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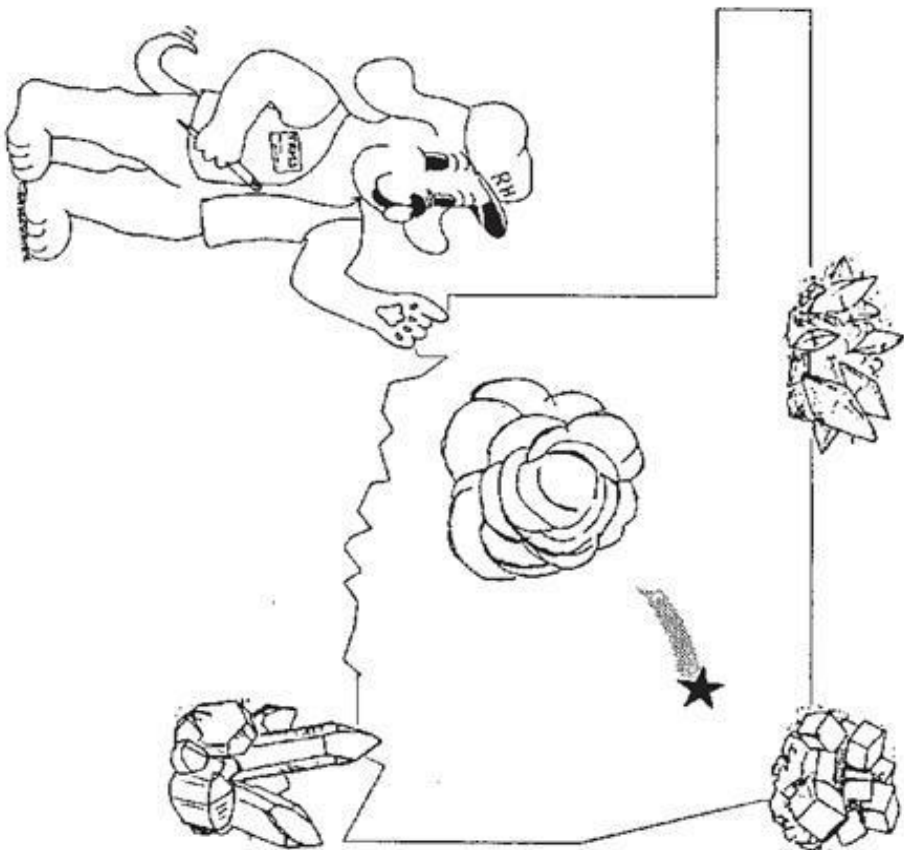


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TULSA ROCK & MINERAL SOCIETY

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2017 Officers were elected by club members in November

Installation of these officers will take place at the banquet Jan.9 at Golden Corral Mingo & 71st St. Tulsa 6 pm

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Need a VOLUNTEER for heading the Education Committee! Contact TRMS President Donna Loffer			

The Tulsa Rock and Mineral Society, Inc. was organized in April 1958 to promote interest and provide education in the earth sciences, in historical artifacts, in jewelry-making and all forms of the lapidary arts. Field trips, the club workshop, monthly meetings and other activities provide opportunities for life-long learning.

Meetings: the second Monday of each month at the College Hill Presbyterian Church, 7th and Columbia Street, Tulsa, OK. Refreshments and coffee begin at 6 p.m. Pebble Pups meet at 6:15 and the membership business meeting and program commence at 7 p.m. **ALL WELCOME!**

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TRMS Membership: Single \$12 - Family, \$15, due Jan. 1. Mail: PO Box 2292, Tulsa OK 74101.

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REMEMBER: THE JANUARY 9TH CLUB MEETING WILL NOT BE AT THE CHURCH! THE CLUB OFFICER INSTALLATION WILL BEGIN 6 P.M. AT THE GOLDEN CORRAL AT 71ST AND MINGO WITH THE MEAL, FOLLOWED BY THE MEETING AND INSTALLATION.

NEW 2017 Board members: The board of directors meet at the College Hill Presbyterian Church at 7 pm on the first Tuesday following the first Monday of each month.

We as a new board will begin our meetings on January 3. Thank you for stepping up and taking on these jobs. I am sure we can all work well together and make this a great club. I am looking forward in working with each one of you.

Donna Loffer, Incoming TRMS President

It will be on us before we know it! SHOW 2017! MEETING JANUARY 16

It is the time of year that we need to start looking ahead to the TRMS show July 8-9, 2017. It may seem early but it creeps up on us very quickly. Meetings will be held monthly, the third Monday, 7 p.m. at College Hill Church. There is always something each one of us can do. Please contact me if you have your eye on a position, or would like to continue in a certain position. I will be gone in January and February but Eric Hamshar does a great job as my co-chairman. If you have any questions or comments please text or call me at 918-232-8514 or Eric at 918-266-3612 or 918-284-3503.

TRMS Show Co-chair, Finis Riggs



From Mike Nelson, RMFMS Public Lands Advisory Chair, Calling all Rockhounds to Preserve Fossil Collection Rights/Sites

Editor's Note: Our collective voices are needed to insure the continued casual invertebrate and plant fossil collection on public lands by rockhounds. Information is being collected and public input is being solicited by the legislative committees involved in the proposed restrictions concerning these areas. Please read the information and send in your comment as instructed.

Paleontological Resources Preservation

Proposed Rule regarding collection of fossils on public lands— Comments due before Feb. 6, 2017

Federal Register Number 2016-29244

Online at regulations.gov

"The Department of the Interior (DOI) proposes to promulgate...."

Editor's Note: They lost me right there. As I understand the gov-speak, the government body regulating national land management is defining rules for collecting and preserving vertebrate fossils on public lands. Casual collecting of invertebrate and plant fossils will be allowed with stipulations on BLM land and certain Bureau of Reclamation lands. See the full summary and description of the proposed rules at the Federal Register website www.federalregister.gov/2016-29244.

Subpart I Casual Collection of Common Invertebrate or Plant Paleontological Resources on Bureau of Land Management and Bureau of Reclamation Administered Lands

§49.800

Is CASUALCOLLECTING allowed on lands administered by NPS (National Park Service) or FWS (Fish and Wildlife Services)? **NO-need a permit.**

CASUAL COLLECTING of paleontological resources is not allowed on lands administered by NPS or FWS. On those lands, collecting any paleontological resource must be conducted in accordance with a permit as described in subpart B of this part.

§49.805

Is CASUALCOLLECTING allowed on lands administered by BLM or Reclamation?

YES, with restrictions. The Proposed Rule would read:

- a) CASUAL COLLECTING MEANS THE COLLECTING WITHOUT A PERMIT OF A REASONABLE AMOUNT OF COMMON INVERTEBRATE OR PLANT PALEONTOLOGICAL RESOURCES FOR NON-COMMERCIAL PERSONAL USE, EITHER BY SURFACE COLLECTION OR THE USE OF NON-POWERED HAND TOOLS, RESULTING IN ONLY NEGLIGIBLE DISTURBANCE TO THE EARTH'S SURFACE OR PALEONTOLOGICAL OR OTHER RESOURCES.

Definitions:

(1) *Common invertebrate or plant paleontological resources* are invertebrate or plant fossils that have been established as having ordinary occurrence and wide-spread distribution. Not all invertebrate or plant paleontological resources are common.

(2) *Reasonable amount* means a maximum of 25 pounds per day per person, not to exceed 100 pounds per year per person. Pooling of individuals' daily amounts to obtain pieces in excess of 25 pounds is not allowed.

(3) *Negligible disturbance* means little or no change to the surface of the land and minimal or no effect to natural and cultural resources, specifically:

(i) In no circumstance may the surface disturbance exceed 1 square yard (3 feet × 3 feet) per individual collector;

(ii) For multiple collectors, each square yard of surface disturbance must be separated by at least 10 feet;

(iii) All areas of surface disturbance must be backfilled with the material that was removed so as to render the disturbance substantially unnoticeable to the casual observer.

(4) *Non-commercial personal use* means a use other than for purchase, sale, financial gain, or research.

LEND YOUR VOICE TO HELP PRESERVE COLLECTING RIGHTS (continued)

(5) *Non-powered hand tool* means a small tool, such as a geologic hammer, trowel, or sieve, that does not use or is not operated by a motor, engine, or other mechanized power source, and that can be hand-carried by one person.

You may submit comments, identified by Regulation Identifier Number (RIN) 1093-AA16 and FRN 2016-29244, by any of the following methods:



- **Federal eRulemaking Portal:** <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments to Docket No. NPS-2016-0003.

- **Mail to:** Julia Brunner, Geologic Resources Division, National Park Service, P. O. Box 25287 Denver, CO 80225-0287.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the RIN for this rulemaking. All comments received will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided. Please make comments on the proposed rule as specific as possible, confine them to issues pertinent to the proposed rule, and explain the reason for any recommended changes. Where possible, comments should reference the specific section or paragraph of the proposed rule that is being addressed.

Please remember as you comment:

- Provide first and last name, city, state, & country. All other fields of information are optional. Keep in mind that much of this information is publicly viewable.
- Comments may be typed in the box provided or they may be uploaded as attachments (Word docs or PDFs only). Comments may be brief or in-depth/well-researched. Comments with facts to support them are much more useful (e.g., examples of overlooked scenarios). Keep comments civil and straightforward. Comments using offensive terms, threats, or other inappropriate language will be disregarded.

PEBBLE PUPS

No Pebble Pups were present for the JRA meeting in December, so our study of gold did not happen. This month is the Installation Dinner, so we will not have a JRA meeting then, either. Come February we will pick up where we left off and go back to the study of gold. I will remind the Pups then. See you at the Dinner!

--Julia Allande

Display Case January 2017

The display case at the church is viewed by over a hundred people each month, and we constantly hear admiration for the fascinating displays. This includes educational displays as well as eye-candy ones. You joined the Rock Club for a reason, and that reason will undoubtedly make for a nice display to share. Look at your collection of stuff; look at what you make. Yes, everyone out there IS interested in what you collect and do. Half the fun of our Society is sharing what you have with others! I know you can do it! Just wait to see what will be put in for February!

--Julia Allande

The Conglomerate

News from the Chatpile

Wayne Mouser, okyrocks@cox.net



Jo Ann Mounce wrote: Had a swell time at the Club party in Tulsa last night. Wayne Mouser played the harmonica and I played the piano. We shared about ten Christmas songs. The last time we played together was about seven years ago at the Ada show when Richard Dodrill played the mandolin and Dale Moore of OMGS played the guitar.

Thanks to Donna Loffer and Liz Thomas for their work in preparing the turkeys and hams for the Christmas dinner.

Elaine Lee wrote: Sherri and Randall Smith are new grandparents with the birth of Aiden Joseph Herring, on November 29, 2016, wt. 6lbs.8oz, 20" long. This event also makes Chester and Elaine Lee new great-grandparents. Parents are Jeremiah and Emily Herring of Clarksville, AR.

Ben and Liz Thomas with Donna and Steve Loffer met Carl Hunter of Millry, AL and picked up some novaculite at Magnet Cove, AR. Follow Carl Hunter on Facebook to see all the knives he makes. He also is well known for his boiled peanuts. Liz reports that they drove over Talamina Drive to see the colors of the trees.

TRMS incoming secretary, Carlos Reyes has a shop on Etsy and a studio at home where he makes organic jewelry using gems, fossils, bones, leather, fair-trade horn, anything organic and inspired by earth and nature. He makes necklaces, leather cuffs and stuff like that. His website is www.etsy.com/shop/TainoRoots.

Donna and Steve Loffer and Liz and Ben Thomas will be heading to Quartzsite for the month of January. Jim Williams is already there, camping at Charlie Kukral's. The OKC club will be there the first week of January to go rock hounding with Jim. Several guests will be staying with us. Elaine and Chester Lee will come the first week as well as Chris Thomas and his friend from the fire station Drew Whimple. The next week guests scheduled are Kay Waterman and her sister Carol Ferguson, as well as Artis and Joe Cruise from Wichita. Then late in the week Roberta and Larry Wagle arrive. At the end of the month, Steve and Sharon Richards are coming out for a few days before they go on to Tucson.

Longtime TRMS members will remember Tom Hoffelder. He has been diagnosed with inoperable cancer.

Margueritte Hunt wrote she had her 96th birthday this past November. She is looking forward to attending the TRMS show next July, and visiting with her many friends in Tulsa.

Julia and Paulino Allande: We are "Leaving On a Jet Plane" for a Christmas visit with son Chris and granddaughter Alyssa, in sunny California. We will actually be at China Lake, close to Searles Lake, although no collecting is permitted there at this time of year. Mother is making the trip with us. We'll be back in plenty of time for the next meeting.

Finis and Lana Riggs: Bags are packed and ready to go out West. Leaving the 29th of December and not returning until March 20th. Going to be a great time with friends and some of our family. Looking forward to warm weather and cactus all around us. Hope you all here in Oklahoma have a great Christmas, a wonderful New Year and a warm winter.

Those attending the Dec. 27 luncheon at the Golden Corral were Donna and Steve Loffer, Ben and Liz Thomas, Barry Parks, Gail Lunsford, Martha Rongey, Harvey Shell, Roxanna Chamberlin, Wayne Mouser, Kay Waterman, Bob and Nancy Hicks, Penny Richardson.

H HISTORY

Compiled by Wayne Mouser from past TRMS newsletters

5 YEARS AGO JANUARY, 2012: New officers included James Stirling, President; Brent Shumard, 1st VP; Virgil Richards, 2nd VP; Roberta Wagle, Secretary; Paulino Allande, Treasurer; Jennifer Biddle, Editor. New officers were sworn in at LaMargarita's in Sapulpa. Bob Stratton awarded Ellsworth Noel a plaque for serving as president during 2010-2011, and a plaque to Wayne Mouser for show chairman 2010 & 2011. Richard Dodrill was the first recorded membership renewal for 2012. The field trip was to visit the club workshop and Elsing Museum at ORU. Scott Robb wrote an article titled "The Leizengton Obfuscation".

15 YEARS AGO JANUARY, 2002: New officers included: John Ravenscroft, President; Claude Bolze, 1st VP; Richard Jaeger, 2nd VP; Wayne Mouser, Secretary; Mary Watts, Treasurer; Linda Jaeger, Editor. The installation banquet was held at Ryan's Steak House. Outgoing President Kay Ulhorn brought the meeting to order. 42 members and guests present. Roger Thomas and Clyde Mikel displayed quartz crystals from an October dig at Mt. Ida. Kay Ulhorn wrote an article about attending the Richard O. Dodrill Museum in Cushing. Linda Jaeger wrote an article titled "Readn' Some of This 'N That". Chris Fite wrote: an article titled "What is Dirt?" A 25-year certificate was presented to Dr. Joe Whitteberry.

25 YEARS AGO JANUARY, 1992: New officers included: Leon Reeder, President; William Godley, 1st VP; Richard Dodrill, 2nd VP; Gay Andrasko, Secretary; Pat Gregory, Treasurer; Flora & Bob Oxford, Editors. Installation banquet was held at Furr's Cafeteria. Carol Bridgewater donated the center piece and Bob and Flora Oxford set up the room. Gene Cockrell was presented with a plaque for the service he has given to the club.



GENE COCKRELL



46 YEARS AGO JANUARY, 1971: New officers included: Scotty West, President; Percy Fly, 1st VP; Glen McCarty, 2nd VP; Dorothy Melhorn, Secretary; Lawrence Melhorn, Treasurer; Ruth Christensen, Editor. The 13th Annual Dinner & Installation of Officers was held at Borden's Sheridan Village Cafeteria. Sylvia Fort decorated the tables with flowers using Percy's drusy quartz as bases. Arlene Proctor was in charge of arranging the program. The invocation was given by Clyde Thomas. Rogers Moore served as Master of Ceremony. Ken Buchanan presented Wayne Cozens with a plaque in appreciation of serving as president in 1970. Wayne Cozens installed the officers for 1971 and the officers for RRUCS and Junior Gems. Marie Kitchell, Club Librarian, wrote an article titled "Books to Learn From and Enjoy".

American Federation of Mineralogical Societies

Website: www.amfed.org

December-January 2016 Newsletter

Summary by Connie Cassity, TRMS

Start Your Plan for the All American Club Yearbook By Regina Kapta, AFMS Chair

"Begin now to plan out your entry for the All American Club Yearbook award in 2017. Entries will be due a bit earlier this year – April 1st is the deadline, so the awards may be handed out at the AFMS Convention in June 2017." Details on completing the entry are in this article including some changes for the process for pdf entry forms. At the end of this bulletin are forms for submitting entries.

Introducing Myself by AFMS President Ron Carman

Ron reveals his interest and experience in rock collecting starting in his early years of elementary school and into involvement in mineral societies as an adult. "Over the years I've discovered that getting involved in federation activities, either regional or AFMS, is a good way to make new friends and get acquainted with many fellow rockhounds from other clubs all over the country. We all may have our own interests, but we share a common hobby and like that other Oklahoman Will Rogers, 'I never met a rockhound I didn't like'. It's a great way to share information with other fellow hobbyists from all over. And I am proof that this hobby is one that can last a lifetime, and everyone, young or old, can enjoy it in some way."

Obtaining Info on the 2017 AFMS-CFMS Show & Convention

By 2017 Show Publicity Chair Jim Brace-Thompson

"Members of the Ventura Gem & Mineral Society are honored to invite rockhounds from across America to our hometown of Ventura, California to participate in the 2017 National AFMS-CFMS Show & Convention taking place June 9-11." For more information and forms see the Show Website: <http://2017CFMS-AFMSShow.com>. Members can also contact VGMS directly at (805) 312-VGMS (8467) or at info@vgms.org. Consider an additional event. **There will be a Judges Training Seminar**, Tuesday, June 7 and Wednesday, June 8, 2017 conducted by Jay Bowman of Ponca City.

Editor's Corner by Mark Nelson, BEAC Chair

Mark is seeking to create a database of judges for regional Editor's Contests and puts out a call for volunteers: "If you feel that you are able to serve as a judge for a federation other than your own, please send me an email saying so, and which federation you are a member of. If you have a particular area of expertise (small, mini or large bulletins, written or drawn features, poetry, etc.) please let me know that also. mnelsonair@aol.com" He also urges editors to join S.C.R.I.B.E. (Special Congress Representing Involved Bulletin Editors) with information about the group and resources they have available – 2017 Best Of The Best "virtual cd".

AFMS Endowment Fund – Season for Giving by Cheryl Neary, Chair

Cheryl is seeking **donations** to the AFMS Endowment Fund: "Please consider donating an item with a minimum value of \$75.00 and a weight limit of not to exceed five (5) pounds." Another way to contribute is through the **purchase of raffle tickets** for prizes from our regional representative Richard Jaeger, 3515 # 88th St; Tulsa OK 74137-2602, rjgrsci@aol.com. The bulletin had photos of the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prizes.

Fred C. Schaefermeyer, January 28, 1919 – October 9, 2016, Past President of the AFMS (1994-95) passed away at age 97 following a brief illness. Contributions in Fred's memory may be made to the AFMS Scholarship Fund, % your regional Federation chairperson or directed to Steve Weinberger, EFMLS Chair, PO Box 302; Glyndon, MD 21071-0302.

Rockhound Soapbox – Rockhounding on Public Lands

by John Martin, Conservation & Legislation Chair, website: www.afmscllc@antelecom.net

"Recreational Rockhounding is defined as the Non-Commercial collecting of Rocks, Minerals and Fossils, according to established laws, rules and regulations, for personal and educational use, see: **Part 8365 of Title 43 CFR [Code of Federal Regulations]**, which provides for the collecting of "reasonable quantities" of rocks, minerals, semiprecious gemstones, and invertebrate and plant fossils of non-scientific importance, for personal use." John presents the actual wording of these codes.



Rocky Mountain Federation of Mineralogical Societies

Website: www.rmfmts.org

December, 2016 Newsletter

Summary by Connie Cassity, TRMS

The purpose of the Rocky Mountain Federation is to bring a closer association of all clubs in the Society, and to promote the study of earth sciences, including the lapidary arts, the study of fossils and paleontology, and related crafts.

New members to the Tulsa club, Wayne and DeLane Cox of Bentonville, AR are active in regional and national Federations: Wayne Cox is Secretary for the RMFMS, and DeLane Cox, a past president, is Chair of the Nominations Committee. Also, DeLane was elected as Third Vice President of the American Federation at the meeting in Albany, Oregon, in July. DeLane is also serving as president of the Oklahoma State Council of Mineralogical Societies, and Wayne is serving as Secretary/Treasurer. (Information provided by DeLane Cox.)

Your New Lapidary Technical Chair - by RMFMS Lapidary Chair Bill Smith

Bill gave information about his background and how he started 37 years ago: "My wife, Janet, and I, moved to the state of Washington and I was looking for some type of recreation that involved the outdoors. We were at a flea market when I noticed 4 books for a dollar. They were volumes 1 through 4 of Rock Hounding in Washington. We made a couple of field trips, joined a local Gem and Mineral Club and attended the Seattle Regional Gem and Mineral Show. My fascination for rock hounding was underway . . . I have shown many cab and fossil competition cases over the years and, win or lose, I have always tried to do better. . . [later] moved to Kansas . . . I am also the RMFMS state Rep for Kansas."

Treasurer's Report - By RMFMS Treasurer Gene Maggard

Income exceeded expenses about \$3,100.

RMFMS ended fiscal year 2015-16 with 78 member clubs and a total individual membership of 9,883 members, and increase of about 500 members. . . the general trend continues to be increasing membership in many clubs.

AGMC/RMFMS Convention News and Notes - By AGMC President Bob Regner

In 2017, the Albuquerque Gem and Mineral Club (AGMC) will be hosting the annual RMFMS convention in Albuquerque on March 18-19. AGMC President Bob Regner invited and welcomed "every club in the Rocky Mountain Federation to send delegates to this year's convention. We are working hard to make this a great and memorable convention/vacation for all attendees. We are planning several activities to go along with the convention to include some speakers and several field trips. These trips will be limited to registered guests at the convention and their immediate families." The tentative trips listed were to a mine known as Nacimiento on Sunday, March 19, and to the Blanchard mines on Monday, March 20. Future newsletters will have more convention information.

Seeking Lapidary & Jewelry-Making Articles for Rock & Gem Magazine

By R&G Contributing Author Jim Brace-Thompson

"Rock & Gem is the officially endorsed hobby magazine of the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies . . . In order to better serve their lapidary readers, Rock & Gem intends to increase the number of articles devoted to the lapidary arts and jewelry making." Members of AFMS-affiliated clubs are encouraged to share their expertise with Lynn Varon, Managing Editor of Rock & Gem. To read Rock & Gem's writers' guidelines, visit www.rockngem.com/wp-content/uploads/2010/10/2017-RG-guidelines.pdf. For further info about contributing, contact Lynn directly at editor@rockngem.com.

The Changing Landscape of Mineral Collecting: A Colorado Perspective - By Daniel Kile

This article is a detailed examination of mineral field collecting. Below are some excerpts.

"I've been collecting throughout Colorado for more than 45 years. Over this time, increasing government involvement pertaining to land use, mining and collecting activities, as well as detrimental activities of some amateur and professional collectors, have resulted in access to collecting localities becoming increasingly restricted, with a consequent and real threat to the future of the mineral collecting hobby. In defense of the seemingly heavy-handed actions of the government, many of these regulations have been in response to egregious behavior by a few irresponsible collectors. I have seen numerous huge holes abandoned by weekend rockhounds, and even worse, piles of trash left behind."

Many collecting localities have been eradicated by government sponsored road closures, remediation, and other activities. Some of this can be traced back to destructive actions of the general public, as well as some of those in the mineral collecting community, and also to a heightened emphasis on profit-making versus simply enjoying scenery and solitude in the field and the beauty of a crystallized mineral.

The decline of field collecting opportunities may in the future result in fewer active participants at the rock club level. Accordingly, mineral collecting will increasingly evolve toward collectors whose only option will be to purchase mineral specimens.

2016 RMFMS Bulletin Editors Contest

Detailed instructions and rules for the 10 classes of entries in the 2016 RMFMS Contest for Bulletins, Articles, Poems, and Special Publications are available in this article. Deadline for entries is January 1, 2017.

RMFMS Needs an Editor

RMFMS needs a replacement editor immediately.

"The task of editing requires computer and formatting skills, emailing skills, and an ability to put a bunch of disparate articles together in a way that makes sense. There is no requirement to write articles for the newsletter, unless you want to." *Email Beth Simmons, President, if you are willing to take on the task!* cloverknoll@comcast.net

SUNSHINE REPORT

Welcome to David “Mike” Lacer, who became a new member during the December meeting.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Donna Abbott
Julia Allande
Paulino Allande
Megan Benton
Debbie (Fontana) Bolze
Michael Clary
Justin Coons
Tiffany Coons
Chad Foster
John Holcomb
Hunter Holloway
Seth Kuhn
Melissa Lankford
Elaine Lee
Judy Lieser
Stephanie Mounce
Leon Reeder
Sharon Richards
Finis Riggs
Laney Robb
Janice Scamardo
Steve Spinharney
Donovan Wilson
Zahra Yushendri_



JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Julie and Ryan Brown

Beverly Ennis

JoAnn and Kenneth Mounce

John and Janice Scamardo

Laura and Jon Teckemeyer

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	TRMS INCOME & EXPENSES, GENERAL ACCOUNT -- 2016		
	Treasurer's Report By Linda Jaeger		
	Balance as of 11/19/2016		\$3,657.54
date	Income:		
12/12/16	deposit dues & transfer funds from show account	\$2,804.46	
	V Richards, dues, cash \$15		
	TRMS Show Account, ck#10209, \$2789.46		
12/12/16	deposit donation, sale of rocks at Hicks	\$10.00	
12/13/16	deposit dues, nametags	\$243.75	
	total income:	\$3,058.21	
	Expenses:		
11/29/16	Richard Jaeger, reimburse postage for Dec bulletin, ck#1592	\$74.80	
11/29/16	US Sign (name tags), ck#1593	\$16.28	
11/30/16	AFMS Scholarship Foundation, ck#1594	\$267.00	
11/30/16	OSCMS Scholarship Fund, ck#1595	\$267.00	
11/30/17	OSCMS Scholarship Fund (memorium for John Alf), ck#1596	\$35.00	
11/30/16	The Vanguard Group -- 0071, scholarship fund	\$483.03	
11/30/16	The Vanguard Group -- 5314, scholarship fund	\$483.03	
12/10/16	Ink Images, Dec bulletin, inv#25268, ck#1599	\$127.62	
12/10/16	Donna Loffer, reimburse meat & paper goods, hospitality/Christmas party, ck#1600	\$123.59	
12/10/16	Elsing Museum at ORU, donation, ck#1601	\$300.00	
12/10/16	College Hill Presbyterian Church, room rental, ck#1602	\$300.00	
12/10/16	College Hill Presbyterian Church, donation, ck#1603	\$200.00	
12/10/16	Tulsa City-County Library, donation, ck#1604	\$300.00	
12/10/16	Correll Museum donation, ck#1605	\$300.00	
12/14/16	Ink Images, print mbrshp forms	\$168.20	
	total expenses:	\$3,445.55	
	Balance as of 12/14/2016		\$3,270.20

Tulsa Rock and Mineral Society

By-Laws Change Proposals for Consideration by the Membership
on January 09, 2017

The following proposals have been approved by the Board for submission to a General Membership vote on January 09, 2017. **These proposals cover Articles IX and X** and complete a review that has gone on since 2014. The first set of proposals from this review was approved in July, 2015. At this point, all Articles of the 2011 version of the By-Laws have been addressed. Given that the following proposals are approved on **January 09, 2017**, a new version of the By-Laws will be published for all members shortly afterwards.

There is a companion document to the By-Laws that is not an included part of them, called **Current Practices**. It describes how the Society is accomplishing and wishes to conduct activities necessary to its functioning. This is still in a draft stage but expected to be submitted for General Member review and comment early in 2017.

While there will be future proposals for By-Laws change, the present review seems to be about over and the number and frequency of proposals submitted for approval should decline drastically.

As in previously submitted proposals, changes to the current By-Laws are **printed in red** and **highlighted in yellow**. One comment has been highlighted in **blue**.

The By-Laws Committee wants to say "Thank You" to all members for their support and patience during the review.

Bob & Nancy Hicks and Scott Robb

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ARTICLE IX -- ALLOTING OF **SOCIETY CLUB FUNDS**

1. General Operating Fund

- A. **A checking account of \$2,000.00 will be established on January 1 of each year. (got rid of "expected revenue ...")**
- B. General operating expenses and **Society club** equipment **costs** will come from the General Operating Fund. The **Sponsored** Show Chair (**Article X**) may be granted funds for the production of a **Sponsored Show (Article X)**, such amounts to be repaid out of income from the show. Any transfer of funds will be in accordance with the By-Laws (**Article VIII.2, Article IX.1.C, 2.and 3**).
- C. Any amount from the General Operating Fund **account** above \$2,000.00 at the end of each calendar year will, as soon as possible, be transferred as follows: First, to the **Sponsored Show Contingency Fund Account (Article X)**, **as necessary**, to bring it to the amount **existing at the time a show loss occurred specified (Article IX.2)**, second, to the Trust Fund **account (Article IX.3)**.

2. Sponsored Show Contingency Fund Account - See all of Article X.

- A. To insure Society members against an assessment due to losses occurring from shows, a separate Sponsored Show Account, shall be established or maintained in the amount of \$6,000.00 per show, **on or before March 1 in the calendar year following any the annual show and used to fund any show sponsored by the Society, after approval as specified in Article X.1.**
- B. After allowing for any pending bills the remaining show proceeds realized from any Society Sponsored Show's activities will be disbursed **as soon as possible** following the Show Chair's report, see Article X.2.D., in the following manner:
 - 1. If necessary, to bring the General Operating Fund up to the amount specified, in accordance with Articles VIII and IX.1.C.
 - 2. Added to the Trust Fund **certificate of deposit accounts**, in accordance with Articles VIII and IX.1.C, as soon as it is possible to do so.

3. Trust Fund

- A. All remaining **Society club** funds will be placed in **designated certificate(s) of deposit or if approved by the Board of Directors, some other conservative interest bearing account(s), with prior approval by the Board of Directors, and reported in the Board Meeting Minutes to the General Membership.** In the event of the dissolution of the Society, this money will be disposed of in accordance with the Articles of Incorporation.
- B. **With prior approval of the Board and reported in the Board Meeting Minutes to the General Membership,** interest from the Trust Fund will be withdrawn each year and disposed of in agreement with the aims and purposes set forth in the Articles of Incorporation and in accordance with the By-Laws concerning authority for expenditures, **Article VIII and Article IX.1.C.**
- C. In the event of a deficit in the General Operating Fund (**Article IX.1.**) or a Sponsored Show loss, the funds necessary to bring the General Operating Fund (**Article IX.1.**) **up to the specified amount** and the Sponsored Show **Contingency Fund Account (Article IX.2)** **up to their specified amounts existing at the time the show loss occurred will be removed transferred from the Trust Fund by the Society Treasurer, with approval by the Board of Directors and reported in the Board Meeting Minutes to the General Membership** or by vote of the **Society Club** Membership in accordance with the By-Laws (**Article VIII and Article IX.1.C**).

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ARTICLE IX -- ALLOTING OF **SOCIETY CLUB** FUNDS(continued)

4. Scholarship

- A. Earnings from **an-conservative** interest bearing account(s) and/or certificate(s) of deposit **specifically designated for this purpose** will be used to fully or partly fund an annual scholarship(s). **Additional annual funding shall be approved by the Board and a majority vote by Society members in accordance with Article VIII.**
- B. Principal for this fund will be obtained from gifts or donations, **show proceeds, auction proceeds or sale of property.**
- C. Criteria for selecting a recipient(s), amount of the stipend(s), and procedures for administering the scholarship(s) will be adopted by the Board of Directors.
- D. If this fund is terminated for any reason, the Board of Directors will propose a method of disbursement of the principal at a regular meeting of the Society. A simple majority of the voting membership will be required for adoption.

5. Proceeds Distribution

- A. Non-monetary Donations will be distributed as follows - first in honor of any donor instructions, then as determined by the Donations Committee, reported to the Board and submitted for approval by the Society membership.
- B. Auction proceeds distribution will be determined by Society member club vote at the auction.
- C. Monetary donations will be distributed as follows, first in honor of any donor instructions, then to the Scholarship Fund. All transactions will be made in accordance with Articles VIII and IX.
- D. Property Sale proceeds and distribution will be stated and approved by vote as specified in Article VIII.3.

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ARTICLE X – **SPONSORED** SHOW PROCEDURES AND EXPENDITURES

1. **A majority of the votes cast at a General Meeting shall be required to approve a Sponsored Show. A separate General Membership vote of 60% approval will also be required to schedule a show less than five months or more than two years prior to its proposed event date.**
2. The Show Chair, **Show Co-Chair and Show Treasurer** will be appointed, **not later than the last day of March**, by the President who holds office at the time the decision to hold a show is **determined/proposed**, with the approval of the Board of Directors. **The appointments-is are to be made prior to the show approval vote and be part of the information presented to the members prior to the vote.** The duties of the Show Chair will include:
 - A. Responsibility for the overall coordination of the show.
 - B. Appointment of as many committee chairs as Show Chair deems necessary. Sub-committee Chair will be appointed by the committee Chair with the approval of the Show Chair.
 - C. The Show Chair shall present to the Board of Directors a budget outline of the anticipated income and expenditures of the show, and set a top limit of show expenditures.
 - D. Within four months after the conclusion of the show for which responsible, the Show Chair shall submit to the Board of Directors a statement of receipts, disbursements, and amounts receivable and due, together with **his** comments regarding problems encountered, and any suggestions for future shows.
 - E. The Show Chair shall serve as a non-voting member of the Board of Directors.
3. **If any profit is realized from any of our shows (big or all? Society Sponsored Show activity— should this be in Article IX?), it will be disbursed in the following order:**
 - A. **If necessary, to bring the General Operating Fund up to the amount specified, in accordance with Article VIII and IX.1.C.**
 - B. **Added to the Trust Fund certificate of deposit accounts (this allows for other types of accounts), in accordance with Article VIII and IX1.C, as soon as it is possible to do so. Moved to IX.2.B.**
3. **The Society may not be obligated for an expenditure larger than the balance of funds designated to the Sponsored Show Account at the time of the obligation. The Show Chair or in absence of the Show Chair, the Show-CoChair can obligate the Society for purposes of conducting a sponsored show.**
4. This section sets the rules for use of a Sponsored Show Account (see Article IX.2). A checking account will be initiated and maintained as needed by the **Society Treasurer** to control Sponsored Show funds. Withdrawals **will be made by check** and will require the signature of: the **Show Treasurer** (or in the absence of the Show Treasurer, the Society Treasurer or the Society President or one of the Society Officers whose name is on the bank account signature card). Transactions will be reported at each Show Committee meeting.

TRMS WORKSHOP—A GREAT RESOURCE FOR CLUB MEMBERS!

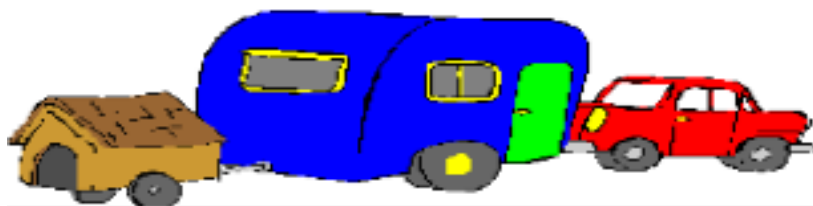
TRMS members are welcome to use the **club workshop** during the scheduled sessions. You will be asked to sign a waiver if you work at the shop. Young people must be accompanied by an adult. Material for cutting and polishing is available at the shop for \$1 a slab. There is a charge for cutting a piece on the big saw. Please, contact the shop foreman or the charge person 24-hours in advance.

TRMS WORKSHOP HOURS, ATTENDANTS

First Saturday-- 1 p.m – 5 p.m	Wayne Mouser	(918-582-8700)
Third Tuesday-- 5:30 - 9 p.m.	David Hogate	(918-630-4702)
Fourth Thursday-- 5:30 - 9 p.m.	Billy McBay	(918-407-6066)
Third Saturday -- 1 p.m. - 5 p.m	Leon Reeder	(918-346-7299)

The workshop is located next to Elsing Museum in the lower level of the Learning Resource Center at Oral Roberts University. At the Lewis/81 St. parking lot stop light, take the first right turn, just after the guard shack. Across from the baseball stadium, drive into the parking lot of the Learning Resource Center and follow the path to the LRC north entrance. Go down on the handicapped ramp on the right of the steps, or use the lower set of stairs and hit the Handicapped Entry button for access. Inside, follow signs to Elsing Museum which will be one more flight down stairs. At Elsing Museum, turn left, go down the hallway to the workshop which will be the second door on the right.

ON THE ROAD AGAIN



Submit items for the "On the Road Again" page to editor Kay Waterman by the 20th of the preceding month by email at kay.waterman@cox.net

Quartzsite, AZ Shows and Events

Desert Gardens - Gem & Mineral
January 01 - February 28, 2017

Prospectors Panorama
January 02 - January 15, 2017

Annual Hi Jolly Daze Parade - Town Park
New Christy Minstrels - QIA 2 pm & 7 pm
January 14, 2017

QIA Pow Wow - Gems, minerals & jewelry
January 18 - January 22, 2017

Tyson Wells Rock & Gem Show
January 06 - January 15, 2017


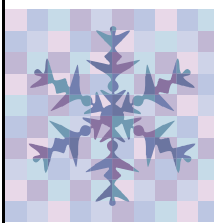
Gold, Treasure & Craft Show - QIA 9 am - 5 pm
February 10 - 12, 2017

Read more: <http://www.desertusa.com/cities/az/quartzsite.html#anchor832166#ixzz4UFwA6gSw>

TRMS JANUARY, 2017

The club regularly meets at 7 p.m. on the second Monday of the month at the College Hill Presbyterian Church, 7th and Columbia near the TU tennis courts. Hospitality hour precedes each meeting, with coffee and snacks. Visitors are always welcome. Pebble Pups meet at 6:15 preceding the general membership meeting.

For Workshop sessions contact the name listed or foreman Billy McBay at 918-407-6066 24 hours in advance.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 	2	3 TRMS board meeting 7 pm College Hill	4	5	6	7 Workshop 1 pm - 5 pm Call Wayne Mouser 918-582-8700
8	9 Installation Banquet 6 pm Golden Corral 71 st & Mingo	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 Martin Luther King Jr Day SHOW COMMITTEE MEETING 7PM AT THE CHURCH	17 WORKSHOP 5:30 pm – 9 pm Call David Hogate 918-630-4702	18	19	20	21 Workshop 1 pm - 5 pm Call Leon Reeder 918-346-7299
21	22	23	24	25 WORKSHOP 5:30 pm – 9 pm Call Billy McBay 918-407-6066	26	27
28	29	30 Lunch Golden Corral 21 st /Memorial 11:30 am	31 			

Minutes of Board Meeting 6 December 2016

Present:

Tony Rongey, President	Billy McBay, Shop Foreman
Julia Allande, Secretary	Ken Siler, Field Trips
Eric Hamshar, 1 st VP/Programs	Paulino Allande
Linda Jaeger, Treasurer	Virgil Richards, Director
Richard Jaeger	Sharon Richards, Director
Donna Loffer, President-elect	Amy Puls, Field Trips- elect
Kay Waterman, Editor	Steve Loffer
Martha Rongey, Librarian	Trinitie Hurd-Director-elect
Roberta Wagle, Historian	Carlos Reyes, Secretary-elect

As this secretary had not yet arrived these minutes are not complete.

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 in the Tulsa Central Library conference room by outgoing TRMS President Tony Rongey. All present introduced themselves. Field Trip Chair Ken Siler reported no field trip planned for December.

Treasurer Linda Jaeger said she had received a letter from AFMS thanking club for the Scholarship donation based on membership. She also noted the donations received during the year and submitted to the scholarship funds at VanGuard. TRMS donations made during 2015 included \$300 to Elsing Museum; \$300 to College Hill Presbyterian Church (for use of church for meeting space) plus \$200 freewill donation; \$300 to the Tulsa City/County Library (in past designated to be used for acquisition of earth science books and magazines).

Sharon Richards moved to donate \$300 to the library, \$500 to College hill Presbyterian Church, and \$300 to the Elsing Museum, same as last year. Seconded by Kay Waterman. Discussion followed. Kay Waterman offered an amendment to add Correll Museum for \$300; seconded by Roberta Wagle. Sharon accepted the amendment and the motion carried with one abstention (Eric Hamshar). The audit committee will try again to meet and complete the audit this coming weekend.

Linda Jaeger also recommended the Club use a two-part self-copy membership application form, especially if the Treasurer has an assistant to handle the memberships, giving a copy to each. She will check with Ink Images on printing said form. As part of the nominating committee, Linda Jaeger noted the Field Trip Director's position is legally filled. She will submit list of officers to Rocky Mountain by 15 December and make any corrections necessary after that.

Roberta Wagle reported she is working on annotating the Historian's job description. TRMS Shop Foreman Billy McBay reported the new lapidary machines are working well. Martha Rongey reported on the progress of the development of the new web site. And the TRMS Library is "still there," she said.

President Rongey noted the TRMS Treasurer's position remained vacant. Julia Allande suggested the Treasurer job may look overwhelming, as there are financial and membership duties in the job description. Different ideas and names were suggested for the position. Sharon Richards agreed to take the position of Treasurer if no one else would and if someone else does the membership. It was agreed that the Treasurer could enlist an assistant to do membership. Trinitie Hurd said she will do membership if someone else will do the finances. Election of Treasurer will happen at the next regular meeting.

Eric Hamshar reported the TRMS Officer Installation dinner will be at the 71st Street Golden Corral commencing at 6p on 9 January 2017.

Tony Rongey asked for an explanation of "capital funds" in the VanGuard account. Richard Jaeger explained that fund was set up apart from the scholarship money but never dedicated to a special purpose. That money is part of the TRMS Trust. At this point the meeting recessed in order to tour the library facility.

As Julia Allande will no longer provide specimens for the Pebble Pups who attend only the general meeting, incoming TRMS President Donna Loffer suggested members take on the give-away responsibility on a month-by-month, rotating volunteer basis. Discussion followed. Roberta Wagle for TRMS donations chair Larry Wagle said two club collection donations are being photographed and catalogued.

The December meeting and Christmas Party were discussed. Donna Loffer reported the ham and turkey cost \$104.68. Virgil Richards announced the arrival of a grandson two weeks ago. Nothing further, meeting adjourned at 8:44 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Julia Allande, Secretary 2016

General Membership Meeting minutes were not submitted and will be provided in the February newsletter.