

NOVEMBER

PROGRAM -- The topic of the October meeting was preparing for display. Selection and preparation of specimens was discussed by John Passaneau. Bettie Patterson gave general suggestions for setting up a display case. An exhibit showing a good method of making risers for a case was on hand for study. And copies of the AFMS article on a tack box for exhibitors were given out. Results of such programs can be seen in the general improvement of our members' cases.

A lovely refreshment table was prepared by John and Stella Hasford.

Now for November-- Remember the meeting last winter when several members displayed and described their specialties? So many of you requested a repeat performance that you are going to have your wish granted. (And we won't be crowded into small quarters this time, we hope!) If you do something interesting along the lines of our hobby, bring in some samples of your work, perhaps your tools, and be prepared to answer all sorts of questions.

SHOW -- Our 9th Gem and Mineral Show, A Thing of Beauty, was, in our opinion, truly A Thing of Beauty.

We were told by many people, including our Dealers, that this was our best show yet.

We had more displays this year, and all accentuated our theme. Our people are really improving their displays.

Displays from outstate clubs really added to the enjoyment of our largest attendance yet. We want you folks to know how much we appreciate your cooperation. Our thanks go out to all the Show Chairmen and their many faithful workers. It is all of you who deserve the credit for such a successful show.

Thanks a lot,
Jim and Bettie Patterson

Chairmen of the committees for the Show join in thanking all who helped. It's always most gratifying to have the full cooperation our members give in making our Show a success. And isn't it a satisfying experience to work together in this community project?

THE NOVEMBER PROGRAM was a "show-your-specialty" program, a requested repeat performance. This year the participants had plenty of room to display the articles they brought, and could answer questions as people came to them. Those who took part were:

Ruth Eckhardt - rock arrangements	Walter Davis - septaria
Howard Cheney - opals	Loyd Pearson - petrified
Frank Card - lapidary	Ken Kurtz - gypsum carving
Read Myers - crystal forms	Homer Godfrey - wood carving
Bonna Roberts - onyx	Angie Godfrey - decorative use of rocks
Ed McMahon - inlay and turquoise	Ruth Hillis - decorative use of rocks
Frank Swagart - lapidary	Jay Lamson - micromounts, trimming
John Munro - artifacts	John Passaneau - and mounting specimens
Eleanor Owens - stone pictures	James Avis - tumbling
Jim Patterson - geodes	Irene Brett - oddities in rocks

Thank you, all you talented, knowledgeable people! We are very proud of you!

November 26, 1974

Dear Mr. + Mrs. Rickard + Mr. Bailey:

Thank you so very much for coming to Delta Center School + helping us learn more about petasus studies.

The girls enjoyed this immensely as the stones will be a part of their Christmas presents this year for their parents. So I'm sure that you can understand how important it was to them for you to come.

I enjoyed it myself very much also, as I had never worked with them before either.

Thank you again + have a nice Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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