve for one year or until their successors are elected, and their term of office shall begin at the first meeting of the calendar year. . . .

"ARTICLE VII. MEETINGS. Section 2. The regular meeting in December shall be known as the annual meeting and shall be for the purpose of electing officers, receiving reports of officers and committees, and for regular business." . . .

"ARTICLE X. COMMITTEES. Section 2. At the October meeting, the President shall appoint a NOMINATING COMMITTEE consisting of a chairman and two additional members to nominate a slate of officers for the coming year." . . .

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GOOD FRIEND--BON AMI

"Bon Ami," the feldspar-based cleanser and polisher that "hasn't scratched yet," is making a comeback.

In 1880, John T. Robertson, a Scotsman, ran a small soap factory in Manchester, Conn. He discovered that a chalky waste material called feldspar separated out from the finely ground quartz he used in making heavy soap for millhands to use in soap-ing the weaving spindles gave a lustrous polish to the vat stirring tools.

Robertson made this material into a soap cake. A friend suggested the name-- "Bon Ami"--French for "Good Friend!"

The Bon Ami was sold at a good price in 1898 to the Childs family which operated the company successfully. In 1950 the company was looted by a stock swindler. It went through several ownership changes, but Bon Ami could not hold its market share against newcomers.

In 1971, Gordon T. Beaham, president of Faultless Starch of Kansas City, bought Bon Ami. He is making Bon Ami in both cake and powder form. It is used in home and workshop for a variety of cleaning and polishing jobs.

The formula is still almost identical with the one the old Scot soapmaker worked out in Connecticut. But, nowadays, feldspar doesn't come as a waste material. It is harvested by Shoshone Indians. They use piano wire to cut the material in mining it.

Feldspar is lower on the abrasive scale than the silicon abrasives used in most cleansers and that is why Robertson adopted the famous trade mark of the newly hatched chick that "hasn't scratched yet."

--From the BEACHCOMBER via the May 1979 LAKE AGASSIZ ROCK HOUND, published by Lake Agassiz Rock Club, Fargo, ND

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