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RMFMS Treasurer Report September 2009 - By Gene Maggard

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. 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 2009-10 Directory. If you are having officer elections in Jan., as some clubs do, please call or email me and we will see what we can do to get your new officer info 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 current treasurer. As explained on the form, we request that you send in the annual reports using email and Word if possible. Otherwise, use USPS. Just follow the directions on the form.

If your club does not receive the dues notice by email or USPS, please contact me ASAP at 316-742-3746 or 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, 2009. 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 named insurance certificate," one can be provided at no additional charge. For those clubs that purchased the liability insurance last year, you overpaid by more than double what the premium actually turned out to be. With approval by the House of Delegates meeting at the October convention an insurance reserve will be established to apply your overpayment to future years. This probably means that you will not have a premium to pay in 09-10. We anticipate that the premium will be about \$.75/club member, but will not know for sure until about October.

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

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2010 LAPIDARY INSTRUCTOR WANTED!!

Hello to you all,

We have had this fun job for 11 years, and decided it is time to pass it on to someone else (see below announcement). The camp is located near Dubois, Wyoming in the mountains.

Thank you for your help,
Bob and Nancy Hicks
SMGS Members

Lapidary Instructor Wanted

Teton Valley Ranch Camp, one of the finest summer camps in the United States, is looking for a Lapidary instructor for the summer of 2010. For over 50 years, the lapidary program at TVRC has been exceptional and noteworthy in both the camping world and the world of rockhounds.

The ideal candidate would have the following qualifications:

- Experience working with kids, 11-16 years old
- Experience and expertise in the lapidary arts
- Mechanically inclined

Room and board provided. Summer season runs early June to late August. Lapidary equipment includes two genies, six double 8" wheel units, 16" saw, and 3 trim saws. For more information about TVRC visit www.tvrcamp.org.

If you are interested in this position or know someone who is, please contact Tom Holland at tholland@tvrcamp.org or call 307-733-2958.

Shows & More

To have your RMFMS member club sponsored event listed here, email editor Deanna Smith, at amd9090@msn.com. Include the following info: Show dates and times, Sponsor (Club), Show Location, Contact Name, phone number, email, and Club Web Site. You may include other info about your show if you wish, but this info 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, Email your submissions to the Webmaster.

September 5-7, 2009 – Silver City, NM

Grant County Rolling Stones Gem and Mineral Society's 26th Annual Gem and Mineral Show will be held Labor Day weekend. Hours: Sat. & Sun. 10am-5pm, Mon. 10am-4pm. Location: Silver City Recreation Center, 11th and Gold Streets. Free admission. Over 60 dealers from the United States, Mexico, Asia, and elsewhere. Activities include free Daily Field Trips, Silent Auction, the Wheel of Fortune, and Door Prizes. Food service is provided by the Silver City Lions Club. For more info, contact L. Lett at 575-538-3216 or show09@stockmanfamily.net Web site: <http://rollingstonesgems.blogspot.com/>

September 18, 19th & 20th 2009. Enid Gem & Mineral Society's annual show - their location has changed. It will be at the Oakwood Mall in Enid. In an empty store at 4125 W.Owen Garriot Rd. (Highway 412). For more info contact - Billy Wood President of Enid Gem & Mineral Society at (580)234-5344.

September 18-20th Denver, CO

The Denver Gem & Mineral Show Sponsored by the Greater Denver Area Gem & Mineral Council. Friday: 9am - 6pm, Saturday: 10am - 6:00pm and Sunday: 10am – 5pm

2009 Theme: "Fossils - Windows to the Past"
Displays * Vendors * Minerals * Gems * Jewelry *
Fossils * Gold Panning *

Public Welcome! * Free Parking!

Denver Merchandise Mart (in the Expo Hall and Plaza) I-25 and 58th Ave, Denver, CO

Contact: Barb Melby at (303) 233-2516

Website: www.DenverMineralShow.com

General info: info@denvermineralshow.com

September 30th–Oct. 4th. Idabel, Ok

McCurtain Gem and Mineral Club Annual Show and Sale, Idabel, OK. Hours 9 - 5. At Museum of the Red River, 812 SE Lincoln St. Idabel, OK

Free admission. Show chairman: Cephis Hall, 580 494 6612

October 2nd, 3rd & 4th 2009 – RMFMS Convention – Roswell, NM

The Chaparral Rockhounds will host the RMFMS Convention at its annual show "Roswell Rock Rendevous". See May RMFMS newsletter or website for more info.

Oct. 10th & 11th, 2009---Sierra Vista, Arizona;

35th Annual Huachuca Gem, Mineral & Jewelry Show at the Elks Lodge on Wilcox Avenue; Free admission and parking; live demos, educational displays, rocks, jewelry, gems, minerals, fossils, equipment, lapidary supplies & more! Proceeds benefit the club's scholarship fund. Contact Ingrid at 520-459-3718 for more info.

October 10th-11th, 2009 – Payson, Arizona

Payson Rimstones Rock & Gem & Mineral Show in Payson, Arizona (65 miles NE of Phoenix). Admission \$3 or \$2 with coupon from Chamber of Commerce. Tonto Apache Reservation-Event Center by hotel entrance;.lots of vendors, education area with showcases, children 's activities, fluorescent display

November 14-15th, 2009. Lake Havasu, Arizona

The Lake Havasu Gem and Mineral Society's 40th annual Gem Show at the Lake Havasu City Community Center. Featuring mineral displays, jewelry and art objects by the members, plus booths selling holiday gift items, and collectibles, jewelry findings, tools and semiprecious gemstones, as well as refreshments. Our Education Center, where youngsters of all ages can learn about geology and rocks, minerals and fossils, in a hands-on setting. There will be hourly door prizes and a big prize raffle of \$200.00 cash. Admission & parking is free. Lake Havasu City is renowned as the new American Home of the Old London Bridge, and is on AZ 95, just 25 miles south of where historic old Route 66 crosses the Colorado River. For more info, call C. Russell, Show Chairman, at 928-846-0927.

November 14-15, 2009 – Socorro, New Mexico

The New Mexico Mineral Symposium
30th Annual Symposium, Socorro, New Mexico.
Contact Dr. Virgil Lueth, vlueth@mtu.edu.

Report on the AFMS Show & Convention, July 30th-August 2nd, 2009

By Richard Jaeger

Linda and I attended the AFMS Convention & Show in Billings, Montana recently. The AFMS Board Meeting and the AFMS Scholarship meetings were without any major controversy.

Our Federation was represented at the meeting by Bob Carlson and Jim Hurlbut, who sat in for RMFMS President Stan Nowak and V.P. Yonis Lone Eagle who were unable to attend. I attended as the AFMS 4th V.P. Judy Beck was elected as the RMFMS representative to serve next year, as the AFMS 3rd Vice President.

The show was large and very well attended. There were about 160 overall exhibits which I believe included 38 competitive exhibits. There were also a large number of dealers; however they were long on agates and jewelry - very little in the way of minerals and fossils. The Awards Banquet and Editors Breakfast were also well attended and several Rocky Mountain Federation Clubs and members received awards which may be mentioned elsewhere in this newsletter. Two of our members won prizes in the AFMS Foundation raffle; they were Daleene Caldwell of the Stillwater, OK club who won a citrine pendant and Russ Olinger of the Bismarck, ND (I forget what he won).

As usual the most enjoyable thing for me was getting to visit with people from across the United States (and Canada this time) that I only see once every year or two. We made some new friends in the Rocky Mountain Federation as well. One accomplishment was getting a new Utah State Director for the RMFMS. He is **Tom Burchard; 875 E. 4500 S., South Ogden, UT 84403-2931. His phone number is 801-479-4286 and his e-mail address is: Roxhund@aol.com.** We certainly welcome him and look forward to seeing him again in Roswell.

A great week of field trips were planned for after the show but we were unable to attend those. They actually had over 300 people sign up for the Monday field trip. Linda & I did take in a lot while there though. We took in two Rookie League baseball games between Billings & Missoula; Judy Beck went with us to one of those. We visited Pompey's Pillar National Monument, a Lewis & Clark site, and Pictograph Cave State Park both near Billings. We also spent a day in Red Lodge, Montana which is an old coal mining town turned into a tourist area.

After the show we drove back through Red Lodge and over Beartooth Pass through Cooke City to Yellowstone National Park. If you ever get a chance to take this drive, do so - but not in a large RV. In Livingston, MT we went to the Railroad Museum in the old Depot and in Bozeman we went to the Dinosaur Museum on the Montana State University campus. Both museums were excellent and well worth the visit. In Bozeman we had dinner with our daughter-in-law's sister. The next morning it was time to head back to Billings to catch our flight back to Tulsa.

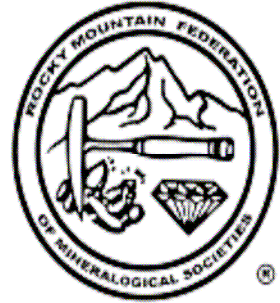
I was glad to see so many Rocky Mountain Federation members in attendance, but wish there could have been more. You missed a great show and experience.

New RMFMS Newsletter Editor Needed for 2010

Please contact RMFMS President Stan Nowak at 2805 Sage Dr, Enid OK, 73701-1295, or phone 580.234.3126 or email snowak48@yahoo.com, if you are interested in being the RMFMS newsletter editor for 2010.

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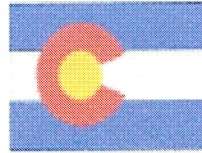
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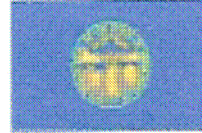


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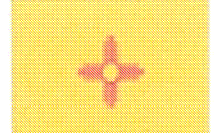


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