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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

NEXT MEETING: Oct. 5, 1980, 7:30 p.m.

PROGRAM: Tentatively scheduled - Silversmithing

LUNCH COMMITTEE: Clara Muggli, Betty Mautz and Edna Maushund

AUGUST MEETING

A picnic was held in Sertoma Park on August 3, 1980. There was plenty of delicious food but the weatherman just wouldn't co-operate. The meal was interrupted when a rainshower decided to dampen spirits. Members ran for their cars to wait out the shower. After the rain was over a brief business meeting was held. Twenty-seven members were present.

SEPTEMBER MEETING

Thirty-three adults and three children were reported present for the September meeting.

Field trip chairman, Rodney Hickle, announced that the field trips were over for this season. He was given a big hand for the quantity and the quality of the field trips he had arranged this past season.

Members voted to give \$50.00 to Capital Electric to show appreciation for the use of its hospitality room.

Donal Campbell gave a report for the budget committee. Details of the meeting are given elsewhere in this bulletin. After the report was given members voted to raise dues from \$5.00 to \$10.00 per year for families and from \$2.50 to \$5.00 for junior members. Also, it was voted to send cards to hospital patients and eliminate the flowers. A three party budget committee was appointed to formulate a yearly budget. This committee is composed of club treasurer, Carol Hickle, Duane Robey and Melvin Anderson.

Donal Campbell gave a report on Oktoberfest '80. Details of this event are also elsewhere in the Diggins.

Most of the rest of the meeting was finalization of plans for the Sixth Annual Gem and Mineral Show sponsored by the Central Dakota Gem & Mineral Society.

The program for the evening was a silent auction.

Hostesses were Vina Anderson, Rosa Theis and Vi Anderson.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Sept. 19-21 Williston, ND--Annual Show, Williston Rock & Mineral Club
- Sept. 26-27 MANDAN, ND--NORTH DAKOTA'S SIXTH ANNUAL SHOW, Mandan Community Center.
Sponsored by Central Dakota Gem & Mineral Society. Show Chairman:
Donal Campbell, 1119 Memorial Highway, Bismarck, ND 58501
- Oct. 5 Bismarck, ND--Regular Meeting, Central Dakota Gem & Mineral Society,
Capital Electric Bldg., Highway 83 North of City
- Oct. 25-26 Aberdeen, SD--Lakota Glacier Rock Club Annual Show

GEM & MINERAL SHOW AT 'OKTOBERFEST 80'

We have been asked to participate in the first annual Oktoberfest to be held in Bismarck on October 10, 11, 12 of this year. Mary Elle Hunter, promotion and marketing director at Kirkwood Plaza, is publicity chairman for this event.

The theme "Oktoberfest 80" was selected because many Bismarck residents have a German heritage, an agricultural background and interest in celebrating the annual harvest. It will pull people together to discover and develop new talents and cultural forms of expression, and presents an ideal opportunity to foster community spirit of pride.

We have been asked to set up a display in Kirkwood Mall, center aisle, south of Herbergers, in the newly opened section of the Mall, Friday, October 10th, from 10:00 in the morning until 9:00 that evening. Tables, electricity and a 4' x 8' art board will be set up waiting for us.

We can have as much space as we need to display our collections and should make every effort to show our appreciation by having a large and varied display showing all phases of our hobby. Rocks, minerals, fossils, jewelry, everything that we show at our annual show in Mandan.

PLEASE call me for further information and to tell me your case will be set up for this 1st annual Oktoberfest.

Don Campbell 258-1194, days
 258-7077, office

H E L P !

Don Campbell, show chairman, needs help! On Thursday, September 25th he will be at the Mandan Community Center at 7:00 a.m. Anyone who can be there to help set up for the show is needed. If you cannot be there at 7:00 a.m., come when you can.

BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT

Duane Robey, Larry Strand and Donal Campbell met in committee and reviewed the financial condition of the Central Dakota Gem & Mineral Society.

Report:

In the last three years membership dropped by 20%.

In the last three years silent auction proceeds dropped 50%.

The club was founded in 1966 and dues were established at \$5.00. There has been no increase in 14 years, but cost of living, postage, paper, etc. have more than doubled.

*Motion made that effective immediately we double the Society dues from \$5.00 to \$10.00.

*Motion that hospital patients be sent cards from the club and eliminate the flowers.

*Motion that the president appoint a three party budget committee - one member to be the Society treasurer - to formulate a yearly budget for all future expenditures.

INDUCED MOTIVATION

by Don Campbell

Every article I've read this year tells me the attendance at rock shows are way down. I have talked to all our show dealers within the past few days, and they make the same report. A drastic drop in sales and attendance at the shows.

This year, more than ever before, we need to make a concentrated effort to get people to come to our show. Not just so the dealers will make money - we need the sales from tickets and proceeds from the silent auction to keep the show from going broke. Over the past few years our membership in the club has been consistently decreasing, so we need to arouse the people to come to the show and hopefully stir up enough interest in a few of them so they will eventually join the club.

Let's be honest - how many people actually know what a Rock Club is? or what is a Gem & Mineral Show? or what is lapidary?

How many people do you know that could tell you of the varied interests embodied in a rock show - biology, geology, anthropology, gemology - from artifacts through gold smithing - it's a facetrating hobby.

For the past couple of years I've been spreading the word about when and where the show will be held, and every year there are numerous people who later will tell me they forgot and wish I had called them to remind them about the show. In fact, a couple of them were a bit put out because I had not made that extra little effort to call and remind them.

Let's concentrate this year on giving them that extra reminder. I'm sure everyone has a special list of friends they meet and talk to on a regular basis. On the week of the show let's call all these people and invite them to come spend a day with us and see what the club is all about. They might even learn more about us as people by doing it.

What can they expect to see and do?

*There will be continuing demonstrations of tumbling, sawing, cabbing, faceting, lost wax casting and silversmithing.

*There will be 60-70 exhibits of gems, minerals, crystals, fossils, jewelry and cabachons.

*There will be a special room for fluorescent material and periodic demonstrations and talks on the phenomenon of fluorescence in minerals.

*There will be a special display by the Paul Broste Rock Museum of Parshall. A four foot sphere tree and some lighted panels furnished by the museum.

*There will be nine dealers from six different states to supply your needs and show what is new in the hobby. This is an ideal time to get that special something for someone's Christmas or birthday or anniversary present. Our dealers always have that "special unique something" you have been looking for. Handcrafted and cast jewelry, carvings, jade, opal, fine agate and, this year a large variety of mineral specimens.

*They can get involved in the silent auction or

*They can pick up some choice specimens at the swap table or

*Bring in that prize rock laying around the house and have someone identify it, or

*See one or all five of the slide programs available this year:

- a. Jewels and Gems of North Dakota
- b. The Earth is Born - Past events on the planet
- c. Junk to Jewelry - Equipment and finished jewelry
- d. Lets Look at Rock - Elementary program on Geology
- e. Structure of Minerals as a Clue to Their Identity - Educational

Where else can you spend an entire day and/or evening and be completely entertained for one dollar?

So save this list and start calling your friends - don't let them miss this great show! Remind them that this is a very casual affair - it should be seen and savored thoroughly. There are plenty of chairs scattered throughout the show for those tired feet.

Meals and beverages are available on the premises - acres and acres of parking - and always there are people around to answer any questions.

LET'S BE PROUD OF OUR SHOW AND TALK IT UP TO THOSE FRIENDS!

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P-O-S-T-E-R-S

NOW is the time to hang the show posters. Lets get them up all over the state.

- Tape them to your car window
- On shopping center bulletin boards
- In the gas station you patronize
- On apartment building bulletin boards
- In laundromats
- In your office or work place
- On you church bulletin board
- The local library
- School bulletin boards

People tend to forget things unless constantly reminded. So lets put these posters up all over town and state. Everyone in the club has the responsibility of show publicity. This year we need more cooperation than ever before to get the people to attend our show. Lets make it a hundred percent effort.

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SILENT AUCTION

Edna Maushund will be overseeing the silent auction table at the show this year. The rules will be the same as for the club auction. You can bring and auction off your own specimens, cutting materials, minerals, anything pertaining to our hobby will be acceptable. Edna will collect 20% of the selling price for the show treasury - or - and hopefully, you may donate some material to the club with the total amount being donated to the show fund.

From the Memorial Day weekend trip to Keystone I brought back some rose quartz and mica book specimens to be donated to the show - none of them are collectors items, but still a good buy for someone. Also, there will be a good outstanding specimen of hemimorphite from Chihuahua, Mexico, that I will have for auction. So bring anything from 25 cents on up and lets make this a very busy table.

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The first of this country's natural resources to be completely exhausted will probably be the taxpayer.

SLABS - HELP - SLABS - HELP - SLABS - HELP - SLABS - HELP - SLABS - HELP - SLABS - HELP

All those slabs lying around underfoot in your shop , garage, closet, the ones you have been meaning to throw away for years, the ones with fractured patterns, or the ones that just don't merit the effort to cut and polish - bring them to the show this year. John Campbell is in need of material for his trimsaw demonstration. When John finishes a slab there is nothing left but slivers and sludge. He needs a lot of material to work with so we can show visitors that with just a normal amount of caution, the equipment used in our hobby is very safe. Bring those unused or unusable slabs with you when you come.

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DEALER BREAKFAST

As in the past years, this is an opportunity to meet the dealers informally and get to know them as friends. There will be a couple of new faces this year:

Louise McCarthy - Louise's Gem & Jewelry Shop, Coon Rapids, Minnesota

Charlene Cook - Native Mineral Resources, Denver, Colorado

The menu this year will again be scrambled eggs, sweet rolls, juice, milk and coffee. Tickets will be sold on Friday, September 26th, and the breakfast will be at 8:30 Saturday, September 27th in the Community Center dining room. Tickets will be available for \$2.50 anytime Friday at the club booth. Please make every effort to attend this breakfast.

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SHOW LUNCH

Marge Gebhard has informed me that we will have complete meals available in the dining room adjoining the main display room at the show this year. The menu has already been set up for both Friday and Saturday. She plans to offer baked ham dinner one day and chicken dinner the other day. There will also be the option of hamburgers or polish sausage and french fries on both days.

Don't be afraid to call your friends and invite them to spend the day at the show.

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Layered Lettuce Salad

(Printed by request)

1 head lettuce	4 slices bacon(fried crisp and crumbled)
1 cup celery diced	2 cups mayonnaise
4 hard cooked eggs	2 Tbsp. sugar
1 pkg. frozen peas	1 Tbsp lemon juice
½ cup green pepper, diced	4 oz. cheddar cheese (grated)

Layer vegetable ingredients in a 9 x 13 inch cake pan (preferably glass , as this keeps well for several days). Place them in the pan in the order given. Mix mayonnaise, sugar and lemon juice. Spread over top of vegetables as a frosting. Sprinkle cheese and bacon bits over dressing. Refrigerate for 8-12 hours (or overnight) before serving.

THIS 'N THAT

Ron Wandler won the door prize at the September meeting. It wasn't known who donated the lovely piece of jewelry.

Verna Giese missed the meeting because she was in the hospital.

Clara Muggli has recovered from surgery that she had last summer.

Gen & Bill Buresh will be home in time for the show. They visited both Alaska and Hawaii on this trip.

Fourteen club members participated in a field trip to the fairburn beds in South Dakota over Labor Day weekend. Everyone enjoyed the trip and had a great time.

STAMP PROGRAM

On August 12 a box of stamps collected by our club members was sent to World Council of Churches in Seattle, Washington. They were asked to acknowledge receiving the package but they deemed not to answer.

A number of the stamps turned in by club members had to be discarded. Some were torn from the envelope, damaging the stamps. Others were trimmed so close that the perforations around the edge of the stamp were cut back or were completely missing. Stamp collectors are not like rockhounds. If a stamp is torn or damaged in any way, it is useless. A rock that is dinged or fractured can be trimmed or cut down, or polished. If you feel you don't know how to cut the stamps from the envelopes leave them on and the stamp chairman will trim the excess paper off.

RECIPE FOR A GOOD ROCK CLUB

Assemble 1 group of Rockhounds in assorted sizes, shapes and personalities.

MEASURE ACCURATELY:

- 1 cup friendly words
- 1 cup understanding
- 1 cup courtesy and patience

Sift carefully and remove all malice and ego. Add a dash of wit and humor, a warm welcome for all; and a heart full of cooperation.

Praise where needed. Mix well until blended into a smooth running organization. Sprinkle with good times and much fun. Garnish this with new members, serve with warm greetings....PLENTY FOR ALL.

Via Golden Spike News, NFMS Newsletter,
Flint Rock Newsletter

The best things in life are appreciated most after they are lost.

One good thing about silence is that it can't be repeated.