

## **SHOW-ME ROCKHOUNDS**

SEPTEMBER 2007 NEWSLETTER

**Dues are \$10.00 per family and \$5.00 for individual memberships. Show-Me Rockhounds is a non-profit organization affiliated with the Association of Earth Science Clubs of Greater Kansas City, Inc. and the Mid-West Federation of Mineralogical Societies. Monthly club meetings (Now on Saturday morning from 11:15am-12:15pm are at the Plaza Library in the Large meeting room. Our purpose is to further the study and awareness of the Earth Sciences amongst our membership and the public.**

**OFFICERS:** Martin Mueller, President; Rolland Smith Vice-President  
Sharon Penner, Treasurer; Secretary & newsletter, Carol Ferguson.

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### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:**

September: the gateway to autumn, it is a time for cooling temperatures. Hopefully something below 90 degrees. Many travel dates are coming up. From Illinois to Iowa and on west to Colorado; show and auction fliers are in early fall bloom. It is almost like the spring seed catalogs. I have some advice for those of you heading out of this area to an event.

### **TAKE SOME SWAP ITEMS!**

If you have a bag of Pennsylvanian brachiopods or plates of the Permian death assembly, by all means take them along. At shows, the folks running their club booths and silent auction tables will welcome different material and will swap with you. Try to have good labels for your stuff and then to get all the information for what you get in trade. At an auction, swapping can be a bit more adventurous. While people are focused on the auction lots it can be difficult to get them into swap mode. Yet as you get a feeling for the auction and the bidders; then you can approach the winner of a lot to ask if they would be interested in swapping some of what ever they now have for what ever you brought along. Don't be surprised if the first look you get is a kin to "dazed & confused", this is because you have disturbed their "auction mode"; still, once they come to they might say "sure I'll trade".

The Show Me Club meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup> is to start at 12:15pm at the Plaza Library. Plan on a field trip "Show and Tell" and a look toward the November show. The November show allows us the time to have a fund raising booth for our treasury, please keep it in your minds. Remember three things for the meeting: 1) it is at 12:15pm, 2) bring a show and tell item and 3) ideas for a booth at the show. Martin

## **CALENDAR OF FUTURE EVENTS:**

**Sept. 14-16, Denver, Colorado. Denver Gem and Mineral Show, Denver Merchandise Mart.**

### **SEPT 15 SATURDAY 12:15PM SHOW ME ROCKHOUND MEETING Y'ALL COME**

**Sept 14-16 Lincon Swap Lincoln, MO @ the City Park Shelter House**

**Sept 22 & 23 The Cedar Valley Rocks and Minerals Society is having a saleet the Community Center of Palo Iowa.**

**Sept 29 & 30 Gem City Rock Club Gem, Mineral & Fossil show Sat & Sunday, (10:00am to 5:30pm) & 30th (12:00pm to 5:00pm). At the John Wood Community College 1301 S 48th St. (48th & Harrison) Quincy, Illinois**

**October 6-7, Omaha, Nebraska 51st annual show; Nebraska Mineral & Gem Club; Westside Community Center, 108th and Grover St.; Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-5; contact Tim Kautsch, (402)397-9606; [www.nerockgem.org](http://www.nerockgem.org).**

**Oct 13 & 14 Topeka Show—Topeka Kansas Ag Hall 17<sup>th</sup> & Topeka Opens 10am email [rock2plate@aol.com](mailto:rock2plate@aol.com)**

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August Show Me meeting----Association Indoor Potluck Picnic  
About 20 to 25 persons attended the Association "Picnic" at the MCC Business & Technology Center on August 25, 2007. Among the attendees was Michael Sperazza, PhD who took over as the head of the geology department at MCC Maple Woods. Virginia Ragan retired from the post this year. Betty White attended. I think it's great that she is carrying on with her life after Bill's passing. The potluck side dishes were delicious. The meat (roast beef and I think roast chicken cold cuts—both very tasty) and bread were provided by the Association. There was a very nice selection of soft drinks also provided by the Association. Martin & Charlie brought a bunch of Pecos diamonds. I think they were there for the taking, but I didn't realize it at the time. David Reed brought some beautiful barite crystals from Peru and some fish fossils. I don't know if he sold any. Although the room the event was in seemed a bit sterile, it was nice not battling insects and weather. I thoroughly enjoyed the event and from what I could tell so did the others. Sharon

