AFMS JUDGES TRAINING CLASS

Arrival, Thursday Evening May 10, 2012
Orientation will be held in the High Sierra Conference Room 9th floor, 7pm
Holiday Inn, Sparks, (Reno) Nevada, 55 East Nugget Ave – Phone: 775-358-6900
Class: Friday May 11 & Saturday May 12, 2012
Hours: 9am to 5pm High Sierra Conference Room, 9th Floor
Evaluation of exhibits, Sunday morning, May 13, 2012
Immediately following evaluation of exhibits will be an evaluation of class.

Cost of the class will be $20 for 2 days (Fri & Sat) which will include lunch
Dinner each day is on your own…. There is a restaurant in the hotel
For those who would like to attend, contact Dee Holland, AFMS Judges Training Chair at:
beauholland@centurytel.net

Cost of hotel room –1 room: 2 queen or 1 king: $75 per day tax included, single or Double Occupancy
Breakfast: $8 per person or $15 for two
The hotel has offered the same price if you wish to come in early or stay later after the classes and see
the town.

A TWO PAGE APPLICATION WILL BE IN THE NEXT AFMS NEWSLETTER, the first page will
be information for the class. The second page will be for the Reno Gem & Mineral Society for space for
exhibit and/or camper/motor home space.

.... MORE NEXT MONTH

GOING TO QUARTZSITE THIS WINTER?
By Shirley Leeson, ALAA

For many of you the ritual of going to Quartzsite, Arizona is a yearly thing. If you are planning a trip there, please mark your calendar to include the
ALAA meeting, Friday evening (for your convenience) January 20, 2012.
Meeting is open to all and starts at 6:30pm.
Location: Quartzsite Alliance Church, 720 Desert View.
This is a “MUST” while you are in Quartzsite. We will have personnel from the
Arizona Desert BLM Office who will address concerns on abandoned mines,
closed roads, open areas to collect and answer questions on the Arizona BLM area around Quartzsite.
This is our second year. This year if you have something from your area of the country to address,
please contact me and we’ll try and get you on the agenda.
The church is on the northwest side of Quartzsite. If you take Moon Mountain Road north to Tyson
Road and turn left and go to the next street, Desert View, and turn right there is a big parking lot next to
the church.
See you there, Shirley Leeson, ALAA, VP, shirleyleeson@cox.net
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Finally, after all these years I have a method for storing my rocks that will mean I do not have to keep moving them every time I acquire more. When we first started this hobby we purchased a small amount of rock and I had this great idea of storing it all in a corner of our garage. More rock later, we put up one of those canvas carports and started filling it up.

That did not last more than a couple of years since we bought a large collection consisting of 30 ton of lapidary material. The area between the garage and a small shed in the back then became our rock storage. I have to admit it is now stuffed to overflowing. The garden area (we have not had too much luck growing gardens since we usually find a long term field trip that comes up and so we are gone) has now been covered with concrete pavers and is our new rock storage annex.

Each one of these expansions has meant that the older rock has to be resorted, – you know, your tastes change - moved and restacked. I have been making apologies to my hubby about all the moving and re-moving over the last few weeks.

The corner of the garage is now cleaned out to provide room for other hobbies. The carport has been turned into a rock specimen “museum”. The garden is now covered with concrete and pallets of buckets of rock. And the driveway is a lapidary materials sales lot. I think we are rockhounds!!! And now you know why I call this column “From the Editor’s Rockpile”. 😊

Members Call for Limitations on President’s Authority to Unilaterally Designate National Monuments

WASHINGTON, D.C., September 13, 2011 - Today, the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands held a legislative hearing on six bills that would limit the President’s authority to use the Antiquities Act to unilaterally designate new National Monuments within certain states. Last year, an internal document from the Interior Department revealed 14 areas of federal land that the Obama Administration has identified as worthy of National Monument designation under the Antiquities Act. The proposed designations would lock-up millions of acres of public lands in the West, without local input or Congressional authority, and could restrict access for energy production, recreation, and other job-creating economic activities. To prevent unilateral Administrative action, these bills would require either state approval or authorization by Congress prior to a National Monument designation.

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