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## SFMS Workshop Update

As of the first of March we have received very few registration forms for this year's SFMS Workshops. Each workshop has received less than one-third of the full enrollment. The date to start sending in registration forms was February 15th. Everyone should be aware that we will lose some of the space allocated to us at both retreats if we end up with seriously reduced enrollment this year. We have already had our enrollment at Wildacres reduced by the Retreat to 70 persons for the April Workshop.

The registration date for all workshops was moved forward to February and the amount requested to reserve a position in a class was reduced to \$30 so that potential students will not have to have a significant amount of money tied up for much of the year. We hoped that that would encourage early registration. Based on phone calls to the Registrars, it is apparent that our information is not reaching many members.

We would appreciate it if those who received the Workshop brochure sent out in December would take it to the next club meeting and share it. Please make copies of the registration forms for those who did not receive the new Brochure. It was sent only to those members that are on the regular *Lodestar* mailing list.

*Fred Sias, SFMS Education Chairman*



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi everyone, the winter is nearly over and here we are looking forward to Spring!

The year is marching steadily towards the first Executive Board meeting, which is to be held in Memphis on 23rd April. I am excited about this as it will be the first time for me to visit this lovely city and what a beautiful time of year to be visiting. The Memphis Archeological and Geological Society has organized a comfortable and convenient place for us to stay. We have been invited to their BBQ supper with the dealers on Friday April 22nd and free entry into the 26th Annual Mid America Mineral Fossil and Jewelry Show for SFMS attendees has been arranged, couldn't be better! I would like to see as many club representatives as possible at the meeting, as this is the time we get to meet, talk and exchange ideas. As the *Lodestar*, only gets to a limited numbers of club members a personal account of the meeting and relevant information is more likely to be passed along to the members; keeping them up-to-date on relevant issues. In return, Board members receive input directly from club members. Communication is vital; and as we are a particularly wide spread organization, personal conveyance is a top priority. Therefore, I look forward to seeing you in Memphis. If I have not previously met you, please take a moment to come and introduce yourself to me. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Cornelia McDaniel for her efforts in organizing the first Executive Board meeting of 2005.

More details of this meeting are in this issue of the *Lodestar*. See y'all there!

*Best wishes,  
Eileen Price, President*

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## UPCOMING FIELD TRIPS



**March 19 & 20, 2005:** Diamond Hill Mine, Antreville, SC. Minerals: Smokey quartz, amethyst, skeletal quartz, etc. Check your local club newsletter for details.

*"Field trips are open to all members of associated clubs of the DMC program of the SFMS Field Trip Committee and to all members of SFMS member clubs who have provided their membership with SFMS liability insurance. Because of insurance requirements, members of the GENERAL PUBLIC are NOT invited on this or any DMC program field trips!"*

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*To bring about a closer association of Clubs and Societies devoted to the study of Earth Sciences and the practice of Lapidary Arts and Crafts in the Southeast part of the United States.*

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### EDITOR'S RAMBLINGS

I don't have a lot to say this month, but would like to remind everyone of the following:

- The new *Lodestar* subscription rate of \$10/year (10 issues) is in effect. I am still getting checks and old renewal forms with the old rate of \$7/year.
- There are still spaces available for most of the SFMS sponsored workshops at Wildacres and William Holland Lapidary School. Please support these workshops with your attendance if at all possible. Sign up forms are located in this issue of *Lodestar*.
- The deadline for the April issue of *Lodestar* is March 25, 2005. Don't count on your article being in the issue if you haven't gotten your article to me by then. I continue to add articles after the deadline if I have not completed it for publication. I'm getting faster, therefore, there is less and less time between deadlines and submittal of the issues to the printers.

Here's hoping everyone has a blessed Easter season and looking forward to Spring!

Sincerely,  
Carolyn L. Daniels, *Lodestar* Editor

### OTHER-WORLDLY GEOLOGY

Chelsey Tyler, a 15-year-old, home-schooled Charlotte Gem and Mineral Club member, has been awarded the Grand Prize in The Planetary Society's Huygens Art contest, *Imagining Titan: Artists Peer Beneath the Veil*. Over 430 artists from 35 countries submitted works reflecting their concepts of the view the probe Huygens would encounter upon its descent to Saturn's moon Titan.

Chelsey's winning entry, titled, *Chaos Beneath the Veil*, was done in oil pastel, and featured a very rough terrain and an ominous sky. The judges for the competition were Claudio Sollazzo, European Space Agency representative for the Huygens mission at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL); David Seal, mission planner for the Cassini-Huygens mission at JPL; and Mike Okuda, scenic artist and technical consultant for several Star Trek television series and *The Next Generation* movies. As the Grand Prize Winner, Chelsey and her mother received a trip to Darmstadt, Germany, in January 2005 to visit the European Space Operations Centre during the Huygens descent to Titan, where they witnessed the operations of the Huygens probe.

**Chelsey was a recipient of a SFMS Workshop Scholarship for Juniors in 2004, and attended William Holland this past summer to study lost-wax casting with John Iacullo.**

Chelsey's artwork may be viewed at [http://planetary.org/news/2005/titan\\_art\\_0106.html](http://planetary.org/news/2005/titan_art_0106.html).

Kim Tyler (via email to the editor)

### Quick Tips for Editors

"Words are like diamonds. Polish them too much, and all you get are pebbles." - Bryce Courtenay in *Reader's Digest Quotable Quotes*.

Since we are rockhounds, the above is an apt quote for editors. Sometimes people are afraid to write because they think their grammar is too poor, yet others want an editor to make no changes in what they write.

There is surely a middle ground - we should change as little as possible in what our members write to make their work grammatically correct. At the same time, we want the author's personality and point of view to show through their words. In my opinion, this is what makes an article interesting, and if you actually know the author you can chuckle or weep along with them as you read.

adapted from *Rocky Mountain Federation News* (3/05)  
Author: Linda Jaeger, RMFMS Club Publications Chair

### A MESSAGE FROM OUR 2004 "JUNIOR OF THE YEAR"

RHENA A. SOUTH received her "Junior of the Year - 2004" plaque and gift at the January meeting of the Memphis Archaeological and Geological Society. She promptly wrote the following: "Thank you for the beautiful plaque and the fossil. The fossil is so pretty. Whoever picked it out did a good job."

Sincerely, Rhena South

### YOUTH SFMS SCHOLARSHIPS

The SFMS Junior Workshop scholarships recipients will be announced in the April *Lodestar*. The recipients will be notified soon after March 1st, the deadline for the requests. We will look forward to their articles in the *Lodestar* after they attend the workshop of their choice.

Hugh and Leona Sheffield  
SFMS Youth Resources Committee Chairmen

## SFMS EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Saturday, April 23, 2005

Hosted by

The Memphis Archaeological & Geological Society  
Memphis, TN

### RESERVATION DEADLINE IS APPROACHING

Hotel and Meeting Room

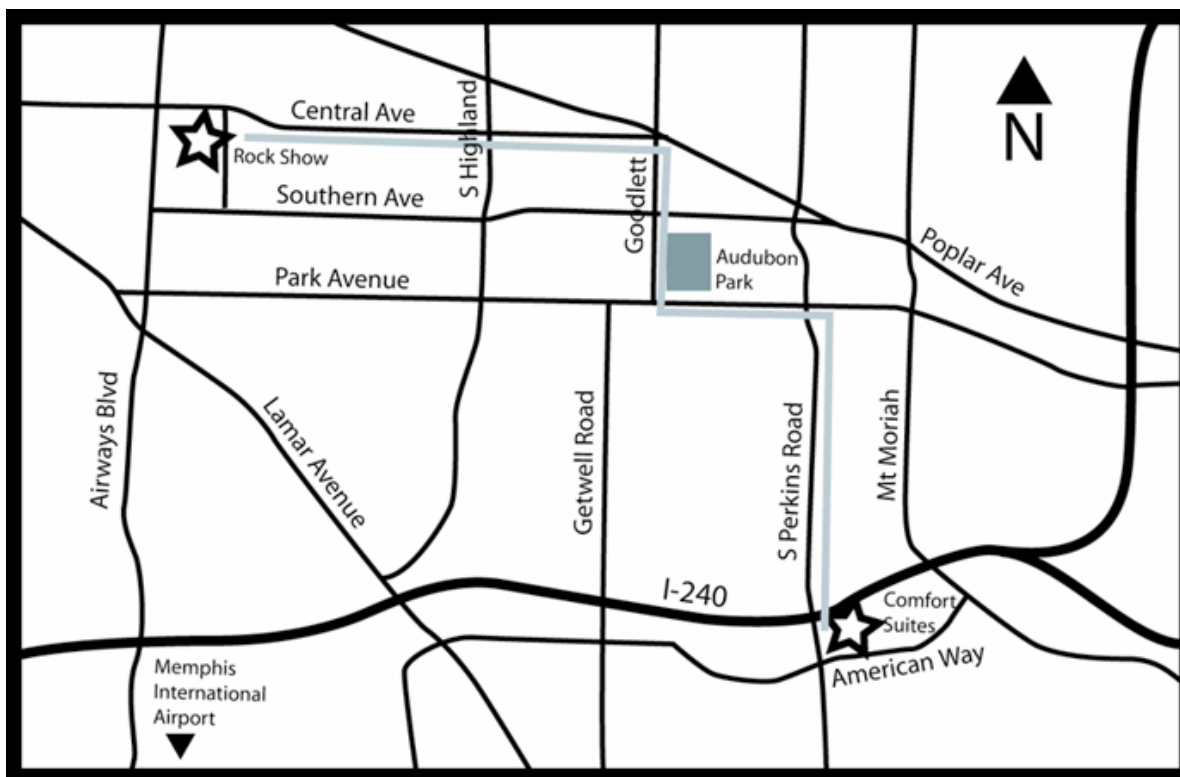
**Comfort Suites Thousand Oaks**

2575 Thousand Oaks Cove  
Memphis, TN

For reservations call: 1.901.365.2575, FAX: 901.368.1617 or E-Mail: [gm.tn397@choicehotels.com](mailto:gm.tn397@choicehotels.com).

For participants to earn the special group rate of \$65.00 for single or double, each reservation must be booked using the Group Name: Southeast Federation. Reservations must be completed prior to March 22, 2005.

Directions to the Comfort Suites and the Rock Show:



The Memphis Archaeological & Geological Society invites Executive Board Meeting participants to attend a complimentary pot luck dinner on Friday, April 22 at 6:30 P.M. featuring famous Memphis Bar-B-Q. Arrangements will also be made for meeting participants to obtain free entrance into the Mid-America Fossil, Mineral and Jewelry Show.

Please see future issues of *Lodestar* for additional information. If you have any questions, please contact Cornelia McDaniels at [cfmcdaniel@worldnet.att.net](mailto:cfmcdaniel@worldnet.att.net) or 901.274.7706.

## HAVING FUN - JUNIOR ACTIVITIES FIRST MERIT BADGES AWARDED - AND OUR FIRST FRA ROCKHOUND

*by Jim Brace-Thompson, Junior Activities Chair*



It gives me much pleasure to introduce you to two young people who hold distinct positions of honor in our new AFMS/FRA Merit Badge Program: Rhena A.V. South and Kristopher J. Helms of the Memphis Archaeology & Geology Society (MAGS). Rhena and Kristopher are the very first juniors in the U.S. to earn FRA

Merit Badges! And not just one badge; Kristopher has earned 4 and Rhena 6. Thus, Rhena also becomes our first junior member to be awarded the FRA "Rockhound" badge! My congratulations to both Rhena and Kristopher. This month's column is dedicated to them.

Rhena, age 9, started picking up pretty rocks when she was 3 and enjoys sharing what she finds and learns. For instance, at a recent club meeting, she made toothpaste from minerals, displayed obsidian, and demonstrated a volcanic eruption. An active Junior Girl Scout, she earned 20 Girl Scout badges and 10 Girl Scout program patches in 2004 alone. She also earned a Lewis & Clark Patch, Earth Science Week Badge, and a Junior Arkansas Naturalist Badge. She won the 2004 Southeast Federation Junior Youth of the Year Award. She was also a finalist in the Earth Science Week Visual Arts Contest for October 2004. Rhena loves the outdoors, reading, animals, sci-fi movies, and playing on the PS2. In addition to her rock collection, she has a collection of 100 purses, including a number of unique antique purses. She likes to go on field trips, to museums, flea markets, antique stores, and the movies and keeps a journal of her varied activities.

Kristopher, age 12, is Rhena's step-brother, and he loves music as well as rocks. He's played the piano since he was 6 and the flute since age 9. He loves animals, especially his cat and dog, and also enjoys doing experiments and building things and always has a project going with one kit or another. He started collecting rocks when he was 8. He doesn't get to go on as many field trips as he would like, but still manages to find time for field trips, visits to museums, PS2 games, travel, and the movies. In addition to earning 4 FRA Merit Badges, he has earned a Lewis & Clark Patch and an Earth Science Week Badge, and joined Rhena in demonstrating how to make toothpaste and with a volcano demonstration to his fellow club members. He wrote his first article about the hobby on dolomite, which will appear in the February issue of the MAGS newsletter. He doesn't want to be called a "pebble pup" by Rhena anymore, so we hope to award him with 2 more FRA Merit Badges in order to see him graduate to official "Rockhound" very soon!

MAGS Youth Director Raynee Randolph and Assistant Youth Director Sherida Helms have planned their activities for 2005 around the FRA Merit Badge Program and spent many hours working out a teaching guide to implement the program with the 10 to 15 kids who normally attend their monthly meetings. They've set the ambitious goal of having a third of their registered junior members as FRA "Rockhounds" by year's end and to get their older members more active as mentors to the younger kids. My thanks and congratulations to them. As you can see by their success with Rhena and Kristopher, they are well on their way, helping their club's kids learn while—as always—having fun!

*from the A.F.M.S. Newsletter (3/05)*

## MEET US IN ST. LOUIS

*by Willis Smith*



The Greater St. Louis Association of Earth Science Clubs, Inc. (GSLAESC) is sponsoring the 2005 AFMS/MWF Annual Show and Convention in West St Louis County on August 16- 21, 2005. The Headquarters Hotel is the Marriott St Louis-West located at 660 Maryville Centre Drive, in Creve Couer, MO. The show is at Queeny Park about 4 miles away located near the City of Ballwin.

Attractions in St. Louis include The Gateway Arch (National Historic Site), Forest Park ( Site of the 1904 Worlds Fair and includes St. Louis Zoo, Science Center, Art Museum, History Museum, and Muny Opera. Other attractions in the area include Grants Farm, Six Flags Over Mid-America, Butter Fly House, Cardinals Baseball, Anheuser Busch Brewery, Shaws Gardens, The Museum of Transport., and the Lewis and Clark Historic Site.

Activities at the headquarters hotel include All AFMS and MWF meetings as well as the past Presidents Luncheon, AFMS/ MWF Awards Banquet and AFMS/MWF Editors Awards Breakfast. The Show is being held in the Greensfelder Recreation Center at Queeny Park. Show setup begins Thursday, August 18. Activities planned for Queeny Park include the MWF Council meeting, AFMS/ MWF Competitive Judging, AFMS/MWF Endowment Fund Auctions, as well as the Show.

The show will feature a variety of retail dealers and we are expecting many special exhibits--including displays from the Missouri Mines Historic Site and The Mastodon Historic Site.

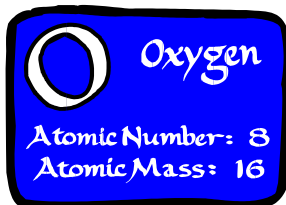
The Convention and Show Co-chairmen are Robert Morse, 636-462-4423 ([rrcode@nothinbut.net](mailto:rrcode@nothinbut.net)) and Willis D. Smith, 314-521-8896 ([rocks-r-us@juno.com](mailto:rocks-r-us@juno.com)). Robert Morse is taking care of the show activities and Willis Smith the rest of the activities.

For a complete schedule of activities, including lodging and field trip information and registration forms, visit the GSLAESC website at <http://convention.stleearthsci.org>,

*from the A.F.M.S. Newsletter (3/05)*

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## OXYGEN KING OF THE MINERAL WORLD

By Michael Wilson

(1st Place, 2004 AFMS Advanced  
Adult Articles & 2nd Place, 2004  
SFMS Advanced Adult Articles)

The most abundant element in the earth's crust is oxygen, at an amazing 46.6% by weight. Silicon, the second most abundant element at 27.7% by weight, combines with oxygen to form the silica tetrahedron. The tetrahedron is four large oxygen atoms held tightly to a much smaller silicon atom. The silica tetrahedron forms the most basic building block for over 90% of all minerals.

Oxygen's electron orbit takes up an enormous amount of space as compared to its weight; so much in fact, that 94% of the earth's crust by volume is oxygen. Yes, an unbelievable 94%, so scientists tell us! With half of the earth's crust being oxygen, and with its large volume, other elements' positions in minerals seem dictated by the oxygen atoms.

I know you think this is amazing, but you are probably wondering where I am going with this. Have you ever wondered why some minerals are transparent after seeing their chemical composition? For example, why are rubies and sapphires transparent with the metal aluminum in them. The answer is oxygen. We know that oxygen is colorless, when it combines with smaller denser metals such as tin in cassiterite, copper in cuprite, zinc in zincite, or aluminum in corundum, it becomes transparent. Even hematite (iron) and rutile (titanium) are translucent in very thin specimens.

Although oxygen is all around us, the oxide minerals are considered to be relatively rare. They are usually restricted to rocks poor in silica. Quartz, which contains the semi-metallic silicon is not an oxide, but a silicate mineral.

Because of oxygen's incredible volume, we can see through many minerals that contain metals. Changing a mineral's color on the other hand, requires few trace elements while still being transparent. So now we know, that it's oxygen which we cannot see, that makes the differences in what we do see.

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from *High Country Gleamings* (9/03)  
via *AFMS Winning Articles 2004 Publication* (7/11/04)

**LEAVERITE** by Francis Sick  
(1st Place, 2004 AFMS Adult Poetry)

I found a rock and brought it home  
Because it was so bright.  
I asked the experts what it is.  
They said, "It's leaverite."

I've looked and looked through all my books  
But nowhere can I find  
More information on my rock.  
It nearly blows my mind.

Ill guess I'll just hang on to it  
Though try hard as I might  
I can't find out any more about  
This mineral, leaverite.



from *Shin-Skinner News* (12/03)  
via *AFMS Winning Articles 2004 Publication* (7/11/04)

### HONOR SOMEONE

by Cathy Gaber, AFMS Club Rockhound Chair

Will the real winner please step forward?

When you look at certain club members, do you ever have the feeling that those people really do a lot for the club? Those people are winners, but others who don't know them have no idea. You can be a winner too by proposing a club member as the AFMS Club Rockhound of the Year. Every club can propose one member or a couple for this honor every year. It's really very simple. All that is needed is:

Club member's name  
Your name (and office if any)  
Your club name and state  
50 words about why the club member deserves to be honored. (Please send in an e-mail message, not as an attachment.)

Send this information to your federation representative, who will send it to me. (See next column). Eastern and Northwest clubs can send it directly to me. Think how special your club member will feel to get this recognition. Send it to your editor to have it printed in your club bulletin, and it will also appear in the regional newsletter and the American Federation newsletter. Don't let your club and your special club members go unrecognized!

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From *A.F.M.S. Newsletter* (3/05)

## Important News Black Mountain, NC Kyanite Location Closed

*by Mike Streeter,  
SFMS North Carolina State Director*

### Attention All rockhounds !!

The Black Mountain Kyanite site listed on page 26 of my book, *A Rockhounding Guide to North Carolina's Blue Ridge Mountains* is now closed to all collecting. On February 14, 2005, I was informed by a local property owner that "rockhounds" have been accessing his property to collect without permission. To make matters far worse, certain individuals had the gall to use a chainsaw to cut trails while others stole boards from a nearby construction site to lay down over wet areas and build small foot bridges.

I can't begin to express my disgust for the complete disregard of common courtesy demonstrated by these fools. These are the types of individuals who sully the reputation of all rockhounds and cause sites to be forever closed. Before these unfortunate events, the owner was more than willing to allow rockhounds to access his property to collect.

On page 18 and 19 of my book, I wrote the following that should be taken to heart by every rockhound:

"Common courtesy and good manners are as important in the field as any equipment. Too many sites still bursting with minerals have been closed forever because of the boorish nature of just one person. A collector would do well to adhere to the following Code of Ethics put forth by the American Federation of Mineral Societies:

1. I will respect both private and public property and will do no collecting on privately owned land without the owner's permission.
2. I will keep informed on all laws, regulations or rules governing collecting on public lands and will observe them.
3. I will, to the best of my ability ascertain the boundary lines of property on which I plan to collect.
4. I will use no firearms or blasting material in collecting areas.
5. I will cause no willful damage to property of any kind – fences, signs, buildings, etc.
6. I will build fires in designated or safe places only and will be certain they are completely extinguished before leaving the area.
7. I will discard no burning material – matches, cigarettes, etc.
8. I will fill all excavation holes which may be dangerous to livestock.

9. I will not contaminate wells, creeks, or other water supply.
10. I will cause no willful damage to collecting material and will take home only what I can reasonably use.
11. I will support the rockhound project H.E.L.P. (Help Eliminate Litter Please) and will leave all collecting areas devoid of litter, regardless of how found.
12. I will cooperate with field trip leaders and those in designated authority in all collecting areas.
13. I will report to my club or federation officers, Bureau of Land Management, or other proper authorities, any deposit of petrified wood or other material on public lands which should be protected for the enjoyment of future generations for public educational and scientific purposes.
14. I will appreciate and protect our heritage of natural resources.
15. I will observe the "Golden Rule," will use "Good Outdoor Manners" and will at all times conduct myself in a manner which will add to the public stature and public "Public Image" of rockhounds everywhere.

The author can not stress enough the importance of obtaining permission to enter private property to rock collect. Too many collecting sites have been closed forever by angry landowners that became upset because negligent rock hounds chose to dig on their properties without permission. How would you react if you looked out your front window and saw someone digging a hole in your front lawn? **YOU MUST OBTAIN PERMISSION TO ACCESS ANY SITE LOCATED ON PRIVATE PROPERTY. PLEASE GET PERMISSION BEFORE YOU ENTER AND DIG!"**

Property access and ownership can change at the mere stroke of a pen or whim of a landowner. Therefore, except for a few sites, no ownership information is provided in this book. However, obtaining permission to enter a property should always be obtained prior to any collecting trip. You should be prepared to track down the owner of a property by knocking on a few doors in the vicinity or by visiting the County courthouse for records. Take time to visit with a property owner to gain his trust. Talk about the weather, his livestock, his family, your family or any other small talk that comes to mind. But, whatever you do, wait until it appears that the owner is losing interest before you ask for permission to access his property to collect. If the owner is a commercial enterprise, he may require a brief safety training session and/or that a waiver be signed before granting permission to enter. If it appears that an owner is reluctant to grant permission, it may be prudent to offer some money for the privilege to collect. But, be careful, offering money is construed by some to be an insult. A "doctorate in psychology might be a real plus for some of the more delicate negotiations."

March 2005

The Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies, Inc.

Please strictly adhere to the code of ethics and obtain permission to collect. We have only ourselves to blame for the closing of yet another site.

Please help me by spreading the word about the closing of the Black Mountain kyanite site.

#### Important Updates:

Immediately after receiving the phone call, I responded with the following actions:

1. The above message was posted on the [McRocks.com](#) message board;
2. The above message was posted on Bob's RockNet message board;
3. The above message was mailed to Carolyn Daniels of the Southeastern Federation of Mineralogical Societies asking that it be printed in the *Lodestar* and all club newsletters throughout the southeast;
4. A message about site closure was added to the Buncombe County Page on [McRocks.com](#).
5. The property owner was informed of my actions within two hours of the initial phone call (See 1-4 above).

It now appears that all is not lost at the Black Mountain kyanite site, as I received a couple positive responses regarding my actions from the representative of the Black Mountain Property owners. The following two messages were posted on my [McRocks.com](#) message board.

#### February 14, 2005:

"Thank you for the prompt response in this matter. I appreciate the reaction and words discussed in prior conversation. It seems the actions taken should be effective. At least it should also be a good lesson learned. As mentioned, the site is harvested by my understanding, but the Don Peck reply about setting up field trips is a good idea. This could be a way to allow future access and would be acceptable to me. It would just need to be cleared with the neighbors as well, and I imagine that would not be a problem. Mr. Streeter knows how to contact me if anyone wants set up an official trip. I would also want that trip leader to be someone cleared by Mr. Streeter as being competent for the job."

#### February 14, 2005:

"I would like to express my sincere thanks to the real rockhound community for your response. Since the issue has been addressed through effective communication, not one person has been seen in my yard. Your organizing skills are impressive. I have great respect for any hobby and it's respectable enthusiasts. For me, it happens to be

music. The criminals on our property I would compare to the idiots who stand outside of concerts with a finger in the air looking for a free ticket, or show up in the parking lot to party with no intention of seeing the show. These are the ones who end up in jail and talked about on the news thereby giving the respectable fans a bad rap at times. I agree those criminals aren't rockhounds the same as I think these idiots aren't true music fans. I still need to talk to my neighbors and probably will this weekend, so keep the possibility of organized trips in mind. Thanks again and happy hounding."

**(Editors: Mike Streeter wants all SFMS individual members to be aware of the consequences of the actions of "rockhounds" on the availability of collecting localities to the rest of us in the hobby. He has requested that all SFMS Society Editors reprint this article in their own society/club newsletters. - SFMS Editor.)**

### WILDACRES LAPIDARY SCHOOL

Wildacres is a beautiful mountain top retreat just off the Blue Ridge Parkway in Little Switzerland, North Carolina. The retreat was started to provide a place for the arts and humanities. The SFMS is granted three weeks each year to provide instruction in the lapidary arts for its members.



So far, the only classes that are full are Beginning Silversmithing in April, Southwestern Silversmithing in August, and Opal Cutting in September. In our April 18-24 session, we still have openings in Beginning Faceting and Intarsia, Cabochons, Chain Making, Fused Glass, Geology and Space Science, Stained Glass, Advanced Wirecraft, and Beginning Wirecraft.

The Blue Ridge Mountains are beautiful in the spring time and most other times. Where else can you get six days of room, board, fellowship and expert instruction for only \$280.00. Information on applying can be found in the *Lodestar*, on the SFMS website at [www.amfed.org/sfms](http://www.amfed.org/sfms), at most SFMS affiliated clubs, or through us at:

864.306.6749  
Bill and Kerri Wetzel  
Wildacres Registrars

*Bill and Kerri Wetzel*

**In addition:** Jeff Sheer's class in August will be Advanced Silversmithing (listed as Metalsmithing) and Dan Haga in September will be teaching Goldsmithing. He was concerned that the "Advanced" in the course description might scare someone off .

*David and Barbara Tuttle  
Wildacres Directors*

### 2005 Wildacres Workshop Registration Form

Session: April August September Accommodations: Lodge Day Student

(A) Mr \_\_\_\_\_ SFMS Club \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name Mrs \_\_\_\_\_  
 Ms \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE PRINT NAME(S) AS YOU WANT IT TO APPEAR ON YOUR NAME TAG

SPELL OUT CLUB NAME INITIALS NOT ACCEPTED

(B) Mr \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name Mrs \_\_\_\_\_  
 Ma \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip

Is this the first time you will attend William Holland? (A) Yes No (B) Yes No

Have you attended any other SFMS Workshop? (A) Yes No (B) Yes No

Do you wish to be placed on Stand-by if there are no vacancies when your application arrives? Yes No

#### Class Choices

First Choice	*	Second Choice	*	Third Choice	*
A	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
B	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>

(\*) Check box if you have previously taken this course at an SFMS Workshop

**Room Assignment for Single Applicants only:**

- 1) Do you have a friend with whom you wish to room?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 2) Do you smoke? \_\_\_\_\_ Do you wish to room with a non-smoking person? \_\_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_\_ no preference.
- 3) Are you an early riser \_\_\_\_\_ or a Night Owl \_\_\_\_\_

**4) Room Request for Physical/Medical Reasons:**

- Please do not ask for a specific lodge or room unless you have a physical or medical reason for doing so. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) *Special Dietary needs:* Diabetic \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE: SMOKING IS NOT ALLOWED IN ANY WILDACRES BUILDING**

### INSTRUCTIONS

- 1) Applications will be accepted beginning on February 15, 2005 for all sessions. The postmark date on or after this determines the order of acceptance. **First-time attendees have an extra priority.**
- 2) **Your Club Membership Dues must be current** and your club's dues to the Federation must also be paid before you will be accepted.
- 3) **Cost per person for this session is \$280**, double occupancy with private bath. (Single room cost is \$420.) **\$115 for day students.** (Meals are not included for day students.)

**A reservation deposit of \$30 must accompany this form.** You may, and are encouraged to, pay the full amount with this application. If the full amount is not paid with this application, **the balance will be due four weeks prior to the workshop. No notice will be sent.**

**4) Cancellation Policy:** There is a \$30 nonrefundable charge to cover administrative costs and an additional \$30 charge for canceling less than 4 weeks before the session begins. No refund will be given for cancellations received less than 7 days before the session. **There are No adjustments for late arrivals or early departures.**

**Amount submitted with application: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

*Make Check Payable to:*

**SFMS Wildacres Workshop**

*Mail check and this form to:*

Kerri and Bill Wetzel

5010 Sunset Drive, Easley, SC 29642

Phone: 864-306-6749 Email: wwetzel@earthlink.net

FOR REGISTRAR'S USE ONLY

Postmark Date:	Check #:
Deposit #:	Amt. Paid: \$
Accept. Mailed:	Balance due: \$
Standby Mailed:	Bal. Check #:
Deposit #:	Bal. Amt. Pd: \$
Cancel Date:	Total Paid: \$
- Cancel. Fee: \$	Refund: \$
Refund Chk #:	Refund Mailed:

## SFMS 2005 Wildacres Workshop at Little Switzerland, NC

### 2005 Workshop Dates

**April.....**Monday, April 18 to Sunday, April 24, 2005

**August** Monday, August 22 to Sunday, August 28, 2005

**September..**Monday, Sept. 19 to Sunday, September 25, 2005

**Wildacres Retreat** is a conference center dedicated in 1946 by I.D. Blumenthal and Madolyn Blumenthal of Charlotte, NC, to the improvement of human relations.

It is situated on 1400 acres at an elevation of 3,300 feet atop a mountain called Pompey's Knob. It is in Little Switzerland, approximately half way between Asheville and Blowing Rock, NC just off the Blue Ridge Parkway.

There are two lodges, a dining hall, where meals are served family style, a library/auditorium building, **mineral and lapidary shops plus a pottery studio.**

#### Fees

**Lodge accommodations:** \$280 per person (double occupancy), including meals. A limited number of single rooms are available at \$420 per person. There are no facilities for camping or Recreational Vehicles.

**Day Students:** \$115 per person, no meals are included. (Individual meals may be purchased directly from the Wildacres Retreat.)

#### Registration Procedures

Applications from members of SFMS clubs will be accepted first; however, members of other AFMS clubs may apply and will be scheduled following SFMS applicants.

Applications will be accepted beginning on February 15, 2005 for all sessions. At that time a \$30 Administrative fee should be submitted. The postmark date on or after this date determines the order of acceptance. **First-time attendees at SFMS Workshops have an extra priority.**

Students under age 18 are welcome, but they must be accompanied by a responsible adult and must be approved by the workshop director and instructor.

#### Reservation Deposit

A deposit of \$30 must accompany all applications. The full amount may be remitted with the application if the applicant wishes. (It is easier for the Registrar.) The balance is due 4 weeks before the workshop begins. No reminders will be sent.

#### Cancellation Policy

There is a \$30 nonrefundable charge to cover administrative costs. An additional \$30 charge will be assessed for cancellations made less than 4 weeks before a session begins. No refund will be returned for cancellations by the student within 7 days of the start of a session. There will be no fee adjustment for late arrival or early departure.

### Workshop Directors

**David and Barbara Tuttle**

85504 Blackmon Road, Yulee, FL 32097

Phone: 904-225-0689 Email: dtt@net-magic.net

### Workshop Registrars

**Kerri and Bill Wetzel**

5010 Sunset Drive, Easley, SC 29642

Phone: 864-306-6749 Email: wwetzel@earthlink.net

### Session 1: April 18-24, 2005

Beginning Faceting and Intarsia	Tom Wilkie
Cabochons	Gerald Burnham
Chain Making	Dee and Bill Conybear
Fused Glass	Jo Harrison
Geology and Space Science	Mike Reynolds
Silversmithing, beginning	Bill Cady
Stained Glass	Julia Larson
*Wirecraft, advanced	Ruth Ann Moore
Wirecraft, beginning	Lisa Roberts

### Session 2: August 22-28, 2005

Beading and Design, traditional	Addy DePietro
Southwestern Silversmithing	Dan Haga
Faceting, beginning	Dave Lonser
Gem Appreciation	Ben Smith
Lost-Wax Casting, beginning	Fred Sias
*Silversmithing, advanced	Jeff Sheer
Opal cutting	Joe DePietro
Precious Metal Clay (Level 1)	Ken and Mary Ann Devos
Raku Pottery	Cindy McDowell
Wirecraft, beginning	Ruth Ann Moore
*Wirecraft, advanced Sculpture	Lisa Roberts

### Session 3: September 19-25, 2005

Beginning Faceting and Intarsia	Tom Wilke
Gem Appreciation	Ben Smith
Glass Beadmaking	Cheryl Ashley
*Goldsmithing	Dan Haga
Opal cutting	Sara Lee Boyce
*Precious Metal Clay (Level 2)	Ken and Mary Ann Devos
Raku Pottery	Cindy McDowell
Silversmithing, beginning	Cathy Cawthorne
Stained Glass	Julia Larson
Wirecraft, beginning	Lisa Roberts

\*Note: Advanced courses with prerequisites are designated with an asterisk .

# SFMS 2005 William Holland Workshop at Young Harris, Georgia

## 2005 Workshop Dates

**June**.....Sunday, June 12 to Saturday, June 18, 2005

**October**..Sunday, October 9 to Saturday, October 15, 2005

Check in is on Sunday after 3 p.m. and departure is Saturday morning after breakfast.

The William Holland School of Lapidary Arts is situated on a mountain in north Georgia near the North Carolina border. The facility includes a two-story main building known as the Sparks Lodge. The upper level is motel-like with 29 air-conditioned bedrooms, with private baths and two beds. Two rooms are equipped for the handicapped.

The lower, ground level houses 13 classrooms, the kitchen, and dining room. This floor is completely air-conditioned, and a new elevator permits easy access to both floors.

There are two other buildings that make up the retreat complex: the Seabolt Building, which houses the George Kasper Memorial Library as well as showers and restroom facilities for the campground, and Mary Lou's Cottage, built in 2001, to house the instructional staff. The campground has 10 full hook-up spaces for RV's up to 40 feet in length.

### Fees

**Lodge accommodations:** \$280 per person, including meals. **Single room:** add \$140 (\$420).

**Day Students:** \$115 per person, no meals are included. **Campground Students:** \$98 hookup, \$115 per person for classes. No meals are included but are available directly from the retreat.

### Registration Procedures

Applications from members of SFMS clubs will be accepted first; however, members of other AFMS clubs may apply and will be scheduled following SFMS applicants.

Applications will be accepted beginning on February 15, 2005 for both sessions. The postmark date on or after this date determines the order of acceptance.

**First-time attendees have an extra priority.**

Students under age 18 are welcome, but they must be accompanied by a responsible adult and must be approved by the workshop director and instructor.

### Reservation Deposit

**A non-refundable administrative fee of \$30 must accompany all applications.** The full amount may be remitted with the application if the applicant wishes. (It is easier for the Registrar.) The balance is due 4 weeks before the workshop begins. **No reminders will be sent.**

## Cancellation Policy

There is a \$30 nonrefundable charge to cover administrative costs. An additional \$30 charge will be assessed for cancellations made less than 4 weeks before a session begins. No refund will be returned for cancellations within 7 days of the start of a session. A minimum of three students must be enrolled in a particular class to support the cost of the class. No fee will be charged if a class is canceled. No adjustment will be made for late arrival or early departure.

### Workshop Director

Pat Davis

4642 North Street

St. Petersburg, FL 33713

Phone: 727-323-2147 Email: rocksnbears@hotmail.com

### Workshop Registrar

Dana and Ray Gonzalez

6226 Seaton Drive

Columbus, GA 31909

## Session 1: June 13-19, 2006

Cabochon, beginning	Gene Baxter
Chainmaking, beginning	Dee/Bill Conybear
Chanelwork	Don Monroe
Fused Glass	Addy DePietro
Lost-wax Casting	Bill Harr
Opal cutting	Joe DePietro
Silversmithing, advanced*	Dan Haga
Silversmithing, beginning	Allen Jewell
Stained Glass	Julia Larson
Wirecraft, intermediate*	Betty Baxter
Wirecraft, Sculpture*	Lisa Roberts

## Session 2: October 9-15, 2005

Chain making, beginning	John Runkle
Fused Glass	Addy DePietro
Jewelry Repair*	Dan Haga
Lost-wax Casting	Fred Sias
Mineral Identification	Bruce Siegfried
Opal Cutting	Joe DePietro
Seed Beading	Jo Harrison
Silversmithing, beginning	Mack Thornton
Wirecraft, advanced*	Dawn Thornton
Wirecraft, beginning	Lisa Roberts

**Note: \* indicates advanced course with prerequisites.**



## North Carolina Gold Festival

Hello,

This is to let your clubs know that the NC Gold Foundation, Inc, (a non-profit corporation formed to educate the new and older generations about the golden heritage of our great state), is hosting the 2nd Gold Festival held in Marion NC on April 9, 2005 at the Tom Johnson Rally Park. This year we will also be adding Gems & Mineral Displays to the event, such as a display of "Hiddenite" . We will also be having a gigantic treasure hunt for the metal detector enthusiasts, gold panning , demos, exhibits, vendors, music, and lots of different foods. If anyone is interested in participating in this event you may contact us at [ncgold.org](http://ncgold.org). IF possible could you post an announcement of this event on your upcoming events page.



*Thank You,  
Elizabeth McCormick, NC Gold Foundation*

**THIS DIG IS OPEN TO ALL SFMS CLUBS.  
Mark your May calendars and tell all your members  
about this great event!**

### Contact Information:

Clarence Norman Jr. - 706.359.3862 (his business) or  
706.359.2381 (his home)

### DIRECTIONS:

**From Atlanta's I-285, take I-20 east to the exit for Washington, GA SR 78 (SR 10, SR 17) and turn left. Travel north to Washington, turn right onto SR 378 and drive 11 miles to the Graves Mountain area. The entrance to Graves Mountain is on your right about 8/10 mile past the Lincoln county line sign. The entrance is a paved road that goes through a gate and up a hill. There will be some one at the gate to hand out a liability release form to sign and to take a donation for the portable bathrooms, etc.**

## Graves Mountain "Rock Swap and Dig" for 2005

8:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M., Friday, May 13, 2005  
8:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M., Saturday, May 14, 2005  
(HOT FOOD/drinks, Saturday, May 14, 2005)  
8 am to 6 pm, Sunday, May 15, 2005

8:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M, Friday, October 7, 2005  
8 am to 6 pm 8:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M., Saturday, October  
8, 2005  
(HOT FOOD/drinks, Saturday, October 8, 2005)  
8:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M., Sunday, October 9, 2005

**"Your society is invited to field collect minerals at  
Georgia's premiere mineral location!"**

The SFMS Field Trip Committee has been in contact with the caretaker in charge of Graves Mountain, Junior Norman, in regard to his plans to hold a three day dig and rock swap on the Mountain during May 13-14-15, 2005. He will have the mountain open to collecting from 8 am to 6 pm each day. All participants must stop at the welcome table to sign a liability release and make a small contribution to defray the cost of opening the mountain and providing port-o-lets. There will be several golf carts available to transport those participants who have trouble walking long distances. The dig will cease and everyone is expected to be off the mountain by around 6 pm each day. Participants will be allowed to park in a designated area on the mountain.

### Rock Swap and Hot Food/Drinks:

Junior will set aside an area in the parking lot for tables to be setup for a daily rock swap. Anyone who would like to setup a table(s), please contact Junior at the phone numbers listed below. Hot food cooked on the grill or BBQ will be available for purchase on the mountain during Saturday, May 14, 2005. Cold drinks will also be available for purchase.

### SFMS Field Trip Committee:

Please reply by e-mail to: [dmc@gamineral.org](mailto:dmc@gamineral.org), Jim  
Flora - SFMS Field Trip Committee Chair

### Graves Mountain code of conduct!

- Park your vehicle in the designated area(s) only.
- **CHILDREN WILL BE ALLOWED DURING THE "Rock Swap and Dig" IF EACH CHILD IS UNDER ADULT SUPERVISION!**
- ALL pets must be kept under control and on a leash.
- The Graves Mountain caretaker, Clarence Norman Jr., has final and absolute say as to where you may safely work.
- Ladders or power tools of any kind will not be allowed. (HAND TOOLS ONLY!)
- STAY AWAY FROM ALL HIGH WALLS!!
- NO REPELLING OFF OF ANYTHING!
- NO ONE IS ALLOWED TO DRIVE THEIR VEHICLE ON ANY PART OF GRAVES MOUNTAIN BEYOND THE PARKING AREA! (The caretaker must accompany anyone driving beyond the parking area!)

**EVERYONE NEEDS TO BE OFF THE MOUNTAIN BY DUSK. (Absolutely no one is allowed on Graves Mountain after dark.)**

Please protect our ability to field collect at Graves Mountain!

Report Violations to: Clarence Norman, Jr.  
706.359.3862 (his business) or 706.359.2381 (his home.)

*All reported violations will be held in strict confidence.*

### SFMS EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING (SUMMER 2005)

Hosted by  
Henderson County Gem & Mineral Society  
Hendersonville, North Carolina  
Saturday, September 3, 2005

**Motel: Quality Inn & Suites**  
201 Sugarloaf Road  
Hendersonville, NC 28792

For reservations: 1.800.581.4745  
Must use code: SFMS for special rate of  
1 night: \$79.99 + tax  
3+ nights: \$74.99 + tax  
good through August 2, 2005

Motel amenities include full breakfast, lounge, indoor pool, Jacuzzi, sauna, workout facility, game room, and putt-putt golf.

### DIRECTIONS TO QUALITY INN & SUITES

**Traveling North or South on I-26:** Exit 49A east onto Route 64 East. At traffic light take right onto Sugarloaf Road, where road veers left go right up hill to Quality Inn & Suites.

### DIRECTIONS TO Site FOR EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING AT PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING

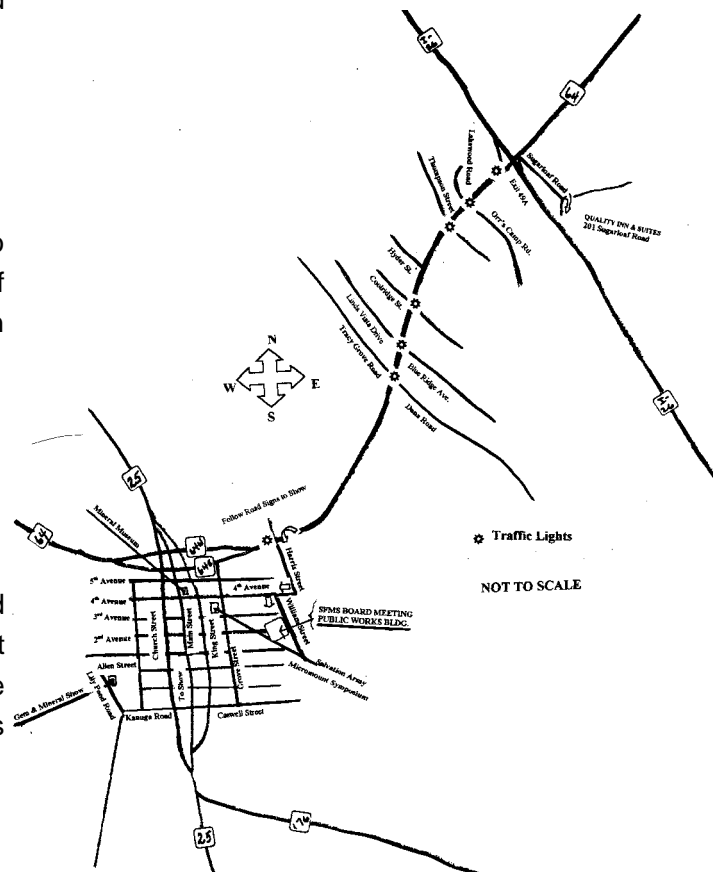
Left at traffic light onto Route 64 West toward Hendersonville. At 7th traffic light, Harris Street, turn left to dead end of street then right onto 4th Avenue. Take next left onto Williams Street. The Public Works Building is located on the right side of the street.

### DIRECTIONS TO GEM & MINERAL SHOW

**Traveling to show from Quality Inn & Suites:** Left at traffic light onto Route 64 West toward Hendersonville. Continue on Route 64 West to Route 25 South (Church Avenue). Continue on Route 25 South in right lane to Kanuga Road then right onto Kanuga Road then right onto Lily Pond Road and Whitmire Activity Building on right.

### DIRECTIONS TO MICROMOUNT SYMPOSIUM SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2005 HOURS: 8:30 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

**From Executive Board meeting site:** Left out of parking lot onto William Street then left at 4th Avenue to Grove Street. Salvation Army building located on Grove Street between 3rd and 4th Avenues.



# LOOKING AHEAD

## 2004/2005 REGIONAL FEDERATION SHOWS & CONVENTIONS

### California Federation

Hosts: Roseville Rock Rollers  
Roseville, California  
June 10-12, 2005

### Eastern Federation

Hosts: Che-Hanna Rock and Mineral Club  
Sayre, Pennsylvania  
March 19-20, 2005 (Federation Annual Meeting on March 18)

### Midwest Federation & American Federation

Hosts: Greater St. Louis Assoc. of Earth Science Clubs  
St. Louis, Missouri  
August 16-20, 2005

### Northwest Federation Annual Convention & Show

Hosts: Willamette Agate and Mineral Society  
Albany, Oregon  
August 5-7, 2005

### Rocky Mountain Federation Annual Convention & Show

Hosts: Colorado Springs Mineralogical Society  
Colorado Springs, Colorado  
June 17-19, 2005

### South Central Federation Annual Convention & Show

Hosts: Austin Gem & Mineral Society  
Austin, Texas  
December 2-4, 2005

### Southeast Federation Annual Convention & Show

Hosts: The Canaveral Mineral & Gem Society  
Melbourne, FL  
November 12-13, 2005, 2004

## CLUB & SOCIETY SHOWS/SWAPS

(check with show contact for admission charges, if any)

March 4-6, 2005, Largo, FL –Suncoast Gem & Mineral Society, 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Gem & Mineral Show, Minnreg Building, 6340 126<sup>th</sup> Avenue N. Hours: 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 A.M.-6:00 P.M.; 6<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M. Contact: Sue Black @ 727.345.8994 or [sueblack@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:sueblack@tampabay.rr.com).

**NEW DATES:** March 4-6, 2005, Augusta, GA - Aiken Gem, Mineral and Fossil Society with the Augusta Gem and Mineral Society. Gem & Mineral Show. Julian Smith Casino, 2200 Broad Street Augusta, GA 30904. Hours: 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 A.M.-7:00 P.M.; 6<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M. Email contact: [wkw@bellsouth.net](mailto:wkw@bellsouth.net)

March 18-20, 2005, Rome, GA - Rome, Georgia Mineral Society. Gem & Mineral Show. Anthony Recreation Center (Garden Lakes Gym). Hours: 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.; 20<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Show contact: Jose Santamaria, 706.233.9829, 770.386.0576 ext. 401 or [jose@weinmanmuseum.org](mailto:jose@weinmanmuseum.org).

April 15-17, 2005, Gulfport, MS - Harrison County Gem & Mineral Society, Inc. 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Gem and Mineral, Jewelry & Fossil Show. Jones Park's Robert Rice Pavilion. Hours: All days, 9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Contact: Billy E. Wood at 228.863.6312.

April 23-24, 2005, Memphis, TN.-Memphis Archaeological and Geological Society. 26<sup>th</sup> annual Mid-America Mineral, Fossil, Jewelry Show. Pipkin Building, Midsouth Fairgrounds(corner of East Parkway and Central Avenue). Hours: 23<sup>rd</sup>, 9:00 A.M.-6:00 P.M.; 24<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M.. Contact: W.C. McDaniel, 901.274.7706, or [cfmcdaniel@worldnet.att.net](mailto:cfmcdaniel@worldnet.att.net). **All members of a SFMS club will be admitted free to show with proof of club membership. This is associated with the first SFMS board meeting of the year.**

May 6 - 8, 2005, Marietta, GA- The Georgia Mineral Society. 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Gem and Mineral Mother's Day Weekend Show. Cobb County Civic Center, 548 S. Marietta Pkwy. (at Fairground St.). Hours: 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 A.M.-6:00 P.M.; 8<sup>th</sup>, Noon-5:00 P.M. Contact: Jay Gorday, 1690 Granger Ct., Chamblee, GA, 30341; 770.986.0822, or email to [maysow@gamineral.org](mailto:maysow@gamineral.org), website: <http://gamineral.org>.

June 4-5, 2005, Birmingham, AL - Alabamam Mineral & Lapidary Society. 32<sup>nd</sup> Tannehill Gem, Mineral, Fossil, and Jewelry Show. From Birmingham, take I-20/59S to Exit 100 or Exit 1 off I-459 and follow the signs. Hours: 9:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M. Contact: Rick Kittinger, 1612 Colesburg Circle, Hoover, AL 35226, [rickkittinger@bellsouth.com](mailto:rickkittinger@bellsouth.com).

September 2-5, 2005, Hendersonville, NC - Henderson County Gem and Mineral Society. 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Gem and Mineral Spectacular & Sale. Whitmire Activity Building, Lily Pond Road. Hours: 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>: 10:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M., 5<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Contact: Margaret L. Johnson, P.O. Box 6391, Hendersonville, NC 28739-6391, 828.692.1249, and email at [mgt.j.ed@brinet.com](mailto:mgt.j.ed@brinet.com). **The summer SFMS board meeting is associated with this show.**

September 3, 2005, Hendersonville, NC - Henderson County Gem and Mineral Society. 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Micromount Symposium. Salvation Army Building, Grove Street between 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Avenues. Hours: 8:30 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. Contact: Emily Adams, 355 Pelham Road, Greenville, SC 29615, 864.271.3877.

September 24-25, 2005, Hiddenite, NC. Western Piedmont Mineral and Gem Society. 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Hiddenite Gem & Mineral Show. Hiddenite Educational Complex, Sulpher Springs Road. Hours: 24<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M., 24<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 Noon - 6:00 P.M. Contact: Patty Arnold at 828.465.2769. **Rock Swap on Sunday, the 24<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 Noon to 6:00 P.M.**

October 1-2, 2005, Lexington, KY - Rockhounds of Central Kentucky. 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Show. National Guard Armory, Airport Road. Hours: 1<sup>st</sup>, 10:00 A.M.-6:00 P.M.; 2<sup>nd</sup>, 12:00 Noon--5: P.M. Contact: Bekki Miracle at (502) 868.0258.

October 21-23, 2005, Knoxville, TN - Knoxville Gem and Mineral Society. 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Gem, Mineral and Jewelry Show. Kerbela Temple at 315 Mimosa Avenue. Hours: 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>: 10:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.; 23<sup>rd</sup>, 11:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Contacts: Travis Paris at 865.691.8228 and Eileen Price at 865.694.4071.

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