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THE 608TH MEETING OF THE AUSTIN GEM AND MINERAL SOCIETY WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY, **SEPTEMBER 28TH, 2006, 7:30 P.M.**, AT THE AGMS CLUBHOUSE, 6719 BURNET LANE, AUSTIN, TX. PHONE: (512) 458-9546.



The program for September will be announced at the meeting.

**AGMS Annual Show
Gem Capers 2006
Palmer Events Center**
Show Dates: December 1st,
2nd, and 3rd 2006.
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PURPOSE

The purpose of the AGMS is to promote interest and education in the various Earth Sciences and other related subjects.

MEETINGS

The Society meets the fourth Thursday of every month except November and December. November or early December is show month and the meeting, if any, is held after show setup on Thursday before the show. December is the Invocation of Officers meeting held on a date and at a place determined by the officers. Board meetings are called as needed. All members are welcome to attend. Society Officers are listed on the back page of this publication. Please feel free to contact any of them for information.

DUES FOR 2006

Membership dues are:

\$15.00 annually for an adult \$20.00 annually for a couple \$4.00 annually for juniors

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July Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Paul Bordovsky.

Presentation: Our speaker was Second Vice President Brian Wetzig, who delivered the presentation for Brad Cross on geodes of Chihuahua.

Club Business: Minutes for June were accepted as printed.

Library: Susan Postlethwait presented Dee Fly's report on what is being done to repair the library. We are waiting for bids on the floor installation to be submitted and also painting to be done. Nancy Keller gave a report on the paint situation. She thinks that we should wait until the tile has been installed before painting the library walls. She says that a matte finish is better for an older building, and we should go with a better quality paint. Measuring has been done on all the rooms.

We are also still waiting on the insurance settlement, and the agent is waiting for the quotes. After all the remodeling has been done, the librarians will need lots of help to move back in.

Paddy Covill presented a history of the library, and asks that the memorial book be continued for members of the club who die. There was discussion about the 'member of the immediate family' concept also.

Committee Reports:

Sunshine: Dee Fly also reported on Murry's progress. He had brain surgery, but is doing better now. George Browne is still laid up as well.

Membership: Tommie Potts reports that there are 72 members, 1 junior member and 6 visitors present tonight.

Show: Wing Evans has gotten the model for the orthorhombic crystal done, but he needs some real crystals to go in the cases.

Juniors: Nothing much is going on. Please continue to assemble your egg cartons, however.

Federation: Paul Good is not here. The Federation show is in Bossier City, LA this year.

Workshop: Ed Gage says the workshop will remain closed until the library is back together.

Field Trips: Chip Burnett says the next field trip will be to the TXI quarry on September 30th. Kids will be allowed on this one. Details will follow later.

James Mercier says that we will have to change our field trip for Thanksgiving because it comes too close to hunting season and the ranchers don't want us out there that late. There was some discussion on going to Mexico instead at that time and save Big Bend for the spring. Ron Guzman is going to research the Mexico idea.

Library: Diann Hill says **thanks to Brian and Nicholas Wetzig** for helping to move all the books and cases out of the library when the flood was discovered. Hours were spent on this work. Harriet Strieber commented on Paddy's history, saying that the Memorial Book program was revitalized in 1990, and the memorial books have a gold seal on the spine. We were very fortunate that there was not much damage to the books at all during the catastrophe.

Stone Chipper: Laura Dow reports that there has been a volunteer to do the article on crystals for the Chipper, later to be printed in the Show program. If you want to get on the email list to get a soft copy, send an email to the editors.

Hospitality: Kellee Greenway has mislaid her list. She asks that you remember if you signed up to bring food for the auction night.

Classes: Nancy says the classes are on hold until the library is back together. She is thinking that perhaps we can start one in September.

Announcements: Stretch and Lynn got married on Saturday, so now there are two Youngs. Felicitations!

Show and Tell: We had show and tell and door prizes.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

~Linda Northcote, Secretary

Field Trips



Field Trip September 30th

The field trip on September 30th will be to the TXI quarry at Midlothian, Texas. Midlothian is southwest of Dallas, about 170 miles from Austin. Possible finds are shark teeth, marcasite rosettes, and calcite.

We will be in the quarry from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., so we will **meet at 9:45 a.m.** The meeting place will be TXI's employee parking lot. To get there, take I35 from Austin to where it splits (about 35 miles past Waco) into West and East. Take I35W for 30 miles and, just past Alvarado, exit to Hwy 67. Turn right onto Hwy 67 toward Midlothian and go approximately 13 miles to Ward Road which is about a mile this side of Midlothian. Turn right on Ward Road, go about a quarter of a mile, and the parking lot will be on your left.

The liability release form can be signed when we meet or I can mail one in advance. In any event, TXI **needs to know by September 27th how many participants will attend (no one under the age of 8)**. So, if you are planning to go, please let me know before that time. They also require that hard hats and safety glasses be worn in the quarry. If you don't have those items they will furnish them.

~Clifford Strieber, Field Trip Committee

Board Minutes Synopsis July 11, 2006

NOTE: These are synopsis minutes. For full text of board minutes, please contact Linda Northcote, Secretary.

~Editors

Corrections for June – Susan returned the funds allocated for the shelves for the show shed. The new mailboxes were donated by Susan.

Will proceed with re-keying once repairs are done. Five locks and work to be done on the hinges of the front door that are currently on the outside and vulnerable to attack.

Need to start work on the 2007 budget.

Discussed paying teachers for classes and how to treat it in the budget. Need to add an item to the budget for payment of teachers. Discussed a percentage of class funds.

Need polish for the workshop. There is also a blade needed and a switch needs fixing on the big saw. Will use funds for 2006 and 2007 to fix equipment.

Insurance company will allow \$15 to \$20 per square yard to clean or replace the carpet. Harriet prefers to have tile in the library. Get mats for both building entries. Need to paint before doing the tile, work party to clean out the library area completely. Three units of bookshelves were damaged. Replacing them with solid wood would cost \$906.

Wood base for the air conditioner needs redoing – who to do it? Paul wants to create an appointed position for general maintenance.

Do we have access to the safe?

Suggested that we appoint a person to be in charge of building maintenance.

Discussed building shelves in the other shed. Also need to build shelves in the closet of the faceting room. Dee will buy shelf units.

Suggested that we install a permanent fluorescent display using the display funds, putting a Triple Bright in there.

Signup book for classes has been re-done.

It was suggested we extend the term of office for the Treasurer, since that involves more complex duties than the other officers' positions. Changing the term would involve changing the Bylaws. The consensus is not to mess with the Bylaws.

Discussed having an auditing committee. The books are supposed to be audited every year. Margaret says that she has a CPA do our taxes, and the same person does the audit.

Tommie Potts is stepping down as membership chair. Need a replacement. Duties include maintaining the sign-

in book, tallying the number of attendees, and ordering name tags.

As of May 4th we are now permanently a 501(c)(3) organization; we are out of probation.

Trying to get us a new school to sponsor. Need to have this done by the end of August.

Susan paid for the Palmer Events Center, first installment, for the 2007 show.

A.G.M.S. Calendar

- Wednesdays - Workshop ~~Open 5:00-7:00 p.m.~~
*Closed due to water leak repairs
- Sep 19 - Fossil SIG Meeting
- Sep 21 - Show Committee Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- Sep 27 - Clubhouse Clean Up (volunteers needed)
- Sep 28 - Club Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- Sep 30 - Field Trip
- Oct 03 - Board Meeting 7:00 p.m



Auction Roundup

Thanks, Thanks and More Thanks

A big thanks to this year's spotters - **David Dow, Gene Healy, Gale Kloesel, and auctioneer Robert Morriss**, for their entertaining antics. I also want to thank **Fran Ellis** for stepping up to do the ticket running, and **Kellee Greenway** for her work in organizing the snack counter. I want to give a big thanks to **Dee Fly** for manning the computer and also for the time she spent entering all the items into the computer. And finally, I want to thank our cashier **Diann Hill** for sticking around to the very end, even though she had an hour drive home - and she and her son still had to feed the farm animals when they got home!

I want to thank all the people that donated items. If not for your generous donations the auction would not be possible each year. I also want to thank **the families of Mary Spears and George Shannon** for their generous donations

to the club. These donations represented the bulk of this year's auction items.

I want to thank **Dalan Hargrave** for donating his crystal carving, and all the people that bid on this item, with a big thanks to the Evans for their winning bid. This one item turned a good auction into a great auction for the club.

I also want to thank the members who came and participated in this year's auction. If not for your generous bidding the club would not be what it is today.

~Brian Wetzig, 2nd Vice President



August Meeting Minutes

Presentation: There was no presentation tonight since it was Auction Night. The viewing started at 5:30 p.m. and the auction at around 6 p.m. Then, around 7:30 p.m., we took a break for a short business meeting.

Club Business: The minutes were skipped.

Library: Dee Fly reported that the library has been painted and the new tile will be installed next week. Harriet and Diann plan to move the library shelves and material back in starting over the Labor Day weekend.

Committee Reports:

Nominating Committee: Dee also reported for the Nominating Committee, and she asked if anyone wanted to volunteer to hold club office.

Show: Susan Postlethwait reported that the committee chose new dealers at the last meeting and Robert Morriss has reworked the floor plan for more 6-table dealers. She reminds us to think about what we want to volunteer for. At the next meeting there will be large flyers available.

Federation: Mac Ellis reported on the Federation show, which was held in Bossier City, LA this past weekend. He collected the bulletin awards, and they will be listed later. This was the same weekend as the national show, which was held in Nashville. He is uncertain where next year's Federation show will be held, except that it will be somewhere in the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

Workshop: Ed Gage says the workshop is still closed.

Schools: Wing Evans has nothing to report on getting a new school to sponsor.

Field Trip: Chip Burnett says the next field trip will be to the TXI quarry on September 30th. Kids will be allowed on this one, but everyone needs to obtain a release form. [Editors' note: See updated information in Field Trip report.] Details will follow later.

Library: Harriet Strieber likes the new color. She reports that David and Laura Dow have donated mini blinds to replace the foam board that was in the windows, which has improved the appearance of the room. Thanks go to the Dows. She reminds us that, in the rush to move back in, do not forget that the gray crates contain material that is on loan, and does not belong to us.

Membership: Tommie Potts reports that there are obviously more members here than have signed in. There will be no door prizes tonight due to the auction.

Historian: Ed Gage has nothing to report.

Stone Chipper: Laura Dow has no report either.

Hospitality: Kellee Greenway has no report either.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m. so Robert Morriss could continue to haggle with people and get rid of a bunch of rocks and other stuff that are lying around the clubhouse.

~Linda Northcote, Secretary



Show Talk

Can you believe it, September is already here! As I write this article we actually had a cool/dry front come through last night and this morning was a wonderful, cool, crisp 70 degrees. No telling what is up for the rest of the year weather wise but I can tell you we are moving full steam ahead for our annual show in December.

The September show committee meeting [September 21st], will be a full one. We will have a report from every chair on where things stand. This will enable us to focus our energies in the right direction.

At the September and October general membership meeting we will have the sign up sheet available. Don't wait too long to sign up or your favorite activity/time slot will be gone!

Remember, for every hour that you volunteer at the show, you will be entered into a drawing for a very special prize, available only to show volunteers. Some of you can recall the beautiful peridot pendant or perhaps the gorgeous tourmaline pendant of prior years.

*~Respectfully submitted, Susan Postlethwait, 2006
Gem Capers Show Chair*

Officer Nominations

The nomination committee has given the board their nominations for President, Secretary, Treasurer, and three board members. The people will be announced at the September general meeting. If anyone would like to make a nomination for someone else in any of these positions, please contact Gene Healy, Bob Greenway, Les Postlethwait or Richard Dorsey. The nomination will be voted on at the October general meeting.

~Dee Fly, 1st Vice President

What is It?

By Josie Middleton
AGMS Club Member

Now were you able to figure out that the August mineral was **Uraninite**? Were you able to find out what the word "autographic" meant? This next one should be somewhat easier for some you that have lived in this region of Texas.

1. It streaks white.
2. It comes in several colors and they are clear, gray, various shades of yellow, red, brown and blue.
3. This mineral comes in thick to tabular crystals and is Orthorhombic.
4. Mineral has been known to luminesce.
5. According to paleontologists, this mineral has been known to be one of the petrifying factors in fossils.

6. The morphology is really very extensive and there are too many to print.
7. There can be admixtures to this mineral.
8. Genesis can be hydrothermal and/or sedimentary.
9. One of its uses is that it is made into a mud and poured down oil wells to prevent blowouts.
10. In Greek the mineral name means "heavy."



Far Below Buchanan's Waters

By Theresa Diehl

Deep beneath the waters of Lake Buchanan lies the Barringer Hill mine, once one of the highest yielding mines of rare-earth minerals in the world. Now only legend in Llano County, the mine was famous at the turn of the 20th Century for producing economically important minerals, as well as enormous quartz crystals weighing up to several hundred pounds each. John Barringer discovered the hill's wealth in 1886, when he unearthed a curious greenish-black ore. Local geologist N.J. Badu sent away samples, which came back identified as gadolinite, a mineral until then known to exist only in Russia. Valued at \$144 per ounce – the equivalent of \$3,000 an ounce today – the gadolinite was worth a fortune.

The timing could not have been better for Barringer to capitalize on his discovery. In the north, inventors and businessmen were scrambling to find a material suitable for making a filament for the first commercially viable incandescent light bulb, Thomas Edison's recent invention. Hoping Barringer Hill might yield the mineral needed, the Edison Company sent a geologist to investigate. Over time, more than 50 minerals were catalogued at the site, including several other rare varieties and five that proved new to science.

Business giant George Westinghouse, too, needed gadolinite for a street-lamp design, and mining operations near Llano commenced in 1902. The gadolinite was so precious that workers readied it for shipping by train by wrapping it in tissue paper and packing it in locked iron boxes. The miners discovered an unexpected side effect: Because some of Barringer Hill's minerals were radioactive, the men suffered minor burns and soreness of the hands. As it turned out,

Barringer Hill's heyday ended quickly once production of light-bulb filaments from inexpensive wire began.

Full-scale operations lasted only a few years, but for 30 years after the mine shut down, it remained a haven for rock collectors. With the completion of Buchanan Dam in 1937, however, the rising waters of Lake Buchanan spelled the end of that activity too. Today, museums contain the only vestiges of the Barringer Hill mine. The Llano County Historical Museum (in Llano; 325/247-3026) has samples of various Barringer Hill minerals and an early-1900s Nernst street lamp with a filament of Barringer Hill gadolinite. Other Barringer Hill samples are at the Texas Memorial Museum in Austin (gadolinite and quartz) and the American Museum of Natural History in New York City. An 8.565 carat, faceted specimen of gadolinite from Llano County is in the National Gem Collection at the National Museum of Natural History, part of the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C.

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Thanks to Mac Ellis for bringing this article to our attention. A three part article on this topic was printed in the Stone Chipper beginning June 2004 - Barringer Hill Pegmatite written in June 1905.

Local Show Announcements

Sep 22-24

Humble, TX

Houston Gem & Mineral Society

Oct 14-15

Temple, TX

Tri-City Gem & Mineral Society

Oct 20-22

Victoria, TX

Victoria Gem & Mineral Society

Oct 27-29

FOSSILMANIA, Glen Rose, TX
Austin & Dallas Paleontological Societies

~From www.lapidaryjournal.com calendar and mailouts



My Trip to the Houston Museum

By Leighton Cave, Age 7
AGMS Junior Member

I went with my family to Houston to see Body Worlds 3 at the Houston Museum of Natural Science. It was really cool. There were bodies with no skin on them, just bones and muscles. They even had a horse! I learned how the body works from the inside out. Did you know that our skin weighs 20 pounds? It was really neat.

They also had a huge fossil collection. In the collection they had a Pterodactyl, a Stegosaurus, a Mammoth, and a Coelophysis. The Pterodactyl was hanging from the ceiling! We took pictures of all of us pretending to be a Coelophysis. That was lots of fun.

They had a huge gem and mineral collection too. My favorite was a big slice of petrified wood. It was bigger than my bed and had lots of colors. I also liked the wulfenite. That is because I am a Wolf Cub Scout!

We even went underground on a tour. We went to the bottom of an oil well. Then we got stuck in cement. But don't worry, we got out. They had to use dynamite! It was really, really fun.

We went outside to have picnic at lunch. There was a granite sphere. It weighed 5000 pounds. It was balanced by the water and it was spinning. It was really hard to stop it but Bailey and I did.

There was a really cool movie about the stars and the universe. It played on the ceiling!

We went to the museum gift shop. I bought sea monkeys. At home they hatched.

If you want to have fun with your family you should go to the museum.

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~The Editors

Discipline!

A school teacher injured his back and had to wear a plaster cast around the upper part of his body. It fit under his shirt and was not noticeable at all. On the first day of the term, still with the cast under his shirt, he found himself assigned to the toughest students in school. Walking confidently into the rowdy classroom, he opened the window as wide as possible and then busied himself with desk work. When a strong breeze made his tie flap, he took the desk stapler and stapled the tie to his chest. Discipline was not a problem from that day forth!

~From the *Midwest Faceter*, others, via *The Glacial Drifter* 11/03, *The Roadrunner* 2/04

"Is this Father O'Malley?" "It is." "This is the IRS. Do you know a Ted Houlihan?" "I do." "Is he a member of your congregation?" "He is." "Did he donate \$10,000?" Father O'Malley paused thoughtfully. "He will."

~From *Quarry Quips*, 3/04

A Pretty Picture Rock

By Ted Robles

It was a pretty pebble that I found upon the sand;
I picked it up and dusted it, and held it in my hand;
It seemed to have a pattern, though I wasn't certain what,
So when I got it home, I studied – "where, oh, where to cut?"
I finally decided that I'd cut it smack in two
So chucked it up, and let the diamonds scream their loud way
through

I looked at what I had; it seemed to be a little scene,
Of bushes, trees, and flowers, and a rabbit on the green,
I polished it until it shone, and made a bola tie,
Now, everyone who sees it casts a warm admiring eye,
And offers heartfelt praise to me for cutting such perfection.
And I accept the compliments, with only mild objection,
The scene was always hidden there, and all I did was find it;
I can't take too much credit; it was nature who designed it!

~From the *Roadrunner* 6/01, via *The Southwest Gem* 6/04

Until the 1730s, India was the only source for diamonds in the world.

Sources. NOAA, Dictionary, corn, other Internet sources.

~From *Rock Buster News*, Nov 05, via *Shin Skinner News* Jan 06



ROCKY HORROR STORIES

Rocky Roads We Travel

By Dr. Paul Bordovsky
AGMS Club Member, President

Two weeks ago I received an urgent call at my dental office. No broken cusp or infected wisdom tooth this time; in fact, this situation was not even dentally related. The cleaning lady's husband breathlessly warned me to not, under any circumstances, turn on the disposal or insink-erator in our kitchen sink.

It seems that the beautiful sphere of orangey-red petrified wood from my father's ranch had somehow been jostled from its perch on the windowsill, and found its way into the sink, and then down the drain. Try as she might, the cleaning lady could not retrieve this highly polished ball since the diameter of the sphere was only slightly smaller than the opening of the drain. There just was not any room for fingers as the sphere was raised up to the opening.

I relayed the warning to my wife Cindy, and figured that we would get it out somehow that evening. She, ordered thinker of a systems analyst that she is, had the ball removed before I arrived home. So here is the tip for removing the sphere from the drain. She simply stuffed a small plastic bag down the drain, maneuvered the ball inside the bag, then pulled the bag out. With such simplicity, she devised an elegant solution to the problem at hand.

A.F.M.S. News



AFMS Meeting 2006, Nashville, TN

By Ed Gage
AGMS Club Member

The AFMS convention was held in Nashville, TN this year. Unfortunately it was held during the same weekend as the

SCFMS, so it was not possible to attend both meetings. I was fortunate to be able to attend the AFMS meeting and enjoyed it very much as well as seeing other conferences and representatives of other mineral societies and club members from across the United States.

The show was like any other large show with similar events and vendor displays. There were agates, petrified wood, mineral specimens, cabs, faceted stones, and trays of slabs for the picking. Demonstrations by local club members showed techniques of faceting, intarsia, silver-work, and gemstone setting as well as jewelry design. Of special interest were the displays of rocks from the local areas of Tennessee and Kentucky. Tennessee paint rock was the rock unique to that area. It is similar to some of our West Texas agates of blue, gray, black, brown, yellow, and clear base agate with orange and red designs running through it. Some examples are very spectacular especially with back lighting.

The selection of mineral specimens from the area included many spectacular examples from the mines near Elmwood, TN. These were special examples because the mines are now closed for collection. Large calcite crystals with sphalerite and galena were the most impressive from this area. A number of specimens of yellow smithsonite (turkey fat) from the famous mines near Rush, AR were available from some vendors.

A large display of Condor agate was available from one vendor. Both cut and polished specimens and uncut or rough material was available to suit your taste and budget. Condor agate is from Patagonia in Argentina and is similar to some of the Mexican agate we are familiar with but has its own distinctive look.

The facilities were good for the show, being held at the TN State fairgrounds, and the dinners were held in the Hotel Preston a short distance away. I made several new contacts I will be able to work with in the years to come and saw another part of the country with its unique variety of minerals.

A.F.M.S. Editor Awards - Selected Recipients

Small Bulletins:

6th place - *The Stone Chipper*, Laura & David Dow, AGMS, SCFMS

9th place - *Chips & Chatter*, Don Shurtz, Pleasant Oaks G&MC, SCFMS

Honorable Mention - *Pickin's and Diggin's*, Jean Wallace, Williamson County G&MS, SCFMS

Adult Articles:

3rd place - "Texas Agates: A World of Wonder", Dee Purkeypile, AGMS, SCFMS

6th place - "Cabochon Cutting for Fun and... Well, Fun", Robert Morriss, AGMS, SCFMS

Honorable Mention - "Pettrified Wood End Table Project", Rich Geist, Pine Country G&MS, SCFMS

Features:

Not a category in AFMS

Websites:

Not judged in AFMS

Special Publications:

3rd place - *Gem Capers 2005 Show Guide*, Laura & David Dow, Editors, AGMS, SCFMS

Poetry:

4th place - "Garnet Hunt", Ed Gage, AGMS, SCFMS

5th place - "It's Show Time Again", Lola Lamb, Big Spring Prospector's Club, SCFMS

6th place - "We're Rockhounds", Wil House, Ark-La-Tex G&MS, SCFMS



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S.C.F.M.S. Editor Awards - Selected Recipients

Small Bulletins:

1st place - *Chips & Chatter*, Don Schurtz, Pleasant Oaks G&MC

2nd place - *The Stone Chipper*, Laura & David Dow, AGMS

3rd place - *Pickin's & Diggin's*, Jean Wallace, Williamson County G&MS (Jean's an AGMS club member)

Adult Articles:

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2nd place - "Cabochon Cutting for Fun and... Well Fun", Robert Morriss, AGMS

3rd place - "Pettrified Wood End Table Project", Birch Geist, Pine Country G&MS

5th place - "African Green Garnets", Ed Gage, AGMS

Honorable Mention - "Synthetic Quartz Crystals", JW Downs, AGMS

Honorable Mention - "There is Another Preserved Wood", Merritt Romans, AGMS

Features (not a category in AFMS, only in SCFMS):

1st place - "Mudpies and Castles", Susan Postlethwait, AGMS

2nd place - "A Letter from Stoney", Larry McAuley, AGMS

3rd place(tie) - "There's Bears There!", Cathy Glass, AGMS

3rd place (tie) - "Monday in Mapimi", Jennifer Clayton-Guzman, AGMS

6th place - "Word Puzzle: Garnet", Miriam Hall, AGMS

8th place - "Word Find", Josie Middleton, AGMS

Websites:

Honorable Mention, Craig Brandt, AGMS

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6th place - "The Rockhound World", Margaret Good, AGMS

8th place - "Heaven Rocks", Alan Cherepon, AGMS

Congratulations to all the winners! Thanks to everyone who contributed to and still contributes to *The Stone Chipper* and *The Show Bulletin*. Original articles, poems, and features are what help to make a newsletter interesting to the members - and fun to compile!

~Editors

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**United We Stand
September 2006**

Editor Awards

2003-1st AFMS New Editors, 1st SCFMS
2004-4th AFMS
2005-2nd AFMS, 1st SCFMS
2006-6th AFMS, 2nd SCFMS

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