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Wanted: Newsletter Editor

Existing editors do you have just a few extra hours each month? Past editors, do you miss working on your clubs newsletter? Not an editor, but would like to be? Well if you answered yes to any one of these questions, I have an opportunity for you!!!!

As editor of the Rocky Mountain Federation newsletter, as well as my clubs newsletter, I have met a lot of interesting people and have been the first to read many interesting articles. Being editor for both these publications has been very rewarding.

In a typical month I spend 3-5 hours working on the RMF News, yea that's all. It is a very easy newsletter to work on. Being that it is small, usually 8-10 pages, it is quite easy to fill the pages with "reports". And most months at least one if not two or three "articles" are also submitted. I don't have too much problem with blank space. Since I am also editor of my clubs newsletter, I always have a supply of filler articles. As a member of SCRIBE, I have access to all sorts of cartoons, graphics and filler articles.

The timeline for producing the RMF News is very lenient. Deadlines for articles is the first of the month PRIOR to the month of publication. i.e.: January 1 is the deadline for the February newsletter. This gives me a good 10 days to work on the newsletter, which as I said generally only takes 3-5 hours. After creating the newsletter, I simply e-mail a .pdf version to **Sharon DePuy** in Colorado, by the 12th of the month, and she does the rest!!! Then around the 20th of the month I e-mail the .pdf version to the RMFMS webmaster as well as those on the e-mail list (this process takes less than one minute). And that's it, I'm a done for the month.

Sound simple? It is, and I really hate to give it up. But, I must. Due to many issues I **must** resign my position as the RMFMS Newsletter Editor effective May 1, 2008, after completing the May Newsletter. This will give the new editor, hopefully YOU, a couple of months to get things ready to start with the August newsletter.

So are you up to the job? If so, please contact President **Stan Nowak** at 2805 Sage Dr Enid OK 73701-1295 or by phone at 580.237.3770. You can try to contact him via e-mail at: snowak48@yahoo.com , but if he does not respond try snail mail or phone. You can also contact me, **Sandy Riekeman** at wgms2001@yahoo.com and I can answer any questions that you have. I also have a complete e-mail listing of those members who receive the newsletter via e-mail.

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DEADLINE

Deadline for submissions to the bulletin are due the first day of the month prior to the publication date, i.e., the deadline for March is February 1.

President's Message

By Stan Nowak



Vice-President's Message

by Yonis Lone Eagle



Treasurers Corner

by Gene Maggard

Annual reports and dues collections are about done as your treasurer writes this article on December 31. Twenty organizations still had not reported as of December 31, about the same as last year. If you are reading this and your organization still has not reported and paid dues, your information will not be in the 2007-08 directory. If you depend on the RMFMS for club liability insurance, it will lapse in mid February. Even if your report, dues and insurance payment are late, your organization information will be printed in the bulletin and your insurance will be reinstated.

If you are unfamiliar with the RMFMS sponsored liability insurance but are interested, give me a call or email and I will give you some information. A fairly complete description can also be found in the RMFMS directory.

As we get into the new fiscal year, RMFMS finances are sound. There has been no need to increase either dues or insurance payments even though prices of about everything have increased. We have set the budget for 2007-08 and we should be in good financial shape for the new fiscal year. The budget is not for general distribution, but any member can get a copy from me with the understanding that it is not to be shared with non members.

Here's to a successful 2008 with some great rock hounding. Perhaps we will meet at some great collecting area.

Sympathy

Jackie Hazelwood died December 8, 2007. Some of our members knew her, she was a member of the Oklahoma Mineral & Gem Society in OKC. Her husband, **Chet Hazelwood**, is the Fluorescent Technical Chairman for the RMFMS. **Jackie** accompanied **Chet** on all their trips to swaps, the federation shows, and other shows. They were very active in the Oklahoma Mineral and Gem Society. **Jackie** enjoyed putting on earth science programs at the Omniplex Museum in OKC.



QUICK TIPS for EDITORS

By Linda Jaeger,
RMFMS/AFMS Club Publications Chair

If you have a question (or suggestion) about editing or writing or the bulletin contest or something related, send it to me by email: **LjgrAlg@aol.com** or at home address: 3515 E. 88th St., Tulsa, OK 74137. If I cannot find an answer to your question, we'll publish the question and ask the readers for their answers.

PLAYING WITH WORDS: WANNA BE A POET?

I don't know a lot about poetry, but I've always enjoyed reading it. Somehow, it's easy on the eyes, it gets right to the point (math people like me appreciate concise), it can move the heart, and it can fill our senses with delight.

When I don't know much about something, I research! To get an easy first explanation, I frequently go to the kid's version, either online or in the children's section at the library. Here's what I discovered about two easy-to-write types of poetry.

ACROSTICS

To write an **acrostic poem**, we choose a word we want to write about, spell the word vertically, then use each letter to begin the horizontal line it's on. Each line describes something about our word.¹

For example, we could use the word "lava."

Languishing molten rock
All devouring appetite
Violent, exploding fire and ash
Assembling new rock

This paints a pretty vivid picture of lava – and we didn't have to worry about much punctuation or even rhyming.

THE CINQUAIN

Poetry written as a **Cinquain (sing-KANE)** has a specific form to follow for each line. If you haven't already guessed, a Cinquain has five lines ("cinq" comes from the French for five).

Here's the format, according to line:

Line #:	Using Words	Using Syllables
1	1 noun (subject & title)	2 syllables (subject & title)
2	2 adjectives	4 syllables
3	3 verbs or active words	6 syllables
4	4 "feeling" words	8 syllables
5	1 noun that repeats line 1 or is synonymous	2 syllables

According to my source², there are some things you should be careful about in writing a

"... Cinquain or any short poem: (1) don't be tempted to add extra words of (sic.) syllables to fill out the form; (2) if every line sounds 'finished,' there is a full stop at its end and it sounds boring; (3) a Cinquain should build to a climax and have a surprise at the last line."

If we are able to make our Cinquain follow both the word pattern and the syllable pattern, we have an *ideal Cinquain*.

Let's try writing a Cinquain about lava:

Lava
Exploding fire
Enveloping all things
Frightful beauty, spoiling, forcing
New rock

My efforts are not quite the *ideal Cinquain*, but this satisfies the syllable format, is descriptive of lava, and does have a surprise on the last line.

A related form of poetry you may recognize is Haiku. It usually has three short lines with syllables per line going 5 – 7 – 5 . Haiku also does not rhyme, but must relay a vivid image to the reader.³

If you would like to try an acrostic form or a Cinquain (making it hobby-related), you can consult with your club editor, do some research online or at the library, write and rewrite, and finally give your editor a type of poem he/she might not have published in the past.

Editors – does this sound like a club contest? Be sure to publish, then save the best poems for your regional contest! (Remember, **you** are the one who decides what articles, poems, and bulletin issues are contest worthy.)

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New Programs for Regional Libraries

by Nancy Hicks

AFMS 2007 Program Competition Winner

"AGATES CLOSE-UP"

by Doug Moore approx. 40 minutes

421. - DVD "Agates Close-Up"

975. - VIDEO "Agates Close-Up"

Spectacular images of agates can easily become "eye-candy". This presentation is much more — specimens from around the world are shown to examine both common and unusual structures in agates. Areas smaller than a postage stamp are magnified to show how the various agate patterns were formed and point out the differences between agates that formed in sedimentary and igneous environments.

The following VHS and DVDs were purchased using interest from AFMS Endowment Fund.

First, six VHS from the extensive "PaleoWorld" series. Each is 30 minutes TRT (in alphabetical order)

976. - "Amber Hunters" – Fossil resin from the Dominican Republic is highly prized because of the varied species perfectly preserved in it – so well DNA can be extracted.

977. - "Dino Doctors" – Non-invasive medical scans not only reveal anatomy, but also help scientists learn about the genesis of diseases common to dinosaurs and humans.

978. - "Monsters on the Move" – Trackways – fossilized footprints - reveal a wealth of dinosaur behavior and habits — to those who can decipher the clues.

979. - "Mammoths" – A North Dakota site reveals clues about the lives and extinction of these creatures that roamed parts of North America, as recently as 11,000 years ago.

980. - "The Legendary T-Rex" – Was this the perfect predator - or a lowly scavenger? The answer isn't conclusive, but more clues are revealed as intimate details are revealed.

981. - "Treasure Island" – Madagascar has always been inhabited by extraordinary and weird creatures. Scientists try to resolve mysteries of natural history found there.

ALSO independent productions:

423 - "Geology – Why Bother?" a 26-minute DVD reveals that geology isn't about things that happened

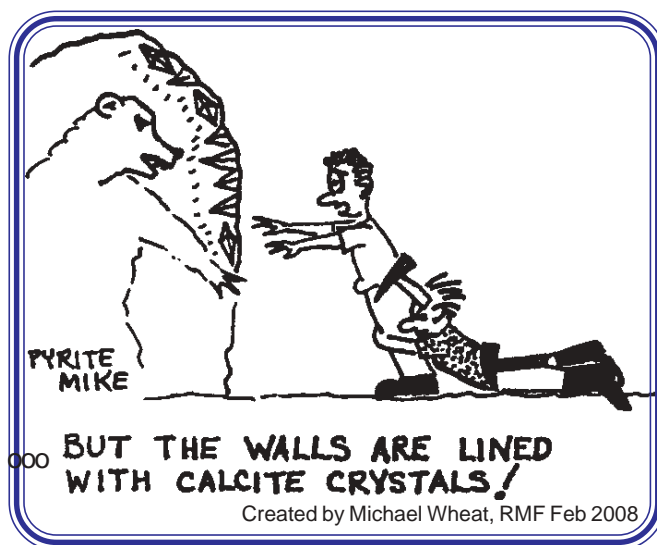
millions of years ago. It's events going on around us every day!

422. - "Kentucky Agate Hunting", a 30-minute DVD, shows examples of this colorful gemstone; how it's collected and how the author cuts and polishes them.

424. - "Umoona" - a 26-minute DVD - two segments

- 1) The history of (Australian) opal hunting
- 2) an aboriginal folk tale of how opal was created.

QUESTION: Why not enter AFMS Program Competition? Clubs will be waiting for the 2008 Winners. You could be a Winner — but you can't win if you don't enter!



Want to receive this newsletter via e-mail instead of snail mail???

It is really simple! Just send an e-mail to: wgms2001@yahoo.com

In the subject line: "RMFMS newsletter via e-mail"

In the body: Include all the names of those officers that should receive the newsletter along with their e-mail address. Also include their snail mail address, so that they can be removed from the snail mail list.

This can be done at anytime, but it should always be done immediately following your elections.

"Common sense ain't common."

Will Rogers

Tri-Federation Rockhound Rendezvous and Field Trip

By Richard Pankey, Inter – Regional Field Trips

Sign-ups for the Tri-Federation Rockhound Rendezvous and Field Trip are starting to come in. Some clubs are coming as a group and will continue on to other collecting areas after the Rendezvous. I hope that you and your club are making plans to attend what promises to be a unique and special rockhound experience. This trip is a repeat of our 2003 Rendezvous. We are going to a well-known collecting area that has some pretty spectacular material. The weather should be just right – springtime, the hills are still green and the wild flowers in bloom. We are relying on the bulletin editors and field trip chairmen to help get the word out about this unique adventure. The two-page Field Trip flier is available on the AFMS, CFMS, NFMS and RMFMS web pages. This flier has all the details about the trip, directions to our campsite and other useful information.

There were two activities mentioned in the flier that I would like to explain in more detail. On Friday and Saturday afternoons we will conduct our Tailgate Displays. We will have rockhounds from all over the western United States that I am sure have collected some unique and interesting material from their home area. Bring along some specimens to show and share at the tailgate display. This will also be a good time to conduct the “map exchange”. Map exchanges are easy – to get a map you have to give a map. Before you leave home prepare a good, detailed map of a good, unique or little known collecting area that you are familiar with. The map should be a detailed hand or computer drawn map with accurate mileages, GPS coordinates are very desirable, and be sure to note collecting site details and campsites where appropriate. Bring along as many maps as you would like to receive. I plan to bring 100 copies of my map. I am sure there will be a lot of informal exchanges of collecting sites, GPS info, and sharing of great places to go and see.

A highlight of the 2003 trip was the great Dutch oven dinner prepared for us by **Bill Roach** from the BLM. And he will do it again! He will put on our Friday evening dinner. A not to be missed experience. I have also scheduled two speakers from the BLM to give talks on the history and lore of this area and the California Trail.

This trip is open to members and guests of all the Federations. Everyone who agrees to adhere to the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies Code of Ethics, abide by the direction of the field trip leaders, and practice safe rockhounding is welcome to attend.

Please notify me or one of the other Federation leaders if you plan to attend, and no later than May 16th, if you plan

to attend; e-mail (or call) if you have questions or need more information. Don't wait – do it now. This will be a great opportunity for rockhounds from all over the west (and all of the Federations of the AFMS) to meet one another, to share stories, and information about collecting in their home areas. Be sure to bring material from your favorite collecting sites to show and share.

Come join us for a great Tri-Federation Rendezvous of collecting, fun and fellowship.

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Where can I advertise my clubs show at no cost?

How about:

Rocks and Minerals magazine, their website is at www.rocksandminerals.org. You can send your show information to them at rocksandminerals@fuse.net.

Rock & Gem magazine, their website is at www.rockngem.com/showdates.asp. You can send your show information to them at editor@rockngem.com or fill out the electronic form on their website or snail mail to: Rock & Gem Show Dates 290 Maple Ct Ste 232 Ventura CA 93003. Rock & Gem maintains a listing of clubs that your club can be included at no charge! Send this information to the same address.

And of course don't forget www.rmfmts.org. The Rocky Mountain Federation has a listing of its entire member clubs with links to their website, if available. And you can submit your show information for publication in both the newsletter wgms2001@yahoo.com and the website.

Idea for this article came from **Carolyn Weinberger**, Editor American Federation Newsletter.

We're head'en to "AGATE RENDEZVOUS 2008"

The "Chaparral Rockhounds" of Roswell, NM, would like to cordially invite all Rockhounds of all ages to "AGATE RENDEZVOUS 2008", our annual ten-day, nine-night fieldtrip campout through the Labor Day weekend held at Apache Creek, New Mexico, from August 23RD to September 1ST, 2008. This is an "Inter-Federation Campout & Fieldtrip Event" for the whole family with the Rocky Mountain, California and the South Central Federations (and all other Federation who wish to attend).

We have very adventurous and interesting fieldtrips every day from 50 to 200 miles roundtrip from our base camp. Each day we leave at 8:30 AM with a picnic lunch to different areas in the region to collect a very wide variety of rocks, minerals and/or crystals that can include: agate, banded agate, blood stone, chalcedony, crystalline, flat band agate, geodes, golden luna agate, hematite, jasper, lava's, luna blue agate, obsidian, plume agate, quartz crystals, red luna agate, snowflake agate and thunder eggs just to name only a few. A couple of our fieldtrips might be into the eastern portion Arizona along the state line. Several of the areas that we travel into, one will need a high-clearance or 4WD type vehicle. If you do not have this type of vehicle, don't worry, someone would be happy to carpool with a little "\$\$\$\$" help for gas.

The very small town of Apache Creek is located in the central-western part of the state about 117 miles west of Socorro, NM, on NM-12 southwest of the small town of Datil, NM. Apache Creek campground, used as our base camp, was once a CCC Camp back in the 1930's. It is a beautiful and tranquil camping area with tall majestic pine trees towering over the entire camp area for plenty of cool shade during the warm days of August. The area is large and spacious enough for the largest of RV's to the smallest of pup tents and everything in between. Being a rustic camp area, there are no facilities, water or electricity, just one coed chemical toilet, so you must come prepared. There is no cost or camping fees at Apache Creek campground. The town of Apache Creek has one main structure in town, a small country store where one can buy the "very basics" and is where we get our spring water and take showers. The small town of Reserve is eleven miles to the southwest and has a grocery store, bank/ATM, garage/gas station and a small motel for anyone who does not want to campout. The majority of the time, Mother Nature cooperates. The weather in August has warm days in the upper 70's to 80's and cool nights in the 50's with some possible 40's and even 30's. Occasionally, late

summer thundershowers may wonder through the area to put a damper on things, so come prepared for the unexpected. The elevation of our base camp is about 6400 feet with day outings that can be up to 8500 to 9000 feet.

Every afternoon about 4:30 or 5:00 PM after a day of collecting, most of the rockhounds get together and have a happy hour to socialize and talk about the day's findings. Then everyone has supper on their own around 6:00 PM. Afterwards, we sit around the campfire and tell TALL stories of old mining, prospecting and Rockhounding glory days. The nighttime skies at Apache Creek are breathtaking. With no light pollution, one can see millions of stars. So, if you have a good pair of binoculars or a telescope, be sure to bring them too for some spectacular stargazing. On both Saturday afternoons after returning from our outing, we all get together for our traditional "Apache Creek Group Photo" at 5:30 PM. Afterwards, we all get ready for our traditional potluck supper at 6:00 PM. Everyone makes their favorite camp dish and we share them while telling more stories around the campfire. On each Sunday morning at 8:00 AM, we will have a Rollin' Rock Club meeting if we have enough folks interested.

Rockhounds that show up can camp-out anywhere from a couple of nights to the entire campout. Some just come for the last weekend to visit and see old friends. Some Rockhounds camp out for over two weeks. Everyone that comes always has a great time with all the camaraderie and collecting, and everyone ALWAYS goes home several pounds heavier. Each year, it only gets better. We really hope that your club members can join us this year to make some new friends and really have some good old "Rockhounding Fun and Adventure." For the last 10 years, we have averaged about 40 Rockhounds that have attended the campout from at least half a dozen states. Just the right size for a Rockhound get together. And folks, if you have any good unique swapping/trading material from your area, be sure to bring it. And in addition, if you have a CB Radio, be sure to bring it along. We use CB Channel 7 on all our fieldtrips. When you arrive at the campground, just look for the "White Framed Canopy", that's our HQ.

Saturday and Sunday on the last weekend are open days. For those not interested in going out rock collecting, there are several other things to see and do in the area:

New Mexico Bureau of Mines Mineral Museum is located in Socorro, NM on the campus of the New Mexico Bureau of Mines. The museum is one of the "Top Five Mineral Museums" in all of North America and well worth the trip.

Very Large Array (VLA) Radio Astronomy Telescope is where the movie "Contact" with Jodie Foster was filmed. If you are interested in Astronomy, you defiantly want to check this place out. They have a very interesting, informative and education Visitors Center.

Apache Creek South Mesa has some unique 600-year-old Petroglyphs located on the south side of the mesa. The site is only a two-mile roundtrip hike from the campground.

Catron County Fair in Reserve, NM is the place to be on the first weekend of the campout. On 25 August, the town will be having their County Fair with a Livestock Show, Arts & Crafts and a Rodeo.

Catron County Rock Show during the Labor Day weekend will be at the Reserve Fair Grounds. The local rock club will be having their Rock Show with an Open-Tailgate Rock Swap on Saturday. Bring your Rocks to buy, sale or trade.

Mogollon, NM is an old historic and famous ghost town in the Mogollon Mountains, Gila National Forest. There are Antique Shops, a very interesting Mining Museum, the "Mogollon Rock Shop", the Old Theater and have lunch in the Old Town Café.

The Catwalk is a very beautiful, tranquil and scenic canyon for hiking. Therefore, if you love hiking, the Catwalk is for you. In addition, there are numerous places to go hiking throughout the Gila and Apache National Forests.

Silver City Gem and Mineral Show in Silver City, NM. The local club will be having their 24th annual 3-day show during the Labor Day weekend. It is only a two-hour drive south and the very beautiful and scenic landscape will make the trip a memorable one.

Lodging: For those folks who do not wish to camp out, or need electricity and water for their RV, there are the following alternatives. Be sure to make any reservations as early as possible due to Bow Hunting season for Elk, which starts on Monday the 1st. The rooms and RV spaces fill up fast.

The Bunk House Bed & Breakfast in Apache Creek is 505-533-6949.

Apache Creek RV located in nearby Cruzville is 505-533-6166. They have a Dump Station, Laundry, Propane & Showers.

Rode Inn Motel on Main Street in Reserve is 505-533-6661. They have Cable TV, Direct Dial Phones, Queen Beds and a Laundromat.

Dining: For those folks who wish to have a change of diet from camp food, there are the following alternatives.

BBQ Restaurant in Reserve

Ella's Café in Reserve

Little Adobe Café in Rancho Grande

The host for AGATE RENDEZVOUS is the Chaparral Rockhounds and is co-sponsored by the Rocky Mountain Rockhounds. If you are planning on coming to AGATE RENDEZVOUS, please try to RSVP NLT the 20th of August. For any additional information about the Rendezvous, please contact Yonis Lone Eagle, RMFMS Vice President & New Mexico/Texas State Director at 505-860-2455 or via e-mail at: rockymountainrockhounds@yahoo.com. All rockhounds that attend will abide by the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies "Code of Conduct".



Agate Rendezvous 2008

Schedule of Fieldtrip Events

Depending on the number of rockhounds that show up, I might have to spit up the fieldtrips to two different ones a day. There would be two different sign-up sheets each evening.

Fri. the 22nd: Arrive and set up camp and sign-in.

Sat. the 23rd: Green and purple Fluorite near Gila, NM. Rock shop in Glenwood, NM. (New location) Pot-luck supper at 6pm back at camp.

Sun. the 24th: Agate, purple Bloodstone, Jasper and Petrified Wood near Red Hill, NM. (Old location)

Mon. the 25th: Golden Luna and White Banded Agate north of Luna, NM. (Old & new locations) Group supper at the Little Adobe Café in Rancho Grande at 5pm.

Tue. the 26th: Luna Blue Agate near Luna, NM. (Old & new locations)

Wed. the 27th: Multi-colored, flat-banded & snowflake Agate and Crystals near Turkey Park. (Old & new locations)

Thr. the 28th: Red Agate, Obsidian nuggets and Petrified Wood. Group supper at the BBQ Café in Reserve.

Fri. the 29th: Mogollon Ghost Town and Obsidian.

Sat. the 30th: Open day, Open Tail-Gate Rock Swap at the Catron County Fair grounds in support of the local Rock Show. Pot-luck supper at 6pm back at camp.

Sun the 31st: Open day, collect where you want or do what you want. Group supper at Ella's Café in Reserve at 5pm.

Mon. the 1st: Pack up camp and head for home.

SHOWS & MORE

REGIONAL FEDERATION SHOWS & CONVENTIONS

Southeast Federation Convention & Show

Hosts:
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Eastern Federation Convention & Show

Hosts:
Jackson Mississippi
February 23 - 24, 2008

Northwest Federation Annual Convention & Show

Hosts: Stallknecht-Morgan Museum G&MS
Ontario Oregon
June 20 - 22, 2008

Midwest Federation Annual Convention & Show

Hosts:
Lincoln Nebraska
June 20 - 22, 2008

California Federation Annual Convention & Show

Hosts: California Federation
Ventura California
June 27 - 29, 2008

South Central Federation Convention & Show

Hosts: Houston G&M Society
Humble Texas
September 25 - 28, 2008

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Rocky Mountain Federation Annual Convention & Show

Hosts: Tulsa Rockhounds
Tulsa Oklahoma
October 31 - November 2, 2008

CLUB & SOCIETY SHOWS/SWAPS

February 22 - 24, 2008, Golden, CO

Denver Gem & Mineral Club, Jewelry, Gem & Mineral Show, Jefferson County Fairgrounds, 15200 W. 6th Ave., Golden, CO 80401, Contact: Roger Bennett at 303-986-9056 or bighorn18@comcast.net

March 14 - 16, 2008, Albuquerque, NM

Treasures of the Earth (TotE) ABQ Gem and Mineral Club's, 39th annual show. In the School Arts/Flower bldg at the Fairgrounds. Enter from San Pedro about two blocks north of Central. This year's theme mineral is Quartz. Contact info - Show Chairman Paul Hlava 505-255-5478. www.agmc.info

March 21 - 23, 2008, Cottonwood, AZ

Mingus Gem & Mineral Club presents: Verde Valley Gem & Mineral Show, Mingus Union High School 1801 E Fir St. Contact Doug Evenson 928-634-0459 dougevenson@verdecomm.net , Mike Ramsey 928-592-

0666 ramsey6264@yahoo.com , Free Parking, Admission Fri-\$1, Sat \$3, Sun \$3, 3 day pass \$5

March 28 - 30, 2008, Fort Collins, CO

Fort Collins Rockhounds 47th Annual Gem and Mineral Show. Theme: Minerals of the American West . Lincoln Center, 419 W. Magnolia St., Fort Collins, CO 80521. Hours: Friday, March 28, 4-8 p.m.; Saturday, March 29, 9 a.m.- 6 p.m.; Sunday, March 30, 10 a.m.- 5:00 p.m. Fort Collins Rockhounds, P.O. Box 482, Fort Collins, CO 80522 Web: www.fortcollinsrockhounds.org Dealer information: 970-221-0338. Show chairman: 970-493-6168, email showchairman@fortcollinsrockhounds.org

March 28 - 30, 2008, Ada, OK

Ada Gem, Mineral & Fossil Club Show. Special Kids' Event "Gem Dig" Rock, Mineral & Fossil Dealers, Silent Auction, and Raffle. Location: Main Building #1 (Western side of Pontotoc County Agri-plex) at the NE Corner of the intersection of State Highway 99 (US 377) and Richardson Bypass (SHwy 1 & 3E). Fri: 10-7, Sat: 9-5, Sun 10-5. Public Auction 7pm Saturday. For more information: Ed Vermillion, Show Chairperson, PO Box 782 Purcell OK 73080, 405-527-6431, okieed42@classicnet.net.

April 25-27, 2008, Wichita, KS

55th Annual Wichita Gem & Mineral Society, Nature's Wonders - Dazzling Gemstone, Cessna Activity Center, 2744 George Washington Blvd. For more information: www.wgmsks.org Show chairman: Gene Maggard show@wgmsks.org

May 2 - 4, 2008, McPherson, KS

16th annual Rock Sale & Swap, sponsored by the McPherson Gem & Mineral Club. Located at 4-H Fairgrounds, Woodside and Hickory. Contact Jim Nutter 620-241-2433 or Marvin Lundquist 620-241-7003.

May 16 - 17, Elinwood, KS

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