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## Treasurer's Corner

by Gene Maggard

# DUES DUES DUES

Yes, it is that time, again. Dues from each club/society are due by December 15. December 15 is the magic date because we need to get your club report that accompanies the dues payment by that date in order to include your club information in the RMFMS 2008 Directory. If you are having officer elections in January, as some clubs do, please call or email me and we will see what we can do to get your new officer information in the directory.

Dues notices and forms will be sent to each club by email in mid-October where there is an email address available. Notices to other clubs will be by US mail. If you receive the dues notice but are no longer the treasurer or other officer, please forward it to your treasurer as requested in the notice. As explained on the form, we are requesting that you send in the annual reports using email if possible. Otherwise, use USPS. Just follow the directions on the form.

If your club does not receive the dues notice either by email or USPS, please contact me ASAP at 316-742-3746 or <[gandpmaggard@wildblue.net](mailto:gandpmaggard@wildblue.net)> so that we can arrange to get your club information to me by the December 15 deadline. You can also access the dues form on the RMF website.

Dues from each club are determined by multiplying \$1.50 times each dues paying member age 12 or older in your club as of October 31, 2007. Clubs having family memberships should count each family member age 12 or older. Clubs wishing to be covered by the RMFMS arranged liability insurance should include payment of \$3 for each family/household in the club. This insurance is for club general liability coverage. Show, meeting place and field trip insurance can be purchased for an additional premium where you need to name an additional second party to the policy. The premium is normally \$50 and you need to use the special form and send it to our insurance chairman, **Arlene Burkhalter**, not me.

Please feel free to contact me at the above addresses if you have any questions.

## *In Sympathy*



**Norma Beers**, 86, RMFMS Public Relations Chair, died August 18, 2007. **Norma** was a member of the Torrington Wyoming club, and lived in Lingle Wyoming. She has long been active in the RMFMS and in Wyoming rockhounding.

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**Linda Jaeger**  
**Gene Maggard**  
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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 November is October 1.

## President's Message

*By Richard Jaeger*

I am sorry to have to report that **Norma Beers** passed away recently. **Norma** was a member of the Torrington, Wyoming club and has long been active in Wyoming and RMF rockhounding activities. Most recently **Norma** was our Public Relations Chair and as usual did an excellent job.

I am nearing the end of my two years as President of the Rocky Mountain Federation and will be passing on the President's Hat to **Stan Nowak** at their show in Enid, OK the last weekend of September although he doesn't officially take over until November 1st. It will be nice to be a member of the Past President's Committee on the Hat next year. I have enjoyed my time as president but more on that next month.

**Gene Maggard**, treasurer, will soon begin to prepare a budget for the 2007-2008 year. All committee chairs who expect to incur expenses next year for which they wish to be reimbursed need to give **Gene** an estimate of those expenses. He can make pretty good estimates based on past budgets but there may be areas that have been overlooked.

By now the summer period is over and the weather a little more pleasant for fieldtrips. This also begins a busy fall season for shows and swaps in parts of our federation. Hopefully all of you will be able to participate.

## AFMS Club Rockhound of the Year Award for 2007

**Wes Ault** is the Gates Rock & Mineral Clubs 2007 nominee for Rockhound of the Year. His contributions to our club and community for over 47 years include Officer Positions from President, Trustee & Field Trip Chair to community volunteer activities with Webelos Scouts and school classrooms. He is a Master Lapidist, having taught many in and out of our Club to cut. **Wes** is the field tripper extraordinaire with an encyclopedic knowledge of locations, although distance can be problematic. He once said we were going a couple of miles, but it was 26, leading to our Club's expression of a "Wes Ault Mile." He never seeks credit for his many contributions, but he just gets it done. If you need help, with anything, he'll be the first there, and then be indefatigable. Shows from the Denver area, Roswell, and Quartzite have all benefited from his labor. A diamond in the rough? No, he is a true gem.

Submitted by: **Lynn Peterson, President**



## Program Competition

*By Nancy Hicks*

Program Competition deadline is always March 15. Please share your information with others by making a program. Slides, Videos, CDs, or DVDs. One was entered from RMFMS this year, and returned with suggestions for improvement. You can send your draft for suggestions well before the deadline, if you would like help. Or look at several of the programs already in the library to see what you can do. There are topics not covered, or old programs about your state may need to be updated.

Craft categories are being enlarged and need to be demonstrated. Intarsia for one is a relatively new category.

Wire weaving is a brand new category with no programs about how to do it. (A search on the web did not bring up weaving with wire). We saw some at a craft show in Wyoming.

What other ideas are new?



## QUICK TIPS for EDITORS

By Linda Jaeger  
RMFMS Club Publications Chair

(reprinted from RMFMS Newsletter 8/06)

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. 88<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Contest Time is Coming – What Are Judges Looking for in Bulletins?

Whatever the size of your bulletin it should fit the needs of your club. However, there are some things that apply to all bulletins, no matter the audience.

**Appearance:** Is it neat and readable? Have you included some illustrations? Will a club member be enticed to pick it up and read it? Is the name of your bulletin, issue date and page number on each page? Bulletins do not have to be done on a computer!

**Club Information:** Have you included your club name, purpose, list of officers, contact information, meeting time and place? Is the return address on the outside cover?

**Reports:** President's message? What is the program for the next meeting? How was the last month's program? What field trips are coming up? Are there any classes meeting? Minutes or a summary of the minutes of the last meeting should be included. Treasurer's report? If your club has restricted what you can put in your bulletin, just include a note explaining what they voted to restrict when you send in your entry.

**Articles:** Member written articles should be in each issue. So judges know an article was written by a club member, include an identifier with the author's name. For example: The Trouble with Fossils by Virgil Richards, Club Member. You can also follow the author's name with the acronym for your club (by Virgil Richards, TRMS).

When you use an exchange article be sure to include the author's name, the original source, the bulletin from which you have reprinted the article, and dates for both. An example: "The Trouble with Fossils" by Virgil Richards, TRMS. (From *T-Town Rockhound*,

8/05 via *RMFMS Newsletter*, 10/05). Notice **the original source is the "from" and has the earliest date. The "via" is the bulletin you actually saw the article in and has the latest date.**

**Content:** If your club is not a single specific study area in the earth sciences (i.e.: paleontology, minerals, faceting, etc.) try to include as wide a variety of subject areas as you can each month. Fossils, minerals, lapidary, club history, safety, member news, poetry, pending legislation that affects rockhounding, kids activities, coming events, websites of interest, and hints & tips are the usual suspects.

**Federation News:** Every issue should include RMFMS news and AFMS news. What counts? You can reprint an entire article from each or you can have another club member read the most recent newsletter of each and write a summary of the high points.

**Spelling and Grammar:** Using a computer? Use the spell check and grammar options that come with your word processing software. Then have someone else proofread for you! Computers cannot catch the type of misspellings where you mean "led" instead of "lead." Not using a computer? Ask someone else to proofread for you! After reading your own typing for long periods of time you simply cannot catch all typos.

Look for contest materials in your US mail and on the RMFMS website by the first week of December. [www.rmfmts.org](http://www.rmfmts.org)

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### Brief Library Report

By Nancy Hicks

In 2005, 27 clubs ordered programs, 66 total programs were sent. In 2006, 24 clubs ordered programs, 102 programs were sent they were; 20 slide programs, 75 videos, 2 CDs and 5 DVDs.

We will continue looking for new programs in all 4 media.

Contrary to rumors, we are going to have slide programs and videos forever.

# SHOWS & MORE

## REGIONAL FEDERATION SHOWS & CONVENTIONS

**Eastern Federation Convention & Show**  
Hosts: Wayne County Gem & Mineral Society  
Newark New York  
October 6 - 7, 2007

**Southeast Federation Convention & Show**  
Hosts: Mississippi Gulf Coast Gem & Mineral Society  
Pascagoula Mississippi  
November 9 - 11, 2007

## CLUB & SOCIETY SHOWS/SWAPS

### September 1 - 3, 2007, Silver City, NM

24th annual show; Rolling Stones Gem & Mineral Society; Recreation Center, 11th St. and Gold St.; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-5, Mon. 10-4; free admission; field trips, exhibits, more than 40 vendors, silent auctions, live demonstrations; contact Judy Allen, 16 McKinley St., Silver City, NM 88061, (505) 388-4054; e-mail: Show@stockmanfamily.net.

### September 22 - 23, 2007, Schuyler, NE

Loup Valley Gem, Beading, Crystal and Fossil Show; Loup Valley Gem & Mineral Club; St. Mary's Social Hall.; 305 W. 11th St Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-5; adults \$1, children free with parent; flint knapping, wire wrapping demonstrations, Nebraska fossil preparation, sphere making, archaeological displays, gem polishing, silent auctions, field trip Sun., special wood and agate displays; contact Ben Vrana, 705 C St., Schuyler, NE 68661, 402-352-5531; e-mail: bbv5531@intergate.com

### September 28 - 30, 2007, Enid, OK

Enid Gem & Mineral Society; Hoover Bldg., Garfield County Fair Grounds, Enid, OK, 111 W. Purdue; Fri. 9-6, Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-5; adults \$1; contact Billy E. Wood, 1705 S. Johnson, Enid, OK 73703, (580) 234-5354; e-mail: baronladislaus@suddenlink.net

### September 28 - 30, 2007, Tooele, UT

Tooele Gem & Mineral Show, Tooele County Fair Complex, 400 West 400 North.

### October 2 - 7, 2007 Idabel, OK

McCurtain Gem and Mineral Club annual show and sale (run during week for school field trips and other visitors). County Fairgrounds, 9th St. Contact: Cephis Hall, 580 494 6612, email: rperkins8236@sbcglobal.net



### October 13 - 14, 2007, Sierra Vista, AZ

Huachuca Gem, Mineral & Jewelry Show at the Elks Lodge on Wilcox Avenue; Free admission and parking; live demonstrations, educational displays, rocks, jewelry, gems, minerals, fossils, equipment, lapidary supplies & more! Contact Show Chairman Bill at 520-803-6590 or via email: billjaeger@hotmail.com

### October 13 - 14, 2007, Payson, AZ

Payson Rimstones Rock Club show at Tonto Apache Reservation Recreation Center - Highway 87 (mile marker 251) by the Mazatzal Casino. Show Chairman, Jo McKenzie 928-474-4452, e-mail: rocks2007@earthlink.net

### October 26 - 28, 2007, Salt Lake City, UT

The Wasatch Gem Society annual show at the Utah State Fairpark, Zion's Building. Contact Paul Cooper, 10821 Melissa Kaye Dr., Sandy, UT 84070, 801-501-0559, e-mail ppwcooper@msn.com.

### October 27 - 28, 2007, Sedona, AZ

The Sedona Gem and Mineral Club 6th annual Gem and Mineral Show at the Sedona Red Rock High School at Hwy 89A and Upper Red Rock Loop Road in West Sedona. For more information, contact Pat McMahan 928-634-2404, e-mail: agates920@yahoo.com or Linda Yee 928-203-9476 e-mail: LindaFYee@hotmail.com , or visit the Club website: www.sedonagemandmineral.org

### November 3 - 4, 2007, Oklahoma City, OK

The Oklahoma Mineral & Gem Society show will be at the Oklahoma Fair Park, northeast of the I-40 & I-44 intersection, at the 10th St. East exit off of I-44, in the Modern Living Building.

### 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.



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.rmfmts.org](http://www.rmfmts.org)> e-mail your submissions to the webmaster.

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