

# ROCKY MOUNTAIN FEDERATION NEWS

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ties is a non-profit edu-  
cational organization.*

## NEW RMFMS YEAR BEGINS ON NOVEMBER 1ST BY RICHARD JAEGER PRESIDENT ELECT - RMFMS

The fiscal year of the Rocky Mountain Federation of Mineralogical Societies runs from November 1st through October 31st; thus a new year will soon begin.

New officers assuming positions on the Executive Committee will be:

- Richard Jaeger – President
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- DeLane Cox – Past President

This is an excellent group of officers who will provide positive leadership for our Federation.

I want to thank those who are leaving office; we appreciate the sincere service they have given the RMFMS. Diane Weir who served as President, Finis Riggs who served as Vice President, Beth Simmons who served as Colorado State Director, Lyle Koerper who served as Kansas State Director, and Bill Smith, Past President I also wish to thank Ray Oliger who

served for many years as the North Dakota State Director and, due to health reasons, was replaced by his brother Russ Oliger earlier this year. Of course Diane Weir, Beth Simmons and Bill Smith will remain on the Executive Committee in different positions.

In addition to the individuals listed above are the many Committee Chairs who serve in important roles in the RMFMS. I am in the process of filling some 23 openings in those positions. At this writing, I have been able to fill 15 or those positions and have people considering several of the others. Check the list of Officers and Committee Chairs in the upcoming November issue of the RMFMS Newsletter for these changes and additions.

Let's look forward to sa successful year in the Rocky Mountain Federation and a excellent Show & Convention in Wichita, Kansas this coming April. Best wishes to all of you as your pursue our rockhounding hobby.

~ Richard



# MUSEUM DONATING - THE GIFT WITH MULTIPLE RETURNS

## BY ALICE LABONTE - RMFMS EDITOR

*... you're helping shape knowledge of many generations who may not otherwise have access to your collections.*

Have you or your club been approached by a museum or educational institution to make a specimen donation? Recently my husband and I have made several mineral and rock donations and I felt compelled to share my thoughts and feelings on making donations.

I'm sure many of you have given rocks, minerals and lapidary pieces to individuals and organizations as a donation, but donating specimens to a museum is a bit different.

Donating specimens or even a collection as a rock club is indeed rewarding and gives a legacy to the club. However donating specimens as an individual becomes personal and even more rewarding.

Newer museums seem to be most approachable for donations. They are trying to build their collections and have limited access to specimens and donor connections - let alone limited funding.

I found that rock and gem museum boards usually know whom they want to contact when they're building their collections. They already know what group or individual has the specimens they need to build specific collections and learn that directly contacting people for making donations is the most effective way to building a museum's collection.

When a museum does a broad call out for collections, it's usually because they need specimens which they don't have a direct connection to. For example, if a geology museum based on the east coast was building a southwest mineral collection, they may want to reach out to southwest rock clubs, newsletter editors or contact federations.

Sometimes museums get creative and reach out using social media (Facebook, twitter, etc.). A museum shouldn't limit their methods of contacting people because this will help build their contact database (aka, possible future members and funding sources).

There seems to be an unlimited amount of types of museums and geology museums can tap into various rock, mineral and gem clubs for resources. Here are some museum facts according to the **American Alliance of Museums (aam-us.org)**:

- American museums have roughly 850 million yearly visitors.
- Museum collections help tell stories, preserve, research, collect and build historical records.
- Museum exhibits and programs help teach and expand local education curriculums in all subject areas.
- Museums help teachers, students and researchers via accessing the museum's collection and knowledge base by either visiting the museum in person or online.
- Money spend on art and cultural events (like museums) help boost local economies and jobs.

- Museums ensure that all individuals (regardless of socio economic background) have access to their collections and exhibits.
- Since many museums exhibit unique and sometimes, extinct collections, they are helping in preserving and conserving endangered species. The knowledge that museum's share with the public help facilitate a trust and knowledge base that will help advance preservation practices.

Aside from these important facts, donating to a museum is personally rewarding. Your donation will be viewed by thousands (or perhaps millions) of people. Your specimen(s) will be seen as an elite example and will set a standard in a museum visitor's mind (that's not too much pressure).

Let's face it - we love rocks and we love to share them with others. If you or your club is approached to make a donation, do your homework and give it serious consideration, because the rewards go beyond any allocates - you're helping shape knowledge of many generations who may not otherwise have access to your collections. Let me know your thoughts. ~ Alice



**Our Peridot donation to the Sherman Dugan Museum of Geology in Farmington, NM.** Photo courtesy of Tom LaBonte.

# CALLING ALL CLUB BULLETIN EDITORS!

## BY BETH SIMMONS, PH.D. RMFMS BULLETIN EDITOR CONTEST CHAIRMAN

The American Federation Bulletin Editors' Contest results won't be known until the end of October. However, the time is drawing nigh (that's holiday talk) for you to submit your entries to the next one, the **2015 RMFMS Bulletin Editors' Contest**.

The official deadline is **January 15, 2016** but between then and

now you will produce two more issues, and have the holidays in your way.... so submit early!

Submit often!

Use the forms on the RMFMS website [www.rmfmts.org](http://www.rmfmts.org) (don't worry about the date), fill them out and email them to me ([cloverknoll@comcast.net](mailto:cloverknoll@comcast.net))

along with an attached digital file of the article or your bulletin issue.

Remember to send in TWO issues of your newsletter, so we can average the points for the two. The judging committee is looking forward to reading all of your good work! ~ Beth

*... the time is drawing nigh (that's holiday talk) for you to submit your entries ...*

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### BY GENE MAGGARD RMFMS TREASURER

**TREASURER UPDATES** - If you were the treasurer for your organization but are no longer, could you please forward this newsletter to the new treasurer and ask them to contact me with updated treasurer contact information?

### DUES—DUES—DUES

Yes, it is that time, again. Dues from each club/society are due by **December 15, 2015**. 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 2015-16 Directory**. If you are having officer elections in January 2016, 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 and in a Worddoc 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 at [gandpmaggard@gmail.com](mailto:gandpmaggard@gmail.com) so that we can arrange to get your club information to me by the December 15, 2015 deadline.

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*Dues from each club/society are due by December 15, 2015.*

# RMFMS TREASURER REPORT OCTOBER 2015 - CONTINUED

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, 2013.** 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 as directed on the report form.** This insurance is for club general liability coverage. Show, meeting place and field trip activities are covered. If you have a landlord that is wanting an "Additional Insured

certificate," one can be provided at no additional charge. Email me to get a copy of the Additional Insured certificate request form.

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

## 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](http://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*  
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two immediate Past  
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the President.*

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*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:

[topekagemandmineral.org](http://topekagemandmineral.org)

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

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### 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, and Fluorescent Displays.

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**October 23rd - 25th, 2015**

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## UPCOMING 2015 REGIONAL FEDERATION CONVENTIONS

### 2015

**South Central Federation - AFMS**

**October 23 - 25, 2015**  
**Austin, TX**

**Southeast Federation**  
**November 6 - 8, 2015**  
**Melbourne, FL**

### 2016

**American Federation of Mineralogical Societies**

**July 27- August 1, 2016**  
**Albany, OR**

**Midwest Federation**  
**August 19 - 21, 2016**  
**South Bend, IN**

### 2016

**California Federation**  
**Sept 16-18, 2016**  
**Placerville, CA**

**Eastern Federation**  
**October 21-23, 2016**  
**Rochester, NY**



# ENID OKLAHOMA GEM, MINERAL & COIN SHOW

November 20 - 21, 2015.

## ENID, OKLAHOMA Gem, Mineral & Coin Show

### TREASURE SHOWCASE



Vendors



Cabs & Slabs



Exhibits

Kids' Activities



Hand-Crafted Jewelry



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TOKENS • COINS • COLLECTIBLES

**Nov. 20-21, 2015**

FRI. 9 AM - 6 PM SAT. 9 AM - 6 PM

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