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NEXT MEETING: November 2, 1980, 2:30 p.m. (Beginners' Class, 1:30 p.m.)

PROGRAM: Silent Auction and possibly a Silversmithing Demonstration

LUNCH COMMITTEE: Jane Lantz, Mary Beth Osborn, and Don Campbell

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Hi, Everyone,

Another great show is over and it seems, by talking with the dealers and show people, that everything turned out even better than expected. We may have been short a few show cases but that was mainly due to illness of some members. I was very pleased with the quality of the specimens and especially the quality of showmanship. Keep up the good work and start planning for next year.

We had our monthly meeting October 5th and had some very fine literature read to us by one of our members. The literature spoke about club officers and how the club can prosper or fail by not having good officers. This brings up the point of our next meeting, one that everyone should attend. It concerns election of officers for next year. The nominating committee has been picked and I trust that they will come up with the best candidates for election.

I would like to say a few things about choosing a candidate. Don't vote for a candidate because a friend asks you to. Instead, vote for the person that you in your own mind think could do the most good for the club. If you are a new member and don't know who to vote for, ask several members for the candidate's qualifications and use your own best judgement.

I'm sure that if we use these few simple concepts, we will come up with the best candidate for the job.

I want to thank everyone for the great job that was done at the show. Don't forget to attend the next meeting because it is especially important.

See you there!

H.A. Brady, President

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| Oct. 25-26 | Aberdeen, SD--Annual Show, Lakota Glacier Rock Club |
| Nov. 2 | Bismarck, ND--2:30 p.m. Regular Meeting, Central Dakota Gem & Mineral Society, Capital Electric Bldg., Highway 83 North of Bismarck |
| Nov. 7-8 | Blaine, Minn.--Anoka County Gem & Mineral Club Show |

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| June 4-7 | Salt Lake City, Utah--AFMS and RMFMS Show and Convention |
| Sept. 25-26 | Mandan, ND--North Dakota's Seventh Annual Show, sponsored by Central Dakota Gem & Mineral Society |



AT THE LAST MEETING--October 5

Thirty-eight adult members, four children, and four guests were reported present at the last meeting. There was also a good attendance at the pre-meeting session.

The guests were Frank Herr, Dickinson; and Robert Wanner and his two children, Bismarck. Mr. Wanner is a cousin of member Ron Wandler.

After some discussion, it was ruled by the president that the increase in dues which was voted on at the September meeting was not in order, since any change in dues requires an amendment to the club's constitution. Therefore, the dues still remain at five dollars per membership.

A written proposal was presented by Don Campbell to change the dues through an amendment to the constitution. (Details elsewhere) The proposed amendment will be presented for a vote at the November meeting.

Duane Robey gave a Budget Committee report recommending budgetary proposals. No action was taken. Other members of this committee were Nel Anderson and Carol Hickie.

Show Chairman Don Campbell reported on the 1980 Show and thanked everyone for their cooperation in the great effort. (See Show Chairman's Report, p. 3)

Show Treasurer Bob Randall reported that all indications are that the show will come out in the black. A detailed report will be made at the next meeting after all the bills have been received.

Earle Campbell read a statement for "the good of the Society."

President Brady appointed the following Nominating Committee: George Robinson, Chairman; Walter Buck; and Pius Fischer. The Committee is to present a slate of officers at the November meeting, and the election will be held at the annual meeting in December.

The door prize, a Brazilian slab donated by Rosa Theis, was won by Ted Giese.

The program was a slide presentation, "Junk to Jewelry," by Larry Strand. It revealed some interesting ideas on

fashioning lapidary equipment from discarded materials.

Lunch was served by Clara Muggli, Betty Mautz, and Edna Mausehund.

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PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION

"It is hereby proposed that ARTICLE IV. DUES of the Constitution of the Central Dakota Gem and Mineral Society be amended from its current reading, which provides:

'Annual dues shall be as follows, payable at the beginning of each calendar year:

1. Family Membership - \$5.00 per year, which includes children below age twenty-one.
2. Individual Adult Membership - \$5.00 per year.
3. Individual Junior Membership - \$2.00 per year.'

to provide, when amended:

'Annual dues shall be as follows, payable at the beginning of each calendar year:

1. Family Membership - \$10.00 per year, which includes children below age twenty-one.
2. Individual Adult Membership - \$10.00 per year.
3. Individual Junior Membership - \$4.00 per year.'

This proposal is submitted in writing to conform to the provision of the Society's Constitution, specifically ARTICLE XI. AMENDMENTS."

Proposed by Don Campbell

(Proposed changes are underlined.--Ed.)

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The hand is quicker than the eye,
But somewhat slower than the fly.

SHOW HIGHLIGHTS

The "Sixth Annual Gem and Mineral Show" has been proclaimed a great show by both viewers and sponsors.

The attendance was good in spite of all predictions to the contrary, and the financial return was greater than anticipated, according to Bob Randall, Show Treasurer. (See report of the Show Chairman for more details.)

Forty-one member and guest exhibits, plus one special exhibit by the Paul Broste Rock Museum of Pershall, ND, were on display during the two-day show.

Deanna Wandler of Bismarck was the winner of the "Best of Show" award in the junior division; Gen and Bill Buresh of Mandan were awarded the "Best of Show" plaque in the adult division.

Judges for the show were Rev. and Mrs. James Butler and Mr. and Mrs. George Moore. Rev. Butler is the pastor at the First Presbyterian Church in Bismarck and Mrs. Butler is an art teacher and teachers' aid at Grimsrud School in Bismarck. George Moore is the managing editor for the Bismarck Tribune.

These five demonstrations were repeated periodically throughout the Show: Trim Sawing, by junior member John Campbell; Cutting and Polishing, by Roy Isaksen of F&F Sales & Service; Opal Cutting and Polishing, by Clayton Doan of Doan's Opal & Gem Shop; Faceting, by club member Carl Ellison; Lost Wax Method of Casting, by club member Jack Harvey and son, Jeff.

The slide lectures were again well received, according to Larry Strand and Rod Hickle, co-chairmen. The programs on Fluorescence were also well attended. The co-chairmen of this department, Blossomae Campbell and Bob Randall, wish to express their gratitude to Wil DeGraff, Fargo, for his assistance in this area.

The silent auction, under Edna Mausehund's supervision this year, was again very popular. A wide variety of materials was offered for auction by both members and dealers.

The "Touch and See" table, as always, attracted the attention of many visitors.

The "Swappers" were scarce, but those participating expressed satisfaction with the outcome.

On Saturday morning the dealers were hosted at a breakfast which was also attended by a number of club members.

Myron Kenyon of Isanti, MN, represented the "Rollin' Rock Club" at the show and presided at a short meeting of members of that group.

Bill Buresh, Reporter

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SHOW CHAIRMAN'S REPORT--6th ANNUAL GEM & MINERAL SHOW

Another show has come and gone, and like the five annual shows preceding this one, they continue to get better and better. Each show is the culmination of a lot of time and energy spent by all the participating members, and in this area we are truly living up to the ideals of the club.

The purpose of the show is to educate the public about our hobby and to try to get more people interested in collecting materials and in the various lapidary arts. We are making great strides in this direction. Every year the quality of the displays continues to improve. Personally, I would not have liked to have been a judge at this year's show--in my opinion there were a dozen cases that more than qualified for "Best of Show." I can't wait to see what next year's cases will look like.

The cooperation of the chairmen of every committee was outstanding--I want to again thank all these volunteers for the jobs they did at the show. I am not about to name names, because in my ignorance I would probably forget one, and I don't want that to happen.

From Thursday--set-up day--onward, everyone knew what had to be done and proceeded to do it as if it was something they had been doing all their lives. Sure there were a few problems, but the committee chairmen worked them out beautifully.

SHOW CHAIRMAN'S REPORT, cont.

We had people visit our show from 48 towns in North Dakota; from Wisconsin, Minnesota, Michigan, Nebraska, South Dakota, Montana, Alabama, California, Texas, Florida, and Washington; from Winnipeg, Canada, and Capetown, South Africa. We received good marks from all of them so we must be doing something right.

During the year preceding the show, I had contact with all our dealers at least four times, and I talked to about a dozen other dealers at different shows I attended, and they all told me that the shows were down in attendance by an average of about 50 percent this year. They also told me that sales were far below last year's shows. Our 1980 show was above last year's in both respects--and it's all due to a prolonged, concentrated effort to notify the public and get them out to see the show.

I originally stated I wasn't going to name any names. However, one man has worked every day since the last ('79) show, preparing for this one. After the show is over and everyone else has relaxed and is busily patting themselves on the back, he is still working daily to pull all the loose ends together, pay the bills, and begin the advertising for next year. Without his efforts we could never have received the publicity and all the free advertising we got for the show. We probably got as much free advertising through the newspapers, radio, and television as we contracted to pay for. We, as a club in general, and I as Show Chairman in particular, owe a tremendous round of applause to Bob Randall for his continuous efforts to help us fulfill our obligations to the public. Would you believe we are already listed in at least one "Rock" magazine for Sept. 25 and Sept. 26 for the 7th Annual Gem and Mineral Show for 1981?

There is no doubt in my mind that when the club election is over at the December meeting, and the newly elected president appoints the 1981 Show Chairman, everyone of us will start working and striving to make the 1981 show even bigger and better than the last one.

The '80 Show was a memorable experience for me, one I shall remember for many years. And to all you beautiful people who made it possible, from the bottom of my heart--thank you very much!

Don Campbell, 1980 Show Chairman

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SHOW EXHIBITS--FINALE

With all the compliments that have already been given to the exhibitors, there is not much more that I can say except that I must agree with all the plaudits.

I wish to thank all the exhibitors--both members and guests--for a great effort, and especially those who not only had to travel many miles but also had lodging expenses.

I hope that you will all return again next year and encourage others to do likewise.

Bill Buresh

1980 Show Exhibits Chairman

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Carol and Gene Kralicek were among those exhibiting at the 36th Annual Art Show in Bismarck recently. Gene's entries were a winter scene in oil and a sculptured piece titled "Two Feathers." Carol entered a sunset scene in oil and flowers in watercolor.

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Stanley and Mae Fairaizl were honored at a 40th wedding anniversary observance at the home of their son and daughter-in-law, Bob and Darlene Fairaizl, on Sunday, October 12.

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Gen and Bill Buresh attended a meeting of the Badlands Gem and Mineral Club in Dickinson on Friday, October 10.

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Ida Mae Ramberg has been hospitalized since Sept. 10 due to a brain hemorrhage. She expects to go to her daughter's Sun.

EXHIBITORS -- 1980 SHOWExhibitors with two or more displays:

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

Mel & Viola Anderson, Bismarck, ND--
"Nature's Wonders Unveiled"--Lapidary
Products and Fossils
Rock Specimens

Verna and Ted Glese, New Salem, ND--
Clocks, Spheres, and Pen Stands
Cabs and Jewelry

Gen & Bill Buresh, Mandan, ND--
Cingko Leaf Fossils
Assorted Small Fossils
Specimens from Southwest ND
Feldspar Minerals

Wil DeGraff, Fargo, ND--
Mineral Specimens, 2 cases

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

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Exhibitors with one display:

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

Ennis Rock House, Ennis, MT--
Friday Ranch Agate

Glenn Michaels, Bismarck, ND--
Geodes

Clifford & Delores Barnhart, Sidney, MT--
Montana Agate Cabochons

Blossomae Campbell, Bismarck, ND--
Calcites

Louise's Gem & Jewelry Shop, Coon Rapids,
Minn. Silkstone Specimens & MN
Crafted Jewelry

Ralph Lindvig, Williston, ND--
Cabochon Assortment

Native Mineral Resources Co., Denver, CO--
Panorama of Early Mining Activities

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

George Robinson, Bismarck, ND--
Cabochons, Specimens, and Opal Jewelry

Exhibitors with one display (cont.):

Frandsen's Agates, Sidney, MT--
Montana Agates--Specimens & Jewelry

Edna & Verle Mausehund, Linton, ND--
North Dakota Fossils

Emma & Pius Fischer, Bismarck, ND--
North Dakota Fossils

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

Emma & Harold Brady, Mandan, ND--
Petrified Wood Slabs and Limb Casts

Carol & Rodney Hickie, Center, ND--
Specimens Found on One 1980 Club
Field Trip

Ron Wandler, Bismarck, ND--
North Dakota Fossils & Petrified
Wood Specimens

Ewald & Clara Muggli, Glen Ullin, ND--
Decorated Picture Rock Slabs

Ed & Katherine Muggli, Glen Ullin, ND--
Cabochons and Jewelry

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

Stanley & Mae Fairaizl, Mandan, ND--
Portrayal of Teredo Worm Activity

Sue Randall, Bismarck, ND--
Goldpanner's Tools and Findings

JUNIOR EXHIBITS

John Campbell, Bismarck, ND--
Map with Rocks and Minerals of the U.S.
Geode Collection

Patrick Osborn, Mandan, ND--
Teredo Wood, Turritella Fossils, and
a Live Iguana

Deanna Wandler, Bismarck, ND--
Steps in Finishing and Mounting Cabs

Julie & Lisa Wandler, Bismarck, ND--
Collection--Onyx and Rock Animals

SPECIAL EXHIBIT

Paul Broste Rock Museum, Parshall, ND--
A Four-Foot Sphere Tree and Three
Illuminated Panels Made of Slabs of
Colorful Rocks Imbedded in Resin

OKTOBERFEST '80

Don Campbell, Reporter

The first annual Oktoberfest Show in Kirkwood Mall went off beautifully. We set up South of Herberger's in the new mall area with eight display cases--a good random sampling of the various club activities. Included was Blossomae Campbell's case displaying "Gemstones of the Bible"; Bob Randall's case of "Mineral Specimens"; Sue Randall's "Pyrite Collection"; Glenn Michaels' "Gecde" display; George Robinson & Jim Berg's "Jewelry"; Jane Iantz had her initiation as a first-time exhibitor and presented a beautiful collection of "North Dakota Material"; Mel Anderson's case of "Jewelry, Fossils, and Rough"; and Deanna Wandler's "Rough to Finish" case for which she won the Junior "Best of Show" award at the annual show.

The cases had to be carried quite a distance from the parking lot to the display area, but other than that, it went beautifully.

There were numerous events in competition for attention on the Mall, but I was still amazed at the number of people who came to look and stayed to talk and ask questions. There were, literally, thousands of people who enjoyed this show.

Most of the members who displayed were around the cases some time during the show and each of them had many questions asked of them and interesting conversations with those who stopped to look.

We began setting up at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, Oct. 10th, and were ready when the Mall opened at 10:00. I was there for the full day and can remember no time when there was not at least one person around.

A KBOM Radio staff member came by around 3:00 p.m. and did a remote broadcast inviting the public to be sure to see what we had on display.

At 9:00 p.m. the Mall lights were turned off to signal the closing of the stores and everyone gratefully broke down their cases and began the long trek to the parking lot.

Linda Feeney, the promotion manager for Kirkwood, came by twice to thank us for our participation in the first annual Oktoberfest.

All in all it was a very successful show and thoroughly enjoyed by the exhibiting members and the public.

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NEW MEMBERS

The following are new members who joined the Society while visiting the Show:

Ray Jensen--Spouse's name is Leota
1400 - 5th Ave. NW, Mandan, ND 58554

Mike Kobilansky--Spouse's name is Alice;
children are Kelly and Joyce
Rt. 2, Box 26, Glen Ullin, ND 58631

Clell Rambough--Spouse's name is Elma
Box 14, Braddock, ND 58524

Reinstated

Arthur P. Jorgensen, Wife Norma, and
children, Linda and Arlene
2433 Atlas Drive, Bismarck, ND 58501

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As a surgery patient was regaining consciousness, he noticed that all the shades were down. When he asked the doctor why, this was the reply.

"There's a fire across the street and I didn't want you to wake up and think the operation had failed."

--ASCS News

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THANKS--to Blossomae Campbell for taking over as editor for the September "Diggin's" while the editors were vacationing this past summer. --
The Editors

