**AFMS BULLETIN CONTEST SPECIFIC GUIDELINES –** *Revised 7/30/2023 for contests beginning in 2024*

**SPECIAL PUBLICATIONS**

1. Special Publications **AUTHORS**:

-must be a member of the club that submitted the entry in the regional competition  
-may be 1 member or a group of club members  
-clubs may enter more than one special publication if the subject and purpose is different

-a 1st place AFMS adult trophy winner is NOT eligible for AFMS in the same category for the

following 2 years; a **junior** 1st place AFMS winner may not enter the same category for the next 1 year

2. Special Publications:

-is an original one-time publication during the year  
-should be club and/or earth science-related  
-may be any length, but should be long enough to cover the subject  
-an address (email, street, or phone number) to which inquiries may be made should be included

for judges to contact the author(s) as needed for clarifications

-was created specifically for the club submitting the entry  
-possible entries could be (but are not limited to):

-workshop  
 -study classes  
 -new members  
 -show chairman  
 -field trippers  
 -hobbyist in general  
 -exhibiting  
 -guidelines for a good show  
 -special show publication  
 -field trippers guide  
 -a specific field trip guide  
 -new member kit  
 -guidelines for school programs  
 -25th, 50th club anniversary  
 -rockhound poems  
 -shop procedures  
 -lapidary techniques & hints  
 -club and/or show handout  
 -fossils  
 -flintknapping  
 -micro-mounting  
 -booklet of previously published articles/poems if additional information (illustrations,

credits, background info, etc.) is included  
 -update or revision of a previously published anniversary book, etc.; original publication

MUST be included