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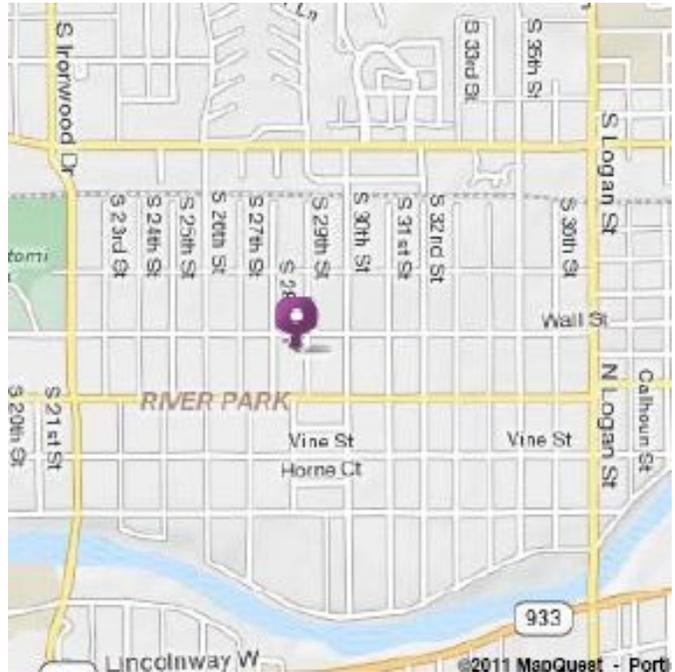
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Our Redeemer Lutheran Church  
805 S. 29th St.,  
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Please see the map to the right.

Doors usually open at 1:30 for meet & greet time.

Regular meeting exceptions include May (third Sunday), July (Club Picnic), August (Club Show) and the November/December meeting and Christmas party.

Board meetings are held before the monthly meetings. The annual club show is in late August.



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## Kathy's Column - President Kathy Miller

June newsletter already! Bob, Todd and I are one our way home from a great morning in the Augliaze Quarry, OH, with 30 other members. The (catch) of the day goes to Jennifer Hefner. I know Jason is going to fill you in on the field trip in this newsletter. Needless to say like Tom Noe, our rock gardens are growing! Our club has one more set field trip this month, but John Davis has ideas for future trips during 2013 - stay tuned! ☺

In July you will be receiving from Editors, Jason Hefner: *Rockfinder*, Raven Bowen: Facebook, and Jim Daly: Webmaster, a reminder of the club's annual picnic. The following are a few details regarding the picnic.

The picnic is Sunday, July 28, 12:30 p.m. at Potawatomi Park, Pavilion 1. This is a potluck event, but hotdogs, water and lemonade will be provided by the club.

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## Up & Coming

**Next Meeting: September 22, 2013**

Visitors are always welcome.

Doors open at 1:30 and the meeting starts at 2:00.

### Place:

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church  
805 S 29<sup>th</sup> Street  
(29<sup>th</sup> & Wall)  
South Bend, IN.  
This is in the River Park area.

### Program:

To be announced

### Refreshments:

Need volunteers



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Please bring your own table service. IF you haven't signed up yet to come and plan on it (we'd like to know because of ordering hotdogs), you may call Linda Miller (574-291-5027) or Marsha Miller (574-498-6513) or me (574-291-0332). I will be unavailable after July 10 through the 27th.

At the picnic show flyers will be ready for distribution, please pick up some and get them out. Show signs will also be ready, we need to put them in places that are clearly visible to the public eye. We need to get them all out, so be sure and pick up one or more.

Bill Foreman (574-232-8823), will have our new short and long sleeve club tees ready for you at the picnic, if you still need one or more call him soon!!

This will be the last occasion to come together before our golden 50th annual show to sign up too help during those 3 days. Let's really do it up and get everyone involved, as club members we should ALL be excited about it. Bear in mind it is the show that pays for most of our club's activities.

No, I am not lecturing, just saying... ☺. Have a fantastic,super collecting, healthy summer, be safe and I hope to see all of you at our annual picnic.

**Rock On,  
Kathy**



**Picnic Time!**  
**Sunday July 28, 2013**  
**12:30 pm**  
**Potawatomi Park, Pavilion 1**

## The Future and Availability of Rockhounding in Oregon by Gary Buss

(Note: In this article Gary offers two suggestions for clubs to be more proactive in keeping rockhounding sites open and maintaining them for the future. The first suggestion is for the club to file a claim on a site. This excerpt describes his second suggestion. The full article can be found on the ALAA web site.)

There are many old sites that have been worked over the years and just sit there. The Forest Service has a plan called adoption. The Forest Service has neither the manpower nor the money to restore these old digs and are looking to partner with groups that care about restoring and maintaining some of these areas. This is not a “name it and claim it” game, it is a joint venture with the Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management to keep these areas open to the future of rockhounds. They do care about the future of rockhounding in Oregon.

How would it look? It can be as simple as a rock club that has a once-a-year field trip to a site they choose to adopt and have its own field day. Half the group digs and produces material, while the others refill old dig sites and pick up whatever trash they find. After a few hours, your people shift roles. In the meantime, maybe the barbeque is smelling pretty good for all at the end of the day. Adoption means that you as a club don't have to jump through all the hoops and rules and regulations of going the claim route—yet you maintain the site for your organization. There will always be old sites for you to look at and see if there is value for the future, or new areas that you would like to see as a future opportunity for your club.

I believe that adoption is the easiest and quickest way to maintain our past and to become a part of our future. This is a very different way to look at how we maintain our past and future in this hobby. Your children and theirs will be the beneficiaries of what we do now.

Excerpted from the July to Sept., 2012, American Lands Access Newsletter.

ALAA is the lobbying arm of the American Federation, working on behalf of rockhounds to keep public lands open and accessible to all, including the elderly and handicapped.

## This Space for Rent.....

Made you look. Seriously I need your field trip reports, funny stories (especially the true ones!). It takes a lot of work to put together a newsletter. This month's is shorter because I did not have any submissions or any free time to go out and look for extras. In fact the June issue is not making it out until July. Email me or mail me your submissions.

Jason - Editor

## American Federation of Mineralogical Societies News

### The Way I See It!

By Don Monroe, President AFMS Newsletter May 2013  
Why Not Be a Mentor?

All of us who have been involved in various lapidary activity, federations, clubs, etc. know many, many talented people and many of them serve as instructors. There seems to be a nearly universal complaint from all of us. "No one from our gene pool (relatives or friends) wants to learn what we do". In my family, including our children and our grandchildren, there seems to be only one person who shows any interest in learning the skills that we take pride in.

Well, you may have to give up on your kids and grandchildren. An old expression is that you can lead a horse to water but you can't make him drink. We have concluded that if you want our hobby to grow and prosper, you may have to cast your net out wider and find an interested person, preferably a younger one, to mentor.

Ann and I are most fortunate to find a small family (two children) who really want to learn what it is we do. They want to acquire skills and create "stuff" and do fun things.

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## Midwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies News

### Presidents Message

by Dennis Westman MWF News May 2013

I am late in getting this President's Message to Sharon, the MWF News Editor. Officers like me frequently forget how important the editor is to a healthy club or federation. Dates like, "the newsletter has to go to the printer," are absolute. It is not acceptable to mail the newsletter the week after a club meeting. My wife, Marilyn, was our club's editor for 6 years, so I have no excuse for being late. The key to doing the newsletter is getting everything before you start. It's a given, the editor knows there will be a secretary's and a president's report. Are they going to be one-fourth of a page or 2 pages each? A middle-of-the-winter club meeting is much different from a pre-show meeting. If you can't get your report submitted in time, call and let the editor know how long it will be.

The job of editor is the most important job in a club. Many positions are busy for half of the year. The newsletter job is year-round. How could you explain to a potential visitor what this month's program or activity will be? How would anyone know about field trips, show information, or lapidary classes? There are resources like exchange newsletters, and the MWF and AFMS newsletters from which an editor can get articles. The MWF has a supplies bulletin that is filled with games and puzzles. Great fillers!

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#### Purpose of the AFMS

To promote popular interest and education in the various Earth Sciences, and in particular the subjects of Geology, Mineralogy, Paleontology, Lapidary and other related subjects, and to sponsor and provide means of coordinating the work and efforts of all persons and groups interested therein; to sponsor and encourage the formation and international development of Societies and Regional Federations and by and through such means to strive toward greater international good will and fellowship.

[www.amfed.org](http://www.amfed.org)



#### Purpose of the MWF

To promote interest and education in geology, mineralogy, paleontology, archaeology and lapidary, and to sponsor and provide means of coordinating the work and efforts of groups interested in these fields.

[www.amfed.org/mwf](http://www.amfed.org/mwf)

**Coming Events from MWF  
newsletter**

**JULY**

**9-14 WEST FARGO, ND.** Lake Agassiz Rock Club's Fair Event - Prospecting; Red River Valley Fair, 1805 W. Main; Tues.-Sun. 11-8; Contact: Ben Kessel, 1513 10th St. N, Fargo, 58102, [quietwolf30@yahoo.com](mailto:quietwolf30@yahoo.com)

**13-14 MOOSE LAKE, MN.** Carlton County Gem & Mineral Club's Annual Agate Days; Moose Lake High School, 413 Birch Ave; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-4; Contact: Gary Pitoscia, 815 N 13th Ave, Duluth, MN 55805, 218-724-1894, [pitosciajg@charter.net](mailto:pitosciajg@charter.net)

**14 LINCOLN, NE.** Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club, Inc.'s Grinding Party, Pioneers Park Nature Center, Chet Ager Building, Coddington & Pioneers; Sun. 1-4; Contact: Karen Messenger, 402.432.1767, [kamessenger@hotmail.com](mailto:kamessenger@hotmail.com), [www.lincolngemmineralclub.org](http://www.lincolngemmineralclub.org)

**19-20 MINOCQUA, WI.** Lakeland Gem Club's Rock & Gem Show; Lakeland High School, Hwy. 70 West; Fri. 10-6, Sat. 9-5; Contact: Patti Hartmann, 715.477.2519, [gypsy1120@coslink.net](mailto:gypsy1120@coslink.net)

**27-28 FREDERIC, WI.** Indianhead Gem & Mineral's Annual Show; Frederic High School, 1437 Clam Falls Dr.; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-4; Contact: Roy Wickman, 1127 7th St., Almena, WI 54805, 715-357-3223, [rktswick@chibardun.net](mailto:rktswick@chibardun.net)

**AUGUST**

**2-4 ISHPEMING, MI.** Ishpeming Rock & Mineral Club's 38th Annual Show & Field Trips; Elks Club Lodge, 597 Lake Shore Dr.; Sat. 9:30-4:30, 7:00 p.m. Cracker Barrel session; Field Trips Fri. & Sun.; Contact: Ernest Johnson, 1962 W. Fair, Marquette, MI 49855, 906-228-9422, [ejohnson@nmu.edu](mailto:ejohnson@nmu.edu)

**9-11 BLOOMINGTON, IN.** Lawrence County Rock Club, Inc.'s 48th Annual Gem, Mineral, & Fossil Show 2013; Lawrence County Fairgrounds, 11265 W. US 50, Bedford, IN; Fri. 10-6:30, Sat. 9-6:30, Sun. 10-4; Contact: Dave Treffinger, 812.295.3463, [lawrencecountyrockclub.org](http://lawrencecountyrockclub.org)

**9-11 HOUGHTON, MI.** Copper Country Rock & Mineral Club's Annual Show; Houghton Elementary School, 203 Jacker Ave.; Fri. 1-8, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 11-3; Contact: Norm Gruber, 1850 Clark St., Marquette, MI 49855, 906-228-6764, [pres@ccrnc.info](mailto:pres@ccrnc.info), [www.ccrnc.info](http://www.ccrnc.info)

## The Way I See It Continued from previous page

There is nothing more rewarding than teaching someone who really wants to learn and, frankly, schools do not always meet the needs of the young people. I cannot tell you how to find someone to mentor. Take every available opportunity to demonstrate your craft and speak to any groups who will let you have the floor. Be sensitive to the reactions of the audience and you will find those who want to learn.

I'm looking forward to meeting many of you when the AFMS and SFMS hold their joint convention this September 18 - 22 in Jacksonville, FL. More information should be available on the AFMS web site shortly.

Don

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[http://www.amfed.org/news/n2013\\_06.pdf](http://www.amfed.org/news/n2013_06.pdf)

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I know this from experience; rockhounds are talkers. Write about your collecting trip, or the jewelry you designed. You might say, "But, I can't write!" If you can talk, you can write. Write just like you talk. The story is important. Have someone else edit the spelling and grammar. If you're a butcher, baker or candlestick maker, you are a good writer. Your readers of the newsletter dream of doing thing that you have done. Write!

### MWF News

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[http://www.amfed.org/mwf/Newsletters/2013-06%20MWF%20News%20\(523\)%20\(2\).pdf](http://www.amfed.org/mwf/Newsletters/2013-06%20MWF%20News%20(523)%20(2).pdf)

**10-11 RICE LAKE, WI.** Northwest Wisconsin Gem & Mineral Society's Gem & Mineral Show and Sale; Youth Expo Building, Barron County Fairgrounds, Hwy. 48 North; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4; Contact: Roy Wickman, 715.357.3223, [rktswick@chibardun.net](mailto:rktswick@chibardun.net)

**11 YOUNGSTOWN, OH.** East Ohio Lapidary's Swap Meet, Silent Auction & Cookout; Woodworth Park, E. Western Reserve Rd.; Sun. 12-?; Contact: Larry Kerr, 30.501.6918.

**16-18 BRIDGETON, MO.** Greater St. Louis Association of Earth Science Club's Annual Show; Machinist Hall Auditorium, 12365 St. Charles Rock Rd., Bridgeton; Fri. 3-8, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 11-5; Contact: Willis Smith, 314-521-8896 or Robert Morse, 636-462-4423.

**17 STEVENS POINT, WI.** Heart of Wisconsin Gem & Mineral Society's Swap Meet; Parking Lot behind Applebee's, 5609 U.S. Hwy. 10; Sat. 10-5; Contact: Sandy Brandl, 715.344.3889, [stonesz@charter.net](mailto:stonesz@charter.net), [www.fromtherockroom.com](http://www.fromtherockroom.com)

**23-25 SOUTH BEND, IN.** Michiana Gem & Mineral Society's Annual Show; St. Joseph County Fairgrounds, 5177 S. Ironwood Rd., Fri. 2-7, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-4; Contact: Marie Crull, 574-272- 7 2 0 9 , m u s i c m a n 0 3 1 1 @ g m a i l . c o m , [www.sauktown.com/michiana](http://www.sauktown.com/michiana)

**24-25 PEORIA, IL.** PAS Geology's Annual Rock and Mineral Show; Grand Hotel, 4400 N. Brandywine Dr.; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-5; Contact: Jim Travis, 309.645.3609, [boatnick@aol.com](mailto:boatnick@aol.com)

Michiana Gem & Mineral Society's 50th Annual

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**August 23, 24, & 25, 2013**

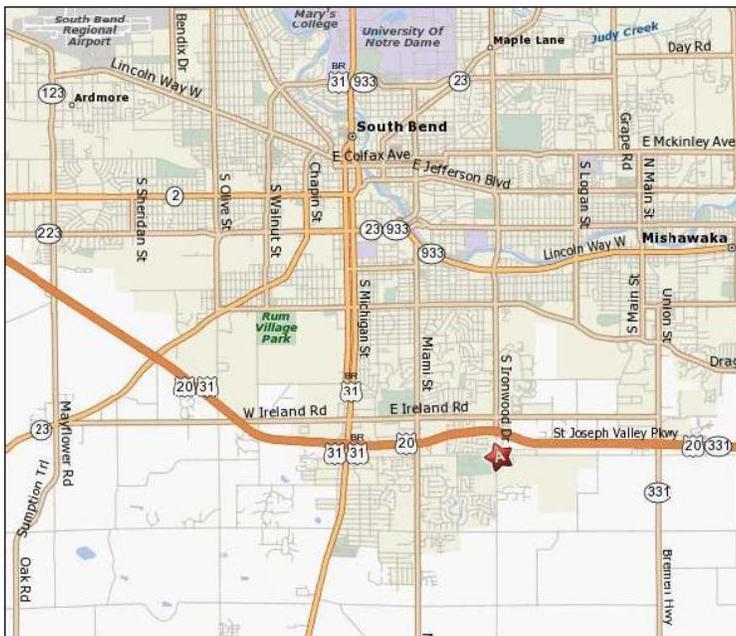
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