

**SOUTHEAST FEDERATION OF MINERALOGICAL SOCIETIES--2009 BULLETIN CONTEST**  
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**TO ALL EDITORS: DEADLINE FOR 2009 ENTRIES IS JANUARY 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2009**

It is time to submit bulletins and original articles printed in 2008 for the annual SFMS Bulletin Editors Contest. I would personally like to invite you to participate this year. The contest will be conducted basically as in the past. Categories are:

- Mini Bulletins (6 pages or less including one-page bulletins.)
- Small Bulletins (11 pages or less but more than 6.)
- Large Bulletins (12 pages or more.)
- New Editors/News Bulletins (Any size bulletin. First time Editors only, eligible for first year only.)
- Junior Articles (two classes – age 11 and under, or age 12 to 18.)
- Adult Articles
- Adult Articles – Advanced (Previous 1<sup>st</sup> place winner, science career, published author, etc.)
- Poetry (Adult or Junior.)
- Special publications
- Written (other than articles.)
- Drawn

I am including contest forms for all categories. If you need additional copies of the included forms, feel free to copy them. Editors must fill out the top portion of all forms completely and attach one to each entry. (Clubs with dual membership in SFMS and EFMLS should choose one federation only for submission of entries.

Two copies of each entry are required (so I have pristine “unmarked” copies to send on to AFMS judges if needed. Only one scoring form is required for both copies.

BULLETINS: Only one issue may be entered. You select the month to be judged. To enter, send TWO copies of your selected month’s bulletin to the above address. Note: a page is 8 1/2 X 11 with standard print. Legal-sized sheet (8 1/2 x 14) counts as a page and a half. Sheets printed on both sides are **TWO** pages. Cover sheets are not counted unless content changes in each issue.

ORIGINAL ARTICLES, ALL CLASSES: The EDITOR must select all articles to be judged. If Junior author, age **MUST** be included on entry form. One article is allowed per author. If published in several installments, only **ONE** part may be entered. Articles Must be submitted AS PRINTED in the bulletin. Articles must be original, written expressly for the bulletin and related to the rock hound hobby. Minimum length of article is 250 words. Reports, (minutes, etc.) are not Original Articles and should not be entered. Submit **TWO** copies of each entry.

POETRY: Original poems by Adults or Juniors may be submitted. If Junior, age must be on the entry form. Only one poem is allowed per author. Poems must be original, written expressly for the bulletin, and related to the earth science hobby. Submit **TWO** copies of each entry.

**NOTE: Articles, poems, and Special Publications may have been published in ANY month of 2008.** Author(s) must be member(s) in good standing of the club submitting the entry.

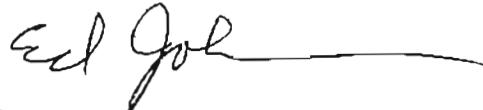
SPECIAL PUBLICATIONS: are original "one time" publications, such as a work shop manual, field trip guide, show program (not flyer), club history or anniversary, etc. Clubs may have multiple entries in Special Publications of each entry covers a different subject area. Special Publications may be any length. Submit TWO copies of each entry.

WRITTEN: This includes items (other than poems) in sentence form which add spice to a club bulletin, but do not necessarily follow the form of an article. They must be original and there is no length limitation. Possible entries would include humorous anecdotes, president's column, shop hints, plays on mineral names, or special club contests. ONE article is allowed per author. Submit TWO copies of each entry.

DRAWN: This includes puzzles that are made up of a form or shape (not word puzzles), cartoons, crystal structures (drawn by the author and incorporated in an original application). The drawn feature should have some accompanying description/heading to add to the originality, but the drawing predominates. Submit TWO copies of each entry.

REMEMBER---Send two copies of each entry. If you have any questions, please contact me. If you are no longer your clubs editor, please pass this information on to the current editor. I look forward to receiving your entries.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ed Johnson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Ed Johnson