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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE BY PRESIDENT RICHARD JAEGER



This will be my last President's Message for the year. I have enjoyed serving as your Rocky Mountain Federation President this year and believe that we are moving forward in the right direction. Beth Simmons will be taking over the President's position on November 1st. Beth will do an excellent job and has highly qualified, dedicated members of the Executive Committee to work with her. Liz Thomas will serve as Vice President, Wayne Cox as Secretary, Gene Maggard as Treasurer, and Cinda Kunkler as Historian. And of course the various State Directors and two immediate Past Presidents serve on the Committee as well. Beth has been working hard to fill a few vacant Committee Chair positions with qualified members. Hopefully we will additional members become involved in the RMFMS leadership. Expect a good year

in 2017!

I was able to attend the Denver Gem & Mineral Show in mid-September again this year. If you have never been you should plan on trying to go next September. There are actually ten separate shows with a total of about nine hundred dealers; I am told this is the fourth largest show in the world behind Tucson, Hong Kong, and Tokyo. The main club show is held at the Denver Merchandise Mart and is jointly hosted by I believe nine Denver area Gem and Mineral Clubs and is absolutely wonderfully done each year. The Denver rockhounds are truly to be congratulated. While there I was able to meet with several Rocky Mountain Federation officers and committee chairs; I probably visited with forty or fifty rockhounds from around our federation who I know. We were able to discuss a lot of RMFMS business.

Denver is also always enjoyable for me in that my brother and two sisters as well as one of my sons live in the area. My MS in Geology is from the University of Colorado at Boulder and so I am able to visit with former classmates as well. I was able to spend three days after the show in the mountains and do some

hiking and fishing as well as just sightseeing. The Aspen are about at their peak of fall colors this time of the year.

I do have a couple of hopes for the coming year. The first is something I think can virtually guarantee and that is that 2017 RMFMS Directory will be printed and distributed in a more timely fashion. The second is that we will have more officers and committee chairs submit articles to Alice LaBonte for publication in the RMFMS Newsletter. We do better than a couple of the other Regional Federations in that regard but, on the other hand, a couple of them do a lot better than we do. Communication is so important and that would definitely be improved if more of you would submit articles concerning your area. And, you don't have to be an officer or committee chair to submit an article; any member may do so. Write perhaps about shows, field trips, juniors, things you or you club is doing with schools, scouts, museums, etc.

I hope that all you have a wonderful fall and winter season ahead of you and that I get to see and visit with many of you at our 2017 Rocky Mountain Show & Convention in Albuquerque next March. ~ Richard

## UPCOMING 2016 & 2017 REGIONAL FEDERATION CONVENTIONS

Eastern Federation  
October 21-23, 2016  
Rochester, NY

Southeast Federation  
November 18-20, 2016  
Marietta, GA

Rocky Mountain Federation  
March 18 & 19, 2017  
Albuquerque, NM

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*... benefits and opportunities available to you as clubs and individuals in the RMFMS.*

*The purpose of the Rocky Mountain Federation is to bring a closer association of all clubs in the Society, and to promote the study of earth sciences, including the lapidary arts, the study of fossils and paleontology, and related crafts.*

## TREASURE'S REPORT- BY RMFMS TREASURER 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 201-6-17 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 information into 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 Word 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@gmail.com](mailto:gandpmaggard@gmail.com) 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, 2016. 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

## RMFMS DIRECTORY

Our latest RMFMS Directory has finally been printed and distributed. Additional copies may be purchased by any RMFMS member. Please contact our Supplies Chairman, Finis Riggs. His contact information is:

ph: 918-232-8514 and email: [lanariggs63@yahoo.com](mailto:lanariggs63@yahoo.com). The cost is \$5/copy.

Please disregard some of the information on Page 23. Richard Jaeger, not Sandy Cannedy is the

RMFMS Chairman for the AFMS Scholarship Foundation. This is also incorrectly stated on Page 19. Jennifer Biddle is not our chair for the AFMS Programs Competition; message Gene & Peggy Maggard for information about that.

Bob Johnson, not Brian Patterson is the chairman for the Webmasters Contest. Beth Simmons, not Betty Cain, is our chair for the Bulletin Contest.

You may look up their contact information in front of our 2016 Directory, our Newsletter, and our Website ([rmfms.org](http://rmfms.org)).

Next year our Directory will have updated and corrected information as well as additional information which will explain some of the benefits and opportunities available to you as clubs and individuals in the RMFMS. ~ RMFMS president  
*Richard Jaeger*

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### PIKES PEAK PEBBLE PUPS SPEAK AT THE DENVER GEM & MINERAL SHOW - BY STEVEN WADE VEATCH

*The Pikes Peak Pebble Pups took the stage once again at the Denver Gem and Mineral Show*

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The Pikes Peak Pebble Pups took the stage once again at the Denver Gem and Mineral Show where five Pebble Pups presented their research before an eager audience. The Pups provided an exciting lineup of topics. Jenna Salvat's lecture title was "The Mineral Significance of Cripple Creek & Victor Mining District." Jack Shimon's paper was "The Rudist Fossil Story." Jerrod and Nathan Gallup spoke about "The Geology of Mammoth Caves." Destin Bogart, a distance learning Pebble Pup, presented an overview of the Dimorphodon.

This is the fourth year that the Pebble Pups have presented their research at the show. They have earned a permanent speaking slot for future shows. The Pikes Peak Pebble Pups is a joint youth program between the Colorado Springs Mineralogical Society and the Lake George Gem and Mineral Club



Jerrod (L) and Nathan (R) Gallup pose with Steven Veatch, Pebble Pup leader just after speaking at the Denver Gem and Mineral Show. Jerrod and Nathan belong to the Lake George Gem and Mineral club. Photo courtesy of Steven Wade Veatch.



Destin Bogart spoke on the Dimorphodon at the show. Destin is a distance learning Pebble Pup through the Colorado Springs Mineralogical Society. Destin does not attend the regular meetings, but participates via the Internet. He lives in Pueblo, Colorado. Photo courtesy of Steven Wade Veatch.

## RMFMS 2017 WEB CONTEST- BY WEBMASTER CONTEST CHAIR BOB JOHNSON

Congratulations to all the winners in the 2016 AFMS Website Contest! And a special thank you to our RMFMS representatives - Teresa Rogge from the Enid Gem and Mineral Society and Kenneth Key from the Northwest Arkansas Gem and Mineral Society. The full results can be seen in the September AFMS Newsletter [http://amfed.org/news/n2016\\_09.pdf](http://amfed.org/news/n2016_09.pdf). I encourage everyone to take a look at all these beautiful winning websites!

Now it's time for the 2017 Web Contest. I encourage all clubs to participate! Entry forms, Score Sheets, and Guidelines are available from [http://amfed.org/web/website\\_contest.htm](http://amfed.org/web/website_contest.htm). The entry deadline for the RMFMS Contest is December 1 2016. If the forms have

not been updated for 2017 by that time, then we will use the 2016 forms.

If you have ANY questions about the forms or the contest, please ask. The judges will be looking for each of the items listed in the "Score Sheet" and "Guidelines". Please look carefully at each of those items. If you see anything that you can easily fix on your site, you still have time. Fix it!

Also note the last item #7 which is worth the most (8 points). If you have done anything special that you think the judges might miss (because it is not specifically listed under 1-6), don't be shy about pointing it out to them on your entry form under the section "Any other information that might not be obvious". For example, Have you made use of advanced

features like "Structured Data Markup" aka "Schema Microdata" to help the Search Engines interpret your site? If so, be sure to point that out. Do you use analytics to track your web traffic? This might not be obvious from looking at your website, so you should point it out on your entry form, and even append a copy of your recent analytics report to the entry form.

Last year the competition was VERY close. The top prize could be won or lost by a single point (or less!) So do take care in examining and carefully filling out the entry forms.

Good luck in the competition!

*The entry deadline for the RMFMS Contest is December 1 2016.*

## SCRAPBOOK CONTEST - BY COMMITTEE OFFICER AND CHAIR DELANE COX

Hey, Fellow Rockhounds. Is your club doing anything this year? Did you have a Show? Or any field trips? Displays in other places? Great guest speakers?

One of the nice things about going to the American Federation meeting is talking to people from other clubs across the nation and seeing what all they are doing. And there are some very active clubs out there!

Is your club aware of the All American Club Contest? This is all about what your club is doing, how it is doing it, and what the results are. In other words, it is a record of what your club has done for the year.

The All American Club contest has a judging sheet that is pretty easy to follow. It gives some suggestions about how to put together a scrapbook of the events for

the year that can be submitted to the contest. Not hard. Simple. Fun job. The Judging Form for 2015 can be found at the AmFed.org website under Forms....All American Club Contest. It is full of information about what is needed for the scrapbook. And how it will be judged.

But, somebody has to DO it! And submit it for judging.

Right now, every club president should be reading this and thinking of how your club can get into this contest. You are doing things, so why not brag a bit. Get a member to do this. Download the AFMS score sheet and put together that scrapbook of your adventures this year.

Then, mail it to me by February 15 so it can be judged for the Rocky Mountain Federation convention in Albuquerque in May.

Top three winners will be forwarded on to the American Federation judges for the AFMS show in California in June.

OK, . . .time is short. But your club has done the things. And I'll bet someone has been taking pictures, too. Get that scrapbook put together. And, when you get it back, remember to keep it in your club library for everyone to see. It is your historical record for years to come. Might as well win a prize for it, too.

Send the completed scrap book to DeLane Cox, 8152 Spanker Ridge Drive, Bentonville, AR 72712. I will take good care of it, and judge it well. ~ DeLane

*Right now, every club president should be reading this and thinking of how your club can get into this contest.*

## UPCOMING 2016 RMFMS CLUB SHOWS AND EVENTS

*Please contact the RMFMS website to have your club's show published on our calendar.*

<http://rmfms.org/contact>

### 60th Annual Topeka Gem & Mineral Show—"Diamond Jubilee has Many Facets"

**October 15 & 16, 2016**

- Agriculture Hall, Kansas Expo Centre, 17th & Topeka Boulevard, Topeka, KS.
- Sat. 10:00am–6:00pm.
- Sun. 10:00am–5:00pm.
- Admission: adults \$5.00, student (13–17) \$1.00 and children under 13 with adult FREE.
- Gems, minerals, jewelry, lapidary supplies, rock & fossil dealers, demonstrations, junior rockhounds & 4H displays.
- For more information please visit the website: <http://www.topekagemandmineral.org/>

### Rock & Gem Show—R.O.C.K.—Rockhounds Outreach for Community Knowledge

**October 21–23, 2016**

- Viridian Library and Event Center, 8030 S 1825 W, West Jordan, UT.
- Fri. 10:00AM–7:00PM
- Sat. 10:00am–7:00pm
- Sun. 10:00am–5:00pm
- Admission \$2.00. Kids 12 and under free. Scouts in uniform free.
- Rocks, gems, fossils, jewelry, demonstrations, show-cases, workshops, doorprizes, and silent auction.
- For more information please contact **Angela McMahon**  
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### RIVER OF GEMS The 2016 Mineral and Gem Show—Oklahoma Mineral & Gem Society, Inc.

**October 29 & 30, 2016**

- Modern Living Building Oklahoma State Fair Park 3001 General Pershing Blvd Oklahoma City, OK 73107.
- Sat. 10:00am–6:00pm
- Sun. 10:00am–5:00pm
- \$6.00 entrance fee (children under 12 are free)
- See a variety of treasures from dealers from across the globe and more:
  - Gemstones and Crystals
  - Rough Rock  Minerals
  - Artisan Jewelry  Fossils
  - Tumbled Stones  Tools and Equipment
 Watch demonstrations on beading, knapping, wire wrapping, gold panning, rock tumbling and polishing, metal engraving and more. Bring your children to the Kid's Corner for fun and educational activities!
- For more information, please visit: <http://omgs-minerals.org/>

### 47th Annual Gem and Mineral Show - Lake Havasu Gem & Mineral Society

**November 12 & 13, 2016**

- Lake Havasu Community Center Rods and Relics Hall 100 Park Avenue Lake Havasu City, AZ 86403
- Sat. 9:00am–5:00pm
- Sun. 9:00am–4:00pm
- \$2.00 per person (Children under 12) Free.
- Come And Join In On The Family Fun. Every year during the second weekend in *continued*

- November, the Society hosts its annual Gem & Mineral Roundup in Lake Havasu City, Arizona. Over our 2 day show many dealers come and display their quality jewelry, gems, and mineral. Our club members present their beautiful and educational display cases. During the Entire Show We Will Have: Raffle and Hourly Door Prizes. Games and Prizes For Children. Food And Beverage Service. Displays Of Handcrafted Jewelry Designs And Collections Of Unusual Minerals, Fossils, And Rocks. Working Demonstrations By Professionals. Sales Booths Featuring Faceted and Cabochon Jewels, Fossils, Tools, Findings, Slabs, Finished Jewelry And Gifts.
- **Gem Show Chair:**  
**Barry Bandaruk**  
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If your club has an upcoming show, swap or event, please email me to publish the information in an upcoming newsletter.

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