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## Change of Dates for the 2008 RMFMS Convention & Show

*Richard Jaeger, Show Chairman*

Because of construction projects and other changes at the Tulsa County Fairgrounds it is necessary to change the dates of the 2008 RMFMS Show. The new dates are November 7, 8, & 9 with the set up day being November 6, 2008. The show will still be on the Fairgrounds but will be in the Central Park Hall Building which is to be completed in February of 2008. We are still looking in to what to do about a headquarters hotel and banquet facilities. If you have any questions please contact me at 918-481-0249 or <rjgrsci@aol.com>



## Treasurers Report

*by Gene Maggard*

**DUES-DUES-DUES** – Reminder notices for annual reports, dues and club insurance went to all clubs not reporting by December 15, 2007. If your club or organization wants your information in the RMFMS 2007-08 directory, you must get your report in, immediately.

**2007-08 Budget** – The 2007-08 fiscal year budget has been set. Executive Committee members, you should have received either an email or USPS mail budget for your review and approval. Any other RMFMS member is welcome to look at the budget by emailing me and requesting a copy. The budget is not for distribution to the general public.

## NEW IRS REPORTING REQUIREMENT FOR NONPROFITS -

The IRS is implementing new regulations for annual reporting by small nonprofits. This applies to your organization if you are a nonprofit having less than \$25,000 income. All nonprofits having less than \$25,000 annual income must report to the IRS annually using a Form 990-N E-Postcard electronic notice, effective for fiscal years starting after December 31, 2006. There is no provision in these new regulations for paper reporting. If you do not report, you can have your nonprofit status revoked.

Naturally, the IRS doesn't actually have the reporting system set up quite yet. You can read all about it by going to the IRS website, IRS.GOV. Then click on the "Charities and Nonprofits" tab. Then click on the E-Postcard 990-N target and you can read for yourself about the requirement. Hopefully, the IRS will also include the form and instructions, prior to the time that you actually are required to report.

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*Did you know?  
January is  
National  
Hobby  
Month!*

## *Thank you,*

*Stan Nowak  
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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 February is January 1.

## President's Message

*By Stan Nowak*

Happy New Year! We made it through another year. I would like to congratulate Richard and his administration for a very successful past two years. May all RMFMS members have a joyous and prosperous New Year.

Even though this is early, everyone needs to start planning on attending this year's Federation Show in Tulsa. It will be a very good show in a new facility at the old location of the fairgrounds in Tulsa. We would like to have at least 20 competitive cases as we did at Enid. This is currently the last Federation Show scheduled. Volunteer clubs are needed for future shows and I personally would like a club or clubs combined from Arizona to host a near future show as a good excuse for me to go back to Arizona for a visit. Hope to see you in Tulsa.

We presently have at least one nominee for our scholarship program, but would like more to have in our pot to pull from in the future. I am sure there are many honorees who know of deserving students that they can honor with a scholarship in our field.



## 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](mailto: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.

### REMEMBER TO ENTER THE BULLETIN EDITORS CONTEST...

You should now have received contest materials in the mail. If you have not received materials, please let me know by email, phone or US mail. Entries are due back to me by January 15, 2008. You should also be able to download the rules and entry forms from the RMFMS website, < [www.rmfm.org](http://www.rmfm.org) >.

### NEW YEAR – NEW EDITOR?

Are you a new editor? Wonder how to make your bulletin attractive, interesting, and fit your members needs? Where to get articles and clip art?

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To join, contact **Robert Hughes** (Treasurer) at [bjhughes@ellijay.com](mailto:bjhughes@ellijay.com) or 1-706-635-8249. Dues are still \$6.00 (single) or \$8.00 (couple). (membership form on page 3.)

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Yearly Dues for ALL members are \$6 single and \$8 couple payable in USA FUNDS

One copy of the annual SCRIBE CD is included with your membership. Check here and include an extra \$2 if you want an additional copy of the current SCRIBE CD full of articles, clipart, newsletters and more mailed to you.

Dues must accompany membership application for new members. Renewals also go to the Treasurer.

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**2008 AFMS and RMFMS  
PROGRAM COMPETITION  
RMFMS Deadline March 15, 2008  
AFMS Deadline April 15, 2008**

The purpose of this Competition is to Recognize and Reward authors of presentations about the Earth Sciences and to make winning programs available to affiliated Clubs across the country. Slide, video or digital presentations relating to the Earth Sciences are eligible. Submit entries in one of the four amateur classes or **“EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION”** for **“commercial”** presentations.

- \* Each program is judged on its own merits.
- \* Entrants in amateur categories will receive a composite score sheet with comments / score.
- \* Judging Form and “Tips for Good Programs” are available from AFMS Coordinator or your Regional Program Library.

**WHO MAY ENTER**

(RMFMS club members should submit programs to RMFMS)

Any Club, Society, or members thereof, with 2008 dues paid to a Federation affiliated with AFMS may enter. (Does not apply to “Excellence in Education” entries)

DEADLINE for AFMS entry: April 15, 2008

**CLASSES FOR ENTRIES**

Class 1 -Educational - about geology, minerals, gems, fossils, etc.

Class 2 -Field Collecting - showing site(s), specimens, with some geology, collecting methods and other aspects of interest.

Class 3 -”How To Do It” - techniques/equipment for fossil prep., jewelry, metal work, carving, faceting, other lapidary, etc.

Class 4 -”Just for Juniors” - any of the above for youngsters.

“Excellence in Education” entries are judged separately.

**JUDGING (Judges look for:)**

- accuracy of information / educational value
- quality of photographs / visuals
- completeness of story
- narration that reads/moves well, one slide/view to the next
- presentations that explore an area of interest or demonstrate ideas/techniques which viewers may try

- title, credits and “The End” slides
- phonetic spelling of unfamiliar words in script example: Sault Ste. Marie (SUE saint marie)

**For VHS VIDEOS, CD or DVD entries**

- submit a copy.
- may be ‘live action’ or static slides with narration.

**For SLIDE PRESENTATIONS**

- must be 35mm, in standard mounts.
- must be relatively new originals on Kodak compatible film, otherwise good copies may be impossible.

**FOR EXCEPTIONS - contact Coordinator**

- must be spotted for projection, preferably with a red dot in lower left corner and coded with entrant’s initials.
- must be numbered to match script.
- a script (written narration indicating when each slide is to be projected) preferably typed, ready for duplication. (sample formats available upon request from Marge Collins) Script on a “floppy” or CD is very helpful but not required.

**AFMS AWARDS**

A \$200 cash prize for the highest scoring program (with 95+ points) \$100 if score is 94 - 90 points, in each Class 1 - 4. In addition, Winners receive national recognition.

A copy of each winning program is given to each Regional Program Library; thus winning programs are available to Clubs across the country.

Winners will be announced at the AFMS Awards Banquet at Humble, TX; September 26, 2008.

**RMFMS AWARDS**

\$100.00 to first place program, \$50.00 to second place program. Regardless of category.

**PROGRAM LENGTH**

- Adult programs – 30 - 40 minutes is optimum
- Juniors - 20 minutes suggested maximum
- Suggested maximum slides - 138 (+ 2 Award Slides = 140)

**REPRODUCTION / DUPLICATION**

By entering, all winners grant permission for AFMS or RMFMS to duplicate their entry for the Regional Libraries. Winning slides will be duplicated by a professional service then returned to producer. Arrangements will be made regarding video / CD-ROM duplicates. Non-winners will be returned after AFMS Convention. AFMS and RMFMS will take reasonable precautions to protect

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program while it is in our hands. RMFMS will automatically send programs to AFMS competition,

**HOW TO ENTER**

Fill out entry forms (or copy) and ship with carefully packed program to RMFMS address below.

**DIRECT QUESTIONS AND ENTRIES TO:**

RMFMS Program Competition Coordinator,  
**Nancy Hicks**, 10022 E 135th St N, Collinsville, OK 74021

AFMS Program Competition Coordinator,  
**Marge Collins**, 3017 Niles-Buchanan Rd., Buchanan MI 49107 phone: (269) 695-4313, email: margaret@qtm.net

**New programs for the Program Library**

**2 DVDs**

**419 - Butte - A Mile High and a Mile Deep.** The story of the "Richest Hill on Earth". Open pit copper mining in Butte, Montana. Purchased from Montana Mineral Museum.

**420 - The Flat Lap** by Jim Barzee and Jim Kelly. How to flat lap and solve problems.

**One CD**

**610 - Scanning-Electron Micrographs of Sapphires from Alluvial Deposits in Southwestern Montana.** A research paper and photographs comparing the differences in surface textures from different locations. 2004. Purchased from Montana Bureau of Mines. Interesting for a study group.

**RMFMS 2008 Entry Form (Complete both forms)**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Club \_\_\_\_\_

Program Name \_\_\_\_\_

**2008 AFMS ENTRY FORM**

I/we submit " \_\_\_\_\_ "

(title)

in [circle one]      Class1      Class 2      Class 3      Class 4

OR

**"EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION" (for programs produced "for sale" )**

Producer(s) (names) \_\_\_\_\_

Club \_\_\_\_\_

Office \_\_\_\_\_ Federation \_\_\_\_\_

[if Club entry]

\_\_\_\_\_ [street address]

\_\_\_\_\_ [city] [state] [zip]

Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

IS THIS PROGRAM FOR SALE? No \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ Cost: \_\_\_\_\_

# SHOWS & MORE

## REGIONAL FEDERATION SHOWS & CONVENTIONS

### 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

### Rocky Mountain Federation Annual Convention & Show

Hosts: Tulsa Rockhounds  
Tulsa Oklahoma  
November 7 - 9, 2008

### Southeast Federation Convention & Show

Hosts:

## CLUB & SOCIETY SHOWS/SWAPS

### January 18 - 20, 2008, Globe, AZ

51<sup>st</sup> Annual Gila County Gem & Mineral Show, Gila County Fairgrounds 3 miles North of Junction US60 & US70. Contact Andy Clark 928-473-3042.

### 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](mailto: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. Fri. & Sat. - 10 AM - 6 PM, Sun. 10 AM - 5 PM. This year's theme mineral is Quartz. Contact info - Show Chairman Paul Hlava 505-255-5478. [www.agmc.info](http://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](mailto:dougevenson@verdecomm.net), Mike Ramsey 928-592-0666 [ramsey6264@yahoo.com](mailto: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](http://www.fortcollinsrockhounds.org) Dealer information: 970-221-0338. Show chairman: 970-493-6168, email [showchairman@fortcollinsrockhounds.org](mailto:showchairman@fortcollinsrockhounds.org)

### April 25-27, 2008, Wichita, KS

55<sup>th</sup> Annual Wichita Gem & Mineral Society, Nature's Wonders - Dazzling Gemstone, Cessna Activity Center, 2744 George Washington Blvd. For more information: [www.wgmsks.org](http://www.wgmsks.org) Show chairman: Gene Maggard [show@wgmsks.org](mailto:show@wgmsks.org)

### May 2 - 4, 2008, McPherson, KS

16<sup>th</sup> 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

35<sup>th</sup> Annual Rock Swap, hosted by the Elinwood Chamber of Commerce, Buy - Sell- Trade, Bring your own table, free camping, electrical hook-up \$5.00 per day. Located at the City Park, Northwest corner of Elinwood. For more information call 620-564-3300.

REMEMBER - to insure that your RMFMS member club sponsored event is listed here, the responsible person should send a written notice to the RMFMS Editor: Sandy Riekeman, 220 W Harry St, Wichita KS 67213-5135 or e-mail at: [wgms2001@yahoo.com](mailto:wgms2001@yahoo.com). Include the following information: Show dates and times, Sponsor (Club), Show Location, Contact Name, phone number and e-mail, and Club Web Site. You may include other information about your show if you wish, but this information will only be printed if space permits. ALL RMFMS CLUBS ARE ALSO ENCOURAGED TO REGISTER THEIR EVENT LISTINGS ON THE RMFMS WEBSITE AT: <[www.rmfm.org](http://www.rmfm.org)> e-mail your submissions to the webmaster.

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