



Dear NFMS Club Editors,
Thank you for diving into the new
NFMS “Illustrious Bulletin Editors Contest” We wanted to celebrate what you do throughout the year for your clubs, by creating a contest just for you. The word, *illustrious*, means to “light up” and that is exactly what you create for your members to enjoy, as editors.

NFMS “Illustrious Bulletin Editors” Contest Directions & Rules

1. This contest is just for NFMS Editors, for NFMS awards. It is not for AFMS awards.
2. Eligible entries are for an editor’s original: Written Feature, Drawn Feature, Poetry, Article or an Article Part 1 & 2.
3. Editors may enter the NFMS “Illustrious Bulletin Editors” contest every year.
4. Editors may enter up to one category in each category.
5. Please fill out the top portion of each appropriate Judges Score Sheet for each entry, and include it with a copy of your original entry (s), with Editor’s Name; Editor’s Club; Date/Year entry appeared in bulletin during 2026.

An Original Adult Article

1. Written for a club bulletin
2. Must be hobby-related
3. Was written by the club editor for their club during the year 2026
4. Has not been previously published in a magazine or company publication
5. Has not been previously used for a display case, show handout, or class/seminar
6. Fulfills the requirements for an adult article. Can be a Part 1 of 2 in two separate issues.
7. Should list sources in a bibliography if research was required
8. Illustrations/photos should be credited, and if copyrighted, must include permission to reprint
9. Should not be copied verbatim from a source (*or it is plagiarism/copyright violation!*)

A Written Feature: (please note, a written feature is very different from an article)

1. Fulfills the requirements for a written feature
2. Is generally shorter than 1 page in length
3. Is an original contribution that does not follow an article format
4. Is not a poem
5. Is hobby-related
6. May be any of the following: humorous anecdote, president’s column, shop hints, play on mineral names
7. Special club contest
8. Club history commentary (not just copied quotes from past newsletters)
9. Member biography/accolade
10. Website commentary
11. Book review
12. Field trip report/travelogue

13. Review of a program
14. Report of a presentation for a school/community
15. Shows originality, wit, and/or creativity in enlightening the reader
16. Was written by the club editor for their club bulletin during the year 2026
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A Drawn Feature:

1. Fulfills the requirements for a drawn feature
2. Was created by the editor for their club bulletin during the year 2026
4. Is hobby-related
5. Is an original creation of the editor for their club bulletin during the year 2026
6. Can be computer-generated (i.e.: computer graphics, Click Art®, Clipart, Photoshop, etc.)
7. Is not a word search, word scramble, anagram, or crossword puzzle
8. Should have a heading/description, but the drawing predominates
9. May be any of the following (but not limited to these): puzzles made up of a form or shape, cartoons, crystal structures drawn by the author and incorporated in an original application
10. Has not been previously published in a magazine or company publication
11. Has not been previously used for a display case, show handout, or class/seminar

Original Adult Poetry:

1. Fulfills the requirements for Adult Poetry
2. Was created by the club editor for their club bulletin during the year 2026
3. Is hobby-related
3. Has not been previously published in a magazine or company publication
4. Has not been previously used for a display case, show handout, or class/seminar

Directions

IMPORTANT Send digital copies to both Jennifer and Judi, in time to reach them by **Dec 7, 2026.**

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