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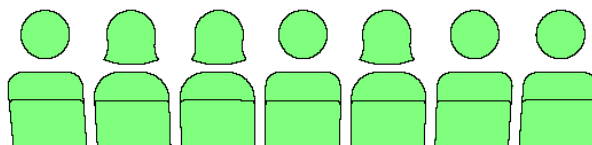
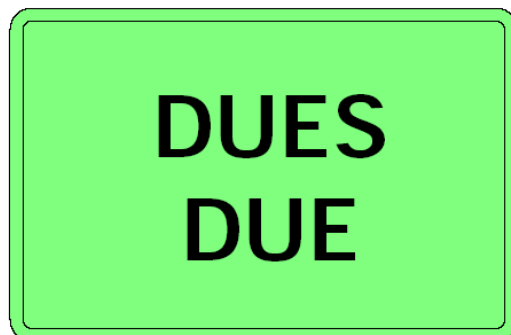
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Our general meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Will Rogers Garden Exhibition Building, 3400 NW 36th St., Oklahoma City, OK. June and December are exceptions, which is when we have our anniversary picnic and our Christmas party in lieu of regular meetings.

Annual dues are due in October: \$10.00 for single membership and \$15.00 for husband and wife. New members are charged an initiation fee of \$1.00 per person. Membership is subject to application and approval.

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Yes, it's time to pay our dues for the year 2005. Our bylaws specify that the membership dues shall be paid on or before the meeting in November (unless postponed by the Board of Directors) to be listed in the directory. Members not paying dues by the February meeting will be dropped from membership in the Society. Past members applying for reentry must be approved as though a new member but membership requirements may be waived at the discretion of the Board.

Dottie Smith, our good secretary, has a demanding job in front of her. If you will have a check written for her with your correct address and phone number, it will be a big help to her. Keeping track of all of this information and getting it to the incoming vice-president in a timely and orderly manner, so he can make up the new directory, is difficult. And, even with valid information, the directory is not easy to make up.

Please be kind by bringing your check to the meeting on November 18th or mail it to the club at the address on the front cover.

HELP

During our meeting on October 21st, we had a discussion about field trips, during which many of you said that your reason for joining the club was field trips. These are some of our most enjoyable events.

The field trips committee is one of the most important committees in our club. It is also one of the most demanding. Not everyone would be qualified to fill the position, and it is almost impossible for any one person to do it alone. Some of you have been on many interesting field trips, and have extensive knowledge of where different kinds of rocks can be found. Some of us don't have that knowledge, especially some of the newer members, who have joined the club for this very purpose.

As you know, it's getting more difficult to find an area where we can gather some of the more interesting stuff, which is open to the public. Please go back in your memory banks or make some calls

to people you know, and try to come up with just one place for our club to go.

Larry Shearer has agreed to be the field trip committee chairman again next year, but he needs help with this. Give him a call and talk to him about this very important matter, and help him make the coming year a successful one. **Please don't force him to do it alone.**

I would like to print a story from each of you about successful or interesting field trips; something for our archives. This would help us with field trips today and in the future. Dale

An Opinion about Club Vests

Many of the members of our club have a green vest with a large, colorful patch on the back, which sets us apart as members of the Oklahoma Mineral and Gem Society. Many wear them to our club meetings, which lets visitors know who the club members are. When we go to functions that involve other clubs, members of each can be picked out by the distinctive vests that they are wearing.

The way that most of us acquired one was to make it ourselves, or get help from a friend, using a pattern that can be checked out from Linda Haynes. One problem is that many of us do not have the skill, or the desire, to make a vest.

As you look around at our meetings, you can see that not all of the vests are exactly alike. Some have been cut differently, some have been made from material that is a different shade of green, and some of the material is of a different weave,

The point that I want to make is that every vest does not have to be exactly alike. If you don't want to make a vest, but you want to have one, try to find one for sale, even if it is different. If you can't find a vest that you think would work, get a green shirt, smock, or light jacket, and put the patch on the back of it. When you are wearing something green with that patch on it, it's kind of hard for anyone to make a mistake about which club you belong to.

I chose to use a different pattern than all of the other vests that I have seen due to a couple of reasons, one of which is that I'm a little different myself. In my opinion, it is no big deal. It's all for enjoyment, anyway, so don't worry about it. Just enjoy it. You won't be left out, in any case, vest or not.

Your friend, Dale Moore

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OMGS, BOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 14, 2004

Members: John Bode, Max Burkhalter, Mary Bynum, Joann Carroll, Teresa Cave, Norma Cinnamon, George Finley, Faye Hornbaker, Sebastian Geffre, Les Jones, Jean McKissack, Dean Manderscheid, Dale Moore, and Dottie Smith.

Guests: Karen Bode, Arlene Burkhalter, Oscar Carroll, Paul Cinnamon, and Ambrosia Geffre.

The board met at Espresso-O-Stop restaurant. Dale Moore, Vice President, called the meeting to Order at 7:30. A motion was made to accept the minutes, seconded, passed. Norma Cinnamon gave the treasurer's report which was filed for future audit. She reported that the dues for the Rocky Mountain Federation are due November 1.

Education Committee—Jean McKissack reported that we had 24 at the last work night. There are displays at three libraries. John Bode and Dale Moore gave a program at the Lions Club. The program for the Boy Scouts will start at the December work night. Joann Carroll made a motion to see if we can get the room in December; George Finley seconded, carried. George made a motion that we have funds available if the room is available; Max Burkhalter seconded; passed.

Arlene Burkhalter reported that Dr. London has an applicant for the scholarship—Katherine Gardner, a senior with several honors to her name and an outstanding student. Teresa Cave made a motion to accept Katherine as our scholarship recipient; George seconded; motion carried.

Paul Cinnamon explained the insurance and the insurance company recommended that we have a release form at the gravel pit for participants to sign. There was a discussion who could be junior members. According to by-laws, a youth can become a junior member by applying for membership and having an adult sponsor.

Sunshine—Joann Carroll reported that Granville Morgan fell and broke bones in his left leg and left arm. Sally Vickers is in rehab and probably will not have surgery at this time.

John Bode reported that the Stillwater Club does not have a scholarship to OSU. Right now they are not getting scholarships from any club. The Oklahoma Council is trying to give a

scholarship to OSU; if that is the case, OSU would have a scholarship.

Application for membership—Mark & Lori Lyon and family. George Finley made a motion to accept these applicants; John seconded; carried.

The nominating committee read the names that were nominated.

Arlene Burkhalter reported that the Christmas party is Friday night, December 10, with a covered dish—meat and drinks furnished.

George reported that we need to start saving for the silent auction for our show next year as there is no more material in the storage building. George Finley is checking about the sister club program in the RMF.

The meeting adjourned.
Dottie Smith, Secretary

OMGS, GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

October 24, 2004

Teresa Cave, president, called the meeting to order at 7:30. Wanda Manderscheid introduced our guests, Jim Snow, Ron Schrack, Paula McKinney, and Sybil Morgan. A motion was made to accept the minutes as printed in the Rockologist, seconded, passed. Norma Cinnamon gave the treasurer's report which was filed for future audit. Paul Cinnamon reported that the silent auction in the back has lots of nice items including a cabbaging machine.

- Trudy Gullo informed us about the displays:
- Doyle McCown—different mineral specimens
- Trudy—Geodes and ironwood
- Rock Newsom—Crystals and other minerals
- Burkhalter—Montezuma agate
- Harold Snellen—Elabait flint
- Billy Marie Nedd—Gem trees
- Robards—Material they found at the General Materials gravel pit field trip
- Dottie Smith—Also brought material from the gravel pit field trip
- Larry Shearer—Rose rocks
- Chet Hazelwood—Fluorescent calcite

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Committee Reports:

Chet Hazelwood gave a report on the Omniplex demonstrations—had fifteen workers and nice participation. He also reported on a field trip to check out fluorescent calcite for a future field trip.

Sunshine—Joann Carroll reported that Granville Morgan fell and broke bones in his left leg and arm. Sally Vickers came home from the hospital; and Dar came down with pneumonia. Jean Pope is sick and in the hospital.

Show—Linda Haynes reported that the committee is meeting regularly and have a confirmed date, October 22, 23, 2005, with the 21st as set-up date. The name is "A Kaleidoscope of Gems" It will be held at the Coke Cola Bricktown Exhibition Center. Will need tumbled stones for the kids.

Christmas Party—Arlene Burkhalter reported the party will be Friday, December 10, here at the Will Rogers Center with an old fashioned covered dish, eat at 7:00. A sign-up sheet will be available to get an idea of attendance. Meat and drinks will be furnished.

Old business: Election of officers.

Dale Moore presented the slate of officers

President— Sebastian Geffre
Vice President— John Bode
Secretary— Marinel Kelley
Treasurer— Dale Moore

Board of Directors—
two-year term:

Doyle McCown, Arlene Burkhalter, Donna Davis, Leon Neff, Rocky Newsom;
one-year term to fill Sebastian's term: Sue Smith.

Linda Haynes made a motion that we set aside Roberts Rule of Order and elect the entire slate by acclamation; Jerry Cannedy seconded; motion carried.

The one-year members finishing out their terms are Joann Carroll, Les Jones, Dean Manderscheid and Dar Vickers with Teresa Cave serving as retiring president.

New Business: A reminder that the dues for 2005 are due.

Thanks to the cookie and kitchen help volunteers for tonight. Volunteers for next month: Kitchen—Doyle McCown, Donna Davis; Cookies—Larry Shearer, Autumn Robards, Marinel Kelley, Katie Powell.

Linda Haynes has the green material to make vests—please see her if you need material. The door prize tonight is a fiber optic pumpkin; and George Finley has scholarship drawings for \$1 a chance.

Dale Moore has the program tonight.

Meeting adjourned.

Secretary, Dottie Smith

Educaton Committee Minutes, Aug 1

19 in attendance

There was no new business, since we had a demo program at the meeting in July.

Our Scout program will be starting soon.

Omniplex will be Oct. 8-9, setup the 7th at 2pm.

We have displays in 3 libraries.

Midwest City: Faye Hornbaker & Jean McKissack

Yukon: Norma & Paul Cinnamon

Village: Dottie Smith

Thanks to John Bode for making our coffee every meeting and being our timekeeper.

Adjourned 6:45

Coordinator, Jean McKissack

Educaton Committee Minutes, Oct 4th

We had 24 at Education/Work night.

John Bode & Paul Cinnamon had cab machines.

Omniplex Oct 8-9, setup the 7th at 2pm.

Displays in 3 libraries.

John Bode & Dale Moore presented a program to the Lions Club in Midwest City, recently. Dale talked

about the Federations and our club, and John

presented a display of things that he had made.

A Scout program will start on December 6th, 7pm, at Work Night

Adjourned 6:30, Coordinator, Jean McKissack

It has been said that "Good judgment comes from experience, and a lot of that comes from bad judgment."

We Begin Our 58th Year
from Bill Smith, AFMS President

Goals for the Coming Year

I am looking forward to another great year and for my first message I thought I would outline my goals.

As with most Past Presidents my top priority is communications. Where I think we can really improve in this area is answering our mail and getting products delivered in the allotted time. It is easy to say I will answer that e-mail or letter later. Often later is to late. I am probably as bad as any in this area, but have found it takes no longer to quickly answer a letter or e-mail or get a product delivered on time.

My next goal is working as a team. When two people have different ideas or are nominated for a position and only one can be accepted then the other has their feelings hurt and the team starts falling apart. One thing the military taught me was to swallow my personal pride, follow the leader, do the job to the best of my ability and be a part of the team.

Finally I would like for all of us to do our best to turn around our decreasing membership. If your club or regional federation is growing then send an article to the AFMS editor and let us all know what we might be able to do to increase membership.

Communications and teamwork are products of a strong organization. Let us keep this hobby of ours a growing hobby for us, and everyone, to enjoy.

Until next month, Bill

HOLIDAY SAFETY

By Bill Klose, AMFS safety chair

The Holiday Seasons seem to come earlier every year, so it is appropriate to review some of the safety tips that are associated with them to keep our members, their families, and collections safe.

Smoke Detectors -

Make sure that there are a minimum of one in each bedroom and one at the top of the stairwell. Test each one or replace the battery to ensure they are operational.

Food Preparation -

Properly thaw out (in refrigerator or under cold water-not air thaw), wash and cook meats and prepare other foods IAW package instructions. Do not leave cooking food unattended. Refrigerate leftovers as

soon as possible in approved airtight containers. Do not leave out at room temperature.

Fireplaces and Wood burning Stoves -

Check for cracked mortar, check the operation of the damper and the spark screen on the roof. If you burn soft or green wood or have a build up of soot or creosote, have the chimney cleaned. Do not have combustible material within three feet of the fireplace or stove.

Evacuation Plan -

Implement & practice an emergency home escape plan.

Heaters -

Inspect the heating system and change filters. Have your system serviced annually. Install a carbon monoxide detector.

Extension Cords -

Use UL or CSA approved cord, preferably the type with an ON/OFF switch and overload protection, or a remote or foot operated switch. Do not exceed the rating (WATT) or outlet capacity of the cord. Keep the cords clear of walking areas and do not cover with rugs, packages or other items that could cause them to overheat. Inspect for damage or frayed wires prior to using and replace if required.

Gift Wrapping Paper and Boxes -

Dispose of wrapping paper and boxes immediately in the trash or recycle bin. Due to the highly flammable nature of these materials and high burning temperature (due to additives) do not burn in fireplaces or wood burning appliances.

Smoking -

Ensure all cigarettes and matches are completely extinguished before discarding. Before going to sleep, check all furniture and waste bins for smoldering embers.

Drinking -

Drink in moderation or use a designated driver.

Christmas Trees -

The National Safety Council states that there are over 400 residential fires and 40 deaths each year involving Christmas Trees. To avoid tree fires, consider an artificial tree that is fire resistant and if lighted, UL approved, or a live tree that can be planted outside after the holidays. If you decide on a live tree, pick one that is fresh and not dried out.

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Check the tree for insects and shake or blow out before bringing indoors. Xmas Tree Farms may color the trees prior to shipping, so check the tree for dried out spots, leaves falling off, or dry branches that snap when bent. Pick a tree that is not too tall for the room, leaving space for ornaments and that will be well clear of walking areas and heat sources. Cut off the trunk 1 to 2 inches from the base of the tree at an angle and place in a sturdy, water holding tree stand. Keep the stand continuously filled with water containing a mixture of two cups of Karo syrup, two pinches of Epsom salt, one teaspoon of Boraxo, two ounces of liquid chlorine bleach and one teaspoon of chelated iron for each two gallons of hot water to ensure that the tree stays waterlogged (more than 800% of a live tree) and fireproof. Tie the tree to the wall or ceiling with a wire or nylon cord to prevent it from being knocked over. After the holiday remove the branches and use in the garden over the mulch for protection of your plants from the cold. Do not burn the tree in the fireplace. Tree and House Lights - Check lights for broken sockets and frayed wires and replace if required or if the string is over 5 years old. Outdoor lights burn hotter than indoor, so only use them outside. Indoor lights are not waterproof and should only be used indoors. Do not exceed the WATT rating of the lowest rated string or extension cord when connecting together (usually no more than three). Turn OFF lights when going out or retiring for the night. Do not use lighted candles on trees. Do not use light strings on artificial trees, but light with spotlights or floodlights that are placed a suitable distance from the tree to avoid the lamps heat. Remove outside lights as soon as the season is over to prevent damage from the weather.

Ornaments –

Use flame resistant ornaments. Place glass ornaments or those with small parts out of reach of small children and pets. Do not use popcorn chains or candy on trees when small children are present to avoid their climbing into the tree for them. Use approved step stools or ladders to reach high places when trimming the tree or installing outside decorations. Do not use cellophane as it can not be made fireproof. Use an approved flame retardant on cotton batting, paper decorations, and Santa suits.

Candles – Burn candles in sturdy containers away from combustible materials and out of reach of

children and pets. Never leave candles burning when you are not in the room.

The Federation Is Here To Help

by Keith Harmon, SCFMS President

A few years ago one of the big questions circulating in the South Central Federation was “why should our club belong to the Federation and pay dues to an organization that we don’t get anything back from?”. Our club was in a period of decline and had little money and seriously considered dropping the Federation affiliation because of the cost of the dues.

What changed our mind? We had a Federation Convention coming up in a couple of months and we decided to send a delegate to see what it was about. As amazing as that sounds, our club had not had a representative attend any convention in several years. Consequently we did not know what the Federation did, or could do.

I was the President of the club and new to the Rockhound experience so I had no idea of what to expect at the convention as our club delegate. As it turned out, Mary Trammell was the current President of the Federation [SCFMS] and we went to the convention in Waco. At that convention we found out we were not the only ones asking what good the Federation was for our club. Fortunately for us, many Federation members answered the question in several ways. In my fallible memory and hindsight, the things that struck me were:

1. The Federation is here to serve the clubs by offering their help in anyway they can.
2. If a club has a problem and does not bring it to the attention of the Federation, the Federation has NO WAY of knowing a club needs help.
3. As a Federation, we provide a scholarship to four graduate students each year for \$2,000 each to help them through school. [This is the AFMS Scholarship Foundation program.]
4. Through the Federation a directory is published that contains officer addresses and club addresses with phone numbers so those can be used as resources if we want to plan a field trip in other areas of the three states the SCFMS covers. [Your Federation does this too.]

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5. The Federation has a slide library that we can check out programs for our clubs.

6. There is an American Federation of Mineralogical Societies that covers the entire United States. Through that we can network and find places all over the U.S. to go rock hunting and actually find things.

All this was new to us because we had not been an active participant in our Federation. I decided to see if the Federation would do what it said, so I wrote a letter to Kate Shaw, then Executive Secretary of the SCFMS, and explained how our club was in a decline and asked what we could do to improve our club. To my chagrin and mortification, the letter found its way to the editor of the Federation Newsletter and was published. I thought I would die of embarrassment - I had revealed that our club needed help and now the whole world knew it! But you know what? We received a letter from George Finley in Oklahoma that gave us several suggestions on what we could try to generate excitement and interest in our club.

We tried several of the suggestions that fit it with what we wanted to do. They helped! Those suggestions got us thinking and we tried a lot more ideas and some of those worked too. One of the best ideas we had was to ask our District VP for help. That was Joyce Speed of the Arlington Gem & Mineral Society. Through her efforts we started to change our attitudes and look at the positives. We felt that the whole Arlington Club more or less adopted us and supported us in efforts to re-vitalize our club. We started to grow and quadrupled in size in four years.

We have energetic and excited members who want to learn and do things. Through the kindness of individuals and the generosity of the Arlington club several of our members learned the basics of silversmithing. What a truly great way to spread our hobby and teach others about lapidary skills through inter-club cooperation.

What does the Federation do for our club or yours? Nothing if you don't ask. Everything they can if you do ask. What has the Federation done lately for our club besides offer suggestions you might ask. Well, let's see:

1. It has instituted a general liability insurance program that is extremely important and inexpensive.
2. It continues to provide scholarships to worthy students.

3. A growing slide library with videos is available also.

4. Information on pending legislation which may affect our collecting rights.

Not bad for concrete, hard things that can be readily demonstrated.

So when I look back just a few short years ago, when I knew nothing of the Federation and I asked the question "Why should our club remain a member and what does the Federation do for us?" I am glad that I attended a Federation Convention to find out. I am glad I wrote a letter to ask for help because we sure got it. And I am mostly glad that I had the honor and privilege to meet the folks who were interested enough to try and help someone they did not know and a club that had not been active for years.

[AFMS Ed. Note: Although Keith wrote this about his experiences with his own club and the South Central Federation, you too can avail yourself of help from your own regional federation. Just write to one of your officers or committee chairs and ask. If you need help or have a question about the American Federation, direct your question to the AFMS Central Office and you'll get the answers to your questions or help as you requested. Remember...the dumbest question of all is the one never asked.]

The First OMGS Silent Auction

By George Finley

It all started on an OMGS field trip to General Material Gravel and Sand Pit. I was sitting on top of an un-washed dirt and gravel pile about 15 feet high, and about 10 feet from me was Vi Holmes. Her comment was, "I don't know why I'm picking up more rocks, when I have more at home than I know what to do with. I asked her why the OMGS did not have a silent auction...that most clubs in the South Central Federation had a silent auction with their shows...that I had the chance to help them on their silent auctions. She said she would back me if I would do a silent auction at our Federation show. Somehow, we forgot to let The other chairperson know about it. We had set up at the show and, a short time

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later, the other chairman came by and wanted to know what we were doing. There was one mad and red face person. True to her word, Vi backed me up. Now, the Friday of our three-day show was a wash out, as it rained. As I was one time told, "I hear you get 10 inches of rain a year. I just didn't know you got it all in one hour." So the first day we went in the hole, as very few came out in the rain. Our best customers were the dealers, who bought rose rocks. The next two days were a lot better and we got to move the silent auction from the back of the show to the front part of the building. For our first silent auction, we made \$722.02. The two cents came from George Lindberg buying a very small rose rock. The other show chairman changed his views about silent auctions as it offset our first day's loss. Now, at every show, we have a silent auction thanks to Vi Holmes, who can be found, from the first auction to the current auction, supporting and working, when she can, along with her other show jobs. Would you believe that the Tulsa club had me help them set up their silent auction, which they have at their shows?

Rocker Tailings

Reported by Sue Smith

Brandon Fritz attended the Tulsa rock show the weekend of October 30-31. He had a great time and bought a couple of rocks.

Pearle Haney worked the election. They had 1,380 people vote at the Tulsa site where she was working. Weekend before last she went to Lake Arrowhead.

Chet and Jackie Hazelwood went to the Tulsa rock show. They put in a couple of cases and stayed the weekend. During that weekend, however, Chet dashed back to Guthrie, Oklahoma, to get his 50-year-pin from the Masonic Lodge. He dashed back to Tulsa to catch the rest of the show. On a surgical note, both Chet and Jackie got new knees this year. It looks like they are getting around just fine on them.

Thomas and Marilynne King went on a trip to New England and the mid Atlantic states. Thomas said the color in the east was very beautiful.

Betty McInnis got back from Dallas where she had attended a great granddaughter's 5th year birthday party, which was held at a children's gym. Betty said

eight girls ran and jumped and never stopped. Betty herself has raised only boys, so she was quite surprised at how active girls could be.

Dale Moore went to the Tulsa rock show and worked at the demo table doing hammered silver work. He wasn't allowed to sell his work, so, instead, he traded some of his jewelry for some cabochons and wire wrapped stones with some of the other workers..

Granville and Minnie Lee Morgan are doing okay. Granville had fallen and broken both bones in his left leg and broke his left arm also about a month ago. It will be four more weeks before he can put weight on his leg. He is now 98 years old. Minnie broke her pelvis last Thanksgiving and now gets around in a walker. They both stay at 23rd and Ann Arbor--Minnie Lee in the assisted living section and Granville in the nursing home next door. I bet they would enjoy visitors.

Rocky and Elaine Newsom are expecting a baby girl by the 11th of this month. If all else fails, the doctors are going to induce. The baby will be named Andrea.

That's all for now, folks. It was good to know George Finley was back up and around at last month's meeting. See you next month. Sue

Remembering Old Special Field Trips

By George Finley

It all started with an OMGS field trip to just south of Fittstown, Oklahoma, to hunt for crinoid bulbs and anything else that we might find. I had my younger son, Stanley, who was about 12 years old. Granville Morgan, who is one of our older members, was with us, and he always helped the younger members. He and Stanley found a mound on the side of a hill, which, according to Granville, looked like an old Indian burial mound. He had Stanley help him move rocks, so they could check it out further. If it were an Indian burial mound, then Granville would report it to the University. Granville told Stanley that he had to be very careful, as there could be snakes. He said he didn't think there were any rattlesnakes, as they put off a smell, if there were a den of them.

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Calendar of Events

NOVEMBER PROGRAM WILL FEATURE WIRE WORK DEMONSTRATION

- Nov 17 10:30am Bead Stringing Class
Alouette Bead Shop
- Nov 18 7:30pm Regular monthly meeting
and program at Will Rogers
Garden Exhibition Bldg.
- Dec 6 6pm Education committee meeting
(all members are invited)
6:30pm Work/Demo night
Cub Scouts will be present.
- Dec 9 7:30pm Board of directors meets at the
Express-O-Stop Restaurant, Midwest City.
We arrive about 6:30 to talk and eat a meal
together, first.
- Dec 10 OMGS annual Christmas party at the
Will Rogers Garden Exhibition Center
- Mar 11-13 Ada Gem, Mineral and Fossil Club
Swap, Show and Sale
- April 15-17 Red Rock Canyon State Park Swap
Sponsored by the Oklahoma State Council of
Mineralogical Societies.
Hosted by our club, OMGS.
Chet Hazelwood, chairperson
- April 22-24 Wichita Kansas show
- June 5 1:00 pm OMGS Anniversary picnic
- June 17-19 Rocky Mountain Federation of
Mineralogical Societies Show, 41st Annual Pikes
Peak Gem & Mineral Show, Hosted by the Colorado
Springs Mineralogical Society. The theme will be
"Pikes Peak, A Rockhound's Paradise", featuring
Colorado Gems, Minerals and Fossils. Five days of
field trips will follow the show.
- Oct 22-23, 2005 OMGS biennial show
"A Kaleidoscope of Gems" at the
Coca Cola Bricktown Event Center

The program for the November 18th meeting will feature a wire working demonstration by professional wirework artist Craig Kime. Craig, the son of OMGS members Norma and Paul Cinnamon, is one of the leading artisans in his field. For his demonstration, Craig usually accepts a cabochon or faceted gemstone that he has not previously seen from a member of the audience. He then incorporates it into a unique jewelry design as he shows and explains the exact steps and tools used to make the piece.

Craig will be in Oklahoma City from November 6th, through November 20th, while operating his Wire Works jewelry store in the Travel and Transportation Building, on the Oklahoma State Fairgrounds, during the World Quarter Horse Show.

Anyone having stones they would like mounted into articles of jewelry may take them to him during the Quarter Horse Show. He especially likes working with free form and uncalibrated stones. Be certain to mention your affiliation with OMGS.

Submitted by Paul Cinnamon

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Granville used a large stick to help move the rocks, and Stanley would pick them up and throw them aside. All of a sudden, Stanley let out a loud yell and jumped backwards. Granville asked in a loud voice, "Snake?" Stanley answered, "No! A mouse and it tried to run up my pant leg!"

Remember that anything can happen on a field trip. George

Ed. note: To all: Please write something for this newsletter. History, story, hint, how to, book report, field trip report, news, something you made. The readers appreciate photos, too.