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Cedar Valley Rocks & Minerals Society will meet April 20, 1994, at the AEGON BL'DG, corner of 42nd St. and Edgewood Rd N.E., Cedar Rapids. IA, 7:15 P.M.

Sharon Sonnleitner, program chairperson, reports we will have a Video Program, "Dinosaurs and Whales." We will see how dinosaurs are prepared and mounted and hunting for dinosaurs in Peru and South Dakota

Hosts and Hostesses will be Phyllis & Harold Barber and Jean & Milo Cervený.

(We need a volunteer or two for hostesses for the May meeting. Jean Secor, one of our newer members, is the only one on the list at this time. Incidentally, May will be our last indoor meeting until September. We will have a picnic in June, July and August in one of the nearby parks.)

We are planning to have the new membership books ready for distribution at the April meeting. I hope you have made any necessary corrections in your address or phone number. Also, we will be including a 'bit' about which facet of the hobby you like best and other interests, as space permits.

We welcome new members:

Louis E. Pailiotet

Dave & Carol Smith

Jean Hall

Allyn Adams

(you will find their addresses in the new book)

GEODELAND SHOW - George Vacik, Bud and I attended the Geodeland Show which was held in Macomb, Illinois just one week before ours. It is a much larger show than ours. They always have some very special exhibits. This show is hosted by, I believe, 7 clubs, so of course they have a large base from which to draw exhibits and help. We were a bit disappointed in the dealers in that there were beads, beads, beads everywhere. Almost no rough rock or petrified wood. I was able to buy a raspberry pie at the Silent Auction table. That was certainly no disappointment.

LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING

- APRIL 9 - 10, 1994 FULTON COUNTY ROCKHOUNDERS - SHOW, Wallace Park, 250 South Ave. D, Canton, IL, Sat. 10 - 7; Sun. 10 - 5
- APRIL 15, 16 & 17, 1994 MID AMERICA PALEONTOLOGY SOCIETY - NATIONAL FOSSIL EXPOSITION, Western Illinois University Student Union, Macomb, IL Fri. 8 - 6; Sat. 8 - 5; Sun. 8 - 3. Keynote speaker: Dr. Donald Wolberg Fri. eve. Business meeting and Auction Sat. eve. Fri. & Sat. are definitely the best days to attend. There will, however, be a seminar on Sunday morning. The theme of the show this year is DINOSAURS. This show is growing each YEAR. If you like fossils, this is the place to be. FOSSILS ONLY!!
- APRIL 17, 1994 BLACK HAWK GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY - SHOW, Hurst Center for the Arts, 304 W. Seerley Blvd, Cedar Falls, IA
- APRIL 23 -24, 1994 BLACKHAWK ROCK CLUB -SHOW, North Towne Mall, Rockford, IL
- APRIL 29, 30 & May 1, 1994 CENTRAL ILLINOIS GEM & MINERAL CLUB - SHOW, Macon County Fairgrounds, Decatur, IL Fri. 9-3 for school children only. General public 3 - 7. Sat. 9 - 7; Sun. 10 - 4. Camping facilities. Demonstrations, dealers, glass blowing, wirecrafting, silver smith, Indian jewelry and artifacts, faceting and more.
- APRIL 29, 30 & May 1, 1994 HEART OF WISCONSIN GEM & MINERAL - SHOW, South Wood County Rec. Center, Wisconsin Rapids, WI
- MAY 14 - 15, 1994 GRAND ISLAND EARTH SCIENCE SOCIETY - STATE SWAP, Isaac Walton Park, Grand Island, NE
- MAY 20 - 22, 1994 GREATER ST. LOUIS ASSOCIATION OF EARTH SCIENCE CLUBS - SHOW, Gateway Center, Collinsville, IL

1994 REGIONAL SHOW SCHEDULE

ROCKY MOUNTAIN FEDERATION

July 22-24
Rushmore Plaza Civic Center, Rapid City, SD
Host: Western Dakota Gem & Mineral Society
Show Chair: Tom Estes, HC 33, Box 8713,
Rapid City, SD 57701 (605)342-2147

MIDWEST FEDERATION

September 2-3
Century Center, South Bend, IN
Host: Michiana Gem & Mineral Society
Show Chair: Margaret Heinek, 7091 E. East Park La.
New Carlisle, IN 46552 (219)654-3673

**SOUTH CENTRAL FEDERATION
/ AFMS COMBINED**

June 23-26
Astro Arena (next to Astrodome), Houston, TX
Host: Houston Gem & Mineral Society
Show Chair: Ron Carmen, 6947 Foxhurst,
Humble, TX 77338 (713)446-8949

EASTERN FEDERATION

July 8-10
Syracuse, NY
Host: Gem & Mineral Society of Syracuse, NY
Show Chair: Lewis Buddell, 2718 Falls Rd,
Marcellus, NY 13108 (315)673-1891

via PICK & SHOVEL

CALIFORNIA FEDERATION

April 18-10
San Diego County Fairgrounds, Del Mar, CA
Host: El Cajon Valley Gem & Mineral Society
Show Chair: Bob Berryman, 410 So. First, #198
El Cajon, CA 92019 (801)442-6211

NORTHWEST FEDERATION

June 3-5
Union Station, Ogden, UT
Host: Golden Spike Gem & Mineral Society
Show chair: Evan Day, 509 Highland Blvd,
Brigham City, UT 84302 (801)723-3830

GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF IOWA
SPRING 1994 FIELD TRIP
"PALEOZOIC STRATIGRAPHY OF THE QUAD CITIES: EAST -
CENTRAL IOWA AND NORTH CENTRAL IOWA
April 24, 1994

The trip will assemble at 8 am at Stop 1, the Allied Stone Quarry on Vandruff Island, in the Rock River just off Hwy 67 (11th St.) between Milan and Rock Island. At the quarry we will see Pennsylvanian Caseyville Fm., Devonian Little Cedar, Pinicon Ridge, and Otis formations, and the Racine (Gower) Fm. This will be a good fossil collecting stop.

Stop 2 will be at the Collinson Quarry in Milan, Illinois where we will see the same units as above. Lunch will follow the Collinson stop. The trip will reassemble at the Lefarge Cement Company, Hwy 22 in Buffalo, IA. Those of us bringing sack lunches will assemble for lunch and a general geology question and answer session.

There are more stops on this all day field trip. There will be no charge for participants. Guidebooks will be free to GSI members and available for a minimal charge for non-members.

The flyer suggests you bring a hard hat.

ARCHAEOLOGY FIELD SCHOOL

"Space is still available for anyone interested in participating in this field school. Activities will include instruction in archaeological site survey and excavation, artifact identification, and site interpretation. This project is funded through a REAP Conservation Education Program grant.

The schedule of field schools includes three weekend sessions (weekend sessions are Friday, Saturday and Sunday) and two, one-week sessions. The school will be held on the following dates in 1994.

April 23-25, April 30 - May 2, May 9 - 13, May 21-23, June 13-17.

The field school is open to the public. Field trips are also available for school groups to visit the site. Please contact the Conservation department at 398-3505 for more information."

May 21 - Saturday-Archaeology of the Cedar River Greenbelt

Archaeologist Leah Rogers will lead visitors through sections of the Greenbelt area and explain the investigation underway for artifacts of some of the area's earliest inhabitants. Meet at the DNR parking area on the south side of Morris Hills Road at 1:30 pm. Take Blairs Ferry Road west of Cedar Rapids, turn north onto Horseshoe Lake Road and then left onto Morris Hills Road."

Above 2 Articles via OAK HICKORY NEWS, Linn County Conservation Dept

S H O W B I T S

George Vacik, chairperson of the door prizes, was kept busy gathering and giving out door prizes. Many stopped to visit with him and to ask for information. George also had some of the 'freebie' geology information sheets to hand out.

STAINED GLASS GALLERY, one of our dealers, came to the potluck with a well-filled basket. When I said, You surely did not need to do that. They assured me they wanted to help and anyway, they felt like they were one of us. Isn't that great?

Alberta Cray

SHOW REPORT

Thanks to all of you who helped to make our 1994 show another great success! It's always great to see so many members turn out to help in so many ways. We again set a record for attendance with 2650, a few more kids proportionately than usual, but a great crowd. The program on the Coralville Spillway had to be repeated because our space was too small to accomodate the audience. The mammoth bone from the University of Iowa and the crinoid from Coralville that Pappé Phillips cleaned were big attractions. The fluorescent show and flint knapper were again very popular, as were the dealer demonstrations. The Pebble Pit did record business with over \$500 in sales, and lots of books were sold. We had some TV coverage from Channel 2 on Saturday's news, and Milo Cerveny got his picture in Monday's *Gazette*. We had some great club exhibits, but as is usually the case, could have used more since two tables were empty. (If you didn't exhibit this year, think about it for the 1995 show.)

We commend the chairmen of the various committees for being well-organized and running their areas so well. It's great to be able to depend on so many people to take charge of various aspects of the show. Profits are down a bit (not counting the sale of the jasper) because we didn't have the kitchen, but we should still be able to give some good scholarships. Show dates for '95 are March 18-19 at the Teamsters Hall on J Street.

Sharon Sonnleitner & Marv Houg

UNIVERSITY OF IOWA MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY
MUSEUM PROGRAMS
Macbride Hall Auditorium

April 10, 1994 - 2 PM THE IOWA ICE AGE Stop by Iowa Hall and see the new Ice-Age exhibit and then listen to Art Bettis, from the Iowa State Geological Survey Bureau lecture on life in the last Ice-Age and prospects for the return of the glaciers.

April 15-16 there is a field trip to the Milwaukee Public Museum - one of the finest natural history museums in the country to see their new \$1.5 million Native American exhibit, life-size dinosaur habitat, tropical rain forest, etc. RESERVATIONS/DEPOSIT REQUIRED

Lots more great programs and field trips coming up for the summer - birdwatching, archaeology, botany, astronomy and more.

Thanks to Gladys Wanek for handing me this program sheet. Wish we had had it sooner. We need to get on their mailing list. There were a couple good programs in February. Also need to get on the mailing list for the winter program schedule at the Visitor's Center at Coralville Dam.

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR EQUIPMENT?

FOR SALE: Lortone Vibrating 15" flat Lap, with 2 trays - clean Contact Sylvia Hinchliffe, 824 - 18th St. S.E., Cedar Rapids, Ia or phone 366-0629. Sylvia said she may have some other items to sell also.

FOR SALE: Dorothy Black Diamond Polishing Wheel (maple spool), and a Lortone 8" 2 wheel arbor with A-100 Grit and A-220 Grit Wheel. Also includes: a sanding disk and Expandable Drum for Belt Sanding. Hank Biere, 104 McNamara, Anamosa, IA or phone 319-462-2648

WANTED: School Teacher, Jim Langhus, MFL MarMac High School, Post Office Box D, Monona, IA 52159 wants rocks and fossils in their school library for teaching.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Done

Cedar Valley Rocks and Minerals Society met Wednesday, March 16, 1994 at the AEGON Bldg. President Marv Houg presided. Twenty-one members were present. Guests were Verna and Les Bigelow from Iowa City, Norman Nondorf of Spring Green, Wisconsin and Dan Miller of Longmont, Colorado.

The Secretary's report was approved as printed. Treasurer Dale Stout reported expenses of \$64.62 for mailing the Jan. and Feb. newsletters, \$100. deposit for Teamster's Hall for 1995 Show, \$263. insurance, \$239. for filters and tubes for ultra violet lamps, and \$28. for the lockbox. Income of \$70. in dues. The balance in the checking account was \$196.78.

We adjourned the business meeting for the program. The business meeting resumed after refreshments and visiting with the students.

SHOW: Marv passed various signup lists pertaining to the show. He read from a poster he made listing our club's accomplishments which will be posted on the door at the show. He exhibited small cards stating, "new location for the 1995 Show", to be handed out at the Show.

PUBLICITY: Sharon has taken an article to the Gazette. A motion was approved for Leslie to put an ad in Gazette ads under "Hobbies" for Sat. and Sun. Leslie FAXed flyers to the media. Larry gave out flyers at schools and put a display in the library.

Marv asked members to park in the CRST parking lot rather than the IBEW lot, on Sat. and Sun. to make room for our guests. Pappé is preparing a slab of Coralville fossils for display at the Show. Marv reported the new, IOWA GEOLOGY, No. 18, will be available at the show.

Alberta ask about the honorarium for the flintknapper at the show. Larry Desotel made a motion we give him \$100. if that will cover it, and \$25. for each program. Motion seconded and approved.

Alberta reported Ruth Slager has donated a quantity of Arroyo Picture Jasper, some apache tears, fluorescent materials and paper sacks to the club. Alberta, Larry and Gladys Zobac picked up the rocks at Ruth's and hauled them to Sonneleitner's where they washed them. Larry De Sotel will be in charge of selling this material at the show.

Bev Johnson reported the rate for the Day time Security guard is \$8.66 per hour. Julie Sova will bring a VCR and Marv will bring a TV for the Coralville flood video at the Show. The video tapes will be for sale for \$17. each at the show.

Dale will send in the MWF insurance at \$1.60 per member. It will not cover non-members on field trips.

Set-up day is Friday at 8:30 AM. Larry will pick up pop and other soft drinks for set-up day. Sue Houg will take care of drinks for the Friday and Saturday suppers. Alberta will get the bread and sandwich fixings for lunch for the set-up crew on Friday. Potluck is Friday night at 6:30. Members were asked to bring a little extra as we invite the dealers to eat with us.

Larry DeSotel suggested the club buy books for the schools. Marv appointed a committee of Larry, Pappé Phillips, AJ and Bev Johnson, Alberta Cray and Leslie Blin to study the suggestion.

Alberta requested members get info to her soon on your special interest. It will be published beside your name in the new membership book coming out in April.

Larry suggested a field trip to Westside Agate in Ames.

Marv read an ALAA report about new regulations in an upcoming bill about collecting on Forest Service lands, and asked members to write letters.

Leslie displayed the Brazilian agate slab pen holder awards, First and Second Place awards, for the Science Fair, Sat., March 19.

Sharon Sonnleitner invited members to attend Teresa's recital April 17, at 2:00 P.M., at McKinley Middle School.

Marv and Sharon told about an article on fossils in the "Forbes" magazine. At the end of the article they listed Mid America Paleontology Society as the "clearing house" for fossil collectors. For info, newsletter and dues, call Sharon Sonnleitner.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Secretary, Leslie Blin

MARCH PROGRAM _ The program was presented by our scholarship recipients from Cornell College, Norman Nondorf of Spring Green, WI and Dan Miller of Longmont, CO. Dan told of his experiences at Field Camp in Arizona, visited the Grand Canyon, a crater and a basalt lava tube. Their project was to be proficient mappers. As the days went by the mapping became more difficult, with reports required each week. Thirty-five students in his group. He lived in a cabin with five others for five weeks. The five weeks was six credit hours.

Norman was at Camp Wyoming where he stayed in a very exclusive cabin for five weeks. They did mapping and compass work in Green Mts., Sheep Mts. and Devil's Tower areas. In the Sheep Mts., they did a project on how gold miners could find certain layers with the most gold. They worked from 7 - 5 every day, except the weekends. Reports were due on Saturdays. They also visited a site where a dinosaur was being dug

in minutes

The 1994 SCIENCE FAIR WINNERS of CEDAR VALLEY ROCKS
AND MINERALS SOCIETY "SPECIAL AWARDS" - March 19, 1994

Our First Place Award went to Hayley Gorman from St. Matthew's School, Cedar Rapids, with a Junior Physical project entitled, "Can You Grow Stalactites and Stalagmites?" She received a polished slab of Brazilian Agate with a gold pen and plate inscribed, "1st Place Special Award, Science Fair 1994, Cedar Valley Rocks and Minerals Society", a check for \$20, a copy of our newsletter and new member brochure.

Our Second Place Award went to Jolene Kleve of Valley Community High School in Elgin. Her Junior biological project is titled, "Crystal Soil vs Potting Soil". Her award was a slightly smaller Brazilian slab, pen and plate inscribed, "2nd Place Special Award" and the same as above, plus a check for \$10., newsletter 7 brochure.

Leslie Blin

HERE AND THERE WITH OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

You are invited to a violin recital given by Teresa Sonnleitner. The recital will be Sunday, April 17, at 2:00 P.M., Room 102 McKinley Middle School, 620 - 10th St. S.E., Cedar Rapids, IA. Everyone is invited to the reception following the recital.

I had a note from Barb Barnett just before the show - was sorry to learn she had broken her ankle January 10. She has a plate and screws in her ankle so cannot get around very well. She was apologetic that she could not make the show as she is in a wheel chair and needed to keep her leg up - difficult in crowded areas

Barb, we hope you will soon be back on your feet and will be able to join us at some of our meetings or other activities.

BOOK BOOTH We had so many wonderful books this year. There were books from University Press at Ames, Geological Survey Bureau, the DNR, the Waffle Book Co., and books that are owned by the club. The books owned by the club are The Hackberry Book, a Recipe Book and a couple of other fossil books. (The fossil books will be available for sale at the National Fossil Expo, at Macomb, Illinois.) We also had video tapes of the 1993 flood from the Corps of Engineers for sale.

We sold lots of books at the show. We discounted nearly all of them and some we sold at cost. We probably did not make much money but felt it was important to get the books in people's hands.

My special thanks to Alice Brown and Julie Sova who were in the booth almost constantly. Julie was a new helper and such good help. We could not have gotten along with out her. Bill Mitchell and Ruth Slager also took a turn helping in the booth. Thanks to each of you.

Alberta Cray

SPECIAL BULLETIN from MIDWEST FEDERATION

Dear Fellow Rockhounds,

"Recent events, in my opinion, have necessitated PROMPT AND DECISIVE action, as far as we rockhounds are concerned. For that matter, this not only affects rockhounds, but everyone interested in the great outdoors, be they hunter, hiker, birdwatcher, fisherman, etc.

TWO THINGS ARE NECESSARY:

1. That you respond either by mail or phone. The easiest and most effective way is by phone...it only costs 75¢ for 2-3 minutes.
2. THAT YOU DO SOMETHING IMMEDIATELY!

If you don't respond by April 18, you are putting your "stamp of approval" on this matter.

One suggestion...enclosed is a "sample" letter from June Zeitner giving ideas and suggestions for writing." ...

STAND UP AND BE HEARD!!!

Sincerely,
Midwest Federation
Marv Starbuck, President

JUNE CULP ZEITNER
5203 South Canyon Road
Rapid City, SD 57702

March 20 1994

Dear Friends,

By now you have heard of the very serious threat to our entire hobby, and all who are interested in natural science, paleontology, geology, mineralogy, education and freedom. On page 7890 of the Wednesday February 16th FEDERAL REGISTER, the Forest Service has proposed cutting off all fossil, mineral and rock collecting. (paragraphs c. and j.). This would cut off all field collecting on National Forest land including the National Grasslands. As you know most of the great collecting spots in the western states are on public land. We have only until April 18th to send our comments and protests to Chief of Forest Service , USDA P.O. Box 95090. Washington D.C. 20090. Also we should write and call our Senators and Representatives and phone the Office of General Counsel, Natural Resources Division, Kathryn Toffenetti, 202-720 -2651. We should also have family and friends write and call. To see how these strict rules would hurt our clubs and science get a copy of the Federal Register for Wed. Feb. 16 , pp 7880-7892 from your local library or congressional office. We can only save millions of acres of Multiple Use PUBLIC LANDS by a loud and immediate protest. Following are some of the things you should include in your letters and calls. Please notify everyone who is interested in saving our rights - as these regulations affect hunters, tourists, and millions of others who enjoy outdoor recreation on the lands which belong to all. Please also ask for an extension of time for comments!

1. We are part of a clean, healthy, educationally oriented family hobby.
2. The results of our collecting help schools, museums, and natural science.
3. We have an excellent Code of Ethics and we follow it.
4. A large proportion of major discoveries in natural science are made by informed amateurs.
5. Interest in natural science would be all but killed if children did not have the opportunity to study real specimens of rocks, minerals and fossils, most of which are provided by our members who find them on field trips.
6. Our Federations and clubs have helped educate hundreds of scientists through our scholarship funds. Much of this money is raised through club sponsored auctions. The proposed regulations would make this illegal.
7. Since the regulations would make it illegal to transport fossils, fossil bearing rocks, etc. how could this be enforced since the fossils and rocks on private lands are usually similar and every specimen found on public land will not be marked "Property of the U.S. Forest Service."

8. Why should it be illegal for families interested in preserving scientific items for the future to collect rocks, minerals, and fossils, when cattle and other animals can tramp all over them, or frost, wind, and fire destroy them?
9. Many of our members have volunteered to help teachers and curators, have put on programs for Senior Citizens, have helped clean up roadways, have found new species, and donated specimens for educational purposes.
10. Many of our members have published scientific papers and books.
11. When we collect specimens on public lands it is to keep them and make them available to scientists and the public. These specimens could not be seen, studied, and enjoyed if they continued to be destroyed by nature on public lands.
12. There is not a shortage of rocks, minerals, or fossils. Many formations go down hundreds if not thousands of feet. Each year new ones surface. The earth is made of rock. As each new layer is exposed, if the worth while specimens are not harvested by those who care, great parts of the history of earth will be lost.
13. Although amateurs have assembled fine collections, most of the scientifically important specimens, and often whole collections are left to museums, schools, or other public institutions.
14. Museums and schools can not afford to visit all the possible collecting sites and save the exposed specimens. We do it well, and do it for free.
15. Gem, mineral, and fossil collectors who visit the public lands have a positive effect on the economy of each region. They buy gas, food, lodging, maps, stamps, souvenirs and sometimes sweaters, raincoats, and boots.
16. In the past our members have had superb relationships with Forest Service and Grasslands people. They have lectured to our clubs. We have given them displays for their headquarters. They have even helped us find deposits and have led our field trips. In many places we have thought of them as friends, not as people out to destroy our recreational and educational activities.
17. A portion of the materials we find are used for the arts, such as sculpture, mosaics, intarsia, clocks, book ends, table and counter tops, murals, gemstone eggs and spheres, trophies, jewelry, and many other durable and beautiful items which are important in the creative arts of America.
18. Unlike those who have spent large amounts of money trying to stop all of our activities, we have not tried to interfere with the rights of others, but have kept busy keeping our hobby as educational and useful and pleasant as possible.

By June Culp Zeitner

1 9 9 4 S H O W

Our 1994 Show is history. It was a very good show!! We had some very special exhibits with a large mammal bone from the University of Iowa Repository and a large, spectacular crinoid courtesy of the Corps of Engineers, University of Iowa and the Geological Survey Bureau. The crinoid had been prepared by Pappe Phillips. There were many other fine exhibits.

The dealers had a wide variety of materials which were well displayed. The demonstrating dealers seemed to always have a crowd around. I believe all the dealers enjoyed the show. They were all appreciative of the potluck on Friday evening. Several went out of the way to tell me what a great club we have and to talk about all the good food.

We could have used a few more exhibits as we did have two empty tables. If you were not able to exhibit this year, start thinking about it now so you can have a part in the show next year. The club owns a number of cases which members and/or guests are welcome to use to exhibit at the show. You may want to plan to borrow one a month or so early so you can coordinate your lining with your specimens. THINK ABOUT IT.

The dates for next year's show are already set - March 18 & 19, 1995. We will be moving the show to the Teamster's Hall on J. St. S.W. It is a larger building, hence a bigger show. We will telling you more about this throughout the year. Show chairpersons will need to be named so planning can begin.

I do not have a list of all the committees for our 1994 show - but you just can't help noticing what some people are doing -- Marv and Sharon as co-chairpersons of the show were busy with meetings at their homes, meetings with the various committees, trouble shooting, working out floor plans and reworking and reworking the floor plan as changes in the floor plan of the building were discovered. Then overseeing the set up, and on, and on. There is one committee that no one is knocking the doors down to do - night guard duty for Friday and Saturday night. We've got this mother and son team, Bev Johnson and Allan Johnson (A.J.), which seem to take to this job like ducks to water. Dale Stout is always busy with his treasurer's duties and overseeing the Pebble Pit, ticket sales, helping to haul cases from the shed to the show site and then back to the shed again. As most of us know, who have carried things up that hill from the shed, it is far from an easy job. Gladys and Ott Zobac picked up 3 of the cases on Thursday, also some of the egg carton sample kits. Alice Brown and I picked up a lot of pebble pit material and egg carton kits the same day. Larry DeSotel, Gladys Zobac and I went to Ruth Slager's on Tuesday to pick up hundreds of pounds of Arroyo Picture Jasper in Larry's truck. It was all hauled to Sonnleitners where we laid it out on the driveway and washed it good. We picked up as many empty boxes as we could find. Ott, Gladys and I went back out to Sonnleitners on Wednesday to pick it all up and get the boxes stacked up in Sharon's garage. Had intended to haul much of it back to town in Brown's truck. They broke down on the way there so we loaded what we could in my van. Then we unloaded that and the Pebble Pit material into Geraldine Brown Johnson's truck. We hauled one more load and put in Geraldine's truck, which she brought out to IBEW on Friday morning. Larry went with his truck and got the balance of it. Larry was busy all 3 days weighing and boxing the Picture Jasper. Dealers, members and guests were all glad to be able to purchase just a little, or a lot.

FLUORESCENT MINERALS PROGRAM - The Fluorescent show was given twelve times on Saturday and twenty times on Sunday. As soon as the 10 minute program was over, the room would fill again. Gladys Wanek and Leslie Blin "assisted" Sharon Sonnleitner (speaking on tape) as they presented the program again and again. Robert Blin was the "doorman" and runner to the PA table to announce the program if we had a few empty chairs. A very popular program. At the end of each program, the kids could check their rocks from the pebble pit to see if the fluoresced.

Saturday at 11 AM, a program, "Micro Minerals" was presented by Allan Mitchell.

Saturday at 2 PM and 3 PM, Dr. Brian Glennister, of the University of Iowa, presented, "Rocks and Fossils of the Devonian Fossil Gorge (Coralville spillway) and Their Caribbean Analogs,". Between thirty-five and forty people sat and stood in the downstairs area for each presentation - very interesting. He showed before and after slides of the Coralville spillway area. He compared the fossils at Coralville with the living corals in the Caribbean sea. He also showed some of the plans for the Fossil Gorge area.

Leslie Blin

Leslie added that she received lots of comments, "Great Show." A Sunday School teacher told her the kids came to Sunday School with Pebble Pit rocks in their pockets - so they talked about rocks that morning.

Darlene Sweet was chairman of making the dealer's signs and other signs. She always does such a good job. This year they had so much illness in the family - but she got them done. Thanks, Darlene, we do appreciate all that you and Bob do.

Hostess Table & Silent Auction - Gladys Zobac was in charge of the hostess table. She was busy handing out information about the club and back issues of the CEDAR VALLEY GEMS, as well as helping Ott with the Silent Auction. Tickets are also sold at that booth. I did not keep track of all of the people who worked at ticket sales, so I will just say, Thanks to each of you. I know you were very busy and you did a good job.

Tom Whitlatch made a nice large computer banner saying, "Welcome To Cedar Valley Rocks & Minerals 30th Show". We thank him for that. Tom was also busy in the Pebble Pit, along with LeRoy Evans, Jeff Groff, Bill Sonnleitner, A.J. and others. These fellows were seen helping with set-up, covering tables, helping to tear down and wherever help was needed, as were many others.

Sue Houg, who was to have been chairman of the kitchen, (which we could not do because of new management) prepared and brought out a nice hot dish both Saturday and Sunday for 3 or 4 of the dealers who cannot eat 'fast food'. They were very appreciative. Sue and Darlene have been doing this as a courtesy to these special people for several years.

We have a great group of people in our club. They are always willing to give of themselves and go the extra mile to help wherever they can. Some of the 'old faithfuls' were not able to be there on Friday for set up day. One person had to be gone Saturday and much of Sunday. I want you to know YOU WERE MISSED.

Okay, okay, I have rambled on and on about our show. I am very sorry if I did not mention your name. I was busy in the Book Booth much of the time and, for that reason, I did not always see what was going on right around me. Many of you deserve a lot more credit than I have given you.

Alberta Cray

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