

Bulletin Editor's Contest Results

from Linda Jaeger, BEAC Chair

The 2022 AFMS Editor's Contest culminated at Breakfast with the Editors and Webmasters during the AFMS/SCFMS Convention in New Orleans this past October. From my perspective, we had another successful contest. In case you were not aware, we have begun making attendance accessible to everyone by adding a Zoom call for those unable to attend in person. Thank you to Cheryl Neary & David Wayment for getting it set up, and to anyone I missed who helped work this out.

A huge round of applause must go to our judges, who carefully reviewed each of the entries sent them and wrote comments and suggestions to each of the editors and authors. I know this is a labor of love for each of them. Recognizing these volunteers:

Terry Yoschak, Mini Bulletins
Mike Wall, Small Bulletins
Jeff Ursillo, Large Bulletins
Linda Nelson, New Editor
Mike Nelson, Adult Articles
Claude Bolze, Adult Articles Advanced
Jim Brace-Thompson, Junior Articles
Sigrid Stewart, Written Features
Drawn Features, Judy White
Pattie Schalo, Poetry
Elizabeth Weston, Special Publications

And here are the results:

I. Original Adult Articles, Top 10

1. "Vermont Rocks!"

by Alice Wack, Burlington Gem & Mineral Club (EFMLS)
From: *Burlington Gem & Mineral Club Newsletter*, 11-12/21

2. "Fossil Hunting"

by Ted Gray, Santa Lucia Rockhounds (CFMS)
From: *Rockenteur*, 10/21

3. "Rock Hunting on the Kokernot 06 Ranch-A Rockhound's Dream"

by Terry Roberts, East Texas Gem & Mineral Society (SCFMS)
From: *Rock-N-Rose*, 4/21

4. "Safety is No Accident"

by Ilene Olson, Wyoming State Mineral & Gem Society (RMFMS)
From: *Jade State News*, 12/21

5. "Cool Cobbles from North Georgia Streams"

by Tom Faller, Georgia Mineral Society (SFMS)

From: *Tips & Trips*, 1/21

6. "Faceting: Gem Examples"

by Les Flynn, Reno Gem & Mineral Society (CFMS)

From: *The Conglomerate*, 3/21

7. "The Glacial Grooves of Kelleys Island"

by Susan Satchwill, Three Rivers Gem & Mineral Society (MWF)

From: *Strata Data*, 11/21

8. "It's a Sticky Situation"

by Daniel Hogan, Three Rivers Gem & Mineral Society (MWF)

From: *Strata Data*, 4/21

9. "Glauberite - Most Known by its Pseudomorphs"

by Harlin Unruh, McPherson Gem & Mineral Club (RMFMS)

From: *The Post Rock*, 8/21

10. "Tourmaline: A Multicolored Gem with a Complex Chemical Composition"

by Nick Smith, Three Rivers Gem & Mineral Society (MWF)

From: *Strata Data*, 3/21

II. Original Adult Articles, Honorable Mention

"August Field Trip Report - Graptolites"

by Lori Carter, Georgia Mineral Society (SFMS)

From: *Tips & Trips*, 10/21

"Chlorastrolite - Michigan's Gemstone"

by Judy Beck, McPherson Gem & Mineral Club (RMFMS)

From: *The Post Rock*, 12/21

"Late Triassic in the United Kingdom"

by Kevin Dermody, Central Pennsylvania Rock & Mineral Club (EFMLS)

From: *Rock Buster News*, 4/21

"Carats, Carets, Karats, Carrots... Oh, My!"

by Pat Speece, Santa Clara Valley Gem & Mineral Society (CFMS)

From: *Breccia*, 3/21

"'Ringin' in Spring"

by Clarice Turner, North Mississippi Gem & Mineral Society (SFMS)

From: *The Nugget*, 3/21

"Trilobite Hunting"

by Colleen Hayes, East Texas Gem & Mineral Society (SCFMS)

From: *Rock-N-Rose*, 9/21

"September Field Trip Report"

by Roger Danneman, Cascade Mineralogical Society (NFMS)

From: *The CMS Tumbler*, 10/21

III. Original Adult Articles Advanced, Top 10

1. "An Answer to the Pandemic Blues: A Road Trip to the Kansas Cretaceous Chalk Beds"

by Mike Nelson, Colorado Springs Mineralogical Society (RMFMS)

From: *CSMS Pick & Pack*, 7/21

2. "Two New Minerals to Science, Named for Arkansas Geologists"

by J. Michael Howard, The Hot Springs Geology Club (SCFMS)

From: *The Hot Springs Bulletin*, 3/21

3. "Walking Among Ghosts: Ironton, Colorado"

by Steven Wade Veatch, Colorado Springs Mineralogical Society (RMFMS)

From: *CSMS Pick & Pack*, 2/21

III. Original Adult Articles Advanced, Top 10 (continued)

4. "Caliperite - A Newly Discovered Rock Occurrence"

by David Springer, Ventura Gem & Mineral Society (CFMS)

From: *Rockhound Rambling*, 5/21

5. "School Collections"

by Stephen Blyskal, Houston Gem & Mineral Society (SCFMS)

From: *Backbender's Gazette*, 2/21

6. "My Bathroom Rocks!"

by Keith & Barbara Noyes, The New York Mineralogical Club (EFMLS)

From: *Bulletin of the New York Mineralogical Club*, 4/21

7. "Where in Colorado?"

by Dennis Gertenbach, Flatirons Mineral Club (RMFMS)

From: *Flatirons Facets*, 9-10/21

8. "Collecting Jasper Cobbles at Punta Gorda"

by Jim Brace-Thompson, Ventura Gem & Mineral Society (CFMS)

From: *Rockhound Rambling*, 1/21

9. "Cumengeite and Pseudoboleite"

by Michael Pabst, Micromineralogists of the National Capital Area (EFMLS)

From: *The Mineral Mite*, 10/21

10. "Montana Sapphires"

by Lawrence (Larry) H. Skelton, Western Dakota Gem & Mineral Society (RMFMS)

From: *The Ammonite*, 9/21

IV. Original Adult Articles Advanced, Honorable Mention

"Mineral or Mineraloid, What Is the Difference"

by Nancy Roberts, North Mississippi Gem & Mineral Society (SFMS)

From: *The Nugget*, 10/21

"Definition of the Month: Preserved Pleistocene Cave Lion Cubs from the Siberian Arctic"

by Steve Mulqueen, Ventura Gem & Mineral Society (CFMS)

From: *Rockhound Rambling*, 9/21

"The Dead River of Illinois"

by Rachele L. Best, Chicago Rocks & Minerals Society (MWF)

From: *The Pick and Dop Stick*, 3/21

IV. Original Adult Articles Advanced, Honorable Mention (continued)

"Preparing Your Fossil Specimens"

by Jose Santamaria, Georgia Mineral Society (SFMS)

From: *Tips & Trips*, 5/21

V. Junior Articles - Under 12, Top 10

1. "Valley of Fire: Spring Break Trip 2021"

by Lucia Hetrick (11), Ventura Gem & Mineral Society (CFMS)

From: *Rockhound Rambling*, 4/21

2. "Enameling and Why I Love It"

by Sophie Gunter (10), North Mississippi Gem & Mineral Society (SFMS)

From: *The Nugget*, 11/21

3. "Panum Crater: Step into a Young Volcano"

by Valerie Churchill (6), Ventura Gem & Mineral Society (CFMS)

From: *Rockhound Rambling*, 8/21

4. "Baculites"

by Adler Casson (11), Flatirons Mineral Club (RMFMS)
From: *Flatirons Facets*, 9-10/21

5. "My Trip to Aurora, North Carolina"

by Sydney Thornton (10), North Mississippi Gem & Mineral Club (SFMS)
From: *The Nugget*, 9/21

6. "The Shah Diamond"

by Amelia Rosholt (7), Chicago Rocks & Minerals Society (MWF)
From: *The Pick & Dop Stick*, 1/21

7. "Trebloc Lime Mine Field Trip"

by Ellie Misulia (9), North Mississippi Gem & Mineral Club (SFMS)
From: *The Nugget*, 11/21

8. "Emeralds"

by Henry Poe (11), Flatirons Mineral Club (RMFMS)
From: *Flatirons Facets*, 9-10/21

VI. Junior Articles - 12 to 17, Top 10

1. "Anomalocaris"

by Connel Casson (14), Flatirons Mineral Club (RMFMS)
From: *Flatirons Facets*, 3-4/21

VI. Junior Articles - 12 to 17, Top 10, continued

2. "Fluorite"

by Charlotte Small (13), Flatirons Mineral Club (RMFMS)
From: *Flatirons Facets*, 9-10/21

VII. Written Features, Top 10

1. "I Have a Scratch and I Can't Itch It!"

by Daniel Hogan, The Three Rivers Gem & Mineral Society (MWF)
From: *Strata Data*, 9/21

2. "Shop Time"

by Terry Roberts, East Texas Gem & Mineral Society (SCFMS)
From: *Rock-N-Rose*, 12/21

3. "Crossword Puzzle - Geology Quiz"

by John Emery, Colorado Springs Mineralogical Society (RMFMS)
From: *CSMS Pick & Pack*, 11/21

4. "Hematite, Iron Mines, Rock Shops & Rainbows - A Rockhounding Trip to Michigan"

by Susan Satchwill, The Three Rivers Gem & Mineral Society (MWF)

From: *Strata Data*, 9/21

5. "Becky Whisenant"

by Becky Whisenant, East Texas Gem & Mineral Society (SCFMS)

From: *Rock-N-Rose*, 4/21

6. "A Rock Show (At Last!) and the Grandeur of Wyoming"

by Steve Dumortier, Show Me Rockhounds of Kansas City (MWF)

From: *Show-Me Rockhound Courier*, 7-8/21

7. "Collecting at the Red Cloud Mines of Lincoln Co., NM"

by Andy Thompson, Mineralogical Society of the District of Columbia (EFMLS)

From: *Mineral Minutes*, 2/21

**8. "Adventures in Flint-Knapping: Chapter 4, Point Styles and Time Periods, Part 3-
Mississippian Period"**

by Terry Comfort, Mississippi Gem & Mineral Society (SFMS)

From: *Rocky Echoes*, 7/21

9. "Field Trip Reviews: Stepping Back in Time"

by Nancy Roberts, North Mississippi Gem & Mineral Society (SFMS)

From: *The Nugget*, 5-6/21

VII. Written Features, Top 10 (continued)

10. "May 15, 2021 Meeting Program Review: 'Making Micromounts'"

by Rebecca Vallerian, North Mississippi Gem & Mineral Society (SFMS)

From: *The Nugget*, 12/21

VIII. Written Features, Honorable Mention

"Graves Mountain, Georgia"

by Charles Snyder, The New York Mineralogical Club (EFMLS)

From: *Bulletin of the New York Mineralogical Club*, 4/21

"Picturing the Past: The Golden Age of Field Trips (1956-1959)"

by Jim Brace-Thompson, Ventura Gem & Mineral Society (CFMS)

From: *Rockhound Rambling*, 9/21

"Experiencing the East Coast Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show"

by Ben Dolphin, The New York Mineralogical Club (EFMLS)

From: *Bulletin of the New York Mineralogical Club*, 12/21

"Fluorite: Mineral of the Month at the Western Museum of Mining and Industry"
by Ben Elick, Colorado Springs Mineralogical Society (RMFMS)
From: *CSMS Pick & Pack*, 10/21

"Flying Termites"
by Joshua Hair, Colorado Springs Mineralogical Society (RMFMS)
From: *CSMS Pick & Pack*, 2/21

"Pebble Pups Page"
by Louisa May Carey, Oxnard Gem & Mineral Society (CFMS)
From: *The Rock Bag OGMS Bulletin*, 8/21

IX. Drawn Features

1. "CMS Tumbler Cartoon"
by Keith Morgan, Cascade Mineralogical Society (NFMS)
From: *The CMS Tumbler*, 6/21

2. "Odds & Ends - Tourmaline Sketches"
by Alice Wack, Burlington Gem & Mineral Club (EFMLS)
From: *Burlington Gem & Mineral Club Newsletter*, 11-12/21

3. "Parts of a Trilobite"
by Charlotte Small, Flatirons Mineral Club (RMFMS)
From: *Flatirons Facets*, 11-12/21

IX. Drawn Features, continued

4. "Word Fill Game - Birthstones"
by Don Shurtz, Pleasant Oaks Gem & Mineral Club of Dallas (SCFMS)
From: *Chips & Chatter*, 8/21

X. Adult Poetry, Top 10

1. "Rock Story"
by Sigrid Stewart, Houston Gem & Mineral Society (SCFMS)
From: *Backbender's Gazette*, 12/21

2. "Brothers"
by Steven Wade Veatch, Colorado Springs Mineralogical Society (RMFMS)
From: *CSMS Pick & Pack*, 3/21

3. "Rockhounds Must Be Tough"
by Betsy Oberheim, Central Pennsylvania Rock & Mineral Club (EFMLS)
From: *Rock Buster News*, 9/21

4. "Stones for Christmas"

by Carolyn Hiwe, Oxnard Gem & Mineral Society (CFMS)

From: *The Rock Bag OGMS Bulletin*, 12/21

5. "The River"

by Barbara Braun, East Texas Gem & Mineral Society (SCFMS)

From: *Rock-N-Rose*, 9/21

XI. Junior Poetry, Top 10

1. "I Love Them All Big and Small"

by Lucia Hetrick (11), Ventura Gem & Mineral Society (CFMS)

From: *Rockhound Rambling*, 11/21

2. "Tide is Low, Time to Go!"

by Valerie Churchill (6), Ventura Gem & Mineral Society (CFMS)

From: *Rockhound Rambling*, 11/21

3. "The Best Part of Rockhounding"

by Ellie Langille (11), Ventura Gem & Mineral Society (CFMS)

From: *Rockhound Rambling*, 10/21

XII. New Editors, Top 10

1. *Rockhound Rambling*, 9/21, Celia Churchill, Editor

Ventura Gem & Mineral Society, Ventura, CA (CFMS)

XII. New Editors, Top 10, continued

2. *Cobb-L-Stones*, 9/21, Amanda Rollason, Editor

Cobb County Gem & Mineral Society, Marietta, GA (SFMS)

3. *Backbender's Gazette*, 11/21, Sigrid Stewart, Editor

Houston Gem & Mineral Society, Houston, TX (SCFMS)

4. *Summit Lapidary Club's Newsletter*, 6/21, Mary Myers, Editor

Summit Lapidary Club, Akron, OH (MWF)

5. *Rock-N-Rose*, 4/21, Sarah Hawthorne & Julia Toombs, Editors

East Texas Gem & Mineral Society, Tyler, TX (SCFMS)

XIII. Mini Bulletins, Top 10

1. *Chips & Chatter*, 8/21, Don Shurtz, Editor

Pleasant Oaks Gem & Mineral Club of Dallas, Richardson, TX (SCFMS)

2. *The Ammonite*, 10/21, Deborah Vick, Editor

Western Dakota Gem & Mineral Society, Rapid City, SD (RMFMS)

XIV. Small Bulletins, Top 10

1. *The Hound's Howl*, 3/21, Barbara Fenstermacher, Editor

The Aiken Gem, Mineral & Fossil Society, Aiken, SC (SFMS)

2. *The Quarry*, 3/21, Jim & Judy Budnik, Editors

Cincinnati Mineral Society, Goshen, OH (MWF)

3. *The Post Rock*, 12/21, Sara Murphy, Editor

McPherson Gem & Mineral Club, McPherson, KS (RMFMS)

4. *The Collecting Bag*, 10/21, Barbara Hadley, Editor

Richmond Gem & Mineral Society, Richmond, VA (EFMLS)

5. *The Bulletin of the NYMC*, 4/21, Diane Beckman, Editor

The New York Mineralogical Club, New York, NY (EFMLS)

6. *The Pick and Dop Stick*, 3/21, Rachele L. Best, Editor

Chicago Rocks & Minerals Society, Skokie, IL (MWF)

XV. Large Bulletins, Top 10

1. *The Rock Bag OGMS Bulletin*, 12/21, Laura Driskell, Editor

Oxnard Gem & Mineral Society, Oxnard, CA (CFMS)

2. *CSMS Pick & Pack*, 11/21, John Emery, Editor

Colorado Springs Mineralogical Society, Colorado Springs, CO (RMFMS)

3. *Rock Buster News*, 2/21, Brittany Martin, Editor

Central Pennsylvania Rock & Mineral Club, Harrisburg, PA (EFMLS)

4. *The Hot Springs Bulletin*, 10/21, Raymond Lynch, Editor

The Hot Springs Geology Club, Hot Springs, AR (SFMS)

5. *The CMS Tumbler*, 10/21, Keith Morgan, Editor

Cascade Mineralogical Society, Kent, WA (NFMS)

6. *Rockentour*, 8/21, Amy Phillips, Editor

Santa Lucia Rockhounds, Paso Robles, CA (CFMS)

XV. Large Bulletins, Top 10, continued

7. *Rocky Echoes*, 1/21, Rosina Echols, Editor

Mississippi Gem & Mineral Society, Florence, MS (SFMS)

8. *Burlington Gem & Mineral Club Newsletter*, 11-12/21, Alice Wack, Editor

Burlington Gem & Mineral Club, Shelburne, VT (EFMLS)

9. *The Mountain Gem*, 9/21, Stacy Walbridge, Editor

Franklin Gem & Mineral Society, Franklin, NC (SFMS)

10. *Breccia*, 9/21, Josephine Borucki, Editor

Santa Clara Valley Gem & Mineral Society, San Jose, CA (CFMS)

XVI. Large Bulletins, Honorable Mention

Flatirons Facets, 9-10/21, Dennis Gertenbach, Editor

Flatirons Mineral Club, Boulder, CO (RMFMS)

Jade State News, 6/21, Ilene Olson, Editor

Wyoming State Mineral & Gem Society, Big Piney, WY (RMFMS)

XVII. Special Publications

1. "RGMS Fall Swap Flyer" (10/21)

by Barbara Hadley, Richmond Gem & Mineral Society, Richmond, VA (EFMLS)

2. "In Loving Memory of Betsy Martin" (9/21)

by Thomas Hale, Richmond Gem & Mineral Society, Richmond, VA (EFMLS)

3. "A Triassic Vertebrate Fauna" flyer (8/21)

by Barbara Hadley, Richmond Gem & Mineral Society, Richmond, VA (EFMLS)

4. East Texas Gem & Mineral Society "Welcome Packet" (12/21)

by Julia Toombs, East Texas Gem & Mineral Society, Tyler, TX (SCFMS)