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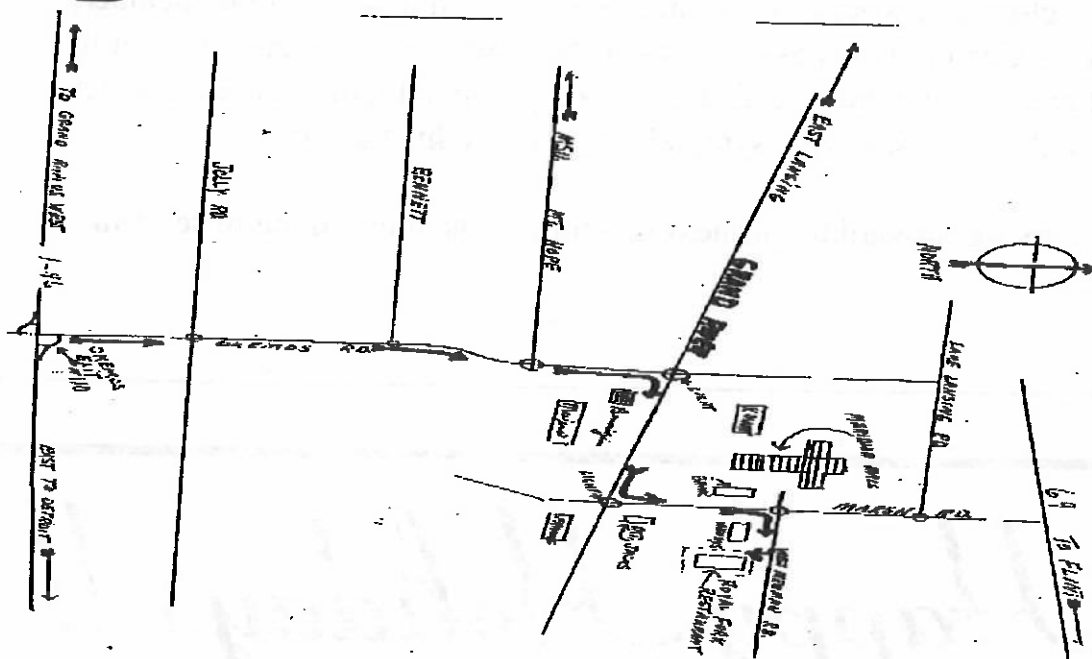
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Bring A Friend !!



***See You
There!***

From the President's Quill...

Bill Gardiner

Another milestone in the history of the Midwest Faceters Guild has passed - namely our annual show. It proved to be a BIG success!

Hats off to Don Sahr, the 1994 Show Chairman. He and his committees performed their many tasks in a manner that we have come to expect. All of these people (I'd name them but know I'd miss one or two) deserve a pat on the back for **A JOB WELL DONE !!!**

Don has consented to serve as Show Chairman another year. It is a big undertaking, one that he cannot accomplish by himself. While there was help from many quarters this year, more is needed. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Don. He'll find you a job and you'll enjoy it.

We now head into another year. Plans are already underway for our two biggest activities - the Seminar and the 1995 Show. We're always open for suggestions on how to make them better. Let us hear ideas from you. Drop me a line or give me a call.

In closing, I would like to mention the death of a long time member, Bob Cuson. Bob passed away in November after several years of ill health. When he was able Bob took part in a lot of Midwest Faceters Guild activities. Our sympathies go out to his family.

Looking forward to our next meeting in Okemos - **hope to see you here!**



Happy Holidays !!

Seminar Notes...*Kathleen Myers & Bill Horton**MWFG Seminar Co-Coordinator*

We are already making plans for you at the 1995 Midwest Faceters Guild Annual Seminar.

Save the August 18 - 20 weekend and plan now to be with us in beautiful Hartland, Michigan.

**August
18, 19 & 20**

We are already lining up instructors and laying out the class schedule for a Seminar that will be the best ever.

Do you have a particular class you would like to see offered?? Please let me know and we will try our best to accommodate.

I know August seems like a long way off - BUT put in for vacation days now and plan to be with us!!

From The Rolls...*Tom Gibbs***MIDWEST FACETERS GUILD MEMBERSHIP**

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<i>March</i>	Jasper	Aquamarine	<i>September</i>	Chrysolite	Sapphire
<i>April</i>	Sapphire	Diamond	<i>October</i>	Aquamarine	Tourmaline
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Secretary's Minutes...

Fran Bush

The Board of Directors of the Midwest Faceters Guild was called to order by President William Gardiner on October 8, 1994 at 10:08 A.M. in the Dearborn City Tavern Restaurant in Dearborn, Michigan. Those in attendance were: President Gardiner, William Horton, Frances Bush, Thomas Gibbs, Bernard Bush, Jane Holt, Dorothy Loyd, Ralph Donovan, Happy Gibbs, William Schell, Jim & Mrs. Schlottman and Robert Speer.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as published in *The Midwest Faceter*, with a motion made by Thomas Gibbs and seconded by Bernard Bush.

Many of the Committee Chairmen that are on the Board do not attend meetings which presents the problem of meeting a quorum for conducting business. Thomas Gibbs made a motion, "That the constitution be amended to read, 'the Guild business may be conducted by those present', replacing Section 5, Rule D which states, 'a quorum of the Board shall be a simple majority'". Bernard Bush seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

The Treasurer's report was approved as read and filed for audit with a motion made by Thomas Gibbs and seconded by Jane Holt.

Committee Reports:

Don Sahr, Show Chairman was absent. Bill Gardiner reported new flyers were printed to include "The LADY" (the world's Largest Faceted Gemstone) which will be on exhibit at the Faceters Fair. Plenty of workers are needed as well as snacks for the Hospitality Room. New rules were imposed by the Civic Center that all food must remain in the Hospitality Room, no exceptions. A note will be placed in the Dealers' Packets to inform them of the change in the policy.

Plans for "The LADY" have been completed and it will be brought to the show by Ed Rommack from Idaho. A 4' X 4' table will be set - up to accommodate "The LADY" in the center of the Exhibit Hall. A special tablecloth will be provided by Bill Horton to enhance the beauty of the stone.

Help will be needed to load the truck between 3:00 & 4:00 P.M. with the electrical setups. All those able to assist will meet at the Civic Center.

The Transient Merchant License has been purchased for the Faceters Fair as well as the Event Insurance.

Membership Chairman, Thomas Gibbs reported there are 526 on the mailing list which includes 410 members and the bulletin exchanges.

Tentative Meeting Dates for 1995:

Lansing, Michigan - January 14, 1995 at the Royal Fork Restaurant

Toledo, Ohio - April 22, 1995

Kensington Park, Howell, Michigan - June 17th Picnic

Hartland, Michigan - August 18, 1995 during the Seminar

Dearborn, Michigan - October 28, 1995 - Annual Election Meeting

Please notice dates and places are tentative, watch your bulletin for changes.

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The Midwest Faceters Annual Seminar will be August 17, 18 & 19, 1995, at Hartland, Michigan.
The 1995 Midwest Faceters Fair is scheduled for November 10, 11 & 12, 1995 at the Dearborn Civic Center.

Meeting Hostess, Jane Holt - no report.

William Horton read a letter he wrote to the AFMS President, Mrs. Ruth Bailey objecting to holding the AFMS Convention at any one location. Copies of the letter were sent to all the Federation Presidents. Action was taken on this matter in Houston, Texas and there it was voted to continue the present policy of rotation of the national show.

Demonstrators are need for the Detroit Show, October 13 - 15 at the Light Guard Armory in Detroit, Michigan.

The Guild has been invited to maintain a booth at the 1995 Midwest Federation Show in Detroit.

Old Business:

Happy Gibbs inquired about opening up the Bead Stringing classes at Seminar to the public. It was suggested that it be limited to Guild members families until it is convenient to do otherwise.

The following Chairmen were absent. Special Competition Chairman, Ed Myers; Historian, June Ramshaw; Hospitality, Doris Medlen; Librarian, Debra Stutts; Parliamentarian, Nettie Desold; Rules Chairman, Dick Fairless and Editor & Seminar Co- Coordinator, Kathleen Myers - no reports were available.

New Business:

The Guild was presented with their 15 Year Membership Certificate at the Midwest Federation Delegate meeting in South Bend, Indiana. Happy Gibbs volunteered to have the certificate laminated so it can be preserved.
A photo album of Dorothy Loyd and the special Birthday Exhibits was presented to the Guild by Jim Schlottman.
The meeting was adjourned at 11:33 A.M.

Membership Meeting - October 1994

The membership meeting of the Midwest Faceters Guild was called to order by President, William Gardiner on October 8, 1994 at 1:32 P.M. in the Dearborn City Tavern Restaurant, Dearborn, Michigan.

The minutes were approved as published in *The Midwest Faceter* with a motion made by Thomas Gibbs and seconded by William Schell.

The Treasurer's report was approved as read by William Horton and filed for audit with a motion made by Thomas Gibbs and seconded by David Graham.

Committee Reports:

Show report was given by William Gardiner which included details of the exhibit of "The LADY", the world's largest faceted gemstone. Dealers are secured and the layout is completed.

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Show set-up will be Thursday from 6:00 - 10:00 P.M. Those loading the truck will meet before 3:00 P.M. at the Civic Center. The loading of the electrical set-ups will be from 3:00 - 4:00 P.M. on the 27th.

Hall set-up will continue at 8:00 A.M. on Friday. Dealers and Exhibitors will set-up at noon. Many Exhibits are needed. Food is also need for the Hospitality Room. New rules have been established by the Civic Center and no food or drinks may leave the Hospitality room.

Raffle Chairman, Bernard Bush requested more raffle prizes and that members return tickets before the show.

Thomas Gibbs requested members to help demonstrate faceting at the Detroit Show, October 12 - 14, 1994.

Tentative meeting dates for 1995 meetings are: Lansing, Michigan, January 14; Tolodo, Ohio, April 22; Howell, Michigan, June 17 Hartland, Michigan, August 28; and Dearborn, Michigan October 28.

The Seminar is August 18 - 20 at Hartland and the Midwest Faceters Fair, November 10 - 12, 1995 at the Dearborn Civic Center.

The Faceters Guild will host the Fall Meeting of the Midwest Federation Executive Meeting during the Faceters Fair.

Old Business:

Bill Horton read a letter sent to Mrs. Ruth Bailey, AFMS President, regarding the location of future AFMS Conventions. The AFMS Executive Committee voted to continue the current policy of rotating the National Show locations throughout the Federations.

Bill also reported the Annual Seminar was very successful and everyone attending had an enjoyable weekend and left with much knowledge gained. The cost of the Seminar exceeded the income by approximately \$ 300.00 (cost details have not been totally tabulated).

New Business:

Dues are due and should be paid by the January meeting. Please send your dues to Thomas Gibbs, a membership application is included in every newsletter issue.

Nominating Committee Chairman, Thomas Gibbs presented the following slate of officers for 1995:

William Gardiner	President
Don Sahr	Vice -President
Frances Bush	Secretary
William Horton	Treasurer

Nominations were called for from the floor. With no nominations presented from the floor, Thomas Gibbs made a motion that "the nominations be closed." Motion seconded by David Graham and carried.

Thomas Gibbs made a motion that "the Secretary cast one ballot to elect the slate presented by acclamation". The motion was seconded by Bernard Bush and carried.

Thank- you to Jim Schlottman for photographing Dorothy Loyd and the Birthday Displays and for presenting the Guild with the photo album of the displays for the Guild archives. Many thanks were given to Dorothy and Tom Gansen for building the special cases for that superb display. Their efforts are greatly appreciated.

Ideas are needed to improve the Guild's meetings and activities. If you have suggestions or ideas pleas bring them to the next meeting or sent them to any officer or committee chairman. Addresses are listed in the front of *The Midwest Faceter*. Please make suggestions this is your club.

Meeting adjourned at 2:04 P.M.

A video program was presented on Gemstone Enhancement.

Respectfully submitted,
Frances Bush, Secretary

Commitment...

Commitment is what transforms a promise into reality.

It is the words that speak boldly of your intentions.

And the actions which speak louder than words.

It is making time when there is none.

Coming through time after time, year after year.

Commitment is the stuff character is made of,

The power to change in the face of things.

It is the daily triumph of integrity over skepticism.



10,000 Attaboy's !!!!!

10,000 Attaboy's go to all Midwest Faceters Guild Members who entered competition, or entered non-competitive displays, or helped with set-up and tear - down, or helped in whatever job needed to be done to make our show the great success that it was. The ONLY way any endeavor is to succeed is to have a total commitment by everyone toward that goal!!!!!!



Let There Be Peace On Earth...
And Let It Begin With Me..



Prize Winners

Midwest Faceters Guild Raffle 1994 State of Michigan Permit # X22832

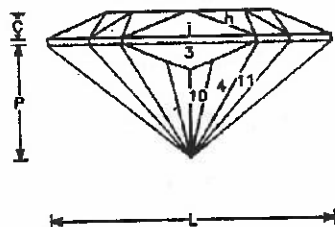
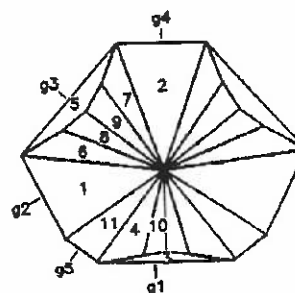
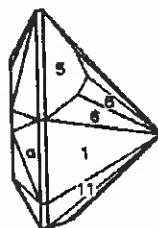
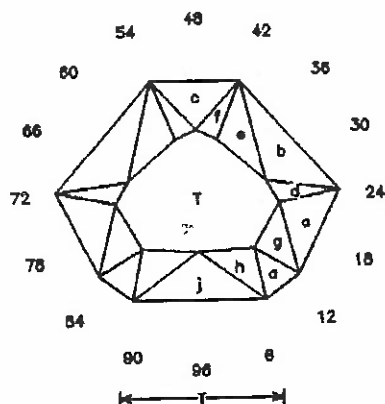
Frances & Bernard Bush, Raffle Chairpersons

Prize #	Donor	Winner
1. \$100.00 Cash	MWFG	Joe Manina, Lansing, MI
2. Blue Topaz in 14K Gold	Don & Gail Sahr	D.D. Whited, Flint, MI
3. Amethyst in 14K gold	Bill Horton	Vernon Waldrop, Westland, MI
4. Garnet in 14K Gold	Bill McVety	Vernon Waldrop, Westland, MI
5. Andradite in 14K Gold	Joe Scott	Mike Swain, Detroit
6. Gemstone Floral Picture	Frances Bush	Paul Gionet, Sterling Heights, MI
7. Rose Quartz & Amethyst Beads	Nettie Desold	Betty Calvin, Royal Oak, MI
8. Birthday Book of Gems	Jack Dare	Robert Edmond, Peru, IN
9. Hemaite Necklace	Sue & Ed Faulkner	Dondel Barron, Pickney, MI
10. Bird Carving	Sue & Ed Faulkner	Eric Mullins, Warren, MI
11. Agate Pencil Holder	Jane Holt	Harry Gibson, Pittsburg, PA
12. Amethyst in Sterling Silver	Jane Holt	Dorothy Smith, Warren, MI
13. Cloisonne Pin & Earrings	Jane Holt	Richard Puliam, Bellevue, MI
14. Amethyst in 14K Gold	Bill Gardiner	J. Santardeli, Dearborn Hgts, MI
15. Jeweled Gem Tree	Jim Russell	M. Heinek, New Carlisle, IN
16. Linde Star in 14K Gold	Joan Gardner	Les Medlen, Fort Wayne, IN
17. Pearl & Gold Beads	Doris & Les Medlen	Gayle Demorsky, Flint, MI
18. Porcelain & Glass Beads	Doris & Les Medlen	Glenn Swain, Detroit, MI
19. Soapstone Carving	Dorothy Loyd	Bob Wodarak, Saginaw, MI
20. Garnet & Sterling Ring	Don & Gail Sahr	Jack & Diane Dare, Evansville, IN
21. Morganite in 14K Gold	David Graham	Shaun Strezlecki, Rossford, OH
22. Hematite & Lapis Beads	Kathryn Reed	Nancy Keihn, Birmingham, MI
23. Agate Egg	Kathryn Reed	Guy Dewey, Big Pine Key, FL
24. Green Yag in 14K Gold	Joe Kossack	John Gansen, Livonia, MI
25. Turquoise & Silver Ring	V. & N. Waldrop	Robert Edmond, Peru, IN
26. Agate Cab in Silver	D. & L. Yoxthmimer	Walter Buchman, Northport, MI

Many Thanks to all who donated prizes and bought tickets!

Tulip Leaf

by W. Hendrick



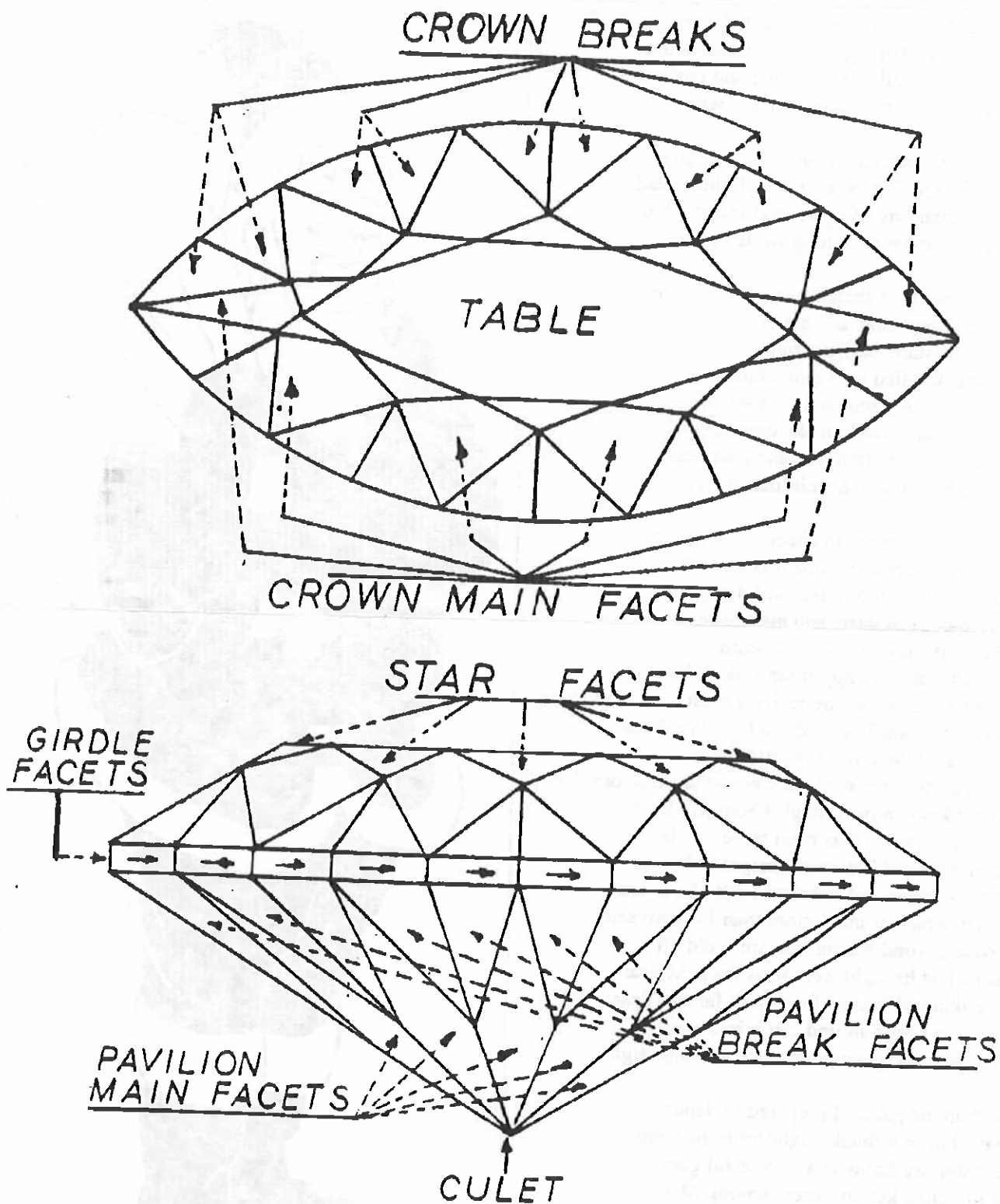
TULIP LEAF BY W. HENDRICK 10/94 (TULIP.GEM)
 TULIP POPLAR TREE LEAF.
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 40 facets + 8 facets on girdle = 48
 1-fold, mirror-image symmetry
 96 index
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 $P/W = 0.528$ $C/W = 0.121$
 $H/W = (P+C)/W+0.02 = 0.669$
 $P/H = 0.789$ $C/H = 0.181$
 $Vol./W^3 = 0.288$

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The Night Before Christmas Edna F. Paull

From THE ROCK RATTLER, Dec. 1994 via THE TUMBLER

'Twas the night before Christmas and all through the house,
Not a creature was stirring, no room for a mouse
With geodes and nodules under table and chair
A wee little mouse can't squeeze in anywhere.

The children were nestled all snug in their beds,
As visions of fossil fish swam through their heads.
And Mother, dreaming of opals, and me of a lap
Had just settled down for a long winter's nap.

When out on the street there arose such a clatter
I jumped out of bed mad as a hatter
Stumbled down stairs two at a time
Just as our clock tolled its 3 a.m. chime.
I opened the door and took a long look
The sight that I saw would make quite a book.
For parking in front with a roar and a squeak
Was dear old St. Nick in a well loaded jeep.

He paused just a moment to check his long list,
To make doubly certain no one was missed.
There's agate, onyx, turquoise, and rhodonite
Carnelian, topaz, sapphire, and malachite.
He named every stone I ever had heard
And my heart was so happy it sang like a bird.
For rocks to a rockhound are really a must
Right next to that stuff labeled "In God We Trust".
It took quite a while to do this little chore
But as soon as he'd finished, he came straight to our door.
And I do not know how, though I honestly tried
Before I could turn, he was right there inside.
He spoke not a word but went straight to his work
And as I stood there and watched I felt like a jerk.
For he knew what I wanted more than I did myself,
He was wise beyond reason, this jolly old elf.
The gifts he had brought were trips for next year,
And the making of friends from both far and near.
The singing of songs around campfires bright,
And being with the gang every rock meeting night.

He picked up his pak and prepared to depart,
And I gave him my thanks right from the heart.
For friendship we know is a wonderful gem,
And the principle key to Peace Among Men.
He sprang to his Jeep, and stepped on the gas,
And left with the snowflakes which sparkled like glass.
But I heard him exclaim as he drove out of sight,
"Happy Holidays Rockhounds and to all a Good Night".

