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# Regular Meeting

Regular Time: Wednesday, January 12, at 8:00 P.M.

Regular Place: Ridgeview Junior High School, Rosewood at  
Burton, S E

Outstanding Program: Mrs. Dorothy Waterman will give an  
illustrated talk of FOSSILS OF THE FAR EAST.

Display-of-the-Month: The Tchozeski family will show their  
jade collection.

Door Prizes: See DonBowers, substituting for Dorothy Waterman,  
for your tickets for the donation prize. Also  
prizes on your membership card.

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## LAPIDARY GROUP

The meeting on December 1st very well attended with lots of good materials shown by the members. We enjoyed slides of the Hawkins' trip to the Thomsonite area in Minnesota while having coffee and cookies.

On Wednesday, January 5, the group will meet at the home of Mr & Mrs Robert R. Rozema, 1355 Hollywood N E. Hope you have had time to get at least one piece of lapidary work completed since our last meeting, but we won't penalize you if you come without a bragging piece this time. If you haven't attended one of these meetings in the past, now is the time to get started with this group of enthusiastic rock polishing rockhounds. We will be happy to see you on January 5th.

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## MINERAL STUDY GROUP

There was a good turn out for the November meeting of the Mineral Study Group and we are all looking forward to an even better attendance at the meeting to be held on Monday, January 31st at the home of Mrs Nellie Mead, 334 Briarwood S E. Mrs. Lucile Pearl will be giving the lesson. Make your New Year's resolution in the form of a resolve to learn more about our facinating hobby. This group is trying to help you to do just that. Won't you join us?

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S ORNEMENT

A Happy New Year to all! The year 1966 promises to hold lots of fun for rockhounds everywhere. Maybe the year that you find the 15 pound Superior agate, the perfect 5" trilobite, and the geode incrustated with diamonds!

The January meeting promises to be the first high point of the year, with Dorothy Waterman's program of fossils of the Far East. The display of the month will be presented by the Tchozeski family and is a brilliant array of jade.

Since Dorothy will be busy with her program Don Eowers will run the raffle, and he says the prizes are out of this world.

We will have a lapidary contest. There will be two classes, 16 years and under, and over 16. Judges will perform only if there are at least three entries in each class.

Our Annual show coming in March! Better get those wheels humming, and specimens tagged. This should be our best show ever. Entry forms will be in the February Drifter.

See you at the meeting.

Dick Damstra

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FEBRUARY IS FOR FUN -GET GOIN' GUYS AND GALS

Crazy Lapidary Carnival

Beatnicks, Faubles, Fuckles, Bolas, Ereast Plates, Bracelets, Bearings, Beads

Do your rockiest to produce a work of goofiness for the February meeting. You must wear it and make it of genuine rock or mineral from your cellar collection. Prizes by acclaim. Get in the fun.

Must be funny, humorous, laughable, maybe ridiculous, perhaps petrifying.

more playful than polished

Win a prize as CHIEF CLOWN OF THE CLAPIDARY CARNIVAL

MORE PRIZES FOR MORE CLOWNS

Lowell Palmer, Chairman

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- January 5 - Wednesday, 8 P.M. LAPIDARY GROUP MEETING at home of R R Rozema, 1355 Hollywood N E
- January 12 - Wednesday, 8 P.M. Regular Monthly meeting at Ridgeview Junior High School, Mrs. Dorothy Waterman will talk on FOSSILS FROM THE FAR EAST.
- January 17 - Monday, 8 P.M. Board of Control Meeting at home of R R Rozema, 1355 Hollywood N E
- January 31 - Monday, 8 P.M. MINERAL STUDY GROUP meeting at home of Mrs. Nellie Mead, 334 Briardwood S E
- February 9 - Wednesday, Regular monthly meeting
- February 21 - Monday, Mineral Study Group Meeting
- March 5 - Saturday - Time to set up displays for the Annual Rock & Mineral Show at the Museum
- March 6 - Sunday, Annual Show opens at the Museum.
- March 9 - Regular monthly meeting
- March 27 - Sunday 5 P.M. Time to dismantle cases. Show is over for another year.

NEWS FROM ARKANSAS - HOME OF A COUPLE OF EX-MEMBERS

Dear Mrs. Rozema!

Thought this clipping from our local Baxter Bulletin might interest you - shows that past members of your club are still going strong - and we hope inspiring their new club to get more interested in lapidary work. They put on a very good program - educational talk - decorated the Christmas tree beautifully with cabochons mounted on silver and gold cardboard backgrounds, and displayed a case of jewelry - altogether a big night for this small but growing club!

Olive Knight "

And the following is from the clipping:

"ROCKHOUND MEETING IS SLATED TUESDAY"

"The Ozark Earth Science Association (Rockhounds) will meet at 8 P.M. next Tuesday at the First National Bank & Trust Co. Members have been asked to note the change from the usual meeting place.

"Mr. & Mrs. William F. Brimmer will talk on Lapidary, the art of cutting stones, and show some of the stones they have cut and polished and the jewelry they have made. A Christmas Tree will be decorated with examples of lapidary. All members have been asked to show examples of what they have done in lapidary.

"Anyone interested in earth science will be very welcome at the meeting, a club spokesman said".

Isn't it good to hear such a good report from a couple of our former members who have carried their hobby with them and are doing much to interest their new neighbors in the hobby.

In case you don't remember, the Brimmers moved to Mountain Home, Arkansas when Bill retired a couple of years ago.

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PROJECT FOR THE FIRST LADY

The 1967 National Show Committee announced at the National Show at Yakima, that they plan to make one of their official projects, the design and fabrication of a piece of jewelry, made from precious metals and gems contributed by members of Regional Federations from each of the Fifty States.

This is to be presented to the First Lady, who in turn will have it placed in the Smithsonian Institute.

The project is designed to create good will and added interest in Rocks and Minerals.

They will use both cabochons and faceted stones. Cabochons are to be no larger than 5 mm in the greatest length, and faceted stones are to be from 1/2 to 1 carat.

Phone LE 2-6727

# The Figa-Tree

Its time again to look back with pleasure and sincerely say "Thank you."

And time again to look forward and say:  
"Best wishes for Christmas and the Coming Year".

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