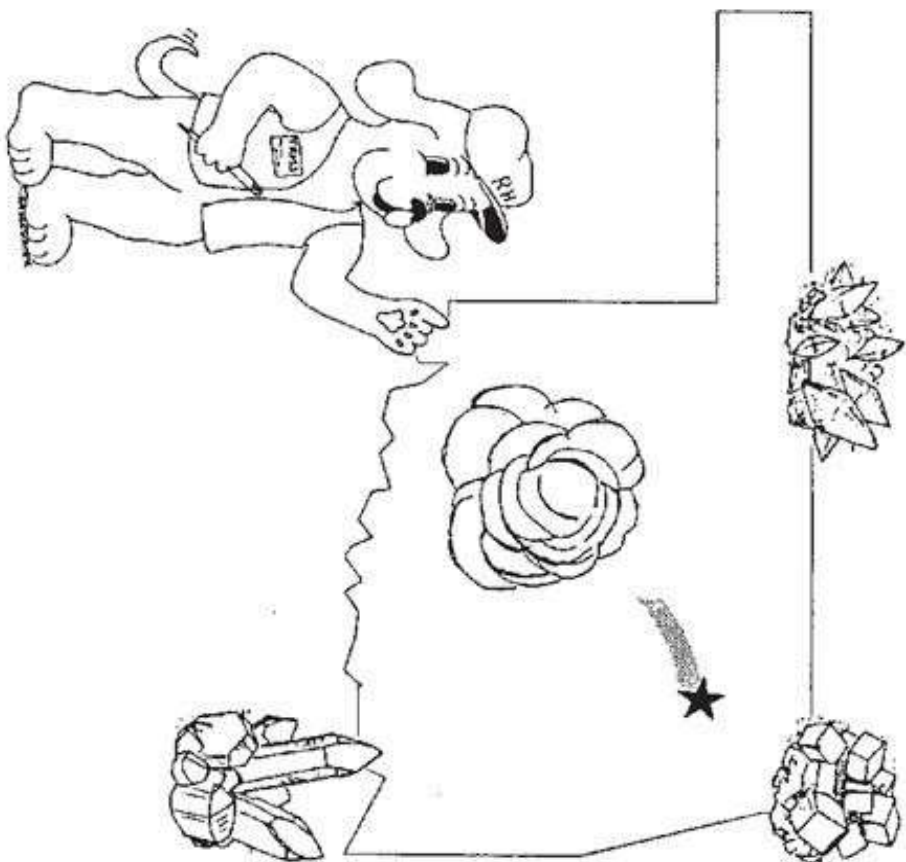


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# T-TOWN ROCKHOUND

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**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, 7<sup>th</sup> 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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**AUCTION**

**The TRMS annual auction** will be held following the November regular meeting. There are two important ways that you can help to make this year's auction a success.

First, the club depends upon donations of rocks, minerals, fossils, jewelry, equipment, books, or anything else that may be of interest to club members. They can be big or small donations. Anything is appreciated.

Second, you can BUY, BUY, BUY! This is really a great opportunity to add new pieces to your own collection as well as raise funds to help the club. So bring some cash and don't be shy!

J. Eric Hamshar  
Programs

## ***Proposed Slate 2018 TRMS Officers***

**President – Donna Loffer**

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Peter Grice**

**2<sup>nd</sup> VicePresident – James Puls with Amy Puls**

**Secretary – Roberta Wagle**

**Treasurer – Jerry Nagel**

**Historian – Larry Wagle**

**Librarian/Webmaster – Martha Rongey**

**Shop – Billy McBay**

**Editor – Kay Waterman**

**Directors – Steve Ridgeway, George Hill, Julia Allande**

*Voting will take place during the November general meeting.*

### ***From The PRESIDENT***

***I was glad to see everyone at the meeting. It's time to get out the jackets, Fall is here and Winter is not far behind.***

***It's a good time to go rock hunting. The pollen is down and the bugs are getting sleepy. Don't forget that the November meeting is the club rock auction. So bring your rock books jewelry and beads, anything that is rock-related.***

***Hope to see everyone in November.***

***Donna Loffer***

***TREATS A - I  
MONDAY, 11-13-17***

*Meet Megan Hinkle, recipient of the TRMS award*

## TRMS SELECTS 2018 SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

Megan Hinkle grew up in Sand Springs, Oklahoma, where her parents own and operate a small sand and gravel company. She grew up exploring the sand company, collecting rocks and fossils along the way. Her love for collecting rocks grew into her love of geology after taking an Earth Sciences class in eighth grade. Upon graduating Charles Page High School in 2014, Megan decided to pursue this life-long love of geology further.

Currently, she is studying geology as a senior undergraduate student at the University of Tulsa. She also works in the College of Engineering and Natural Science's Advising Office as a federal work-study student. Additionally, Megan is earning a minor in chemistry and is pursuing another minor in either anthropology or art. She would like to attend graduate school and earn at least a Master's degree in the field of geochemistry. She would like to use this degree to study igneous processes in her future career.

Megan started out as a Geosciences and Chemistry dual major, but she switched to pure Geosciences recently. She earned the highest grades of any student in several of her Geosciences courses, including Mineralogy as well as Igneous & Metamorphic Petrology. She is a work/study student and works in the Advising Office in the College of Engineering & Natural Sciences to help meet her tuition need.



I would like to thank you and the Society for your recognition of our best students, and for your generous contribution to the next generation of geoscientists.

Sincerely,

Peter Michael

McMan Professor and Chair  
Department of Geosciences  
The University of Tulsa

*Richard Jaeger presents Megan Hinkle with a check for \$1650 as the recipient of the annual TRMS Scholarship award.*

Sophia Price, one of our own Rock Pups, She is presently in Houston awaiting a liver transplant. She is the tall, willowy, dark-haired 12-year old who is the eldest granddaughter of recently deceased Barry Parks. She loves being in the Club and has her grandfather's love of rocks.

It would be wonderful if Club members could shower her with cards during this difficult period, showing their care and support. It would mean so much to her.

~~She is at the Texas Children's Hospital 6621 Fannin St.; Houston, TX 77030, Room 1212. Her days are full of tests and various hospital personnel speaking with her and her mother.~~

**Update:** After the doctor rejected two livers for one reason or another, the third liver offered was transplanted into Sophia early this morning. (October 18) She went into OR at 5 a.m. for the 4-6 hour operation and the doctor said the liver is a good fit. Keep those prayers and cards coming!

**Update:** Sophie is doing well . . . jaundice becoming less and her energy level increasing. Today they are leaving the hospital to stay in a nearby apartment for approximately a month. Of course, there will be continual monitoring, tests, etc. during that time. Sophie is looking forward to getting a good night's sleep . . . something we all know is nonexistent in a hospital. Both Sophie and Tara, her mother, are hoping that they might be home for Thanksgiving. Tara commented on the lovely amethyst Julia sent and how Sophie so appreciated the gift. If anyone still wishes to send get well cards, their new address is: 3 Hermann Museum Circle Dr., Apt. 2204; Houston, TX 77004.

Contributed by Roxanna Chamberlin



## PEBBLE PUPS

One of the exciting aspects of fossils is their relationship to time and the age of the earth. Our earth's geologic history has been arbitrarily divided into time units called eras, which are further divided into periods, some of which are further divided into epochs. A period defines a time in which a single type of rock system was formed. Fossils are fairly specific to their periods, as the creatures lived and died out. The challenge for the Pebble Pups this month is to learn the geologic timeline of our earth and some of the fossils characterized by that time period. Each Junior Rockhound needs to prepare a timeline, memorize it, and learn some of the fossils associated with each period.

I will not be at the November meeting but Holly Procter will be there. Do your homework and be ready to work on a project with her. See you in December!

--Julia Allande, JRoA Coordinator



**The November TRMS field trip destination will be sharing OKC's field trip to General Materials Gravel Pit**

**OKLAHOMA MINERAL AND GEM SOCIETY  
FIELD TRIP TO GENERAL MATERIALS GRAVEL PIT  
NOVEMBER 11, 2017**

General Materials Gravel Pit will open their doors for a field trip on November 11, 2016. We will meet in the parking lot at the pit at 8:00 am and will have to leave by 12:00 pm. PLEASE BE THERE ON TIME. All members of our club and those associated with the Rocky Mountain Federation are welcome to participate.

Each person will be required to sign a certificate releasing General Materials from any liability of accidents or injuries occurring during this event. We will have a short meeting with the plant foreman to go over the rules before going to the rock piles. Please listen and abide by these regulations. Remember that we are their guests and the pit foreman is giving up some of his time off to allow us to hunt.

The address to the quarry is 15800 S. MacArthur Blvd., Oklahoma City, OK 73173. The pit is located west of I-44 a few miles south of Will Rogers Airport, on the north side of the South Canadian River. Take I-44 to the SW 149th Street exit, and go west approximately 1 1/4 miles to S. MacArthur. Turn south on MacArthur for about 1/2 mile, and the gate is on the east side of MacArthur.

Items you may need:

- Rock hammer or small hand tool to turn over the rocks in the pile. Little or no digging is required
- One or two buckets or sturdy bags to put your finds
- A spray bottle with water
- Drinking water
- Snacks
- Closed shoes, tennis shoes, boots--Please no flip flops or open toe shoes.

Restrooms are available at the headquarters building.

Among the many things typically found are Agates, Jaspers, Petrified Wood, Alibates Flint, Aragonites, and Fossil Bones.

Hope to see you there! Anyone who is a member of a club that belongs to the RMFMS is welcome to join us!

Cecilia Evans  
405-850-5794

## Display Case NOVEMBER 2017

No one held up his hand saying "ME! ME!" this month, so we do not have a new display exhibit for November. We will leave Chester's and Elaine's in until after the November meeting. The next display will be in for December and January and we will change for February. I know you have it in your shops, houses, or some other rock place, so step right up and let's get your stuff out for others to see! Never mind that you have shown them before – people want to see them again!

Contact me via phone (918-834-3405), e-mail ([allande@cox.net](mailto:allande@cox.net)), or in person at a meeting.

--Julia Allande

### Treasurer's Report for November Newsletter

Submitted by Sharon Richards

Date:		Income	Expense	Deposit or Expense total	
	<b>Balance as of August 31, 2017</b>				\$5,231.80
9/5/2017	C. Reyes Rodriguez, ck22536, \$15 dues	\$ 15.00			
9/11/17	J. Chevallier, cash \$12 dues (from shop)	\$ 12.00			
9/11/17	J. Jarvis, cash \$6 dues (from shop)	\$ 6.00			
9/11/17	Rocks sold at shop - cash	\$ 24.25			
10/5/17	Deposit - partial month			\$ 15.00	
	<b>Total income:</b>	\$ 57.25			
	<b>Expenses:</b>				
9/5/2017	#1642 Donna Loffer - rocks for Spinning Wheel & Grab bags		\$ (30.00)		
9/25/17	#1643 Ink Images - Sept NL Inv 26241		\$ (90.39)		
	<b>Total expenses:</b>			\$ (120.39)	
	<b>Balance as of September 30, 2017</b>				\$5,126.41

## **Proposal for By-laws change**

**TRMS By-laws Committee**

**Scott Robb, Bob and Nancy Hicks**

**October 03, 2017**

In accordance with the By-laws, this notice will be published twice in the TRMS Newsletter and voted on at the General Meeting following the second publication, which is anticipated to be the one in January 2018.

This proposal is being made to facilitate more flexibility in conducting the TRMS Annual Audit of the Treasurer Records. The date restriction on the Audit Report needs to be modified. Doing so allows an audit to be done during the last months of a year through the first month of the next year, and still keep the Audit Report to the members scheduled in a timely manner, If the audit is done during the last months of a current fiscal year, later transaction will be rolled over into the next fiscal year and included in its audit.

### **Current By-laws:**      **ARTICLE VI – BOARD MEETINGS AND OFFICER DUTIES**

4.      Annually, the Board of Directors will authorize an audit of the books and records, a summary report of which will be made to the members **at the February regular meeting**. The Board of Directors may appoint one or more members to perform the audit without charge, or may contract for the performance of the audit by an independent auditor, at its discretion.

### **Proposed change:**      **ARTICLE VI – BOARD MEETINGS AND OFFICER DUTIES**

4.      Annually, the Board of Directors will authorize an audit of the books and records, a summary report of which will be made to the members **prior to the third month of the fiscal year following the one audited, at a General Meeting**. The Board of Directors may appoint one or more members to perform the audit without charge, or may contract for the performance of the audit by an independent auditor, at its discretion.



# *The Conglomerate*

**News from the Chatpile**

**Wayne Mouser, [okyrocks@cox.net](mailto:okyrocks@cox.net)**

. Harvey Shell and Roxanna Chamberlin recently returned from a trip to Manassas VA where they visited Harvey's cousin, a retired jewelry designer and owner of Dahl's Jewelry. They had a fine time discussing and viewing gems, jewelry-making, playing cards and "catching up".

An interesting highlight of the 8-state journey was a visit to Virginia's 215-foot-high Natural Bridge. Originally surveyed by George Washington, it was later purchased by Thomas Jefferson from the King of England for a pittance (about \$63 in today's money) because the land was considered unsuitable for farming. The arch is 40' wide with a 90' span between the walls and is unique because Virginia's State Highway 11 traverses across the top. Nearby was a replica Monacan Indian village. These Indians, related to the Sioux, covered their buildings with birch bark.



Other stops included the Sequoyah National Research Center in Little Rock, Arkansas and an interesting chat with Director Daniel Littlefield who previously lived in the Tulsa area and the Fort Smith Courthouse, now under the auspices of the U.S. Park Service.

Wayne reports: Those who showed up at Rib Crib after the October meeting were: Chris & Jessi Thomas, Ben & Liz Thomas, Finis & Lana Riggs, Steve & Donna Loffer, Larry & Roberta Wagle, Billy McBay & Wayne Mouser.

From Amy Puls: Our November Field trip will be in conjunction with the Oklahoma Club. James is going to Nationals for track in November and Liam has two golf tournaments, Jon is in a bowling tournament in Joplin. All before Thanksgiving. Crazy month! We will not be able to attend the outing with the Oklahoma group. Please send me some pictures if anyone goes. I am compiling photos for the year for all of our field trips.

Kay Waterman and Bruce Ketcham spent a couple of days in October in Murfreesborough, AR at the State Park Diamond Mine fields. Great meals, couldn't-ask-for-better weather but no diamonds.



## **TRMS Represented at Mt. Ida**

### **World Championship Crystal Dig**

Kim Perry, Ian Kirk and Dianne Kirk attended the 30th Annual World Championship Quartz Dig in Mt Ida Arkansas in mid-October. There were 135 diggers registered to dig. Competitors traveled from as far away as Japan to compete. Other noted entrants were from Oregon, Michigan, and 18 from one of the Colorado clubs. It was 2 days (14 hours) of digging. Each day the competitors entered 1 point and 1 cluster for judging. Ian Kirk was awarded 5th place (and \$50) in overall points in the junior competition. Yay Ian!!!

*Ian Kirk at Mt. Ida Quartz Dig*

## **Arkansas Wavellite**

By Steve Voynick

Arkansas is well known for both quartz specimens and hot springs. Quartz, in the form of beautifully developed, water-clear rock crystal, is the state's most collectible mineral. Also the Arkansas geothermal springs are world famous.

Arkansas' second most collectible mineral is wavellite. Despite its runner-up status, wavellite basic hydrous aluminum fluorophosphate has a lot going for it. It is an attractive and unusual mineral with an interesting tie to the geology that created Arkansas' hot springs. It was first described in 1805 for an occurrence within the High Down Quarry, Filleigh, Devon, England and named for William Wavell (20 December 1750 - 15 January 1829) of England who discovered the mineral.



Wavellite forms when groundwater that is slightly acidified with dissolved carbon dioxide and rich in aluminum, fluorine, and phosphate ions from contact with surface minerals percolated downward through the chert and novaculite. As the chemical environment changes from acidic to basic, wavellite precipitates from solution onto the walls of vugs and fissures.

Arkansas wavellite is considered the world's best, and the classic collecting locality is Mauldin Mountain near Mount Ida in Montgomery County. At Mauldin Mountain, the host Bigfork Chert and Arkansas novaculite have unusually large vugs and wide fissures in which wavellite forms as disks, hemispheres and spheres, all with characteristic radial structures. Mauldin Mountain is part of the Ouachita Mountains, a series of 2,000-foot-high ridges.

Condensed from the article printed in *Rock 'n Gem magazine*, Oct. 2012 issue. photo credit halboor.com; Via August 2016 Ozark Earth Science Gem, Mineral, & Fossil Club News

*Compiled by Wayne Mouser from the T-Town Rockhound Archives*

**5 YEARS AGO NOVEMBER, 2012:** Fifty were in attendance. New members Theresa Whitehead & Penny Richardson were recognized. Virgil Richards, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP announced there would be no field trip in November. Scott Robb presented suggested Board members for 2013. Donna Loffer announced she had two club vests for sale. She and Julia Allande had material cut into squares for grab bags and encourage members to start making grab bags. Harvey Shell discussed an ongoing Archeological Society project to help maintain the Remington Stones thought to be ancient carvings located in Tulsa. The annual auction netted \$1300. Auctioneer was Trey Riggs. Members were urged to bring finger foods for the December Christmas meeting. A memorial was posted about Gary Cooper's passing October 7th. Steven Rowlett, 16, was designated as our AFMS Junior Rockhound of the Year. Bob & Nancy Hicks were designated our AFMS Club Rockhounds of the Year.

**15 YEARS AGO NOVEMBER, 2002:** Forty-five were in attendance which included seven visitors. Gary Cooper gave out door prizes to one guest and one new member, Virgil Richards. He gave rose rocks to all the children present. Claude Bolze introduced Robert Scott a TU professor of Geology who presented a book review of "The Map that Changed the World". There was a question and answer session afterwards. President Ravenscroft introduced new board members. The only job unfilled was the Editor. The field trip was to collect chert at Lake Spavinaw. Steve Ables invited interested members to meet near Lubbock, TX during Thanksgiving holidays to hunt rocks and fossils on his parents' ranch. Peggy Stewart & Kay Ulhorn introduced show committee members present and handed each a ribbon and certificate of appreciation. A memorial tribute for Arlene Proctor was written by Linda Proctor Anderson. Jean Siler wrote an article titled "Looking Back to See". Chris Fite wrote an article titled "Why Doesn't a Rock Contain 4000 Minerals?"

**25 YEARS AGO NOVEMBER, 1992:** Meeting called to order by President Leon Reeder. The slate of nominated officers for 1993 was approved by acclamation. John Sanders read a complimentary letter from one of the show dealers. Leon shared many positive comments received about the show. The program was the annual club auction. Elmer Kitchell and John Cassity were the auctioneers. New members included Kelly Ray & Yvonne Dressel who read about TRMS in the newspaper. Nominating Committee included Leon Reeder, Bill Godley, Fred White, Ruth Potts and Pat Gregory. Maxine Douglas wrote an article titled "A True Story (No Kidding)". Harvey Shell wrote an article "Stonehenge - The Model".

**46 YEARS AGO NOVEMBER, 1971:** Eighty-Two members and guests in attendance. Billye Buchanan awarded door prizes received from the Robert, Valant, and Meeks collections. It was announced Leslie Case was moving to California and had lapidary equipment he wanted to sell. The 1972 officers were nominated by acclamation. The evening meeting was the annual club auction. Auctioneers were Arden Meek, Leon Gilmore and Dale Correll. There was no field trip in November. Billye Buchanan wrote an article titled "Topeka's Rock-O-Rama". Rock Rustlers Unlimited Club met at Mr. & Mrs. Char's home where Mrs. Char gave a program on Chinese Carvings. An article was written, with pictures of the October field trip to visit Dale & Alta Correll's rock shop & Museum. Ruby Collins wrote "Let's Get Acquainted--Joe & Fern McIntosh". Dudley Murphy wrote an article titled "Virginia Moonstone".



## BIRTHDAYS

*Evelyn Alsup  
Noah Alsup  
Toby Benton  
George Boyd  
Ryan Brown  
Mary Calvert  
Makayla Coons  
Wayne Cox  
Ashley Ellis*

*Sierra Wadlow*

*Jonathan Schaffer  
Richard Farmer  
Shelby Grayson  
Diana Hartzmann  
Radina Henson  
Norm Hyne  
Randy Luck  
Itzel Luck  
Jim McCarty  
Billy McBay  
Stan Nowak  
James Puls  
Karen Ravenscroft  
Brandon Richards  
Regina Richards  
Kenneth Siler  
Sherrí Smith  
Greg Stice*

## New Members

*Janice Chevaillier  
Judí Jarvis  
Taylor Family*



## ANNIVERSARIES

*Joe & Naj Faulkner  
Wayne & Geraldine Mouser  
Greg & Lisa Stice*







## AFMS & RMFMS REVIEW



AFMS and RMFMS summaries prepared by Connie Cassity  
 American Federation of Mineralogical Societies  
 Website: [www.amfed.org](http://www.amfed.org)

### AFMS October 2017 Newsletter

#### Safety Matters – Kid Safety

Ellery Borow, AFMS Safety Chair points out these special needs to consider for having kids working in the rock lab:

1. Some safety goggles are made of hard plastic or rubber. They do not easily conform to the smaller faces on kids. Solution: try using softer vinyl framed goggles which are flexible enough to properly fit kid faces. Goggles with elastic head bands can easily be adjusted to fit kids.

2. Heavy duty work gloves in either large or sometimes medium size are easily found in most stores. Heavy duty kid work gloves are not so easily found. Solution: try looking for ladies small-size heavy-duty gloves.

3. Hard hats for kids? Sometimes I have seen the play hard hats, but never have I seen down-scale hard hats that meet all the various ANSI or OSHA specifications. Solution: check out the adjustability of the head band and suspension system. Some are more adjustable than others. Seek one that can be adjusted to fit smaller heads. The benefit is that a good hard hat can be adjusted to fit as the child grows.

4. Steel toe work shoes in smaller sizes? There again, in some specialty work clothes establishments one can find safety toe work boots that fit smaller lady-size feet. The problem there is often finding the correct width, but with a little luck one might be successful in finding a safety shoe that fits. As fast as kids grow, it will be quite a trick to keep kids

5. Kid appropriate tools? Sure, kids love to hammer on things. Can one find kid appropriate rock collecting tools? Solution: I have found none specifically made for kids, but what I have seen are what I call “travel tools”, tools that are smaller -- less heavy rock picks, crack hammers, and chisels. Why does a kid need smaller tools? Well, smaller tools are more easily controlled in smaller, less strong, and less coordinated hands. Mind that any use of tools should be suitably adult supervised. Along with tool use safety and first-aid kits should have kid-sized bandages packed in with all the adult-size bandages.

The trick with kid safety, the one thing that makes it easier for adults is this one simple guideline: kids use adults as role models. . . Kids learn from us, so if we adults set a good example, our work in keeping kids safe is made much easier. The bonus with that approach is that we say safe too (for our kids' sake).

#### Having Fun – Junior Activities

In his column, Jim Brace-Thompson, Junior Program Chair suggests *SpinningDesigns.com* as a source for the spinning wheels often seen at rock club shows – these wheels are “light-weight, compact, and easily assembled and disassembled for convenient storage and transport”.

#### Seeking “Lapidary of the Month” Articles for Rock & Gem Magazine by Jim Brace-Thompson

Rock & Gem magazine is the officially endorsed hobby magazine of the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies. In other words, it's our magazine! Not only does it contain articles of immediate interest each and every month, it welcomes contributions by each and every one of us to better inform our fellow practitioners in our fun hobby. R&G Managing Editor Lynn Varon notes that one especially popular feature is the “Lapidary of the Month” article submitted by people to highlight some new technique or novel lapidary art that they've mastered and would like to share with their fellow rockhounds. However, the supply of entries for this monthly feature has been drying up in recent months, and Lynn welcomes new articles to keep this feature lively and relevant.

**AFMS Review, continued:**

The guidelines are simple:

- 1) Write a 500-word step-by-step description of how you crafted a particular lapidary project and save it as a document file.
- 2) Take at least one sharp, close-up, color digital photo of the finished project. (Use high resolution: 300 dpi at 4 inches by 5 inches, minimum.)
- 3) Attach your document file and digital photo (.tif or .jpg) to an e-mail and send it to editor@rockngem.com with the subject line "Lapidary of the Month."
- 4) E-mail the editor or call (972) 448-4626 with any questions. Lynn is happy to provide guidance! For an example, see page 8 of the September issue of Rock & Gem, where the Lapidary-of-the-Month article describes how to make drawer pulls and knobs for kitchen cabinets decorated with agate cabs. Let's all help keep our own hobby magazine lively and relevant with projects and techniques that should prove of interest to all of us!

**The AFMS Convention for 2018** is scheduled for April 6 – 8, in Raleigh, NC, in conjunction with the Eastern Federation Convention.

**AFMS Endowment Drawing** by Carolyn Weinberger

With the early 2018 AFMS Convention, it's time to start purchasing your tickets for the up-coming Endowment Fund drawing. We already have several prizes that you could possibly receive should you hold the winning ticket. We'll have photos and descriptions in the next AFMS Newsletter issue. In the meantime, should you wish to purchase tickets, they remain \$5 each or 5 for \$20. The drawing will take place during the 2018 AFMS Convention in Raleigh, NC the weekend of April 6-8. You do not need to be present to win!

Proceeds from the drawing are invested in secure accounts and the interest is used for special AFMS programs such as junior badges for the junior program, digitizing prior AFMS slide programs, and purchasing new DVD programs for the regional federation program libraries.

If you would like to donate a special prize for the drawing (\$75 minimum value), please send it to Cheryl Neary, 42 Jefferson Ave; Patchogue, NY 11772 as soon as possible so it can be photographed and "advertised" in this newsletter and on the AFMS website. Please limit your donation to 5 lbs. or less.

To order tickets, checks should be made payable to "AFMS Endowment" and mailed to Carolyn Weinberger at:  
EFMLS Endowment,  
PO Box 302  
Glyndon, MD 21071-0302.

Be sure to include your name, address and phone number as well as a stamped, self-addressed envelope with your order.

**Rocky Mountain Federation of Mineralogical Societies**

**Website: [www.rmfmts.org](http://www.rmfmts.org)**

**October 2017 Newsletter – currently unavailable**



## **Minutes of Board Meeting 3 October 2017**

Present:

Donna Loffer, President  
Julia Allande, Director  
Billy McBay, Shop  
Eric Hamshar, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
Sharon Richards, Treasurer  
Wayne Mouser, Director  
Amy Puls, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President  
Scott Robb, Nancy Hicks, Bob Hicks, Current Practices Committee  
Jerry Nagel  
Martha Rongey, Librarian/Webmaster  
Tony Rongey, Past President  
Paulino Allande  
Steve Loffer

A quorum being present President Loffer called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM at the church. The minutes from the previous board meeting were available approved as written in the newsletter. Treasurer's report for September was approved as written.

Program Chair Eric Hamshar reported that the October program would be presented by Bob Hicks (and that he needs a projector.) November will be the annual At-the-Meeting Auction.

Shop Foreman Billy McBay reported the big saw is ill but David is working on it and it will be fine. It needs a part.

In the absence of the Show Chair Finis Riggs, Martha Rongey asked for specific show dates so she could begin publicity. It was noted the contract is not yet ready, so dates may not be announced. Our understanding is that the 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend in July is a "go". 2017 Show Treasurer said she will now close the books on that show as there appears to be no more activity.

Field Trip Chair Amy Puls reminded all the October field trip will be the OSCMS swap at the Correll museum 21 October. The September field trip was to a neolithics quarry. October 28-29 is the OKC show in the Modern Living Building of the Fairgrounds. No Field Trip is planned for November.

The TRMS scholarship will be presented at the October meeting.

New Business: The question of making donations to OSCMS to honor our deceased members was broached. Discussion followed. Martha Rongey moved to increase our awarded scholarship amount by such amounts as would be given during the year in memoriums instead of to OSCMS. Sharon Richards 2nded. Motion carried. The equivalent of six memorial donations will be added to this year's scholarship amount.

Tony Rongey moved to donate \$25 to the scholarship fund in memory of Richard Dodrill. Wayne 2nded. Motion carried.

The Treasurer still feels the club is losing money overall in the investments held at Vanguard. Discussion followed. Consensus was that more information is needed.

**October board meeting minutes, continued:**

Donna Loffer reported a Berryhill 8<sup>th</sup> grade Science teacher has requested donated rocks and minerals for the classroom. She then mentioned the boxes Steve Loffer has made and would like to see the club give those boxes to the classes when a request comes in. Steve figures the cost of the boxes to be about \$25 each. Tony moved we provide two boxes to Berryhill School, the cost not to exceed \$50 each. Eric 2<sup>nd</sup>ed. Motion carried. Eric Hamshar suggested we label the boxes "in memory of".

The Nomination Committee presented the slate of officers they developed for 2018:

President -- Donna Loffer  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Peter Grice  
2<sup>nd</sup> VicePresident – James Puls with Amy Puls  
Secretary – Roberta Wagle  
Treasurer – Jerry Nagel  
Historian – Larry Wagle  
Librarian/Webmaster – Martha Rongey  
Shop – Billy McBay  
Editor – Kay Waterman  
Directors – Steve Ridgeway, George Hill, Julia Allande

As a matter of note: a stranger came into the last meeting (seeking food). We do not have any security measures. This is something to be thinking about.

Sharon Richards handed out large print membership rosters.

Scott Robb reported the By-Laws and Current Practices Committee followed up on liability insurance coverage. He gave a synopsis of the coverage. The committee proposed a change to the by-laws to facilitate performing an audit or review prior to the end of the year. Sharon moved and Martha 2<sup>nd</sup> same. This will be voted on by the general membership no sooner than January meeting after it is published in the newsletter in November and December. Motion carried.

Scott shared Current Practices for RMFMS for our consideration.

Julia Allande asked "Do we want to encourage the members to pay 2018 dues starting now?" Discussion followed. There was concern about keeping the years separate. Scott reported he had no problem copying the membership list and using it as a record. Early payment seems to be a good idea.

On the question of being able to retrieve information about motions and votes which happen over the years, Scott suggests we consolidate a year or even decade of PDF newsletters and let Adobe Acrobat find the subject when needed.

Nothing further, meeting adjourned 8:37 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Julia Allande

## **Minutes of General Meeting 9 October 2017**

The general meeting of October 9th 2017 was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by President Donna Loffer. A motion was made by Roxanna Chamberlin to accept the secretary's report as printed in the last bulletin-- 2nd by Finis Riggs, motion approved. A motion was made by Wayne Mouser to accept the treasurer's report as printed in the last bulletin--again a 2nd by Finis, motion approved. Lana Riggs announced that we had several visitors including Ed Taylor and his family. There were 55 members and visitors in attendance and 7 door prizes given out.

Julia Allande announced that we had 5 Pebble Pups this evening. Each received a specimen of celestite from Arkansas.

Amy Puls discussed upcoming field trips. For October, Correll Museum is hosting an open house, rock swap, potluck and OSCMS meeting and auction on Saturday, Oct. 21. Bring a dish to share. Sloppy joes and hot dogs will be provided. Admission to the museum will be free. Kay Waterman announced that for the next social hour in November members with last names beginning with alphabet letters A - I should bring snacks.

Julia Allande presented the nominating committee selections: President Donna Loffer, 1st VP Peter Grice, 2nd VP James Puls and Amy Puls, Secretary Roberta Wagle, Treasurer Jerry Nagel, Shop Foreman Billy McBay, Editor Kay Waterman, Librarian and Webmaster Martha Rongey, Historian Larry Wagle, Directors Steve Ridgway, George Hill and Julia Allande.

Roberta Wagle asked that anybody that would like to contribute to the All-American Award year book have their information for her by the November meeting.

Donna Loffer announced that the \$25 donations made in memory of deceased TRMS members will be rolled over into the TRMS annual scholarship with a card listing those members who passed away that year. In the past, these donations had gone to the OSCMS.

Richard Jaeger presented the TRMS annual scholarship check in the amount of \$1650 to Megan Hinkle from TU. In addition to the \$1500 original award, her scholarship included \$25 each in memory of Elmer Kitchell, Barry Parks, Ruth Potts, Jean Rhodd, Gene Cockrell, and Richard Dodrell. Megan thanked the TRMS membership for the scholarship. She said she started collecting rocks and minerals at her parents' company, Sand Spring Sand and Gravel, as a child. It was noted that TRMS has had a field trip at this location in the past. Jaeger thanked Dr. Peter Michael from TU for his work in helping choose scholarship recipients. Dr. Michael expressed his appreciation for TRMS and their work in the rock and mineral area. Dr. Michael will also be providing a report on past TRMS scholarship recipients and where they are now.

Larry Wagle brought in a fossil oreodont skull for show and tell. It will be auctioned off next month during the club annual auction. (Editor's note: Extinct oreodonts are most closely related to modern day camel and pigs.) Billy announced that the workshop would be open per bulletin dates.

Donna Loffer brought instructions on how to make grab bags. She gave a demonstration. Donna has plenty of material and Julia has yarn, if members could help make grab bags for our next show.

Eric Hamshar introduced the program speakers, Bob and Nancy Hicks. They showed slides of a number of cabs they had made.

The display case exhibit this month was provided by Elaine and Chester Lee.

The meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Roberta Wagle

## 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

<i>First Saturday</i>	<i>1:00 to 5:00 PM --LABOR DAY WEEKEND—CLOSED SEPT. 2, 2017</i>
<i>Third Saturday</i>	<i>1:00 to 5:00 PM</i>
<i>Third Tuesday</i>	<i>5:30 to 9:00 PM</i>
<i>Fourth Thursday</i>	<i>5:30 to 9:00PM</i>

Contact **Billy McBay**, supervisor, (918-407-6066)

The workshop is located next to Elsing Museum in the lower level of the Learning Resource Center on the campus of Oral Roberts University, 81st and Lewis, Tulsa.



## ON THE ROAD AGAIN

Submit items for the "On the Road Again" page to editor Kay Waterman by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the preceding month by email to [kay.waterman@cox.net](mailto:kay.waterman@cox.net)

**Nov. 10-12 SCFMS Annual Convention**, Hosted by the Houston Gem & Mineral Society at the Humble Civic Center, 8233 Will Clayton Parkway. Fri. 9-6, Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-5; Admission \$8, Children under 10 free; SCFMS Show with activities and exhibits; contact Stephen Blyskal, 20403 Coleridge Ln, Richmond, TX 77407, (832)-264-1278; e-mail: [steve.blyskal@gmail.com](mailto:steve.blyskal@gmail.com); Web site: [hgms.org](http://hgms.org)

**Nov. 18-19 Dallas Gem and Mineral Society's 60<sup>th</sup> annual show.** Saturday 10-6; Sunday 10-5. Rodeo center Exhibit Hall, 1800 Rodeo Drive, Mesquite TX 78149 (I-635 & Military Parkway-Exit 4) Adults \$8, Children under 12 \$3, Family of 4 \$20. contact Diana Case, 7522 CAMPBELL #113-196, DALLAS, TX 75248, (469)-688-4057; e-mail: [case53d@yahoo.com](mailto:case53d@yahoo.com); Web site: <http://www.dallasgemandmineral.org/>

## NOVEMBER TRMS CALENDAR

The club regularly meets at 7 p.m. on the second Monday of the month at the College Hill Presbyterian Church, 7<sup>th</sup> and Columbia near the TU tennis courts. A social 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 foreman Billy McBay at 918-407-6066 24 hours in advance.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4 <b>WORKSHOP</b> 1-5 PM  Billy McBay 918-407-6066
5	6	7 TRMS BOARD Meeting 7 pm College Hill	8	9	10	11
12	13 TRMS meeting College Hill 6 pm Social (Treats A - I) 6:15 Pebble Pups 7 pm Meeting	14	15	16	17	18  <b>WORKSHOP</b> 1-5 PM  Billy McBay 918-407-6066
19	20 Deadline to get articles to the newsletter <a href="mailto:Kay.waterman@cox.net">Kay.waterman@cox.net</a>	21 <b>WORKSHOP</b> Billy McBay 5:30 pm – 9 pm 918-407-6066	22	23 <i>Give Thanks</i> 	24	25
26	27	28  <b>TRMS</b> <b>Luncheon</b> 11:30 am Golden Corral just east of Memorial on 21 <sup>st</sup>	29	30		