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Oklahoma Mineral & Gem Society Purpose

The purpose shall be an educational relationship among the members for the study of rocks, gems, minerals, fossils, and lapidary techniques, and for the exchange of the results of such studies and classifications with similar societies and the public. (We have fun, too!)

Membership & Meetings

General Membership meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m., with the exception of June and December when our anniversary picnic and Christmas party are held in lieu of regular meetings. Guests are welcome.

On the first Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. (except holidays), we meet for a Demonstration & Work Night, giving members an opportunity to share information, teach each other, and assist each other with various personal projects.

Meetings are held at the Will Rogers Garden Exhibition Building, 3400 NW 36th Street in Oklahoma City. Annual dues are \$10.00 for a single membership and \$15.00 for husband and wife. A \$1.00 per person initiation fee applies to new members, subject to application and approval.

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“Discover the Treasures of Oklahoma”

Our biennial show is only TWO months away, November 3rd and 4th! Our club depends on the profit from this show to fund a large part of our budget for the next two years, so we must all work together to ensure that it is a success.

First, SELL ADVANCE TICKETS! John Bode has tickets in books of 5, which are at a discounted rate from the price of \$5.50 at the door.

Second, enter a display case. Applications for entering a case will be available at the meeting. We need competitive, non-competitive and specials. Non-competitive cases are for general collections in which the exhibitor has an interest. Competitive cases compete for the club trophies and must follow American Federation competitive rules. Special exhibits are those that have a significant interest or beauty that deserves to be labeled “special”. Dottie Smith, Competitive Exhibit chair, can explain how to use the rulebook and where to find one. Vi Holmes is the Non-Competitive chair, and Arlene Burkhalter is in charge of Special exhibits. Several museums will be sending exhibits in the Special category and they will be interesting to all. We will help you set up your cases and answer any questions you may have.

Third, we need donations! We need door prizes. We need donations for the silent auction, which is always popular and profitable at our shows. And, we need donations for 200 grab bags, plus help to get them ready. Grab bags will have small, identified items.

The show will be in the large Modern Living Building at the State Fair Park. Since the building is large, we have 18 dealers signed up and we need to have plenty of traffic to make it profitable for them. An abundance of good exhibits will make the show interesting for the attendees.

We will need help in setting up the area before the dealers begin arriving at noon on Friday, Nov. 2nd, so please make arrangements to be there. It will be a busy morning. Our tasks will be arranging and draping tables, and setting up chairs, among other things. The exhibitors can start setting up at 2:00 PM.

The show committee has been working quietly to make this show a success for the last few months, but every member has a responsibility to make it a success, too. Please help. All members are invited to be at the next meeting on Sept. 10th.

By Arlene Burkhalter, co-chairman

A SUCCESS BEYOND OUR WILDEST DREAMS!

by Dee Holland, AFMS Scholarship Foundation President
The 1st Annual Gemstone Live Auction for the AFMS Scholarship Foundation was a GIANT SUCCESS. With Ed Romack, AFMS Past President and President of the famous Intermountain Faceting Guild, as auctioneer and also the guiding light behind the event, the AFMS Scholarship Foundation received \$9,245.09. This was after the 14K gold mountings (\$879.91) were deducted from the total.

2007 Elected Officers

President

John Bode 580-336-2996

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Vernon Dorton 405-324-7664

Secretary

Dottie Smith 405-672-2510

Treasurer

Vi Holmes 405-834-0765

Board of Directors

Two year term:

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J.C. Brown

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Joyce McBryde

Bob Welch

One year term:

Sebastian Geffre

Les Jones

Mark Brickman

Billie Marie Nedd

Oscar Carroll

Paul Cinnamon

Appointed Officers & Committee Chairpersons

Anniversary Picnic Donna Davis

Audio/Video: J.C. Brown

Christmas Party Dottie Smith

Property Custodians John Bode

Paul Cinnamon

Education: Mark Brickmann

Federation Activities

Max and Arlene Burkhalter

Field Trips Paul Cinnamon

Larry Shearer

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Librarian: Norma Cinnamon

Meeting Display Doyle McCown

Billie Marie Nedd

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Show 2007 Arlene Burkhalter

Vi Holmes

Stamps Dottie Smith

Sunshine Donna Davis

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Doyle McCown

Workshop Mark Brickmann

OMGS BOARD MEETING MINUTES August 9, 2007

Members present: Mark Brickman, Arlene Burkhalter, Paul Cinnamon, Mike Holmes, Vi Holmes, Les Jones, Joyce McBryde, Billie Marie Nedd, and Dottie Smith.

Guests: Max Burkhalter, Norma Cinnamon, Judi Jones and Henry Nedd. Coleen Lumley stopped by to give a copy of the "Rockologist".

Les Jones conducted the meeting as Vernon Dorton and John Bode were both absent. Vi Holmes, Treasurer, gave the treasurer's report. She reported that the bank did take off the service charge. Arlene made a motion to approve the treasurer's until audit, seconded, motion carried. The minutes of last month's meeting were read. Joyce made a motion to accept the minutes, Vi seconded, motion carried.

Correspondence: A flyer and price list from NCE Enterprises that has rough material for sale for faceting and cab making. Several newsletters were also received.

New Member Applications: Kerry and Dave Paul—Arlene made the motion to approve, seconded, motion carried; Karen Nelson—Billie Marie made the motion to approve, seconded, motion carried

Old Business: Change to the by-laws—postpone the amendment until the next meeting. Billie Marie informed us that she would not be able to do the "rock tailings" for the Rockologist at this time.

Show Committee: Arlene informed us that the next show committee would be September 10th at Dennys. Les Jones volunteered to help get the Marie Kennedy Collection from OU.

New Business: Arlene talked to Chet and the Omniplex is not inviting us to come out to demonstrate in October. The question was raised—do we have a notice in the paper about our meeting. We need to examine the assignment of publicity and the president and vice president need to take action. Mark is doing a good job with the web site.

Nominating committee—have until next month to present the slate. Joyce and Paul will serve, and perhaps Oscar can serve.

Field Trips—none at the present time.

Meeting adjourned.

Dottie Smith, Secretary

OMGS GENERAL MEETING MINUTES August 16, 2007

John Bode, president, called the meeting to order. Jeannie Manners made a motion to approve the minutes as printed in "The Rockologist", Jim Williams, seconded, motion carried. Vi Holmes gave the treasurer's report which will be filed for future audit. Vi brought some display items—members are encouraged to take to use in a display case.

New member packet was picked up by Karen Nelson. And later before the program, Kerry and Dave Paul picked up their packet.

Correspondence: Flyers about the Enid show in September; about Agate 2007; the show and swap in Tahlequah this weekend; an auction of a rock shop in Wheatland, Wyoming; a flyer and price list for rough material from NCE Enterprises. A subscription form for the Rock and Gem magazine was received and if anyone subscribes, they will contribute to our club treasury--\$6.00 for one year subscription and \$12 for a two year subscription.

UPCOMING SHOWS

Aug 17-19 Tahlequah Show & Swap, Tahlequah, OK

Aug 18-20 Greater St. Louis Assn of Earth Science Clubs Show, St. Louis, MO

Aug 25-Sept 3 Apache Creek, New Mexico Annual Field Trip, Agate 2007

Sept 1-2 South Central Fed. Conv. & Show, Arlington, TX

Sept 14-16 Denver Gem & Mineral Show, Denver, CO

Sept 28-30 Enid Mineral & Gem Club Show, Hoover Bldg. Garfield County Fair Grounds.

Oct 2-7 Idabel, OK
McCurtain Gem and Mineral Club annual show and sale
County Fairgrounds, 9th St.

Nov 3-4 The Oklahoma Mineral & Gem Society show will be at the Oklahoma State Fairgrounds, Oklahoma City, in the Modern Living Building.

Excerpt from the RMFMS vice-president's message By Stan Nowak

Richard Jaeger will be passing the RMFMS President's hat to me during our show in Enid, OK on September 28-30. Everyone is invited to our show. If everything works out like we hope, we will start having shows biennially. In next month's newsletter, I will try to expound on what I would like to accomplish this next year for the federation.

From the Rocky Mountain Federation News, Sept 2007

Displays: Billie Marie brought a peridot (August birthstone) tree and carnelian tree. Tyonne Lone Elk brought some rocks and would like some help identifying them. Les Jones brought some material Judi found on her recent trip to Alaska. Leon Neff brought some items he found metal detecting.

Committee Reports: Education—Mark Brickman said he is going to start classes at work night. At the last work night he had information on igneous rocks and will try to do a different one each time. There will not be a work night in September because of the holiday. Next month Dr. David London will give a presentation at our regular meeting.

Show Committee—Arlene said our meeting will be held September 10 at Denny's, 63rd and May at 6:00 pm. Next Monday they are meeting to re-measure the building. We have 18 dealers and several good museum displays. Need everyone to help. Vi encouraged members to put in a non-competitive case. We are having competitive cases and this is a good time to put in a case since Tulsa is having the Rocky Mountain Federation show next year. This would be good practice. We will be having special trophy for the local show and remember the trophy for RMF is the gold panner which is one of the most desirable trophy of any of the federations. Donnie Heffley who is in charge of demos invited members to help—need beadars, faceter, silver smithing, John has tickets for the show.

New Business: John gave a report on the OETA August fest. If you weren't there, you missed a good time. Nominating committee: Joyce McBryde is chairman, Oscar and Dale, will also serve—need a report by next meeting. JC Brown moved to South Dakota so will need help setting up the audio--Les volunteered with Mark. Dale will be editor for next month as Coleen will be out of town.

Old Business: The library amendment is put on hold as Vernon Dorton is not here and he has the information. Cookie volunteers for next month are Sue Smith, Reba Gibson, Pearl Haney. Kitchen volunteers are Joann Carroll and Reba Gibson.

The meeting adjourned for refreshments and the program by Spike Lee from Australia—about fossils and rocks from Australia.
Dottie Smith, Secretary

LET'S GET GEMSTONES ON U.S. STAMPS

from Wendell Mohr, AFMS Commemorative Stamp Chair

Persistence pays, and in the competitive atmosphere of getting stamps subjects into print, we believe that it is very important to continue to endorse our request for gems on stamps. It is a first class idea, really an extension of the "Our Mineral Heritage" theme of the two prior mineral stamp sets issued in 1974 and 1992. It's a gem of an idea! We think that the stamps would be beautiful and welcomed by not only gem and mineral collectors, but also postal customers as well. Did you send a previous request to the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee (CSAC)? Help by sending another. Persistence pays.

Perhaps a more persuasive approach would be for each of us to send a personal letter rather than a form which might just be disregarded. I realize it now costs \$0.41 per letter to do this, but hopefully we can stick 'em on envelopes in the near future. Send your letters to:

The Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee
Stamp Development US Postal Service
1735 North Lynn St, Room 5013, Arlington, VA 22209

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Whether you are giving
or receiving

No matter what the toil
or strife,

Every day that you are
Is the best day of your life.

You can make plans
for the future,

You can wish for yesterday,
But the only thing that matters

Is the use of your today.

Neither last week
nor tomorrow

Can be here to pass the test,

This is the day that
you are living,

That's what makes
this day the best.

No one ever lives tomorrow,

Yesterday has flown away,

But the things that are
accomplished,

Are the things you do today.

*Taken from Gem City Rock
News April 2002.
and the Rocky Mountain
Federation News Sept 2007*

OMGS CALENDAR UPDATE

- Sept 10** **Show Committee** Dinner at 6pm, meeting starts at 7pm
at Denney's at 63rd & May Ave.
All OMGS members are encouraged to attend.
- Sept 13** **Board Meeting** Dinner at 6pm, meeting starts at 7pm at
Denney's at 63rd & May Ave.
- Sept 20** **General Membership Meeting** 7:00
- Oct 1** **Education Committee Meeting** at 6pm
Workshop Night 7pm,

Some Good Examples

In a lifetime, we meet a few people, who give us an example of how to be a good person, and it is an honor and privilege to be associated with them. We have the pleasure of knowing them for a little while, and then either they or we pass on from this life and make room for the next generation, just as it has been for millennia.

It was mentioned in the August issue of this newsletter that an acknowledgement had been made to our club for donations to the AFMS scholarship fund in the names of two of these memorable people, Harold Snellen and Leona Carroll, who lived long, fruitful lives and have recently passed on and left us behind. Both of these good people always carried some of the proverbial fresh air around with them and shared it with the rest of us, who needed some. We miss them both.

By Dale Moore