



American Federation of Mineralogical Societies

Report to the Officers, Directors, and Committee Chairpersons
from the Commemorative Stamp Committee July 15, 2008

From Wendell C. Mohr, Committee Chairman

Ongoing efforts this past year to reach success in obtaining **Birthstones** on
U. S. postage stamps were ramped up.

Thanks to President Shirley Leeson for the full support of our project. She personally wrote several articles in the AFMS News, stimulating participation of every member in every society. She also carried the message in person to several of the Federations, and made many useful contacts

Thanks to Bob Jones for publishing a two page article about Birthstones on Stamps in the February 2008 Rock & Gem Magazine.

Thanks to Dr. Jeffrey Post Curator-in-Charge at the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History for Providing for the use of pictures of birthstones from the national collection. The photographs were assembled into a large display to garner attention to our project at Gem & Mineral shows. Although the majority of the gems are non-US in origin, they provide a colorful idea of what could appear on stamps using U.S. Materials.

Two new promotional pass outs were produced, one for members of clubs and the general public, the other designed for student and teacher use which is educational while promoting our project. Copies of both are attached to this report in the hope that you will foster further use.

Thanks to those who manned the AFMS booth at the February Tucson Gem and Mineral show featuring the display, pass out materials, and promoting Birthstone stamps: Frances Bertling, Bob Carlson, Dee Holland, Shirley Leeson, Wendell & Jo Ann Mohr, and Carolyn & Steve Weinberger. Thanks to Joy Bourne who, although unable to reach the Mid West Federation Show due to the flooding closure of I-80, is using the display materials at several other shows.

Thanks to Marty Hart for adding updated material to the AFMS web site.

Thanks to the many clubs who have already used the promotional materials both at meetings and in their newsletters. As an editor myself, I have seen many fine examples in newsletters and bulletins.

As said previously, **Persistence Pays**. Lets gain even more support to have another stamp in the "Our Mineral Heritage" series of 1974 & 1992 with birthstones next.

Send your request for Birthstone stamps (Do it again even if you did before) to this address:

The Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee
Stamp Development
US Postal Service
1735 North Lynn St., Room 5013
Arlington VA 22209-6432

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