

ROCKY MOUNTAIN FEDERATION NEWS

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ARIZONA, AWARDS, AND APPLES BY ALICE LABONTE - EDITOR

Did summer flash by for you like it did for me? Don't get me wrong, living in Arizona makes me want my summers to flash by, but this summer seemed exceptionally fast. At least it was filled with rockhounding activities.

I want to start my editor's note by saying **Thank You** to the **RMFMS and the Bulletin Award Committee** for choosing me as **"The 2014 New Editor"** for my editorship of the **Mineralogical Society of Arizona's Rockhound Record** (<http://www.mineralogicalsocietyofarizona.org/newsletters.htm>).

Readers and individuals associated with various federations suggested I apply for the award and I'm glad I did. I wasn't able to make it to RMFMS's convention in Cody, Wyoming in July, but was there in spirit. It's an honor to have received this award.

Since I live in Arizona, we are always looking for ways to escape the heat. If our trips can

also include rockhounding or something related to the hobby, I am even more eager to travel. One of our daughters lives in San Diego, so we (my husband and I) decided to visit Julian, California – a mountain community about an hour outside of San Diego.

Julian is a town caught in time, but knows how to depend on its many treasures to attract visitors. Julian is probably most famous for its apples – Julian apples. There are boutique wineries (and breweries), saloons, ice cream parlors and antique shops to satisfy all tastes. Definitely worth the trip "up the hill". Another Julian attraction is The Eagle Mine (<http://www.theeaglemining.com/>), California's most southern gold rush mine. Many of the mine's tunnels have been carefully restored, which visitors can take a train ride through. There are of course "gold" panning and a gift shop in the original Blacksmith Shop & Livery Sta-

ble building.

The gift shop had local mineral specimens, old mining equipment and unique items from the local area. What the shop also had were active miners who were more than willing to answer any questions and share their wealth of knowledge about local mining. I talked with two miners and was pleased with their knowledge and friendliness. They were happy that we took the time to visit the mine (considering we traveled from Arizona) and to inquire about the local mining climate.

California and Arizona have many aspects of mining in common yet many elements are very different. The metal ores are visibly and chemically different and minerals produced from those ores are even more strikingly different. The miners thanked us for visiting and to visit them again when we're in San Diego.

I am always amazed how rockhounds (including miners) all have the same passion for the hobby. Whether the interest is in lapidary, crystal specimens or silversmithing – rockhounds love what nature provides through geology. I figure the next time I visit San Diego I will try to arrange a visit to the Gemological Institute of America Museum at its headquarters in Carlsbad, California. I will update you on that visit.

If you want to recommend a museum, mine or institute that I should visit, please let me know as I am open to any and all ideas. ~ Alice

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My "RMFMS 2014 New Editor" award. Alice LaBonte photo.

ARIZONA, AWARDS, AND APPLES - CONTINUED

*... rockhounds love
what nature provides
through geology.*



The Eagle Mine gift shop in Julian, CA. Alice LaBonte photo.



Outside The Eagle Mine gift shop in Julian, CA.
Tom LaBonte photo.

AFMS ENDOWMENT FUND TICKETS BY DELANE COX

*... you can be a winner
only if you buy a
ticket ...*

Wow! What a great time we had in Cody, Wyoming. The Convention and Show were really super. Thanks to **Stan Strike** and all of the Wyoming helpers for doing a great job.

Back to the things I forgot to take to Cody: my papers for the meetings (doubled back home and got those) and my dress for the Banquet (did a bit of shopping in Cody!), and the tickets to sell for the **AFMS Endowment Fund**. Well, one out of three isn't bad...is it?

So, now I need to offer to each club the opportunity to have your club members send me a check for tickets. **The cost is \$5 for one, or 5 tickets for \$20.** As soon as I receive the money, I will put names on the stubs to be retained and drawn from, and send the other end of the tickets back to the purchaser.

The funds that are raised go for things that are not in the AFMS budget:

- training for competitive cases judges
- Jr. Rockhounds of America programs
- a couple of other small things.

All of the gifts to be awarded are donated by Federation members, with each item having a value of at least \$80. Pictures of the awards have been in the AFMS newsletter in the recent past.

Each of the Federations will have a couple of tickets drawn from tickets of their members only, then all of the tickets will be combined for the remainder of the gifts. This way, someone in every Federation will receive at least one of the gifts.

Your chances are good. But you need a ticket. I should receive your ticket requests before **September 28, 2015. Send a check or money order to "AFMS Endowment Fund"** to this address:

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I will see that all tickets are at the convention in Austin Texas, for the drawing.

Get your order for tickets in as soon as possible. I have a limited number of tickets left, and you can be a winner only if you buy a ticket ... or five.

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TREASURER ARTICLE AUGUST 2015

BY GENE MAGGARD RMFMS

TREASURER

... life is seldom exactly perfect.

Third Quarter financials are nearly complete, enough to get a good idea about how we are faring in fiscal year 2014-15. At this point, it appears that income exceeds expenses by about \$2500 as of July 31. Most expenses for the year are in. There may be a few convention expenses that have not been submitted, and there will be travel expenses for authorized RMFMS attendees to the AFMS convention, which could amount to \$1,000 to \$2,000. This should give us balanced finances or close to it for 2014-15. This includes a donation of

\$1,764 to the AFMS Scholarship Fund, which equals the earnings from our invested reserves for fiscal year 2014-15.

The end of fiscal year rapidly approaches. For you treasurers, you will receive the RMFMS annual report form by email on or about October 15. That is, if I have your current email address. If you are not sure, it would be good to email me at gandpmaggard@gmail.com, explain who you are, and ask that I confirm your email address.

2015 Convention at Cody – If you did not attend the conven-

tion, you missed out. Cody is a great town to visit. The host club, the **Cody 59'ers**, and assisted by the **Shoshone Gem and Mineral Society**, did a great job in hosting the show. The convention headquarters hotel, the Irma, was a terrific venue and the food was wonderful. I even caught a couple of 15 inch rainbows out of the North Fork the day before the convention started. No rocks picked up, though. Oh well, life is seldom exactly perfect.

I hope that the summer is treating you well and that you are finding a few great rocks.

RMFMS WEB CONTEST WINNERS

BY ROBERT JOHNSON, RMFMS WEB CONTEST CHAIR

Thank you judges for the many hours you gave to complete this task!

First I would like to say "Thank You!" to ALL of the **RMFMS club web masters!** Thank you for the service and for the information you provide on behalf of your clubs and the greater rockhound community.

This year we had 6 entries to the RMFMS Web Contest. Competition was tight, but after weeks of pouring over the sites, these winners were chosen:

1st place - CMS
www.coloradomineralsociety.org

webmaster - **Julio Edwards**

2nd place - AGMC
<http://agmc.info>

webmaster - **Joel Johnstone**

3rd place - CCGC
<http://www.canoncitygeologyclub.com>

webmaster - **Jennifer Gerring**

These 3 winners have now been submitted the AFMS Web Contest. The winners of that completion will be announced at the

AFMS convention in October.

The scoring sheets for the RMFMS competition are being distributed back to each entrant and I hope each webmaster will find the judge's comments helpful in further developing their site.

I also recommend that all webmasters take the time to look at these winning RMFMS sites, and the past AFMS winning sites listed at:

<http://www.amfed.org/web/ContestResults.htm> .

These great sites, along with the many webmaster resources available at <http://www.amfed.org/web/resources.htm> could provide many great ideas for site improvement.

I would like to say a few words about the judging procedure.

- Each site was viewed by 2 AFMS judges from outside the RMFMS.
- The numerical scores from

both judges were then combined to determine the winners.

- This procedure – having judges evaluate sites outside of their own Region – is designed to minimize favoritism and conflict of interests.

Thank you judges for the many hours you gave to complete this task!

Finally, the web is evolving rapidly. Our standards and judging criteria need to evolve too. There are some specific judging elements that I feel need to be updated for the 2016 Contest. If you have comments regarding this I encourage you to contact me with your suggestions. Thank you!

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RMFMS BULLETIN, ARTICLE, PROGRAM, PHOTO STORY, PHOTO AND POETRY CONTEST WINNERS BY BETH SIMMONS

Congratulations to all of the winners in the **RMFMS 2014 Bulletin Editors' Contest!**

- The winning "New Editor" is none other than **Alice LaBonte** from Mineralogical Society of Arizona and RMFMS's new editor.
- Taking the trophy in **small bulletins** was **Dave Harris** with his *Beehive Buzzer* from Beehive, Utah.
- **Mike Nelson** from Colorado Springs Mineral Society won the trophy in **Adult Advanced Articles** with his article about the Girl Scout Jamboree held in Colorado Springs so many years ago.
- **Brett Whitenack** from McPherson Gem and Mineral Society won **Adult Article** with his tale of a Kansas Dinosaur.
- The juniors from Colorado Springs Mineral Society gave

their club rep, "Yam," quite a handful to carry home!

- **Steve Marquez** won the **junior article 12-17** with his article on Amethyst.
- **Young Jack Shimon** won the **junior article under 12** with his interview of Andrey Atuchin, a Russian natural history illustrator.
- **Blake Reher** won the **junior poetry trophy** with his "Mountains Grow so High."
- **Kim Vaspar** from McPherson was the **winning adult poet** with her "The Seeker that Lies Within."
- The **Special Publications trophy** went to **Tulsa's Linda Jaeger** for her program for the AFMS/RMFMS show banquet last year.
- **"Rocky" Ray** from the **Beehive club** walked away with the **Written Features**

trophy with his description of the 2014 McDermitt Field Trip.

- **McPherson's Mark Nelson's Post Rocks of Kansas** won the photo story trophy.
- **Mary Barz** from Flatirons Club in Boulder won the photo of the year contest.

The top three entrants in each category were sent on to the **AFMS contest; results will be awarded at the AFMS banquet in San Antonio in the fall.** I know that next year more clubs will participate and make the judges' work even more difficult! Keep up the good work and we'll look forward to receiving your next entries by January 2016!

Beth Simmons, Ph.D.
RMFMS Bulletin Editors' Contest Chair

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Photos from the 2015 RMFMS Convention awards ceremony. Photos courtesy of Beth Simmons.

PHOTOS FROM THE 2015 RMFMS CONVENTION IN CODY, WY

Thank you Cody, WY for a beautiful setting for our convention!



Getting ready for the RMFMS Delegates Meeting.



Jane McLaughlin, Finis Riggs, Liz Thomas, Jeri House, Diane Weir, and Gene Maggard manning tables at the RMFMS 2015 Convention.



2015 RMFMS Awards Banquet.



Setting up for Breakfast with the Editors and Webmasters.



Linda Jaeger, Peggy Maggard, Gene Maggard, Dian Weir, Liz Thomas, Ben Thomas, Finis Riggs, and Stan Strike enjoying a bite to eat.

All photos on this page courtesy of Richard Jaeger.

“LAPIDARY OF THE MONTH” ARTICLES SOUGHT FOR ROCK & GEM MAGAZINE BY JIM BRACE-THOMPSON, ROCK & GEM CONTRIBUTING AUTHOR

Rock & Gem is the officially sponsored hobby magazine of the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies—our official magazine! They and Senior Consulting Editor Bob Jones have done much to promote rockhounding and rock clubs like those to which you and I belong. As you may know, I’m a regular contributing author, as well, mostly with articles for their “Rock & Gem Kids” section. Recently, Rock & Gem Managing Editor Lynn Varon has asked my help soliciting articles from within the ranks of the regional and national Federations for their “Lapidary of the Month” feature. “Lapidary of the Month” is usually the very first article appearing in each issue of the magazine. In it, a lapidary artist (amateur or professional) describes a relatively simple project with a photo and step-by-step proce-

dures for others to follow. For an example, see page 8 of the July 2015 issue. We would like to encourage you to write such a contribution! Here are the specifications:

- A 500-word description telling step-by-step how you crafted your lapidary project from start to finish, saved as a document file.
- At least one close-up digital color photograph of the finished project (with camera set for high resolution, i.e., 300 dpi at 4 inches by 5 inches, minimum).
- Send your document file and digital photo (.tif or .jpg) as attachments in an email to editor@rockngem.com with the subject line “Lapidary of the Month.”
- Include your name and a street address (not a PO

Box) for prize delivery should your entry be selected for publication. (Only winners will be notified.)

- Authors of articles selected to appear in “Lapidary of the Month” receive a two-speed Dremel Model 200 N/40 MultiPro kit and a wall plaque in recognition of their creativity and craftsmanship. (Thus the need for a street address.)

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Here’s to good projects and good writing—and to seeing you

Here’s to good projects and good writing—and to seeing you as a Lapidary of the Month!

AFMS CLUB ROCKHOUND OF THE YEAR NOMINATED BY LIZ & BEN THOMAS TULSA ROCK & MINERAL SOCIETY

The Tulsa Rock & Mineral Society is pleased to designate **Steve and Donna Loffer** as our **AFMS Club Rockhounds of the Year**.

Steve served as our Club President for two years and always performed his job even when his health wasn’t the best.

He always takes part in the working exhibits at our show and at Gem Faire in which we participate.

Donna served as Historian for two years and has been in

charge of the area of our show for grab bags and the wheel game. Donna has upgraded the quality of the prizes on the wheel game and Steve makes labels for all the specimens so people will know what they have won. They have also represented our club at AFMS and RMFMS Shows .

Both Steve and Donna are very conscientious and seek to promote our club and our hobby.

We are very thankful to have them as members of the Tulsa

Rock & Mineral Society.



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MYSTERIOUS LITTLE STONE BOOKS BY COLORADO STATE DIRECTOR, DR. BETH SIMMONS

What were they for?

At a rockhound's estate sale, Jim Dennis, a member of the **Denver Gem and Mineral Guild**, spotted these little "books" made of stone. Originally taped together with book binding tape, each book has four "pages" inscribed with the logos of the **Rocky Mountain and now defunct Colorado Federation of Mineralogical Societies plus the**

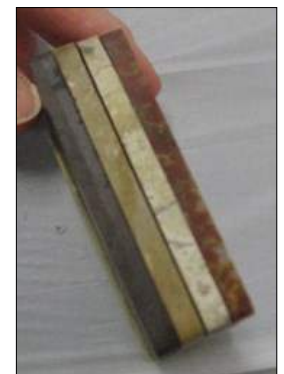
logo of the Denver Council of Gem and Mineral Societies. A quill pen graces the cover. The date 1982 is on the "binding." The stone pages consist of two slabs of petrified wood and a slab of jasper and one of a banded marble. The slabs were polished and cut to their book shape with rounded corners. The logos were somehow "transferred" onto the

stone slabs.

What were they for? We thought perhaps they were the favors given at the editors' breakfast at the combined RMFMS/Denver show, but Maxine Sheel asked folks and they said no. Does anyone know or remember?



All photos courtesy of Beth Simmons.



GOLD PLATING SHOUTOUT!

We have several recycled gold panner trophies that are in desperate need of stripping and re-plating.

Is there anyone out there that has the equipment to do such a thing? If you know about gold plating and have some advise, please contact the **RMFMS Trophy Chair:**

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The Tulsa Rock & Mineral Society is pleased to designate **Michael Grayson, who is 14, as our AFMS Junior Club Rockhound of the Year.** Michael has been a member of our club for about five years.

He always helps at our shows with

the silent auction and other areas as needed. He also helps with loading and unloading for our show set-up and tear-down; he particularly likes to assist some of our older members. His main interest as a rockhound is collecting

minerals, petrified wood, and fossils. The thing he probably enjoys the most is the fellowship within the club.

Michael is a hard working individual who helps whenever he can; we are fortunate to have him as a member of our club.

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HAVING FUN: JUNIORS ACTIVITIES “SPOTLIGHT ON JUNIORS” ARTICLES REQUESTED FOR ROCK & GEM KIDS BY JIM BRACE-THOMPSON, AFMS & CFMS JUNIORS PROGRAM CHAIR

I write monthly articles for the “Rock & Gem Kids” section of *Rock & Gem magazine*. Most often, these introduce kids to a mineral or fossil or to some interesting aspect of rocks (gemstone lore, official state rocks and fossils, minerals with special effects like asterism or fluorescence, etc.). But I've also run several articles about especially outstanding juniors. I'd like to do more such profiles but despite various calls in the past, no one has sent me suggestions recently.

Do you have a kid in your society who is “rock crazy” and over-the-top enthusiastic? Please contact me with names and details about kids who deserve special recognition as inspirational role models for other kids, and I'll be happy to do a write-up on them for “Rock & Gem Kids.”

A great starting point might be any kids that your local society has named “Junior Rockhound of the Year” via the regional and national Federations' member recognition programs or kids who have won any other Federation or school-sponsored awards related to our hobby, such as kids who have earned

trophies in competitive exhibiting or who have participated in a local science fair.

I'll need enough details that will allow me to craft an article ranging 250 to 300 words:

- What is the junior member's name and what club or society is s/he affiliated with?
- What especially noteworthy accomplishments has s/he notched up related to our hobby?
- How might this child serve as a role model to others? See page 43 of the July 2015 issue of *Rock & Gem* for an example with the article entitled “Spotlight on Juniors: Liliya Starts a Rock Club!”

In addition to info about the kids you nominate, I'll need a couple of things:

- Photos, preferably showing the kids engaged with the hobby. These should be digital color photographs with camera set for high resolution (i.e., 300 dpi at 4 inches by 5 inches, minimum).

- As with any photos of children intended for publication, I will need a photo permission.
- I will also need a release form signed by the parent or guardian.

For further information—and to get a copy of the photo release form—please contact me at:

jbraceth@roadrunner.com

That's the email address, as well, for sending info about your outstanding junior and for sending photos and release forms as electronic attachments.

Here's to recognizing our very best and most enthusiastic juniors and to acknowledging their efforts in a hobby that's fun!



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RMFMS SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS OF THE AFMS SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

The first AFMS Scholarship was awarded back in 1965 and the total given is now approaching 1.7 million dollars.

Dr. Bryan Tapp, the Chairman of the Geosciences Department of the University of Tulsa, was selected as the recipient from the **Rocky Mountain Federation of Mineralogical Societies for the AFMS Scholarship Foundation.** As such, Dr. Tapp had the privilege of selecting two graduate students in the geosciences to receive scholarship grants of \$4000 from the AFMS Scholarship Foundation for the Fall Semester of 2015.

The AFMS Scholarship Foundation currently gives out \$48,000/year in scholarships, two \$4000 awards to each of the six regional federations which participate in the program.

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The funds are derived from the interest and dividends earned on the foundation portfolio.

Below is the information on the two students who Dr. Tapp selected to receive the scholarships this year.

Whitney Campbell

Whitney Campbell is a graduate student at the University of Tulsa seeking to obtain her Master of Science Degree in Geosciences.

She graduated from Oklahoma State University in 2014 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Geology and worked as a summer geology intern at EOG in Oklahoma City following graduation.

Whitney is currently working on a thesis project that aims to delineate contradicting stratal correlation hypotheses by integrating biostratigraphy constrained by petrographic analyses with chemostratigraphy defined by isotopic and trace element analysis of Albian age carbonates and shales from West Texas to East Central Texas.

Professional goals include attaining a challenging position in the energy industry that utilize the research and analysis skills acquired through obtaining a Master's Degree.

Stacy Trowbridge

Stacy Trowbridge is a graduate student at the University of Tulsa pursuing her Masters of Science degree in Geoscience. She received a Bachelor of Science degree in Geology at Oklahoma State University in 2013. During the summer of 2014, she was a geophysical intern for Laredo Petroleum.

Her thesis project at TU focuses on analyzing the igneous petrology and lava flow morphology of the Ontong Java Plateau. She is specifically interested in looking at variations in major, minor and trace element compositions of basaltic glasses in order to better understand the magma chamber dynamics and eruption timescales during the formation of the Ontong Java Plateau. Another primary goal of her research is to examine variations in groundmass textures and phenocryst abundances from Ontong Java samples in order to identify any textural indicators for eruption and emplacement processes.

Upon receiving her Master's degree, she plans on attaining a job in the energy industry for one or two years, then would like to return to school to obtain her Ph.D. in igneous petrology/volcanology.



UPCOMING 2015 REGIONAL FEDERATION CONVENTIONS

South Central Federation—AFMS

October 23 - 25, 2015
Austin, TX

Southeast Federation

November 6 - 8, 2015
Melbourne, FL

2016 Convention News

The 2016 RMFMS Convention will be hosted by the Wichita Gem and Mineral Society. Convention and Show dates are April 22, 23, and 24, 2016. The host hotel and convention headquarters will be the La Quinta Inn East, at 7335 East Kellogg. Convention attendee

room rates are expected to be in the \$85 range, with tax. Details will be forthcoming. WGMS looks forward to seeing you both at the convention and at the show. You will want to be sure to attend the silent auction at the show. You will see quality auction items like you have not seen at any other show

DENVER GEM & MINERAL SHOW - PEBBLE PUPS SPEAKERS

The 48th Annual Denver Gem and Mineral Show will be held from **September 18 - 20, 2015.**

This show is considered the second only to the Tucson show in size - in other words, it's a big deal for rockhounds.

It's even a bigger deal for young

rockhounds like the **Pebble Pups of the Colorado Springs Mineralogical Society (CSMS).**

The Pebble Pups will be speaking at this year's Denver Gem and Mineral Show and here are bios on the participating Pebble Pups.

For information about the show, please visit the website:

<http://www.denvermineralshow.com/>

For more information about CSMS and their Pebble Pups program, please visit their website: www.csms-web.org/

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Casey Martin - Radioactivity in Colorado Dinosaur Fossils

Casey is 12 and attends Eagleview Middle School in Colorado Springs. Casey has been keenly interested in earth science from a very young age. His past primary interests have included rocks, volcanoes, dinosaurs, fossils, magnetism and astronomy. Cur-

rently, his main area of interest is radioactivity, and he studies low-level radioactive minerals and fossils with the aid of his vintage Geiger counter.



Jack Shimon - Radio Wave Powered Crystal Radio

Jack has been a member of the Pikes Peak Pebble Pups in Colorado Springs for six years. He is in 5th grade and also enjoys playing the drums, mountain biking, snowboarding, and hiking with his dog Comet. His grandfather is a retired geolo-

gist and worked on his crystal radio science fair project with him, which received honorable mention at his school last spring.

Jenna Salvat - A Closer Look at Pyrite

About to enter high school, Jenna is passionate about studying Earth Science. Jenna has volunteered for two years at Helen Hunt Falls and Starsmore Discovery Center in North Cheyenne Canyon where she educates visitors about the geology of the Pike's Peak Region. She also volunteers as an interpretive

ranger at the Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument, and has taught a third grade class that focused on the world of rocks and minerals. Jenna presented at the Western Interior Paleontological Symposium in 2015 at the Colorado School of Mines, and coauthored a paper that was presented at the New Mexico School of Mines.



DENVER GEM & MINERAL SHOW - PEBBLE PUPS SPEAKERS— CONTINUED

*The Pebble Pup program
also has a series of fun
field trips - exclusively
for them! -*

***www.csms-
web.org/***



Blake Reher – Advances in Pikes Peak Regional Paleon- tology

Blake, a 10th grader at Cheyenne Mountain High School in Colorado Springs, plans to be a paleontologist. He also wants to learn more about earth sciences, especially geology. Blake has been active in the Colorado Springs Mineralogical Society's Earth Science Scholars Program for

more than five years and assists in teaching the Pebble Pups. Blake is a uniformed volunteer at the Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument and participates in their Paleolab and Cool Science Programs. Several of Blake's poems, articles about fossils, and research that was cited in larger research papers, have been published.



Jerrod Gallup and Nathan Gallup - After the Eruptions: Mt. St Helens and Crater Lake (Mt Mazama)

Nathan and Jerrod are 11 years old and 5th graders at Columbine Elementary in Woodland Park. Both are active Pebble Pups with the Lake George Gem and Mineral Club and were recognized as Rocky Mountain Junior AFMS Rockhounds of the Year in 2014. Jerrod and Nathan's articles on minerals are published by Deposits magazine and Ute Country News. Besides rock hounding, Nathan loves video games, reading, and playing piano and bass; Jerrod pursues trail running, cooking, art and plays piano and violin.



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UPCOMING 2015 RMFMS CLUB SHOWS AND EVENTS

32nd Annual Rolling Stones Gem and Mineral Show - Grant County Rolling Stones Gem & Mineral Society

September 5 - 7, 2015

- Western New Mexico University, Brancheau P.E. Complex Intramural Gym, College Avenue, Silver City, New Mexico.
- Sat. 9:00am - 5:00pm
- Sun. 10:00am - 5:00pm
- Mon. 10:00am - 4:00pm
- Free admission.
- Among our activities are Field Trips, the ever-favorite Wheel of Fortune, a robust Silent Auction, Educational Displays, and Food Service by the Lions Club.
- For more information please visit the website:
- **Grant County Rolling Stones Gem & Mineral Society:**

<http://rollingstonesgms.blogspot.com/>

41st Annual Huachuca Gem. Mineral & Jewelry Show - Huachuca Mineral & Gem Club (Profits Go To Scholarship And Education Funds)

October 10 & 11, 2015

- Cochise College, 901 N. Columbo Ave., Sierra Vista, AZ
- Sat. 9:00am - 5:00pm
- Sun. 10:00am - 4:00pm
- Free Admission, free parking, handicap accessible, and family friendly
- Bring your mystery gemstones for free identification by a certified Gemologist.
- Mineral display from the Arizona Sonora Desert Museum.
- Vendors Inside and Outside, Live Demonstrations, Educational Displays, Gems, Jewelry, Lapidary Supplies, Raffles, Food & Beverages, *continued*

- and Fluorescent Displays
- Vendor Info - Contact:
Ingrid Baillie
520 459-3718
ibaillie@cox.net
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Maudie Bailey
520 378-6291
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For additional information please visit the website:

http://huachucamineralandgemclub.info/Home_Page.html

More RMFMS club show fliers can be found at the end of this news letter.

59th Topeka Gem & Mineral Show - Topeka Gem & Mineral Society

October 10 & 11, 2015

- Ag. Hall of the Topeka Expo-centre, at 17th and Topeka Blvd. , Topeka, KS 66612
- Sat. 10am - 6pm
- Sun. 10am - 5pm
- Adults \$5.00, Students (13-17) \$1.00, children under 13 accompanied by an adult: FREE.
- A coupon is available at:
WWW.topekagemandmineral.org
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• or Facebook: Topeka Gem and Mineral Society

- The Theme will be LET IT GLOW, discovering the world of fluorescent rocks and minerals. Special Exhibits, Gems, Minerals, Jewelry' Fossils, Demonstrations, Dealers and Jr. Rockhound and 4-H displays
- For more information please email at:
rocktoplate@aol.com

If your RMFMS club has an upcoming show or event, please contact me at:

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OKLAHOMA CITY MINERAL AND GHOST SHOW

October 31 & November 1, 2015.

The
Oklahoma Mineral and Gem Society
invites you to:

The Oklahoma City Mineral and ~~Gem~~ *Ghost* Show

Modern Living building at the Oklahoma State Fairgrounds

Saturday, October 31st 9am-6pm

Sunday, November 1st 9am-5pm

Admission is \$6.00 at the door or \$5.00 to pre-buy at omgs-minerals.org

Hair-Raising
Vendors

Rough rock, mineral specimens, slabs, cabochons, beads, semi-precious stones, tools, jewelry, and MORE!

Ghostly Live Demonstrations

Skilled artists and craftsmen will be demonstrating wire wrapping, lapidary work, beading, and flint napping

Spooky

Fluorescent Rock and Mineral Display

View beautiful and unexpected colors under ultraviolet lighting

Trick or Treat! Children's Corner

Fun and games for the young and young at heart! *"I got... a rock..."*

Silent Auction and Hourly Door Prizes

Creepy



Ghost
OMGS "Angel Wing" Calcite



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