



THE AMMONITE



Newsletter of The Western Dakota Gem & Mineral Society – July 2010

FROM THE PRESIDENT, by Deb R



The tallies are not in yet, but all indications are that our 2010 Show was a success. We had some hard hurdles and unexpected events to over-come, but with everyone’s help and support we were able to get through them. **Thank You** one and all for supporting the Show, from the club members and volunteers to the Dealers, and everyone in between. Work started many months ago on our Show, and I hope that everyone had a chance to take a moment or two to enjoy the event.

We tried a few new things this year, like the live auction and extra advertising, and a few people have made some suggestions for next year already. Please bring those suggestions and any concerns to the July meeting, or email me (sashaNren@peoplepc.com) with them before the meeting. I was distracted by many things during the Show and did not have paper to write your items down at the time. It is not my intention, but I’m sure I will forget some of them, so please bring them up again.

I would also like to thank everyone who was able to make the after-Show Field Trip on the 28th. Roughly 20 people were able to attend, and I understand about 5 Fairburn’s were found. I even found one myself before I inadvertently gave a live demonstration of how quickly you can be over-come by the heat and why you should not go rock hunting alone. Thanks everyone for your care and concern and for making sure I got home okay.

Treasurer’ Report for June 11, 2010



The club deposited \$63.00 and paid bills totaling \$479.33, for a balance of \$10,557.42. We have 42 families and 45 singles as paid members.

Secretaries Notes, June 2010



Notes taken were show related and will be added at a later date if deemed necessary.

Carl & Leana, Mark Anderson's parents, his wife Gabriele, her brother visiting from Germany, Mark's brother John and his wife Debra were able to stop by the Show on Saturday. They wanted to view the display cases in honor of Mark, and to present a check to the club on his behalf. Leana told me they know how much Mark enjoyed being a part of the club, so they wanted him to still be a part of this year's Show by showing his hobbies and craftsmanship with the displays. It was easy to see that Mark's family shared his easy and friendly nature, and it was a real pleasure to meet them. **Thank You** for being a part of the Show and for the bequest – we will find a good use to put the fund to.



Mark Anderson's parents, Carl & Leana, his wife Gabriele, and club President Deb



Pictured are the items given by.....

Francis & Francee Pedneau.

Our long-distance members Francis & Francee Pedneau from California were able to make this year's Show. They are also members of a club in their home area and presented WDG&MS with samples of items they find or make. Included were a piece of Fulgurite (a lightning mineral), a Travertine Onyx carved bear (carved by Jim Grandgeorge), and two pieces of jewelry made by Francee; an Independence charm bracelet and a wire-wrapped TeePee Canyon pendent.

Yes, the stone originally came from our own Black Hills. Francis & Francee please say Thank You from our club to your California one for the beautiful pieces. They will be on display at the July meeting for all those who would like to get a closer look.



Mark your calendars with the information below....

We have the Old Storybook Island Picnic shelter reserved for Aug 13, 4:30 - 10 p.m. for our annual potluck picnic. More information on what to bring and how to sign up will be at our meetings.

Field Trip Report, June 28, Stan and Paula H



The tradition continues.....The field trip after the show was wonderful. We all had fun, and it was hot and sunny. One of our new prospect members found a very wonderful Fairburn (So yes, they still are out there). Of course Mickey found two again. Deb and Jamie each found one. I found a small one and then lost it out of my

pocket. The new members and vendors that came said they had a great time so you will be seeing some new faces at our meetings.



July's Birthstone is the Ruby.....

Like a perfect red rose, the Ruby's rich color speaks of love and passion. Called the "Rajnapura" or King of Gems by ancient Hindus, July's birthstone is among the most highly prized of gems throughout history. The Ruby was considered to have magical powers, and was worn by royalty as a talisman against evil. It was thought to grow darker when peril was imminent, and to return to its original color once danger was past—provided it was in the hands of its rightful owner!



How about a few show pictures.....?



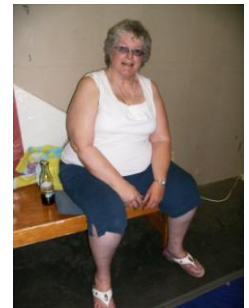
**Set up is a lot of work!
It seems all we do is run.
The seconds, then minutes, then days pass by,
but boy we had loads of fun!**



**Sometimes we even have a minute to sit.
It seems like it has been forever.**



**Our feet hurt; we all need some sleep,
but guess what, we pulled it off together!
Good job everyone!**





Announcements: The Ammonite is published 10 months out of the year. There will be no August newsletter. December is the other month we skip.

Remember we have a new club address. Please use it for all correspondence.

Wire Wrapping is still going at Paula's. You can jump in at anytime and join the fun. We have seen some of their work and love it! Contact Paula H at 716-3656 if you would like to join the group.

Classified Adds:

Vibrating 2 Hopper Tumbler. \$500-600 new. \$200-like new. Call Annette at 348-8948.

Paul has tons of assorted rock for sale. 25 years of collecting in seven different states. Also petrified wood, prairie agates and yard rock. 25 cents a pound Call Paul at 341-6161.

Lost and Found: A leather jacket was left at the show. If you are missing one please call Deb to claim it.

Webmaster - Steve E. Don't forget to check out our website at www.wdgm.org.

CLUB CALENDAR – Below is our calendar for the year. As you can see, we still have an opening for Door Prizes and a Program for 2010. Sign up at the June meeting, or contact Deb R with your chosen month(s) and item(s). Contact Mike J, our Vice President, if you have an idea for a program or would like to present one. We are all a very enthusiastic audience and would love to learn what you have to share. Jamie B has also offered to present programs on just about any topic you want – let him know your suggestions.

MONTH	REFRESHMENTS	DOOR PRIZES	PROGRAM
JANUARY	Paul & Jan G	Paul & Jan	Ammonites by Neal Larson
FEBRUARY	Don & Annette R	Don & Annette R	Hole Drilling-Walter B
MARCH	Deb R	Mickey S	Intarsiq-Roger V
APRIL	Mills	Martin O	Rock hounding sites-Ellen T
MAY	Cathy A	Joebgen	Rock Carving-Walter B
JUNE	Becky B	Rita H	30 th SHOW-Last minute review
JULY	Rita & Lyle H		Event Center-Pam Teller
AUGUST	Summer Meal	Summer Meal	Summer Meal
SEPTEMBER	Hazel W	Gene and Hazel W	Wire Wrap-Tim Almy
OCTOBER	Calvin L	Deb R	Lost Wax Casting-Ildiko Wagner
NOVEMBER	Cliff N	Charles G	
DECEMBER	Holiday Dinner	Holiday Dinner	Holiday Dinner

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Meetings: Second Friday of each month, 7:30 p.m., Minneluzahan Senior Center, 315 N. 4th St., Rapid City

Dues: Family - \$15, Single - \$10, Payable by cash, check, or money order. Senior Citizens - free (does not include bulletin)

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