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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Catherine Clevenz, MWF President

Hello Everyone!

I have always loved the autumn months. They bring changes and added color to our lives, as the weather cools down and the leaves turn to shades of red, yellow and orange.

Along with those changes is the change in officers for the MWF. I wish to thank you for the opportunity to serve you as President in the coming year. I am looking forward to working with 1st Vice President Mary Ann Ferguson Rich and 2nd Vice President Cheryl Neary.

A special thank-you goes to Susan Stanforth. She has been my mentor, and has helped make my job easier this year by getting many of the vacant positions filled. Her enthusiasm for the MWF is truly unmatched in any position she has had and will hold in the future.

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MINUTES OF THE 2021 MWF CONVENTION

Donna Moore, MWF Treasurer

[Following are the minutes of the MWF's annual convention, the Council of Delegates Meeting, held September 11, 2021, in Bowling Green, Ohio.]

President Susan Stanforth called the meeting to order.

J.C. Moore gave the invocation.

1st Vice President Catherine Clevenz led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The host club, the Toledo Gem & Rockhound Club, was represented by Ohio State Director Stephen Shimatzki and Diane Bieber. Steve welcomed everyone to Toledo. He hoped for a good meeting with new people. He encouraged everyone to visit the show and spend lots of money with the dealers. Diane said it was an honor to represent the club. Steve noted that the club had hosted the MWF ten years ago. This is the Toledo Gem & Rockhound Club's 50th Anniversary.

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DEADLINE CALENDAR

Dues and insurance forms for membership in MWF are due **Jan. 15, 2022**. Forms and information are on pages 4-6; if more information is needed, contact Sandy Fuller, MWFtras@rock-biz.biz.

Deadline for clubs wanting to enter the **MWF Website Competition** is **Feb. 15, 2022**. For more information, see the article on page 18 or contact Brad Zylman, brad.zylman@mrm.com.

Deadline to send 2021 entries to the annual **MWF Bulletin Editors Contest** is **March 1, 2022**. For more information, contact Sharon Marburger, mamamar7880@outlook.com.

MINUTES OF THE MWF CONVENTION, CONTINUED: IN MEMORIAM

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Susan recognized the MWF Past Presidents who were in attendance, who included: J.C. Moore, Cindy Root, David Rich (who is also the AFMS 3rd VP), David Root, and John Donker. Also attending were AFMS President Judy Beck and her husband Larry.

Susan then read the list of those members who had passed away since the last Council Meeting, which was held in March of 2019 in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. The names included: Pat Powers, MWF Program Requests Chairman; Julia Donker, MWF State Director for Michigan; Mary Wing, Wonderland Rock Club; Jo Powelka, Black Hawk Gem & Mineral Society; Kitty and Marve Starbuck, Past MWF Presidents and members of Kalamazoo Geological & Mineral Society (Marve was a past AFMS President); Chet Smith, Tulip City Gem & Mineral Club; Jo Peterson, co-owner of Jack Pine Rock Shop and member of Northwest Wisconsin Gem & Mineral Society; Randy Phillips, Neville Public Museum Geology Club; Helen Johnson, Ishpeming Rock and Mineral Club; Shirley Rockel, Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club; Wayne Frankie, Illinois State Geological Survey who did ID at area shows in Illinois; Charlotte Charno, Edwards River Earth Science Club and former Illinois State Director; JoAnn Rice, Edwards River Earth Science Club; Tony Kapta, MWF Past President and Credentials Chairman, Central Illinois Gem and Mineral; Archy Ammerman, Central Michigan Lapidary & Mineral Society, Archie's Rock Shop; Kern Schwartz, Sioux Empire Gem and Mineral

Society; Ralph "Charlie" Hedges and Robert Lee Helwig, Show-Me Rockhounds of Kansas City; June Fergenson, River Valley Rockhounds; Betty White and Bob Mansell, Independence Gem & Mineral Society; Mike Kesterke, Blossomland Gem and Mineral Club; Gladys Weikert, Northwest Wisconsin Gem & Mineral Club; Lois Costigan, dealer (with husband Larry) in the Twin Cities area; Sylvia Sicree, Dayton Gem & Mineral Society; Howard Venier, Midwest Mineralogical & Lapidary Society; Cy Macko, Akron Mineral Society; Maxine Sauricki and John Tryon, honorary members of Akron Mineral Society and Summit Lapidary; Dave Schroeder, Lincoln Orbit Earth Science Society; Charles Meisinger, Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club; Ron Mackey, Edwards River Earth Science Club; Bev Schmidt, Nebraska Mineral and Gem Club; Ed Reynolds, Toledo Gem and Rockhound Club; Harry Wagoner, Cuyuna Rock, Gem & Mineral Society; Orville "Skip" and Gladys Schipper from Indian Mounds Rock and Mineral Club; Gordon Spelanka, Indian Mounds Rock & Mineral Club; Diana Franz, Toledo Gem and Rockhound Club; John Taube, Jim Dilloway, Terri Donatello, Bret Tarnow, Ruth Busch, Fred Tarnow, Carlos Blanco, Marilyn Dilloway, and John Ferguson from Chicago Rocks and Mineral Society.

Parliamentarian Cindy Root reviewed the rules of the meeting.

Donna Moore announced that the minutes of the 2019 Council of Delegates Meeting held in Cedar

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MINUTES OF THE MWF CONVENTION, CONTINUED: PERMANENT COMMITTEE REPORTS

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Rapids, Iowa, had been published in the MWF Newsletter and emailed to most of the delegates, and printed copies were on the table. David Rich moved to accept the minutes as printed. Cindy Root seconded the motion, which carried.

Printed copies of the Treasurer's report were on the table in Sandy Fuller's absence. J.C. Moore moved to accept the treasurer's report. David Rich seconded the motion, which carried.

Marge Collins, interim 2nd Vice President, reviewed the meeting held by the state directors. Three directors were present – Marcia Opatz, Minnesota; Stephen Shimatzki, Ohio; John Donker, Michigan. They had stressed for people to check to make sure events were being held before traveling to attend. There are three new state directors – Marcia Opatz, Minnesota; Bruce Stinemetz, Missouri/Arkansas; Michele Yamanaka, Indiana. On November 1st, Susan Stanforth will be assuming the duties of Illinois State Director. Reports were in the packet from Illinois, Michigan, Missouri/Arkansas, Nebraska, North and South Dakota, Ohio and Wisconsin.

Reports from Permanent Committees

(Note: Written reports are posted on the MWF website.)

1st Vice President Catherine Clevenz called for reports from the permanent committees.

Archaeology – Written report. Skeeter Kish had nothing new to add.

Boundaries – Written report. Bob Miller has resigned from this position.

Bulletin Editors Aids – Sharon Marburger had sent a report. She would like to be replaced.

Club Rockhound of the Year – Steve Shimatzki reported that most of the nominations come late in the year. There is a new chairman, Jeannine Mielecki. The object of the committee is to recognize members who go above and beyond in the local club. This is a good way to honor those with a long history in the club. He urged people to do it now, before the person to be honored is no longer around.

Conventions and Show Advisory – J.C. Moore had a written report. He also thanked the Toledo Gem & Rockhound Club for hosting the 2021 MWF convention. Jerri Heer was the liaison between the club and the MWF for this event. Ozark Mountain Gem & Mineral Society of Springfield, Missouri, has moved its date to 2022, and the Livingston Gem & Mineral Society of Howell, Michigan, will host in 2023. Dates for neither convention have been confirmed. Watch the MWF newsletter as well as the MWF website for dates.

He is looking for clubs to host the convention in 2024 and 2025. He noted that it is good for the clubs to have at least a year to plan for a convention. He reminded members that a club should not change their show to host a convention. The essentials needed are a meeting room – preferably at the show site, but it can be at a host hotel – a host hotel, and an awards banquet.



The Mizumoto Japanese Stroll Garden in Springfield, Missouri, site of the 2022 MWF convention. Photo via parkboard.org/261/Mizumoto-Japanese-Stroll-Garden.

The MWF has a \$750 loan program that is interest-free to the host club to help with up-front expenses, if needed. Most of the expenses can be recovered.

Susan Stanforth added that it was nice to move conventions around. We can learn how other clubs do their shows. The delegates go back and share with their clubs.

J.C. noted that we are really nice people and make a lot of friends traveling around to various shows as they host the conventions.

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DUES AND INSURANCE FORMS ARE DUE JAN. 15TH; BE ON TIME FOR INSURANCE DISCOUNT

Sandy Fuller, MWF Treasurer

The 2022 Midwest Federation forms for renewing club memberships are now available on our website (www.amfed.org/mwf) and in this issue of the Midwest Federation News on the following two pages. Look for them! Meanwhile, please alert club officers to collect information for the forms.

One important piece of information needed is the total number of individual adult and youth members during the year completed during 2021. These figures are used for dues and insurance calculations. The rationale is that your total membership, by the end of the year, is usually about the same, so you always pay the current year dues based on your past experience. The treasurer needs this information **before January 15** so our insurance can be activated on time.

In response to requests to restrict public release of personal contact information, the federation will only publish each club's public contact information. Please make sure that the mailing address is checked at least weekly and the phone number connects to a real person who can answer questions about your club. We still need direct-contact information that will be distributed on a need to know basis to federation leaders.

Clubs are encouraged to provide name, position and email address for additional officers, board members and members who would like to receive the MWF News. This information will only be distributed to our editor and secretary. This is a great way to make sure that all of your officers are "in the know."

Clubs who renew on time will receive a subscription to the junior's publication Mini Miners Monthly, distributed only via email. If you wish to have the Mini Miners Monthly subscription sent to someone other than your editor (first choice) or president (second choice), please provide a name, position and valid email address for that individual, and indicate that he or she is to receive the Mini Miners materials.

Use the Events form to submit details of shows and events during the coming year. You may include a flyer, printed on white paper, as additional information. If this information is submitted with the dues, we will make sure it gets to the website, newsletter and

directory coordinators. If it is submitted later, or separately, it is more likely to get overlooked.

Insurance will stay the same for 2022. Our current rate is \$4.50 per club member, and all members must be covered. Clubs that submit their dues on time (postmarked no later than January 15, 2022), may take a 25¢-per-member discount.

Remember, federation insurance policy will cover groups of clubs jointly sponsoring shows or events **only if** all of the sponsoring clubs are current federation members and all of the sponsoring clubs purchase federation insurance. Requests for insurance for these jointly sponsored events must include a list of all sponsoring clubs.

Questions about your MWF forms or dues? Call me at 651-459-0343, or send me an email to MWFtreas@rock-biz.biz. Direct insurance questions to Sue Goedert at 616-337-1162, or email her at sonbeams2000@yahoo.com.

HOW TO BRING ROCKHOUNDS TO ORDER



Photo and article from the Minnesota Mineral Club's Rock Rustler's News, February, 2021:

In case you have never had the chance to see this masterpiece of craftsmanship that is our club's official gavel, here's a bit of background. Created by Ray Lulling, this gavel uses five distinct Minnesota stones. The pick head is quartz with hematite veins. The handle is 11 pieces, beginning with Minnesota thunder egg, then white quartz, followed with jasper, binghamite and thomsonite. The gavel was first presented to an incoming president of the club in 1954.



Midwest Federation of Mineralogical and Geological Societies Annual Dues, Insurance and Club Contact Information

(Use black INK. Please print, type or complete form on-line. Submit original.)

CLUB NAME _____ **STATE** _____

2022 Club Dues

Use membership figures from year completed by December 31, 2021

Number of Adult Club Members _____ **X \$2.00 =** \$ _____
Number of Youth Club Members _____ **X \$0.50 =** \$ _____

How many MWF Membership Cards do you want? (Can't exceed number of paid members) _____

2022 Club Insurance (Optional, but if chosen, must pay for all members)

Total number of members _____ **X \$4.50 (\$4.25 for qualifying clubs*) =** \$ _____
(*Renewals postmarked by January 15, 2022 receive a discounted insurance rate of \$4.25 per member)

TOTAL DUES AND INSURANCE REMITTED: \$ _____
(Make check payable to Midwest Federation)

Club Public Information for Directory & Website

Club mailing address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Info phone number _____ Website _____

Email _____ Facebook Name _____

Meetings Location: _____

Date & Time _____

Check following that apply to your club: ☐ Kid friendly ☐ FRA Club ☐ Lapidary workshop
☐ Field trips ☐ Rock Show ☐ Educational outreach

Direct Contact Information for Mailings (THIS WILL NOT BE PUBLISHED)

Individual (other than Treasurer) designated to receive official Federation materials:

Name _____ Position _____ Phone _____

Email _____ Alternate phone _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Treasurer _____ Email _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Club Bulletin Name _____

Editor _____ Email _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Please use separate sheet to list additional officers and members (name, position, email) who would like to receive federation newsletter and/or juniors materials via email.



Calendar of Events Listing Information
For Publication in MWF Directory, Website & Newsletter
(Use Black INK! Please print, type or complete form on-line. Submit original.)

CLUB NAME _____ STATE _____

Show Chair _____ Email _____

Event Type: ___ Annual Show, ___ Rock Swap, ___ Other _____

Dates: _____ Days/Times: _____

Facility/Location Name: _____

Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____

EVENT CONTACT INFORMATION (This will be published!)

Contact Person's Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____ Club Website: _____

Optional Information:

Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

ADDITIONAL EVENT

Event Type: ___ Annual Show; ___ Rock Swap; ___ Other _____

Dates: _____ Days/Times: _____

Facility/Location Name: _____

Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____

EVENT CONTACT INFORMATION (This will be published!)

Contact Person's Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____ Club Website: _____

Optional Information:

Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

* * Please include event listings for January, February, March and April 2023. * *
Mail completed form with your dues. Questions? Call 651-459-0343

DEADLINE FOR DIRECTORY INFORMATION IS JANUARY 15, 2022
REMEMBER, this information, including contact information, will be published in the
MWF Directory, posted on the MWF Website, and listed in the *MWF News*.

MINUTES OF THE MWF CONVENTION, CONTINUED: PERMANENT COMMITTEE REPORTS, C-L

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Credentials – J.C. Moore announced that we had a quorum. He thanked the clubs that sent delegates. Of our 112 MWF clubs, 13 were represented at the meeting. Last year was difficult. We hope next year to have better representation at our Council of Delegates Meeting in Springfield, Missouri.

Ed Oller from Livingston Gem & Mineral Society added that they hope to put on the best show they can in 2023. They are ready for our group.

Director of Supplies – Andrea Morehead had sent extra directories, patches and a few other supplies. J.C. had extras at the credentials check-in table if anyone wanted to purchase any of the MWF supplies.

Directory – No report, but extra copies were available for purchase.

Education – This committee has a new assistant, Joyce Kish.

Endowment – Cindy Root reported there are over 900 people in our group (MWF). No one donated for her tricky tray. Julia Sherwood had brought a prize to donate, and the Moores promised a prize. Because she was disappointed with the response for the tricky tray, her assistant passed the bag for everyone to empty all their coinage into her bag.

Cindy did a short explanation of just what the tricky tray is. It is also called a Chinese Auction or a Pick Your Own Prize Auction. Members buy tickets, then deposit them in the bag for the prize they wish to win. She also announced that E-Bear would be auctioned off at the banquet. There would also be an opal ring donated by AFMS President Judy Beck to be auctioned off. Both of these would be to benefit the MWF Endowment Fund. Cindy mentioned there had been some memorials sent in memory of the Starbucks who helped start the MWF Endowment Fund. She reminded people they can also do a living honorarium to the fund.

Environment and Legislation – Catherine Clevenz reported there is a lot going on. She wanted to send petitions to clubs as examples to send to their Congressional representatives. Most of the concerns

with closing sites are out West, but we like to vacation out there and collect, so let our voices be heard.

Marge Collins added that we need to send our own notes in our own words. Make it personal. Postcards are also helpful.

Right now the federal government is leaving a lot of the proposed closing to the individual states. We need information in our newsletter. Write not only your Congressman, but those on the committees involved.

AFMS President Judy Beck reminded members that the ALAA is part of the AFMS. American Lands Access Association was formed as the lobbying branch of the AFMS. Their website is amlands.org, and it tries to keep the membership up to date with issues.

At Quartzsite each year, ALAA does a trash pick-up to bring attention to the fact that AFMS encourages us to leave a spot cleaner than when we arrived. Individuals as well as clubs are encouraged to join to get the newsletter and other information. She noted they have nice sweatshirts and t-shirts also.

Bob Sherwood of Tulip City Gem & Mineral Club encouraged every club to join ALAA. You can extend the information to all members. Look at the website. Clubs can put the ALAA newsletter on the club website.

Geology – No report. Dr. Bill Cordua continues to write newsletter articles.

Historian – Cindy Root said all the historical documents are on Google Drive. Anyone who wants access can e-mail her for the link. She has newsletters back to 1941 in pdf. Just be sure to give credit to the MWF and any author for material used.

Insurance – Our rate had been negotiated to somewhat lower this year. We received a small refund because we did not host a convention.

Junior Activities – No report.

Lapidary Arts – Written report.

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**MINUTES OF THE MWF CONVENTION, CONTINUED: PERMANENT COMMITTEE REPORTS, L-U**

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Long Range Planning – John Donker, chairman, noted that clubs are trying to get back into a routine. Many are down 25% or more in membership.

Membership – Written report.

Merit Awards – Mary Ann Ferguson-Rich reported there were only two entries in the United States this past year. There were none entered in the MWF. She hopes clubs will get information together for the AFMS website club sites. The committee had made modifications for activities for Covid-related downtime. The deadline for 2022 is April 1. Both the MWF and AFMS Conventions will be in the fall.

Mineralogy – No report.

Newsletter – Written report.

Paleontology – Written report.

Program Competition – Written report.

Program Requests – Written report.

Program Review – Written report. Marge Collins noted that this committee was originally set up as a filter for programs for the library. She also noted that programs can be checked out by individuals, not only clubs.

Public Image – A new chairman has been appointed – Sandy Shorter from Akron Mineral Society and Summit Lapidary.

Safety and Field Trips – David Rich reminded people we are in the middle of a pandemic, so things are different right now. He urged everyone to be safe. He had a written report.

Scholarships – Marge stressed that donations to the AFMS Scholarship Fund is a way to honor those who have passed away as well as those still alive. Each year two students receive a \$4,000 grant. We nominate a professor, geologist or someone from a club (the Scholarship Honoree), who then chooses two students to receive the grants. The students must be graduate students in an area of the earth sciences and American citizens.



Joshua Mathews, the 2021 MWF Scholarship Honoree, at Medicine Rocks State Park in Ekalaka, Montana. He is the Director of Paleontology at the Burpee Museum in Rockford, Illinois. Photo from Joshua Mathews' Facebook page.

The AFMS has handed out almost \$2 million in grants since the Scholarship Fund began. There is more information in the green pages of the directory. Marge will put an article with more information in the newsletter. She had a written report that included the memorials that had been received this year. She noted that donations are down this year. She encouraged clubs to keep honoring members by donating. In the past, individuals' donations were credited to their clubs. The percentage of participation is stated as a percentage. Contributions of \$1 per current member equal 100%. Each club's total donations is from the beginning of their participation.

Silent Auction – Susan Stanforth had a report in the packet.

Technology Resources – No report.

Uniform Rules – J.C. Moore reported that participation in competitive exhibits is not big in the MWF. We would like to see more people participate. This year we have two exhibits, both of which will receive trophies at the banquet. Take a look at these on the show floor and consider exhibiting. Judges' training is done through the AMFS. We presently have seven people who have taken the training that is available to help judges. In the past judges were considered nit-picky. That has relaxed a lot. The

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MINUTES OF THE MWF CONVENTION, CONTINUED: OLD AND NEW BUSINESS, ADJOURNMENT

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AFMS website has the rules listed for each category that can be entered. He encouraged people to think about doing an exhibit. If someone is interested, he or she can enter on an informational basis and have the judges comment and give suggestions. We need to encourage attractive exhibits so people will do better. He urged anyone exhibiting to get the dimensions for the case and find out about the liners and background.

Susan Stanforth encouraged people to look at the orchid page in the directory and enter this and other competitions.

Website – Cindy Root reported that the website would soon be changed. We are now under the American Federation website, which is undergoing restructuring. We can go to a Google Workforce account for free. She had to get a document from the IRS as to our non-profit status. Treasurer Sandy Fuller helped her with this. The new site is 80% ready to go. It will include calendars, a newsletter page with shared folders for new issues as well as old issues which have been archived. We only had to pay for our domain name. She is looking for pictures to use on the site with no people. They must be personally taken so there is no copyright issue. Each page will be copyrighted. Email her with photos or questions.

Website Competition – No report. Results of competition were reported for spring virtual meeting.

Old Business

Communication between MWF and Clubs – Is it working? Joyce Kish suggested that each club should have one person in charge who sends all MWF information to all club members. The information from the convention needs to go back to the clubs. State Directors need to stay in touch with all the clubs.

Vote for 2nd Vice President – No one had stepped forward to be a candidate for 2nd Vice President of the MWF in time for the name to be included on the ballot that was sent to all clubs and executive committee members. Donna Moore moved to elect Cheryl Neary as 2nd Vice President. David Rich seconded the motion, which carried. Cheryl thanked everyone for their votes.

New Business

David Rich, 3rd Regional Vice President of the AFMS, had attended the recent convention meeting via Zoom due to some health issues. He reported that Summit Lapidary Club of Ohio had invented the Youth Poster Contest, which ran for several years. Now this contest is national. Michelle Cauley from the MWF North Lakes Academy Rockhounds in Minnesota has revived the contest. There were 40 posters entered from 15 states. The contest results will be in Rock & Gem magazine.

Other youth contests are for a mascot and an oath. The AFMS website has the rules. Entry deadline is May 1, 2022.

Report from the AFMS on Website and Junior Activities: Cheryl Neary and Joan Stoker reported on work being done at the AFMS level to update the website and the junior activities program. Judy Beck reported that there were two groups working, one on the website, which was dated; it is being updated, making it more attractive, streamlining the information, making it interactive. It is on the verge of going live. There will be some password protection for privacy. It will include an interactive map of clubs and include ways to reach out to clubs. Marty Hart has help now from other regions. The juniors have a new page.

Joan and Cheryl reported that kids help energize the whole club. Our MWF newsletter “sees” kids. We need to use what works for each club. The revamped AFMS website has new information. There is information that can teach the leaders. There will be an AFMS Juniors Newsletter starting by December. Jeanine Mielecki suggested a separate membership for kids. More information will be shared as it becomes available.

The spring meeting and 2022 MWF Convention dates are not confirmed. The convention will be at the show in Springfield, Missouri, in the fall. As soon as the dates are confirmed, the information will be shared in the MWF newsletter and on the MWF website.

Susan thanked everyone for attending. David Rich moved to adjourn the meeting. J.C. Moore seconded the motion. Susan adjourned the meeting.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Events may be cancelled on short notice due to the COVID-19 pandemic. **Be sure to contact the host club before traveling to an event.**

| Date and Time | Organization | Place | Contact |
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| Oct. 22-24 Fri 6-9, Sat 10-6, Sun 11-4 | Central Michigan Lapidary & Mineral Society | County Fairgrounds, Main Pavilion, 700 E. Ash Street, Mason, MI | Robin Smith, rsmith@radssmith.com |
| Oct. 23-24 Sat 10-6, Sun 10-5 | Akron Mineral Society and Summit Lapidary Club | Emidio's Banquet Center, 48 E. Bath, Cuyahoga Falls, OH | Becky Kosco, kingtoast@aol.com |
| Oct. 23-24 Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4:30 | Ozark Mountain Gem & Mineral Society | Expo Convention Center, 635 E. St. Louis Street, Springfield, MO | Mark Northrup, omgms.57@gmail.com |
| Oct. 30-31 Sat 9-5, Sun 9-4 Fiftieth annual show includes speakers about oceanic geology, fossils, and other topics. | Badger Lapidary & Geological Society | County Fairgrounds, Craig Center, 1301 Craig Ave., Janesville, WI | Laurie Trocke, glowyrocks@gmail.com |
| Nov. 6, Sat Doors open at 6 Auction at 7 | Midwest Mineralogical & Lapidary Society | First Assembly of God Church, 5650 W. Telegraph Road, Dearborn Heights, MI | Dwayne Ferguson, shelby0671111@yahoo.com |
| Nov. 6-7 Sat 8:30-6, Sun 9:30-4 | Cedar Valley Rocks & Minerals Society | Hawkeye Downs Expo Center, 4100 6 th Street SW, Cedar Rapids, IA | Marvin Houg, m_houg@yahoo.com |
| Nov. 6-7 Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4 | Racine Geological Society | Fountain Hall, 8505 Durand Avenue, Highway 11, Sturtevant, WI | John Lowman, 262-989-9193 |
| Nov. 8 Monday, 7 p.m. | Michigan Mineralogical Society annual auction | Cranbrook Institute of Science, 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, MI | Brad Zylman, Brad.Zylman@mrm.com |
| Nov. 13-14 Sat 9-4, Sun 10-4 | Northwest Illinois Rock Club | Eagles Club, 1200 W. Galena Ave., Freeport, IL | Brian Green, Bgreen57@hotmail.com |
| Nov. 19-21 Fri 3-7, Sat 10-7, Sun 10-5 | St. Louis Gem & Mineral Society | White-Rodgers Community Center, 9801 Mackenzie Road, St. Louis, MO | Melissa Perucca, melissa5301@aol.com |
| Nov. 20 Sat 10-5 | Gem City Rock Club | Quincy Mall, 32 nd and Broadway, Quincy, IL | Brad Fanning, bfanning58@yahoo.com |
| Nov. 20-21 Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4 | Anoka County Gem & Mineral Club | Crystal Community Center, 4800 Douglas Drive North, Crystal, MN | Martha Miss, martha@rock-biz.biz |
| Nov. 20-21 Sat 9:30-5, Sun 10-5 | Madison Gem & Mineral Club | Alliant Energy Center, 1919 Alliant Energy Center Way, Madison, WI | Nevin Franke, burniesrockshop@gmail.com |

*December Issue Submission Deadline
Is November 2nd!*

**CORRECTION**

The new Public Image & Courtesy Committee chair will not be Joan Stoker, as was stated on page 1 of the October issue. The Public Image & Courtesy chair is now Sandy Shorter of the Akron Mineral Society and the Summit Lapidary Club in Ohio. Her email address is sandysshorter25@gmail.com.

Our apologies to our readers, and to an understandably confused Joan Stoker!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE, CONTINUED

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I would also like to thank the folks of the Toledo Gem and Rockhound Club for providing a wonderful venue for our convention this year! There was ample space to walk around without being elbow-to-elbow with others. They also had a nice variety of vendors.

This is a club that has overcome many obstacles over the past couple of years. They were also generous in giving us tables to use for our silent auction!

Speaking of the silent auction, all monies made at the auction go to the Endowment Fund. At this silent auction we made \$857. Other activities we did at the convention that raised money for the Endowment Fund was to provide a "Tricky Tray," where 10 people can buy a mystery bag for \$5. Half of the bags had a gag gift while the other half had a nice gift.

We auctioned off the mascot named E-Bear for \$175. We also received \$115 for a ring that was donated and auctioned off. The ring was donated by Judy Beck, who is soon retiring as AFMS president.

Finally, I want you to know that I am here for you! If you have questions, concerns and ideas, please feel free to contact me at any of the following:

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Toledo, Ohio 43615
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Happy rockhounding!

CONVENTION: STATE DIRECTORS' REPORTS

State Directors' reports submitted to the MWF annual convention in September are presented below.

Michigan

By John Donker, State Director

Michigan clubs are making a comeback, at this time. We are starting to have summer meetings and picnics, field trips, tailgate sales. We hope, with our fall meeting and fall and winter shows, these will bring rock people to our club meetings to become members of a rock club.

Michigan has lost a lot of our older members, we hope some of our new and younger members will step up to some of our leadership roles. We look forward to seeing our old friends and meeting our new members.

Missouri-Arkansas

Bruce Stinemetz, State Director

As the new state director I'm still trying to get organized. I've appointed Fred Schovanez as my assistant director. I live in Independence, Missouri, and Fred lives in Union, Missouri, which gives us coverage on the eastern and western sides of the state.

Many of the clubs have been active in promoting shows and swaps. On May 22-23, 2021 the Rock Hobby Club of St. Louis hosted a show in Pacific, Missouri. This was one of the first shows in the state since the Covid shutdown. Even though this was a new location for their show, the response from the public was incredible. There were lines to get into the show all day.

The Greater St. Louis Association of Earth Science Clubs hosted a show in Bridgeton, Missouri August 20-22, 2021. Most of the clubs in their association are members of the MWF. This includes the Rock Hobby Club of Greater St. Louis, Show Me Gems & Minerals Club, and the St. Louis Minerals and Gem Society. The show drew over 1,000 visitors for the weekend and was considered to be a huge success.

On August 29th the Association of Earth Science Clubs of Greater Kansas City held their annual picnic at Antioch Park in Merriam, Kansas. Federation clubs

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participating were the Independence Gem and Mineral Society and Show-Me Rockhounds of Kansas City.

Information about upcoming events:

Mozarkite Society of Lincoln – Outdoor swap Sept. 17-19 in Lincoln, Missouri. This is a very nice swap if anyone is in central Missouri during those dates.

Ozark Mountain Gem and Mineral Society – Show in Springfield, Missouri Oct. 23-24.

Central Missouri Rock and Lapidary Club – Show in Columbia cancelled.

Shows of Integrity Show in Kansas City, Missouri at the KCI Expo Center Nov. 5-7. This is a commercial show, but area clubs will be participating.

If I omitted any shows I apologize. My goal is to try and visit all the clubs in the state at least once over the year.



Kansas City, Missouri calls itself “the heart of America,” so Trent Stigall of the Show-Me Rockhounds of Kansas City carved Missouri and put a small carved heart at K.C.’s location. Photo from the Show-Me Rockhounds of Kansas City Facebook page.

Nebraska

James Marburger, State Director

The Nebraska Mineral & Gem Club in Omaha has been very active this year so far. Field trips and meetings have been held. This summer they also held for the first time an auction held outside at a park. They

had good attendance and many items to bid on. A live auctioneer kept things moving and got the attention of other park visitors involved with the bidding. A great time was had, and I am sure it will become an annual event for the club.

At this time the club is hard at work planning for their Gem Show. The annual event was planned, then came the word that the venue they had contracted for the show would not be available due to closing. So they have scurried and found another space to host the show. I am sure they will provide a class act at the new venue.

The Loup Valley Club in Columbus, Nebraska has had limited meetings and outside field trips but will host their annual show.

Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club in Lincoln has not had meetings on a regular basis this summer due to COVID; the park system closed our meeting place. In September meetings are starting back up for the fall with new rules for the meeting place such as shorter hours and spacing. We will get through this.

In summer we decided to sponsor an outdoor swap to replace our Mid-Winter Swap, which could not be held. The family of one of our members has a farm just outside of Lincoln and towards Omaha, with a barn and great outside area to have parking, food truck, and many spaces under the trees for shade. Mother Nature gave us a great weekend for the swap. For the first time doing a summer swap, attendance and vendors all were very happy. The club provided a campfire evening meal for all that were at the event. This event will continue next year. Thank You to the Beer family for letting our club take over the farm.

This next swap should be bigger and have the few kinks worked out. On another topic, we are planning on our annual gem show to be held on the first weekend of April.

Keep healthy and happy.

North and South Dakota

Aletha Hoogeterp, Co-State Director

The Sioux Empire Gem and Mineral Society from Sioux Falls, South Dakota is attempting to get

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back into having in-person meetings. We have lost our longtime meeting room at our local university due to policy changes caused by Covid and changes in administration. We have done some research and found some possible new locations.

We also recently held our fourth annual rock swap, which was a big success. We doubled our vendors, from 8 two years ago to 16 this year, and had a good crowd attend.

We had a booth at the Sioux Empire Fair and a club potluck picnic in August, and are hoping to resume monthly meetings in September.

Ohio

Akron Mineral Society, by Joyce Kish, Assistant State Director, and Sandy Shorter

We have been meeting mainly with Zoom meetings. Thanks to Summit Lapidary Club for allowing us to pay for half of the Zoom that they own for our meetings.

With the Pandemic and Delta variant hopefully in our rear mirror, Akron Mineral Society is cautiously starting to reopen and schedule events. We had our first in-person gathering, a picnic, this month. It was so nice to see everyone's smiling face.

Activities sponsored jointly with the Summit Lapidary Club: Planning for our Gemboree show in October; dig at Flint Ridge; mine safety class; Will Holland classes 2022.

On October 23-24, we will welcome the return of our biannual Gemboree. The year and a half hiatus from the show has everyone anxious to shop from our 32+ vendors and enjoy the new additions in our member display cases. We are looking forward to seeing everyone again.

Slow and steady we are returning to whatever the new normal will be.

Cincinnati Clubs, by Judy Budnick, Assistant State Director

The Cincinnati Mineral Society has a new website, mineralsociety.org. They are going to try to meet in person again starting in September. They are looking for a place to where they can meet. Their show for 2022 is moved to May 21-22.

The Greater Cincinnati Lapidary & Faceting Society has been meeting outside, in members' yards. They have been doing field trips during the summer.

Summit Lapidary Club, by Joyce Kish, Assistant State Director, Sandy Shorter, and Becky Kosco, Club President

Our club is open for business. We have resumed the Zoom meetings along with our regular in-person meetings. Classes have resumed. We are limiting the number of people to attend. Work is being done on our work room, installing a donated tumbler. It's good to share ideas and knowledge again.

We recently joined with our sister club, Akron Mineral Society, and made a trip to Flint Ridge. We were lucky to find some beautiful colored flint. We had 13 people attend mine safety classes, done by the Ohio Division of Mineral Resources Management, jointly with the Akron club. We are planning another joint activity, Will Holland classes, for 2022.

Other Ohio Clubs, by Stephen Shimatzki, State Director

Toledo Gem and Rockhound Club is back to meetings and classes.

The Mid-Ohio Mineral & Fossil Club (Mansfield, Ohio) had a great show I attended. They broke their attendance record and had some great cases on display.

New club actively forming in Ohio: Northwest Ohio Rockhound Club. I attended a field trip to get some Indiana geodes with them. I believe they have submitted paperwork to MWF.

Ohio was invaded by a Michigan club, The State Line Gem & Mineral Society, to gather flint in Flintridge. No battle fatalities to report and a good time was had by all.

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MWF CLUBS WIN NATIONAL-LEVEL BULLETIN EDITORS' CONTEST AWARDS

Valerie J. Meyers, Editor

Clubs of the Midwest Federation recently won sixteen awards on the national level in the 2021 Bulletin Editor's Contest of the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies. This included First Place awards in the categories of Small Bulletins and Special Publications.

Winners of the MWF Bulletin Editors' Contest were announced in the May issue of MWF News. The top three award-winners in each category were sent to the AFMS for its annual contest, competing against the six other regional federations. MWF winners in the national competition were:

SMALL BULLETINS

- 1st Place** **The Strata Data.** Editor Michele Yamanaka, Three Rivers Gem & Mineral Society (IN).
- 6th Place** **The Pick and Dop Stick.** Editor Rachele L. Best, Chicago Rocks and Minerals Society (IL).
- 7th Place** **The Quarry.** Editors Jim and Judy Budnik, Cincinnati Mineral Society (OH).

ADULT ARTICLES

- 9th Place** **"Rock Tumbling"** by Nick Smith, Three Rivers Gem & Mineral Society (IN).
- Hon. Men.** **"Geology, Geograph, and Artifacts (Spring in the Lower Great Lakes Region)"** by Eric Beemer, Three Rivers Gem & Mineral Society (IN).
- Hon. Men.** **"Minerals of Indiana"** by Michele Yamanaka, Three Rivers Gem & Mineral Society (IN).

ADULT ARTICLES ADVANCED

- Hon. Men.** **"Glowing Friendships, Minerals and Stars in Southern Illinois"** by Rachele L. Best, Chicago Rocks and Minerals Society (IL).
- Hon. Men.** **"What Exactly Is Quartzsite?"** by Antonio Peso, Chicago Rocks and Minerals Society (IL).

WRITTEN FEATURES

- 9th Place** **"The Gift"** by Daniel Hogan, Three Rivers Gem & Mineral Society (IN).
- 10th Place** **"Virtual Field Trips"** by Michele Yamanaka, Three Rivers Gem & Mineral Society (IN).
- Hon. Men.** **"Fox Island Geology Tour: December 2020"** by Nora Fey, Three Rivers Gem & Mineral Society (IN).

ADULT POETRY

- 3rd Place** **"A Sticky Issue"** by Michele Yamanaka, Three Rivers Gem & Mineral Society (IN).
- 5th Place** **"A Rockhound's Persona"** by Nancy Carper, Three Rivers Gem & Mineral Society (IN).
- 8th Place** **"— Ology"** by Marilyn Russell, Three Rivers Gem & Mineral Society (IN).

JUNIOR POETRY

- 2nd Place** **"Golden"** by Kristina Kazuraite, Chicago Rocks and Minerals Society (IL).

SPECIAL PUBLICATIONS

- 1st Place** **"Our First 75 Years"** by the 75th Anniversary Committee of the Minnesota Mineral Club.

Congratulations to all of our prize-winning MWF writers and editors!

CONVENTION, STATE DIRECTORS: WISCONSIN

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Wisconsin

Allison Conrad, State Director

Clubs are trying to regroup as much as possible. Most are still having Zoom meetings until it gets nice outside, and then the hope is to start in-person meetings again at an outdoor location at least. I sent immediate past-MWF President Susan Stanforth an email with updates about which Wisconsin clubs have canceled their shows again for this year. Thank you.

CONVENTION: COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS, ARCHAEOLOGY THROUGH CONVENTION & SHOW

The reports of Permanent Committee chairs that were submitted to the MFW annual convention in September are presented below.

Archaeology
Skeeter Kish, Committee Chair

The state of the archaeological societies is slowly beginning to revive again. Many of the archaeology digs have still been halted. We look for those to open up as more people are vaccinated and universities resume classes. Many of the artifact auctions had gone to online bidding. Live auctions are slowly beginning to open again.

There are many new findings but nothing really conclusive on the peopling of North America. About a dozen sites in the Yukon region near Alaska have been found that date 12,000 years old. There has also been a Clovis mammoth butchery site found in the South Dakota badlands. This leads to many new discoveries and many theories. These are exciting times in archaeology.

Boundaries
Bob Miller, Former Committee Chair

As reported before, there are two clubs from New York state in the Eastern Federation of Mineralogical Societies that have asked to join the MFW. They are having some internal problems with the Eastern Fed. The recommended 60-day waiting period has passed and I am presently waiting for an answer from the MFW Executive Committee to make a decision as to accept or reject their request. At this time I do not know how many members each club has. Whenever a decision will be made to accept or reject their request I will let them know, and then proceed with the next step if approved, which is to seek the approval from the Eastern Fed for the transfer.

Bulletin Editors Aids
Sharon Marburger, Committee Chair

In 2020, the committee had 18 entries to the Bulletin Editors Contest for judging. Sixteen of those entries achieved first, second, and third places in the MFW competition, and one was direct a entry to the AFMS. These were forwarded to the AFMS, where five of them achieved first, second, and third places nationally.

In 2021, 22 entries were received. Sixteen of those entries achieved first, second, and third places in the MFW competition; two were disqualified because one was entered in the wrong category (and since the author submitted a second entry in the correct category, he could not have two entries in the same category), and the other was a re-published article from another bulletin. The 16 entries were forwarded to the AFMS for judging. Those results won't be available until the end of June 2021. The results will be published in the AFMS Newsletter and the MFW News.

If there is anyone out there in the Federation who would like to take over the BEAC Chair position, I am still willing to relinquish it. It has been fun, but I miss not being able to submit my own work to the competition.

Convention and Show Advisory
J.C. Moore, Committee Chair

The Ozark Mountain Gem and Mineral Society in Springfield, Missouri, had offered to host the MFW convention in 2023. Due to a cancellation by the Livingston Gem and Mineral Society in Howell, Michigan, who had offered to host 2022, Springfield was asked if they could host 2022. After their board met and discussed this, they offered to host the convention in the fall of 2022. We do not have the exact dates yet, because they have college homecoming to plan around. Livingston has offered to host in 2023.

I am now looking for clubs to host the convention in 2024 and 2025.

You do not have to change your show at all to host the MFW convention. We have a few things that are needed, such as a meeting room that can hold 25-50 members, an awards banquet room that can accommodate 30-60 people, and a place for a few competitive exhibit cases in the show area if anyone chooses to compete. There are other things that can be done, such as a delegates' lunch on Saturday, field trips to a location in your area before or after the meetings, a Friday evening meet-and-greet where club members and convention delegates mingle with the MFW officers for a social get-together, and a host hotel with a block of rooms for delegates.

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CONVENTION: COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS, CONT. — CREDENTIALS THROUGH PALEONTOLOGY

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I will be glad to talk to any club representatives about the possibility of hosting a convention. And I will be there along the way to answer questions and assist in any way necessary.

Credentials

David Root, Committee Chair

I will be working with J.C. Moore at this convention in an effort to take over this job.

Endowment Fund

Cindy Root, Committee Co-Chair

Several memorial contributions have been received this year, which in and of itself is sad. Don't wait for the death of a fellow rockhound, contribute to the Endowment Fund today. Everyone will greatly appreciate it.

[Editor's Note: The Endowment Fund Treasurer's Report is on page 18.]

Historian and Archives

Cindy Root, Committee Chair

The Google Drive is still being maintained. If you would like access to the documents contained there, send an e-mail to d-root@comcast.net. Please give credit if you reuse any of the materials. All items are in pdf format.

Lapidary Arts

David Root, Committee Chair

The same database still exists. If you are interested in finding out who might be able to help with your hobby pursuits, contact me.

Merit Awards

Mary Ann Ferguson-Rich, Committee Chair

There were only two entries at the national level for the All American Club Award, and none from our federation. This award is based on club activities for the year, and no doubt entries were down due to the impact of Covid-19. Let's hope for a rebound this year. Entries are due to me by April 1, 2022 for entries covering the calendar year 2021.

Newsletter

Valerie J. Meyers, Editor

I love pulling good articles from local newsletters to run in the MWF News. I invite all clubs who run original articles by their members (or original poems, even pictures) to put the MWF News on their subscriber list, so I'll have an even broader base from which to choose content. Read the articles in the MWF News to get an idea of the kind of thing that works well in the newsletter, then send your newsletters to me at vjmwriter@yahoo.com.

There are several ways to draw attention to your club in the MWF News. If you're a member of a club that belongs to the MWF, and you want to write an article, it doesn't have to run in your club's newsletter; some clubs don't even have newsletters! Just send your article directly, and if it's chosen to run in the MWF News, the club to which you belong will be mentioned in your byline.

If you're an officer of a club that has recently done an interesting activity, send a short article about it (with picture if possible). You may give another club a great idea.

The short articles that people submit when they give Rockhound of the Year Awards to their members make for great copy. Send your nomination and article to Club Rockhound of the Year Chair Jeannine Mielecki, jaynine9@aol.com (her mailing address is in the MWF Directory under "Other Committees"), and not only will she send you a nice certificate, but the article will run in the MWF News.

And, of course, there are always competitions. It's great to report when an MWF club has won a prize for its All-American Merit Award Yearbook, website, newsletter articles, or any other contest you may have entered.

Paleontology

Debbie Hamilton, Committee Chair

Hello, all my MWF friends! I know it has been a very busy summer for me so far this year! I hope all of you guys are having a great summer also.

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CONVENTION CHAIR REPORTS, CONTINUED

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I admit that I have not had much time to scope out the recent paleontology news, but I stumbled on a really cool one a few days ago that I thought was worth sharing. Scientists in Australia started to re-examine a core drilling from the 1950s and found micro-fossil plant spores. The discovery of plant spores is not too uncommon and would not normally be a big story. These guys, however, seem to fill in the 25-million year gap between the very earliest spore-like fossils to the very recognizable spores of later eras. So in a way they're the missing link of the evolution of plant spores!

The article, at www.sci-news.com/paleontology/ordivician-plant-spores-09961, gives a very well detailed explanation and is definitely worth a read!!

Program Library

Bob Powers, Committee Chair

Program Library has been very quiet, but not zero. I did send out a VHS tape last week or so – the first in a long time. The last one was maybe three years ago, and that tape broke. Had a few other requests, but as I previously reported, clubs declined to show DVDs over Zoom meetings that were recorded.

Program Review

Jim Travis, Committee Chair

There is nothing new to report on Program Review. I keep hoping something great will show up.

Safety and Field Trips

David Rich, Committee Chair

Hello, everyone. Well, by now you should all be well versed in wearing a face mask. I really don't think face masks are going away anytime soon. I will probably wear one when flying forever.

There are other safeguards we should be doing for our eyes. Safety glasses in our hobby are important as a mask is in a pandemic. Please encourage safety glasses on field trips and, most importantly, cutting rocks.

Be safe, stay safe! I have said before: Safety is an attitude; you will get it or get hurt.

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AMAZONITE IS AMAZING AND WIDESPREAD

Eli, Junior Member

Indian Mounds Rock & Mineral Club (MI)

From the April, 2021 Arrowhead News

Amazonite is that stunningly beautiful and rare variety of feldspar, the most common mineral. Amazonite is in fact a type of microcline, which is part of the potassium feldspar group. Microcline can be from white to blue and from pink to green along with yellow. The green-blue variety is the most wanted color and was renamed amazonite. It is hard to know just where amazonite was first found since it dates back to ancient history, including the Egyptians' jewelry and burial purposes and the pre-Columbian days of South America and Central America.



Photo of amazonite specimens by Mauro Cateb from Brazil, via Wikimedia Commons.

The name amazonite was given by Johann Breithaupt. Some believe that the name alludes to the Amazon Rainforest or River, but, while it is found in Brazil, amazonite is not found in the Amazon. It may have been named for the greens on the stone. The color can be from turquoise to blue and from really light green to a dark forest green, but always with a white streak. It has a hardness of 6 to 6.5 and a perfect cleavage in two directions. The composition (KAlSi₃O₈) builds up in a triclinic formation, a crystal structure that has three unequal axes. When the stone is polished it looks a bit like turquoise.

Some people wonder why it is green. At first people thought that it was copper that did the job. Then some scientists concluded that it was lead impurities, now some people are investigating the possibility of an iron impurity. The main use of amazonite is in jewelry and decoration. The locations of this unique mineral are widely varied, including Russia, southeastern Africa, Australia, and North America, and Europe. It is usually cut as a cabochon, polished but not faceted, in order to show its vitreous luster.

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WEBSITE COMPETITION IS SEEKING ENTRIES; DEADLINE IS FEB. 15TH

Brad Zylman, Chair
MWF Website Competition Committee

Hello, just a quick note to tell all the clubs about the 2022 MWF Website Competition. It's very early this year, and hopefully, this will prompt all those webmasters to polish their web pages and get them submitted. Last year the two winners of the MWF contest received First Place and Honorable Mention in the national AFMS contest, so let's keep the MWF streak going! The deadline for submission is **February 15, 2022**. You can find the form for submission on the Midwest Federation website, located at: <https://www.amfed.org/mwf/Federation/contests.html>.

ENDOWMENT FUND TREASURER'S REPORT

Alan Hukill, Treasurer
March 31, 2021 - August 14, 2021

Balance On Hand (March 31, 2021)

Principal Fund:

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|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Certificate of Deposit | \$26,500.00 | |
| Certificate of Deposit | 5,000.00 | |
| Cetera(3kz-511423) | 56,464.32 | |
| Independent Bank Savings | 901.34 | |
| Total | | \$88,865.66 |

Income Fund:

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|---------------------------|----------|-----------|
| Cetera(3kz-511423) | \$681.15 | |
| Independent Bank Checking | 852.80 | |
| Total | | \$1533.95 |

Receipts:

Principal Fund:

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| Memorials | \$200.00 | |
| Total | | \$200.00 |

Income Fund:

None

Disbursements:

Principal Fund:

None

Income Fund:

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|-----------|--------|--------|
| Bank Fees | \$1.80 | |
| Total | | \$1.80 |

Balance On Hand (August 14, 2021)

Principal Fund:

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|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Certificate Of Deposit | \$26,500.00 | |
| Certificate Of Deposit | 5,000.00 | |
| Cetera(3kz-511423) | 59,145.47 | |
| Independent Bank Savings | 1,101.38 | |
| Total | | \$91,746.85 |

Income Fund:

| | | |
|---------------------------|----------|-----------|
| Cetera(3kz-511423) | \$681.15 | |
| Independent Bank Checking | 850.80 | |
| Total | | \$1531.95 |



SCHOLARSHIP FUND REPORT OF CONTRIBUTIONS

From August 30, 2020 to August 12, 2021
(In order received)

| <u>Club Donations</u> | <u>Donation</u> | <u>Cumulative</u> | <u>Participation</u> |
|---|-----------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| Summit Lapidary Club, Ohio | 50.00 | 150.00 | 100% |
| Minnesota Mineral Club Memorial honoring James Sakamoto | 100.00 | 11,512.00 | 3,500% |
| Sac & Fox Lapidary Club, Iowa | 25.00 | 442.00 | 1,000% |
| Credit to Blossomland Gem & Mineral Society, Michigan Memorial honoring Mike Kesterke | 25.00 | 548.00 | 2,000% |
| Credit to Minnesota Mineral Club (Fuller) | 500.00 | 12,012.00* | 3,700% |
| Dayton Gem & Mineral Society, Ohio Memorial honoring Sylvia Sicree | 200.00 | 3,613.00 | 6,500% |
| Credit to Rockwood Gem & Mineral Society, Missouri Memorial honoring Kitty Starbuck | 50.00 | 361.00 | 2,100% |
| Minnesota Mineral Club (annual donation) | 1,000.00 | 13,012.00 | 3,500% |
| Credit to Show Me Gem & Mineral Society, Missouri Memorial honoring Tony Kapta | 25.00 | 725.00 | 2,100% |
| Credit to West Central Illinois Rock & Mineral Club Memorials honoring JoAnn Rice, Charlotte Charno, Wayne Frankie, Tony Kapta and Emerson Tucker | 125.00 | 2,096.00* | 4,900% |
| Credit to Blossomland Gem & Mineral Society, Michigan (Collins) — Memorial honoring Marve Starbuck | <u>25.00</u> | 573.00 | 2,100% |
| TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS | \$2,125.00 | | |

- *What is the Participation Percent??* This represents a club's generosity, based on membership. A club with 100% participation has contributed (as of this date) \$1.00 per current member. 200% indicates \$2.00 contributed over time for current number of members. So, a small club that donates significant amounts can increase their participation percentage quickly.

- Cumulative is the total contributed since the first gift.

- * Each new cumulative \$1,000 level earns a certificate.

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CONVENTION: COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS, CONT. — SCHOLARSHIP THROUGH WEBSITE

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Scholarship **Marge Collins, Committee Chair**

We are especially grateful to all those who gave large contributions this year. No surprise, contributions have not been coming in at the usual level again this year. We can hope that once clubs begin to meet in person, they will want to honor members – *not only* deceased members *but also to recognize valued members with a Living Memorial*. And perhaps clubs that ordinarily make an annual donation will resume the habit..

[Editor's Note: The Scholarship Fund's Contributions Report is on page 19.]

Silent Auction **Susan Stanforth, Committee Chair**

Our MWF Silent Auction is shaping up nicely (and always noisily) for the convention in Bowling Green. We have tables to be used Saturday for MWF folk, but Sunday we transform that space for our Silent Auction. We have so many great items to auction off

(oh, but those bid sheets need to be filled out!!), and I am so grateful for all the club members who donate for this important cause.

Here's hoping for another fantastic and profitable auction for our Endowment Fund. Thanks for your continued support.

Website **Cindy Root, Committee Chair**

I am in the process of moving our website from the position of a subsite of the AFMS to a stand-alone using Google Workforce. AFMS is also moving to Google Workforce, which means we would have to redo our website to have one. I do not know when the transition will take place, but I believe the only thing that's lacking is the calendar information. Luckily, Google has recognized us as a non-profit organization, so there is no charge.

I plan on leaving all of the historical documents in their current place so that there is plenty of room for anything we might want to do.