

2013 BULLETIN EDITORS CONTEST FOR 2012 PUBLICATIONS **DEADLINE: FEB. 16, 2013**

Send entries to:

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INSTRUCTIONS

Note: All bulletins, articles, features, poems, and special publication submitted for this competition may be reproduced or duplicated and distributed for non-commercial use. If you know of any copyright restrictions or have any reservations about having the work published elsewhere, please do not submit it (them). All bulletins, articles, features, etc. **must be submitted in the same format as they were distributed to your club.** If your newsletter is copied double-sided, then the newsletter, article, etc. must be submitted double sided. No special printing in color if the version your member's receive is black and white. Just send the bulletin or the appropriate page(s) from a bulletin for an article, feature, or poem. If your newsletter is distributed exclusively by email or web, then a printed copy must be submitted. The printed copy may be color or black/white and single or double sided. Judges will be instructed not to give additional consideration to color printed pages.

Score Sheets: All Score Sheets (Bulletins, Articles-Adult & Junior, Advanced, Poetry-Adult and Junior, Special Publications and Features can be downloaded from the web at http://pogmc.org/scfms_beac.htm and will also be posted or linked from the SCFMS website (<http://www.scfms.net/>). The forms are in PDF and can be filled in and saved. Fill in only the top part. The lower part is for judges score To fill them in and save them you will need Acrobat Reader 9, 10, or 11, a free program which can be downloaded from the web at <http://www.adobe.com/products/reader/>. This year I will send out notifications about the contest, but I do not plan to send out the contest rules and entry forms. I would ask that you download the information from the web. However, if you do not have access to the web, if you will contact me I will send you hard copies.

As noted above, all entries are due (**in my hands**) no later than

February 16, 2013.

RULES AND GUIDELINES FOR THE 2013 BULLETIN EDITOR and AUTHOR CONTEST Editor/Author Eligibility:

All editors/authors are eligible to enter whether or not an entry was submitted in the past and whether or not a first place trophy was awarded. Any editor or author that has won first place in the AFMS contest can enter the SCFMS contest, but will not be eligible to enter the AMFS contest in the same category for the following two years.

BULLETINS

Rules for Bulletin Entries: Submit three (3) copies each of any **two** issues of bulletins published in 2012. Bulletins must be submitted in the same format as received by your club members (see note above for email or web only newsletters). The SCFMS does not have a separate New Editor category. **Attach a completed Score Sheet to each copy.**

Size: Bulletin awards will be made in three bulletin categories based on the number of printed pages. Single sided standard letter size (8 1/2 x 11) counts as one page; double sided standard letter size counts as two pages. Legal size (8 1/2 x 14) counts as 1 1/2 page as does a page done in 9 or smaller font size. Two small pages (5 1/2 x 8 1/2) count as 1

page. Cover pages may or may not be counted, see discussion below. The bulletin size categories are:

MINI: 6 printed pages or less. (NOTE – NOW 6 PAGES) SMALL: 7 to 11 printed pages

LARGE: 12 printed pages or more

Note: If the size of your bulletin varies from month to month, please ensure that both issues you enter are in the same size category. If mixed sizes are entered, the BEAC will randomly pick one for entry and discard the other.

New Editor is not a separate category in the SCFMS contest; all entries will be judged in the appropriate size class for the SCFMS contest, but the top 3 New Editor entries will be forwarded to the AFMS for judging in the AFMS New Editor category. Note that the SCFMS score sheet does not have a block for new editors. **If you were a new editor in 2012, please add “NEW EDITOR” following your name on the score sheet.** Note that you must never have been a gem and mineral society/club newsletter editor in any federation in the past. If you have edited any club newsletter in the past, you are not a new editor by AFMS rules. Additionally, an assistant editor, co-editor, or member of the outgoing editor’s immediate family can not be entered as a New Editor (AFMS rules apply).

COVERS: A cover page that contains the name of the bulletin, date of publication, volume number, and possibly places for a mailing label, return address and postage does not count as a page in determining the size of the bulletin. However, if the cover page contains some of the items listed above but also contains other information that routinely changes (such as a monthly calendar,, reports, picture that changes periodically, news items, etc. then it must be counted in determining the size of the bulletin. If a bulletin ordinarily has a separate mailer or envelope, submit it with each copy of your entry to avoid losing points for “no return address.”

ARTICLES, FEATURES and POETRY

Rules for Article, Feature, and Poetry Entries: All articles /features / poems must be original and first published in your society’s bulletin and must be published in 2012.

Only one article feature / poem per author **per category** will be accepted (an article, poem, and feature from the same author is acceptable). The author must be a member of the club submitting the entry. If an author is a member of more than one club, each club may submit an entry from that author, but only the highest placed entry will receive an award. If an author writes regularly for a bulletin, the editor must choose the best article / feature / poem to submit. Please note that an Editor can also submit an article that he/she authored. No serial article / feature (i.e. one that continued in a second or third issue of a bulletin) may be submitted. Any number of articles / features / poems can be entered from the same bulletin issue. The following are the categories for articles / features / poems. The editor is responsible for choosing the correct category.

Editors note: Choose articles carefully. In order for them to be an article and not a feature, they must be original, not a summary or review of an article and not trip or vacation reports unless further information is included such as geological factors, the article has been researched to enhance educational value, etc. Items that are not hobby-related, have little or no educational value or are trip/vacation reports (travelogues), “Sunshine” reports, cartoons, puzzles, etc. are important to a bulletin but should be submitted in the “Features” category. The BEAC or judge may make the final decision as to eligibility.

Articles, Poems, and features must be submitted **as they appeared in the bulletin. Just send the page(s) from the bulletin.**

- **Articles - Adult:** Articles by adults age 18 or over. Submit three (3) copies with a completed Score Sheet attached to each copy.
- **Articles – Junior:** All articles by authors under the age 18 at publication. Submit three (3) copies with a completed Score Sheet attached to each copy. Please indicate the age of the author at the time the article was written. Note the title at the top of the form, please ignore the box below that says Score Sheets for Junior Articles – 12 to 17. The score sheet is for all junior articles.
- **Articles - Advanced:** This includes AFMS previous first place winners; authors of books and other published documents; the author earns his/her living in an Earth Science field. Submit three (3) copies with a completed Score Sheet attached to each copy. Please detail qualifying information on each Score Sheet. If you fill you forms out using the on-line form, there is not a block for adding the qualification information. You may add the qualifying information on the back or on a separate sheet.
- **Features:** Features can be written or drawn items (e.g., cartoons and puzzles). Written features are items (including poems unrelated to the hobby) which add spice to a club bulletin, but do not necessarily follow the form of an article. *(NOTE: The AFMS may limit features to hobby related topics. If this restriction is added to this year's AFMS competition, the SCFMS will judge and score all entered features, but non-hobby related features will not be eligible for further AFMS competition).* They must be original, and there is no length limitation except that it may not extend over more than one issue of the club's bulletin. A possible entry would include a humorous anecdote, field trip reports, a non- educational travelogue, president's column, play on mineral names, club contest, club member news, book or article review, meeting presentation review, or club history. Drawn features are items including puzzles, cartoons, crystal structures, faceting patterns, etc and may be submitted as Features. The drawn feature should have some accompanying description or heading to add to the originality but the drawing predominates. Submit three (3) copies of each feature with a completed Score Sheet attached to each copy.
- **Poetry - Adult:** Poems must be rock-related (if not hobby-related, consider entering as a Feature). Submit three (3) copies with a completed Score Sheet attached to each copy.
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Poetry - Junior: Poetry by authors under the age of 18 at publication. Poetry must be rock-related (if not hobby-related, they should be entered in Features category). Submit three (3) copies with a completed Score Sheet attached to each copy. Please note the age of the author at the time the poem was written

SPECIAL PUBLICATION

Rules for Special Publications: A Special Publication is an original, one-time publication during the year (2012). The author, authors, editor, or editors must be members of the club submitting the publication. The Special Publication should be club, hobby, or earth science related. Club participation or involvement in the Special Publication is desirable. Special Publications may be of any length but should be long enough to cover the subject. If a publication is an update or revision of a previous publication, the earlier publication should be included in order for the judge to compare and evaluate the amount of new work completed and score accordingly. Articles and

poems published over a year's time should not be bunched and submitted as a Special Publication. Special Publications should list an address to which inquiries may be made. Submit three (3) copies with a completed Score Sheet attached to each copy.

QUESTIONS?

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