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Upcoming Program at MSA General Meeting Friday, June 9, 2006

"Status of Mining Activity in Arizona"
Presented by **Dr. Madan M. Singh, Ph.D., P.E.**
**Director - Department of Mines & Mineral Resources
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Check Out Our Website!

www.azminerals.com

A big "Thank You!" goes out to one of our new members, **Barbara Atkinson**, who recently volunteered to update our web site. She has also loaded the newsletters from **October 2004** through the present as PDF (portable document format) files, which can be read with **Adobe Reader**, a free software program.

New Treasurer and New Secretary Needed for 2007 *By Lois Splendoria*

Effective December 31, 2006, Sally Fiske will be finishing up her last term as the Treasurer of the MSA. Thank you, Sally, for doing an excellent job!

I will also be stepping down as the Secretary of the club at the end of 2006.

Sally and I wanted to give everyone plenty of notice, so that replacements can be found for these positions. Please consider volunteering to help the MSA in filling these open offices.

New Meeting Night Being "Tested" **For the Fall of 2006** *By Lois Splendoria*

At the May 6, 2006, Board of Governors meeting, the often-approached subject of changing the meeting night for the general meetings emerged once again. It was decided to try out a different meeting night during the Fall of 2006 to see if it works out better for the members.

Starting in September the dates for the general meeting will be the following:

Tuesday, September 12
Tuesday, October 10
Tuesday, November 14

Show Calendar

June 2 - 4, 2006 - Mayer, AZ

First Annual Mayer Daze Gem & Mineral Show

Central Avenue in front of the Mayer Trading Post

Sponsored by: Ranch Town Plaza

Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Vendor Information: call Ken Dunham, 928-899-6810

June 9 - 11, 2006 - Stillwater, OK

Rocky Mountain Federation Show - "Old Rocks - Pretty Stones"

Payne County Expo Center (3 miles east of Stillwater on Hwy. 51)

Sponsor Club: Stillwater Mineral and Gem Society

Contact Persons: Charles Ramming, 405-624-3448, E-mail: wramming@juno.com

Dan Lingelbach, 405-372-8635, E-mail: dan_osu@juno.com

June 16, 17, 18, 2006 Tombstone

Tombstone 4th Annual Gem Show

Holiday Inn Express

1001 N. Hwy. 80 in Tombstone

Dealers Contact: Betty Krug at Rhinestone Cowboy 520-457-9505,

www.tombstonegemshow.info

July 1 - 3, 2006 Flagstaff

American Gem & Mineral Show

Little America Hotel Ballroom, 2515 E. Butler, exit 198 off I-40 & Butler Ave., Flagstaff, AZ

Sponsored by: Flagstaff Gem & Mineral Society

Hours: 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Admission: \$2.00, children 6 & under free

Show Chairperson: Val Latham, 6598 Pintail, Flagstaff, AZ 86004, 928-526-5152

September 15 - 17, 2006 - Denver, CO

Denver Gem and Mineral Show

Merchandise Mart, 451 East 58th Avenue

Sponsored by: The Greater Denver Area Gem & Mineral Council

Hours: Fri. - 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sat. - 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sun. - 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Show Chair: Martin Hannu, 303-233-2516, E-mail: info@denvermineralshow.com

www.denvermineralshow.com

For more show listings, visit <http://www.admmr.state.az.us/showlst.htm>

Correction to Article in May 2006 Newsletter

Regarding the article on Dr. Frederick H. Pough, distinguished mineralogist and author, who died at the age of 99 while attending the Rochester Mineral Symposium on April 7, 2006, the heading of that article should have read "**Dr. Frederick H. Pough, PhD, 1906 – 2006,**" not 1996-2006.

Lois Splendoria, Editor

COALITION FIELD TRIP FOR JUNE 2006
By Betty Deming

The Rimstones Rock Club will again this year lead a trip up to the area north of Payson to hunt for a variety of fossils, geodes/nodules and petrified corals.

The plan has not been written up, but, like last year, we will meet in Payson, probably at around 9:00 a.m. on Saturday June 24. Our usual meeting spot is at the intersection of Highway 87 & 260, NE corner behind Taco Bell.

There will be a sign-up table so everyone can sign the waiver of liability for the trip, a short presentation/explanation of the trip and what materials will be picked up, and a handout with maps and locations.

The caravan will leave about 9:30 a.m. and proceed via North Highway 87 to Houston Mesa Road and out to the fossil hunting areas. The trip will include stops at two different areas and for those willing to continue on, a third area to hunt for the following:

- Payson Geodes
- Fossilized Corals and Crinoids
- The new fossil hunting area along Highway 260 just West of Kohl's Ranch

We will have club members leading the hunt and the names of these people will be sent to you via Terry Worman (terry.worman@bull.com).

The maps and specifics on the hunting areas will be available at the meeting site on June 24. Last year the trip for fossils was very successful, and we had over 40 people here from different clubs and the caravan was more than 17 cars.

Many Rockhounds are familiar with the fossils available in this area and have hunted them extensively. They are listed in ***Gemstones of Arizona***, and Neil R. Bearce's book, ***Minerals, Fossils, and Fluorescence of Arizona***, as well as other publications.

We look forward to seeing you and others here on June 24. Mark it on your calendar and plan on attending.

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NEW MEMBER!**

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General Meeting Minutes

May 12, 2006

By Pierre Cantou, Secretary Pro-Tem

The meeting was convened at 7:10 p.m. with the Pledge or Allegiance. No guests were present to introduce. Three upcoming shows to keep in mind are: Mayer Show – June 2-4, Tombstone Show – June 16-18, and the Flagstaff Show – July 1-3. Time to hit the high country as the three-digit temperatures settle into the Valley of the Blazing Sun! There was no Treasurer's Report.

The MSA Board meeting resulted in several proposed significant changes in the future direction of the MSA.

- First, the MSA no longer will co-host the 2007 Arizona Rockfest, but will "participate" and also at the Mineral Museum Family Day events.
- Second, starting on September 12, the second Tuesday of the month, MSA will hold its regular monthly meetings, rather than on the second Friday of each month. So mark your calendars now before you forget and show up three days late and a dollar short!

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This new meeting schedule is being tested during the Fall of 2006. Please refer to the article on the front page of this month's newsletter.)

- Third, MSA will work to strengthen its Field Trip Program.
- Fourth, MSA will work to strengthen its monthly Meeting Programs.

Following tonight's program there was a Members Only drawing and refreshments courtesy of several volunteer cookie cutters, whose efforts we all greatly appreciate. Thank you!

Johanes Koernielus "K.J." Werner joined MSA about a year ago and tonight, for our program, took us, his audience, on a virtual tour and travelogue for seven weeks and 11,000 miles through western Canada and eastern Alaska. Originally he hailed from Vienna, Austria, where he studied geology until age 20, when he emigrated to the U.S. He earned several university degrees and moved to Arizona from southern California in 1996. In California he belonged to several hobby-related clubs: the Mineral Society of Santa Monica; Oxnard Club; Santa Barbara Club.

He was the President and Bulletin Editor of the Ventura Club and took Editor awards in the C.F.M. (California Federation) and A.F.M.S. (American Federation of Mineralogical Societies) competitions in 1994 in both California and Boise, Idaho, that year. He lived in Tucson and belonged to the Tucson Gem & Mineral Society and was active with its Annual Show before moving up to Phoenix after a seven-year sojourn in our sister city to the south.

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K.J.'s travelogue was accompanied by trip slides and examples of field-collected, purchased, and bartered-for specimens. The tour departed the USA/Canadian border from Interstate Hwy. 5, thence in Canadian provinces of British Columbia and Road No. 1, Queen Elizabeth Highway, to the Alaska Highway's 1,600 mile-long ribbon completed in 1996, to White Horse, Yukon Territory; Steward's Crossing; NW to Fairbanks; west to Mt. McKinley and Denali National Park; thence south to Wrangle National Forest and St. Elias Mts.; port of Valdez; and return via St. George in northern Rocky Mountains and Lake Louise and Jasper International Peace Park, Canada. Among the sights, we visited the Cariboo Jade Shoppe at MP-150 on Cariboo Hwy; Chasm; the Steward Museum 1825 USA-Russian Treaty site; Caspia & Caspia Asbestos Mine; Yukon Rock Shop; Mac Bride Museum in White Horse copper belt, from which came Wallastonite on city dumps, bornite, iron pyrite and "Plume Agate." Keno City Mining Museum; Moose Creek; City of Dawson gold rush site; St. Elias Mts.; Klaum Museum; Fairbanks Museum; Kobuk Valley Jade Shop; Earthquake Park; Jonesville Mine fossil beds; Wrangle Mts. National Forest; McCarthy Kennecott Mine; Emerald Lake; Chetwyno Gensing Gardens for a Chinese "picker-upper" and then home. Thanks for the armchair tour, "K.J." It was fun.

**Board of Governors
Meeting Minutes - May 6, 2006**

By Lois Splendoria, MSA Secretary

The meeting was called to order by Gilbert Flores, Jr. The Board of Governors had their first meeting of 2006 on Saturday, May 6, 2006, at the Museum. In attendance were Lois Splendoria, Bob Holm, Lynne and Terry Dyer, K.J. Werner, Sally Fiske, Shirley Fiske, and Gilbert Flores.

Treasurer's Report - Sally distributed an MSA Budget Worksheet, copies of the contractual agreement between Specialty Productions and MSA for 2006, a Statement of Income and Expense for the 2006 Arizona Rockfest show, and the 2005 Annual Financial Report. Gilbert asked Sally to list the income from the CD's as Assets, rather than Income. She reported that the income from dues for 2006 is going to be way down from last year, since only 63 people have paid to date. K.J. asked about ways that we could generate income at our monthly meetings, and discussion followed about this. Lois said that the club should have a booth at the 2007 Flagg Gem and Mineral Show because it is a good venue at which to have our Roulette Wheel.

Budget Planning for 2006 - The 2005 Statement of Income and Expense was analyzed to ascertain estimated amounts for 2006. The notes from the specific discussion on this will be distributed to the Board members by mail.

Participation in October 2006 Museum Family Day - Shirley said that our club should have a presence in the Family Day activities. She and Sally suggested some type of fish pond game for the children. Much discussion followed on various ideas for this activity. Terry suggested bringing this subject up to the general membership to get ideas for things to do on Family Day. Shirley suggested that Gilbert establish a Family Day Committee, and Shirley and Lois Splendoria volunteered to be on the committee.

2007 Rockfest - Our club has fulfilled its current contractual obligation to the Rockfest show. Gilbert suggested that we not participate in the 2007 show. Sally said that she felt the club

should not be a sponsor of the show, but possibly just have a table or booth at the 2007 show. She pointed out that the club needs to be revitalized with other activities. Other members of the board also reinforced this mindset. Terry Dyer moved that we no longer have a show, seconded by Sally Fiske and passed unanimously.

Speaker Problems at the Meetings - Lois read a note that one of the members had sent her recently, expressing their disappointment with the lack of structured programs at the meetings this year. She also made the observation that by now the members are coming to the meeting with the expectation of not having a program. The Board discussed the situation of whether we will have a Vice President and Program Chairman for the rest of 2006. Shirley asked Gilbert to talk to WR to see what he wants to do as far as his commitment for the rest of the year, and Gilbert said he was planning to ask WR to resign. Shirley suggested that a Program Chairman be appointed for the rest of 2006.

Alternate Meeting Night - K.J. suggested that we consider another night for the general meeting. Shirley said that the club has surveyed the membership in the past to get their input on nights that would work. Lois reminded everyone that we needed to look at the Museum's calendar for the classroom's availability during the month. After looking at the calendar, several possibilities were considered: the third Thursday of the month and the second Tuesday of the month. Lois suggested trying another night, such as the third Thursday of the month starting in the Fall of 2006, to see if it would be a better night for the members and if more people would attend our meetings. Gilbert will talk to the Front Desk to see what night would work the best.

Delegates for the Rocky Mountain Federation Show - Since none of our members are planning to attend, it was decided to empower the Arizona State Director, Debbie Leschner, and the Arizona State Assistant Director, Bill Morrow, to vote on our club's behalf.

Next Board Meeting - The next meeting will be **Saturday, June 10, at 12 noon at the Museum.**

May 10, 2006

Mr. WR Russ
Specialty Productions, LLC
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RE: Rockfest 2007 and Mineralogical Society of Arizona

Dear Mr. Russ:

The Board of Governors for the Mineralogical Society of Arizona (MSA) met on May 6, 2006, to discuss the issues pertaining to the operation of the club and the associated activities, most especially the club's ability to operate as a host club for Rockfest.

As far back as 1992, we (the MSA Board) have dealt with lengthy discussions about the dwindling membership and the resulting lessening in support to operate a gem and mineral show. The MSA had attempted to manage the future operation of gem shows by partnering with other clubs and/or promoters. We in the MSA have all benefited greatly from your expertise in the organization and promotion of the Rockfest Gem and Mineral Show.

The members of the board and I have reviewed all possible avenues of continuing as the host club, realizing that few future opportunities exist for us to host our own show. I regret that our organization has been too limited in its ability to maintain its obligations, which has led to a decision to withdraw from the partnership as the host club for Rockfest.

The Mineralogical Society of Arizona does hereby relinquish all ownership, licensing and marketing relationship to the Rockfest name. The MSA maintains its rights to host a gem and mineral show, but will not seek a date that will in any way conflict with the dates chosen for Rockfest. The MSA maintains that no opinion or action will be instituted in the choice of any and all future organizations with whom Specialty Productions chooses to enter into a partnership with Rockfest events held into the future.

By no means should this decision be a reflection on Specialty Productions or you. You, as the head of Specialty Productions, have always maintained yourself as a vigorous and diligent partner in this relationship.

These decisions are and will be very difficult for many members of the MSA but are a necessity. We find ourselves in the MSA to be victims of societal change, with few members having enough time to spare for an operation of this magnitude. We cannot provide the required manpower, even in the limited role that we play in being considered the "Host Club."

We are extremely interested in taking a participant role in Rockfest and in having the Roulette Wheel as our activity. As such, we will be at your discretion for choosing the placement of our booth in the event.

We look forward to the continued success of Rockfest and wish you the best in your promotion of this quality event.

Sincerely,

Gilbert V. Flores
President, Mineralogical Society of Arizona

Maxine's Advice on "HOW TO CLEAN THE HOUSE"

Open a new file in your PC.

- Name it "Housework."
- Send it to the RECYCLE BIN.
- Empty the RECYCLE BIN.
- Your PC will ask you, "Are you sure you want to delete Housework permanently?"
- Calmly answer, "Yes," and press the mouse button firmly . . .

Feel better?

Sent to the Editor from the Internet

Humorous One-Liners

- Energizer Bunny arrested - charged with battery.
- A pessimist's blood type is always B-negative.
- Practice safe eating - always use condiments.
- Shotgun wedding: A case of wife or death.
- I used to work in a blanket factory, but it folded.
- A hangover is the wrath of grapes.
- Corduroy pillows are making headlines.
- Is a book on voyeurism a peeping tome?
- Sea captains don't like crew cuts.
- Does the name Pavlov ring a bell?
- A successful diet is the triumph of mind over platter.
- Time flies like an arrow. Fruit flies like a banana.
- A gossip is someone with a great sense of rumor.
- Without geometry, life is pointless.
- When you dream in color, it's a pigment of your imagination.
- Reading while sunbathing makes you well-red.
- A man's home is his castle, in a manor of speaking.
- Dijon vu - the same mustard as before.
- When two egotists meet, it's an I for an I.
- What's the definition of a will? (Come on, it's a dead giveaway!)

- A backwards poet writes inverse.
- In democracy your vote counts. In feudalism, your count votes.
- A chicken crossing the road is poultry in motion.
- If you don't pay your exorcist, you get repossessed.
- With her marriage, she got a new name and a dress.
- Show me a piano falling down a mine shaft, and I'll show you a flat minor.
- When a clock is hungry, it goes back four seconds.
- The man who fell into an upholstery machine is fully recovered.
- A grenade thrown into a kitchen in France would result in Linoleum Blownapart.
- You feel stuck with your debt if you can't budge it.
- He often broke into song because he couldn't find the key.
- Every calendar's days are numbered.
- A lot of money is tainted. It t'aint yours and it t'aint mine.
- A boiled egg in the morning is hard to beat.
- He had a photographic memory that was never developed.
- The short fortuneteller who escaped from prison was a small medium at large.
- Once you've seen one shopping center, you've seen a mall.
- Those who jump off a Paris bridge are in Seine.
- When an actress saw her first strands of gray hair, she thought she'd dye.
- Bakers trade bread recipes on a knead-to-know basis.
- Santa's helpers are subordinate clauses.
- Acupuncture is a jab well done.

Sent to the Editor from the Internet



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Meetings: 7:00 p.m. at the Arizona Mining and Mineral Museum, 1502 West Washington, Phoenix, Arizona.

Dues: Families & Couples - \$20.00, Single Adults - \$12.00, Juniors (18 yrs. and under) - \$2.50. Please mail your dues to Sally Fiske, 42011 N. Astoria Way, Anthem, AZ, 85086.

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UPCOMING MEETINGS	
Friday	June 9
Saturday	June 10 at 12 noon Board of Governors
Temporary Change in Meeting Night Starting in September 2006	
Tuesday	September 12
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