



THE AMMONITE



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

FROM THE PRESIDENT, by Deb R.



Summer is flying by and soon it will be fall - my favorite time of year. We are also coming to the end of term for the current Officers and Chairs. Nominations for offices will be taken until the elections at the October meeting, and new positions will begin with the November meeting. Please let me know as soon as possible if you or someone you know would like to be considered for a certain position, just remember not to nominate someone without their prior agreement to take the office if elected. No one wants to be surprised into something. Due to my increasing personal obligations, I will not be accepting any offices (including Show Chair) this term. I will remain active in the club and help out when I can, but cannot accept the committed responsibility at this time. I am more than happy to talk with anyone interested in President, Show, Publicity or Editor (all positions I have held or covered for in the last 6 years). I've enjoyed being an active part in the club; appreciate the help and support of numerous members and the friends I've made. I highly recommend others take the plunge and volunteer for a position - the club needs you and it's a great way to expand your skills and interaction with other.

At the September meeting come prepared to make the final decision on location and date/time for the 2011 Show. We have not signed a contract yet, but have reserved our normal dates with the Civic Center and the weekend prior with the Fairgrounds. Both offer good and not-so-good options to consider, but Dealers have already started making their travel plans and Publicity must start now to get us listed in time with some of the advertisers.

I have received (Denver) Colorado Mineral & Fossil Show flyers for Sept 15 - 19th. On the flip side of the flyer is the Colorado Fossil Expo, to be held Sept 17 - 19th. I will bring the flyers to the Sept meeting, but I wanted to let you know about it so you can start planning if you want to attend. They list over 220 Dealers on their flyer with free parking and admission to the Mineral & Fossil Show, or \$6 for admission to both Shows.

Treasurer' Report for July 9, 2010



The club deposited \$9,106.90 and paid bills totaling \$2,314.98, for a balance of \$16,349.34. We have 57 families and 51 singles as paid members.

Show Report: This is PRELIMINARY, not final. We do not have the bill from the Civic Center yet, which is our biggest, and there are probably others still coming in that I have not yet received: That said, gross income after consignment payments was \$7182.95, and current expenses for the show are \$1489.63.

We have 13 families that signed up for membership at the show, and 4 singles.



Secretaries Notes, July 9, 2010

Mickey approved last month's minutes and Stan seconded. Treasure report given.

Rocky Mountain Federation - nothing new to report.

Multi use coalition: Ellen would like us to write to J. Thune and S. Herseth to let them know how we feel about the wilderness bill that Johnson has put out there. We could also send our opinions to the Journal. Be careful in Indian Creek. There are Buffalo grazing. Be aware that they are dangerous, and do not approach them.

No new website news to report from Steve E.

Mickey S. and Gene W. will be taking over for Don and are going to do programs at the schools this year. If you have any suggestions, I'm sure they would love to hear them.

We still have some exchange items from other states. We will be talking about what to do with them in future meetings.

John L. would like to put together a rock hunting trip in Colorado if anyone is interested.

Tyler P. would like something put in silver if anyone could do this please contact him at tyler_pecker@yahoo.com

Stan L. knows a professor in Hawaii that would like to exchange rocks if anyone is interested.

New tax rules to be looking for starting 2012 - anything you sell that is over \$600.00 you will have to fill out a 1099.

The bearings in the club trailer are bad, and we need to get them fixed.

Jamie B. thanked everyone who came out and helped at the show. It was a great show this year, and kudos to all that helped make it great.

Custer, SD may be starting a new rock club. Good luck to them.

Joe and Nancy T. were named honorary life time members.

A couple of rock shops were broken into in Keystone. Be aware of anyone approaching you selling items at bargain prices.

Two vendors have let us know they will not be there for our show next year.

The public surveys we had at the show were very encouraging. We had lots of newcomers this year.

Dealer Surveys were all positive.

Mark Anderson's family donated \$360.00 to the club in his memory.

Looking at making new cases - we need volunteers to help build them; maybe this is a winter project.

We need to elect a new show committee and discuss new ideas and even maybe new locations.

Announcements

Nominations are needed asap for the September meeting. Voting will take place at our October meeting. Ballots will be used as per stated in our bi-laws. New officers will start in November.

Show Chair will be elected at the September meeting and Show Committee to form immediately after. All are invited to be part of the Committee.

The club voted to have our Christmas dinner at the same place, Elk's Lodge. A member is currently checking availability and menu options.

Ellen is staying in charge of Kid's Corner at the Show. She will no longer be hauling rocks to and from and will need help with the set-up.

It was voted to use the funds donated by the family of Mark Anderson for new display cases, or at least to fix them up (depending on the cost). Acknowledgement plate(s) will be put on each new/revamped case in Mark's honor.

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 at 716-3656 if you would like to join the group.

30th Annual Awards.....drum roll please....

Grand prize winner this year is Donna Kinsella.

Best of show goes out to Doug Nesnar and Spencer Smith.

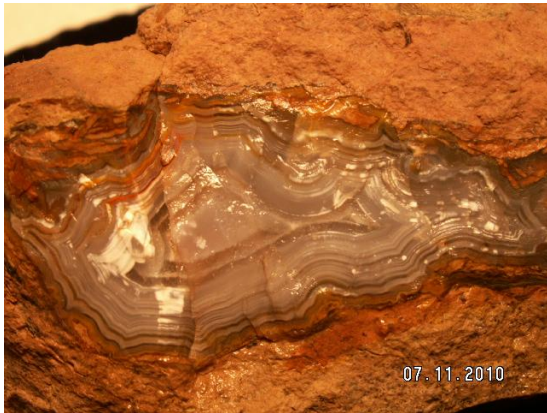
The Black Hills Prospectors Club gave away a gold nugget. It was won by Gary Rayhill.

A Montana sapphire was won by Hollie Brush, and a silver bar won by Rebecca Wood.



Show and Tell.....

Walter B. found these agates southwest of Custer.



September's Birthstone is the Sapphire

Sapphires are chemically and structurally the same as the Ruby. Sapphires are well known among the general public as being blue, but can be nearly any color except shades of red or pink (since those are called rubies). The blue color is by far the most popular color for sapphire but orange-pink, golden, white, and even black have generated much interest in the gem trade.



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

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PO Box 3620, Rapid City, SD 57709-3620

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)

Classified Adds:

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.

1925-1965 Loitwood rock, gem, mineral, and fossil collection .This collection is spread into our eastside museum annex, our garage, and in the basement. It is a space eater and has great weight too. Since it is inherited...I know only bear-bone facts and details as you would expect. If interested please email Bernie Webb, Historian, @ bwebb@venturecomm.net - collection is located in Gettysburg, SD.

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

CLUB CALENDAR – Below is our calendar for the year. Although 2010 is now filled, you can always sign up for Door Prizes and Programs for 2011. Sign up at club meetings, 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 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	Faceted Gemstone ID's-Ellen T
DECEMBER	Holiday Dinner	Holiday Dinner	Holiday Dinner

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