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NATIONAL ROCKHOUND & LAPIDARY HALL OF FAME WINNERS FOR 2004

from June Culp Zeitner

MINERALS:

George Robinson, Curator of the world famous A.E. Seamon Museum in Houghton, Michigan, Robinson is a geologist with a degree from Queens University, Ontario, Canada. He is a Research Associate at the New York State Museum. Robinson has over 80 publications to his credit including the best seller, *Minerals*, and is Associate Editor for three professional journals.

LAPIDARY:

Henry Hunt. A creative lapidary, Hunt was one of the first to use small carvings of transparent gems for jewelry. He shared his new techniques with others in his book, *Lapidary Carving for Creative Jewelry*.

JEWELRY:

Dalan Hargrave. A jeweler and master lapidary, Hargrave excels in cabbing, faceting, carving and metal craft. His creative designs in high karat gold won him eight AGTA awards in the national Cutting Edge and Spectrum competitions. He combines carving with faceting and has designed several popular cuts.

FOSSIL:

Frank Daniels, an amateur paleobotanist, has amassed a world class collection of some of the finest specimens of petrified wood in existence. An accomplished lapidary, his vivid complete rounds are highly polished. He has written two books, *Petrified Wood: The World of Fossilized Wood, Cones, Ferns and Cycads* and a revised expanded second edition.

EDUCATION:

Diane Dare. A prolific writer on mineral, fossil, gem and lapidary subjects, Diane has helped many dozen bulletin editors. She is a past president of AFMS and is the author of a junior activities manual. Her varied interests have led to her being involved with rules, paleontology and publications.

DECEASED:

Harold and Mary Lou Sparks. This couple founded the William Holland School of Lapidary Arts in Young Harris, Georgia. The school was founded in 1983 and they ran it until their deaths. Open every year from late April through October, the school is open to anyone interested in lapidary, offering classes in cabochons, carvings, intarsia, chain making, beading, faceting, channel jewelry, enameling, stained glass, wire work and silver and gold smithing. Costs are nominal.

The National Rockhound and Lapidary Hall of Fame honors those who have made significant contributions to the artist and/or sciences affiliated with our hobby or have shown great talent and originality that they have shared with others. Every year new inductees are elected for each of the six categories: Mineral, Lapidary, Jewelry, Fossils, Education and Deceased.

How to nominate:

Any club or individual or Federation can send in a nomination at any time until March 30th. (Nominations received after March 30th will count for the next year). Send nominations to June Zeitner, 5203 S. Canyon Road, Rapid City, SD 57702.

Who to nominate:

Someone widely known for his expertise, a mentor who has helped or inspired others, a creative person who has found new techniques or excelled in a difficult technique, a person who has been of great influence.

Give the name and address of your nominee and tell us in two hundred words about the nominee's qualifications for this honor.

The final winners are selected by a board of seven long-time leaders from all parts of the country. The winners receive a pin and certificate, their names are engraved in bronze on a large walnut plaque and their pictures are hung on the wall of the Hall of Fame headquarters at the Pioneer Museum, Murdo, South Dakota. Their biographies will be in the permanent record.

If you nominate a winner, would you like it kept secret until the inductees are announced? If you have a winner and want to surprise the new Hall of Famer,

let us know and we will leave the announcement to you.

You may make a nomination for one category or more, or all six.



See our website <rockhoundhalloffame.org>.

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IT'S BEEN AN HONOR

from Marve Starbuck, President



This is my last message as your president...it has been a great year, and I'm going to miss writing these monthly messages, and so is Kitty!

Several exciting things have happened this year. I will start with the one that tops the list!!! Through the efforts of Jim Brace Thompson, our Junior Activities Chairman, he has put together a merit badge program for our clubs with AFMS Future Rockhounds of America (FRA). It is similar to the Boy Scouts merit badge program. There are 9 merit badges, and a "Rockhound Badge" that will go to youth members who earn 6 of the 9 merit badges. I want to encourage the clubs that have junior members to enroll them in this program, and clubs that do not have junior members to do all they can to interest juniors in joining. Most of all, I want to thank Jim for all the time and effort he has put into this project and I'm very happy to see this happening!

As reported by Dee Holland in his September message in the AFMS Newsletter, the AFMS Scholarship Fund was enhanced by three \$500.00 donations each from the Lincoln Orbit Earth Science Club of Springfield, Illinois, the Gem and Mineral Society of Syracuse, (the host club), and Ye Old Timers Club of Livermore, CA.

The AFMS Endowment Fund is now richer by \$4,143.50. Thanks to not only what the raffle brought in, but thanks are in order to Ye Old Timers Club, who donated \$500.00, which added to the cause, to make this the most money ever taken in on the raffle. My thanks to Joy Bourne for all her time and effort. Speaking of the raffle, they say that lightning never strikes twice. Kitty won the opal gem tree that we had donated!!! Once before, a few years ago, she won the beautiful tennis bracelet we had donated to the raffle, and turned it back, saying she would take the next prize. The next prize was the most awful ugly necklace you have ever seen...you noticed, she didn't say "No" to the opal tree!!!

I have appreciated all the support I have received during my term, and want to thank all the very dedicated AFMS officers, committee chairs, committee members and regional officers. With their support they have made the job a lot easier. I especially want to thank Bonnie Glismann, who even though she has been fighting cancer for some time, has done a yeoman's job with the "Club Rockhound of the Year". She has been a real 'trooper'! I want to wish our incoming president Bill Smith, the best in the year ahead, and hope you will support him as you have me.

Now, I would like to leave you with something to think about. I have observed over the years (since 1963), that although a club is vigorous and successful in all of their activities, it is invariably the same people that do all the work. We must find a way to encourage younger people to participate more fully in club activities. Are they not participating because they feel they are not needed? Is it because some of the 'senior citizens' are reluctant to give up the 'reins', because they feel they will fail? That they don't know 'what' to do, if that is the case, then we are remiss if we are not helping them, and showing them the 'reins'! It's harder and harder to find "DEDICATED" people nowadays, but we must try.

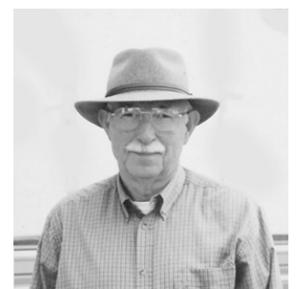
An "inactive member" really isn't a member. The question is 'who are they really cheating?' I have not been cheated, because I've met many WONDERFUL people, and learned many aspects of our hobby. You have all heard, and probably have done the HOKEY POKEY...you know, 'you put your left foot in', and the last stanza is, 'You put your WHOLE SELF in, and you put your WHOLE SELF out., well I'm asking you to PUT YOUR WHOLE SELF IN, BUT DON'T PUT YOUR WHOLE SELF OUT!!! KEEP YOUR WHOLE SELF IN, AND ENCOURAGE OTHERS TO DO THE SAME!

And now, I want to thank you for the opportunity to be your President, it has been a "great ride", and I have enjoyed every minute of it.

Sincerely,
Marve

TRAVELING WITH BILL

by Bill Smith, President-elect



After departing the big show at Syracuse, N.Y. we spent a couple of days touring the beautiful Finger Lakes region. Most of the time was spent driving around Seneca and Keuka Lakes visiting many of the wineries. (Yes, we also collect wine labels). Then a couple of days at the Carnegie Museum of Natural History, Pittsburgh, PA. The lapidary display is a must if you are passing through the area. Then on to the Northwest Federation Show in Boise, ID. Great displays and many dealers with beautiful material. Flew back to Kansas on Sunday so I could meet our daughter and grandkids arriving from Alaska. Spent two weeks with them and collected the famous Salt Plains Selenite crystals with the hourglass sand inclusions. The area is located near Cherokee, OK. This is the only place in the world where hourglass shaped sand inclusions may be found in most crystals. We also collected Petrified Wood, Agate, Jasper and fossils in Barber Co. Kansas that were deposited by the rivers during the melting of the Northern glaciers. Have just finished a workshop at the University of Kansas and on up to Des Moines, IA to visit Janet's brother.

Hope everyone is doing some collecting and that your travels have been safe.

Bill

AMERICAN LANDS ACCESS ASSOCIATION

from Peggy Blickfelt, ALAA President

What to do with the American Lands Access Association was the topic of discussion at a meeting held during the AFMS Convention this summer. Much concern was voiced over the inactivity of the organization during the past few years. Those in attendance voted unanimously to start over, reorganize the association and elect new officers and directors. Peggy Blickfelt of Boise, Idaho was elected President.

Peggy has been a director of ALAA since 2002 and a member since 1999. She has been an active rockhound since 1973 and is very actively involved in BLM planning meetings in Idaho. Peggy and her husband Chris, have been working with BLM to review plans to make sure that rockhounds have access to digging sites on BLM lands. The Blickfelts have taken BLM leaders and members of Congress out on rock hunting trips to show these officials what's out there and what rockhounds do. They were very impressed and indicated that they didn't have a club about the size of our organization and the respect we have for our lands.

Peggy feels that we need to work together to

keep our lands open. Once lands are closed by the government, it becomes nearly impossible to gain access again.

Plans for the immediate future include revamping the ALAA website and publishing the newsletter again on a quarterly basis. We need a good, ambitious editor to gather information and put it out in an informative manner. Please let Peggy know if you or someone you know would like to do this. ALAA needs the help and knowledge and ears of each and every one of you.

In order to have a voice in what happens to the future of our access to public lands we need to grow as an organization. Please get your friends and anyone concerned in keeping gates open to join ALAA. Dues can be sent to our treasurer, Toby Cozens and remain at just \$25 per year.

If you have any ideas or want to help the organization, please contact Peggy directly.

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LEWIS & CLARK CELEBRATIONS

from Clarence & Maria Turner

During our summer vacation we toured the Lewis & Clark Exhibition at the Jefferson Memorial Missouri History Museum. The exhibition is tremendous and is well worth the time spent viewing it. It is in St. Louis until Sept. 6, 2004. Then it goes on a tour to 4 other areas. We thought you might Publish these dates so any Rockhound in the area could attend.

Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia
Philadelphia, PA.
November 6, 2004 thru March 21, 2005.

Denver Museum of Nature & Science
Denver, CO.
May 6, 2005 thru August 21, 2005

Oregon Historical Society
Portland, OR.
November 11, 2005 thru March 11, 2006.
National Museum of Natural History,
Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC.
May 11, 2006 thru September 11, 2006.

Clarence and Maria Turner are members of the Lodi Gem & Mineral Society and the Stockton Lapidary & Mineral Society (CFMS).



REGIONAL FEDERATION SHOWS

from Mary Trammell

2004 Shows:

South Central Federation
September 25-26, 2004
Humble, Texas

Southeast Federation
December 10-12, 2004
Norcross, Georgia

2005 Shows:

California Federation
June 10-12, 2005
Roseville, California

Eastern Federation
March 19 - 20, 2005
Athens, Pennsylvania

Midwest Federation/ AFMS
August 16-21, 2005
St. Louis, Missouri

Northwest Federation
August 5-7, 2005
Albany, Oregon

Rocky Mountain Federation
June, 2005
Colorado Springs, Colorado

AFMS SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION UPDATE

by Dee Holland, Scholarship Foundation President

Report of the Stone Auction by the Intermountain Faceter's Guild at the NFMS Federation Show in July, 2004.

This auction has been ongoing since 1985 when the Intermountain Faceter's Guild began auctioning off gemstones from the members to enhance the AFMS Scholarship Foundation's program. During the early years, only loose stones auctioned off. In more recent years, Dick Glismann, a member of the Guild has been setting the stones in 14k gold and this has created a larger interest in the auction.

Ed Romack, past NFMS & AFMS President has been the auctioneer since 1987 and has "squeezed" every ounce of money from the audience. During most years the auction has produced an average of approximately \$3,000. per year.

This past year in 2004, the auction took on a special aspect because the stones of three master craftsmen, who are all deceased, Cliff Jackson, Carl Unruh and Quincy Howell, (a former AFMS Scholarship Honoree) were auctioned off.

There were only twenty-two stones and the audience knowing stones from these three gentlemen probably would never be available again, ran up the prices to a record high. After reimbursing the Guild for the gold content, the total forwarded to the AFMS Scholarship Foundation's treasurer was a whopping \$6,598!

Sincere thanks to all those people who were involved in this very successful endeavor. All monies donated from this auction (and from your contributions) go into the invested funds which generate the interest used to give our annual scholarships to earth science students enrolled in graduate programs.

Donations to the AFMS Scholarship Foundation should be sent to your Regional Federation Scholarship Coordinator.

All monies donated are invested and only the interest earned from these investments is used for scholarships.

AFMS CODE OF ETHICS

I will respect both private and public property and will do no collecting on privately owned land without the owner's permission.

I will keep informed on all laws, regulations of rules governing collecting on public lands and will observe them.

I will to the best of my ability, ascertain the boundary lines of property on which I plan to collect.

I will use no firearms or blasting material in collecting areas.

I will cause no willful damage to property of any kind - fences, signs, buildings.

I will leave all gates as found.

I will build fires in designated or safe places only and will be certain they are completely extinguished before leaving the area.

I will discard no burning material - matches, cigarettes, etc.

I will fill all excavation holes which may be dangerous to livestock.

I will not contaminate wells, creeks or other water supply.

I will cause no willful damage to collecting material and will take home only what I can reasonably use.

I will practice conservation and undertake to utilize fully and well the materials I have collected and will recycle my surplus for the pleasure and benefit of others.

I will support the rockhound project H.E.L.P. (Help Eliminate Litter Please) and Will leave all collecting areas devoid of litter, regardless of how found.

I will cooperate with field trip leaders and those in designated authority in all collecting areas.

I will report to my club or Federation officers, Bureau of Land management or other authorities, any deposit of petrified wood or other materials on public lands which should be protected for the enjoyment of future generations for public educational and scientific purposes.

I will appreciate and protect our heritage of natural resources.

I will observe the "Golden Rule", will use "Good Outdoor Manners" and will at all times conduct myself in a manner which will add to the stature and Public "image" of rockhounds everywhere.