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UPCOMING FIELD TRIP

October 20, 2007: Lafarge Cement Quarry, Harleyville/Holly Hill Area, SC; hosted by the Lowcountry Gem and Mineral Society (Charleston, SC) for Eocene marine fossils. Reservations required, limited to first 40 reservations.

November 10, 2007: Nantahala Talc and Limestone Quarry, Hewitt, NC; hosted by Southern Appalachian Mineral Society for banded pink, gray and yellow marble, calcite, dolomite, pyrite, travertine and talc.

December 1, 2007: Amos Cunningham Farm, Due West/Antreville Area, SC (fee site); hosted by Western South Carolina Gem & Mineral Society (Greenville, SC) for beryl crystals, amethyst and smoky quartz.

See your local club newsletter for additional information on the above field trip.

"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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SFMS OFFICER NOMINATIONS

Having considered the positions available, the membership of SFMS and recommendations from some of the members, the nominating committee presents the following slate for 2008.

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*Respectfully submitted,
Nominations Committee:*

*Beryl Ferguson, Jim Flora, Marty Hart, Anita Westlake,
Dee Conybear, Alternate, and Ann Monroe, Chairman*

PUBLICATIONS CHAIR REPORT

New changes to your directory are as follows:

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A Non-Profit, Non-Commercial, Non-Political Organization and Regional Federation of the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies

PURPOSE:

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.

OBJECTIVE:

To cooperate with similar Federations to promote public interest in the Earth Sciences and the conservation of natural resources.

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(No exceptions!)**

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SOUTHEAST FEDERATION OF MINERALOGICAL SOCIETIES ANNUAL MEETING

HOSTED BY
MISSISSIPPI GULF COAST GEM AND MINERAL SOCIETY
AND
HARRISON COUNTY GEM AND MINERAL SOCIETY
Saturday, November 10, 2007

Hotel: Super 8 located on north side of Highway 90. Take I-10 west to I-110 South, then go west on Highway 90 for about 2 miles. Rate is \$49.99 each night. Rates are valid per room, per night plus tax. **Reservations must be made by August 31st for this special rate.** The address is 1870 Beach Blvd., Biloxi, MS 39531; the phone number is 228.385.7919 (Office) or 228.385.7925 (Fax).

Campgrounds: There are camping facilities in the area at Martin Lake Resort, 1405 E. Parker Road, Ocean Springs, MS (228.875.9157) and Baywood Campgrounds Inc., 1100 Cowan Road, Gulfport, MS (228.896.4840).

Show Information: The Annual Magnolia Gem and Mineral Show will be sponsored by The Mississippi Gulf Coast Gem and Mineral Society. Show times: Friday, November 9, 9:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.; Saturday, November 10, 9:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.; Sunday, November 11, 10:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Free admission and Parking. The show will be held at the Jackson County Fair Grounds at the Civic Center.

Meeting: The meeting will be held in the Hotel Conference Room, at 9:00 A.M., registration will begin at 8:30 A.M.

Banquet: The banquet will be Saturday, November 10, 2007 at 7:00 P.M. at the host hotel. The meal will be buffet style. Reservations must be made by October 1, 2007 and the check should be made out to Harrison County Gem and Mineral Society, in the amount \$22.00 per person and send c/o Margaret Johnston, P.O. Box 3028, Bay St. Louis, MS. 39521.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ **Number Attending** _____

Amount Enclosed _____

Be Safe – Be Well

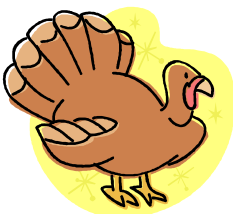
Safety Committee – Don Monroe, Chairman

(Note: This article highlights problems but does not have solutions to offer.)

Catch It? Should you?

In this article we will discuss issues that are influenced by habit, reflex action or human nature. All of these are things which we may, or may not, be able to control.

To illustrate the point let me tell you about my friend Bernard and what he did. We were riding in my jeep down a dirt road in a game preserve when a wild turkey jumped up in the ditch and began running down the edge of the road between the road and a fence. We were moving very slowly and before I could stop him, Bernard bailed out and started chasing the big gobbler. He cornered the turkey in an offset in the fence and piled right into him thinking that he could catch him and ignoring the beating wings and spurs on the turkey's feet. I was yelling and trying to stop the jeep and could not stop the attack which now was a big rolling ball of turkey feathers and Bernard's hair and blood. The fray ended very suddenly with the indignant turkey stalking off leaving my friend wondering what happened. What can we learn from this. Stop, think, and know what you are doing rather than reacting from instinct.



Do you drop things? Do you try to catch them with your hands or slow the fall with your foot? This is instinct or habit and can create a problem if what you dropped is hot or sharp or hazardous in any way. I tend to extend my foot when something falls and it is not always the smart thing to do. I recently dropped a very sharp knife off my work bench and stuck out my foot to break its fall. Not a bad idea except that I was not wearing shoes. I only got a small amount of blood on the floor. I have dropped hot metal and, yes I did, I reached out and caught it. This action was based on reflex, not thought and was not a good idea.



What is the answer? How can we avoid needless injuries? I really do not know. I will not believe that I am the only klutz that does stupid things. I really think that some of you do similarly without even thinking and may suffer minor injuries. Well, I certainly hope your injuries are minor. My best thought is that we all need to plan our work and organize our work place. We need to see problems before they arise and take measures to prevent accidents.

I hope that some of you can offer suggestions or comments about what you do to preserve your health and safety so we can all benefit from your experience and not have to "re-invent the wheel".

WORKSHOP REPORT

Plans are nearly complete for the 2008 workshop schedule. It will be printed in the Lodestar and available online during the coming months. We have officially withdrawn from the April session at Wildacres, but I have been told that we may be able to hold a spring session sometime in the future, should a time arise when we could have a single week from beginning to end,

Enlisting instructors seems to get harder each year. I have actually heard some folks say outright they would never again consider teaching for the Federation. Reasons for this include location and terrain, which we cannot control; equipment problems, which we are working to correct; and, most shocking, a general lack of good manners from our students. Some of these comments I can shrug off, but I regret to say that I have noticed an increase in rudeness and incivility at some of our workshop sessions.

Returning equipment that is not properly cleaned, leaving trash in bedrooms, not placing dirty sheets and towels in the assigned spots, talking during announcements – these are little things that add up quickly. At times, students have come late to class, monopolized the instructor's time, even barged into a class they haven't registered (or paid) for. In the worst instances, some folks have been openly rude to instructors and staff members, and run them down to other attendees.

Of course, not everyone is guilty of bad behavior; however, you know what they say about bad apples. It only takes a few to spoil the whole experience for instructors as well as other students.

What can the Education Committee or workshop directors and registrars do about this? The answer is, unfortunately – *absolutely nothing*. It is up to YOU – and ME – and EACH AND EVERY SINGLE ONE OF US to ensure that our own behavior reflects courtesy, civility and kindness. We all have our bad days, but please leave them at home when you come to a workshop.

Respect your instructors. They are VOLUNTEERS. They are not paid to teach at our workshops. They come because they love our hobby and want to help us become better at it. Remember that we are *guests* of Wildacres and William Holland. Their staff is here to make your stay comfortable and pleasant, not to be receptacles for your gripes. Pick up that piece of litter even if you didn't drop it. Recycle those aluminum cans at the facilities. Treat the equipment as though it were your own. Smile and be courteous and pleasant to those around you. These are such simple things, but they will make such a big difference in our world.

That's all I'm saying.

Julia Larson, SFMS Education Chairman

**SFMS YOUTH RESOURCES
Junior of the Year (JOY) Competition**

October will be a busy month for our youth who have been working toward the "JOY" award. The criteria are to be completed by October 31, 2007 and postmarked by the 5th of November. It is not too late to get a copy of the criteria, by calling us at 251-865-9157 or emailing Bonita at bonitaharris@netzero.net. The winner will be announced at the annual SFMS Banquet in Biloxi, MS in November 2007. A plaque and gift will be presented at that time. (See pages 6 through 8 of this issue of *Lodestar* for criteria and application.)

As we are eager to read about what your youth have been doing this year, please send those forms early in November.

*Ed and Bonita Harris
SFMS Your Resources Committee*

Youth Activity Ideas

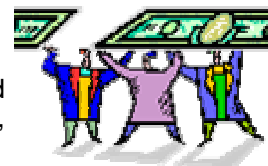
Are you looking for activities for your Junior Rockhound members? Here are some tried and true ideas. Some are self-explanatory, but others will be explained in more detail in upcoming *Lodestars*.

Junior Rockhound Activities

- Auctions – Use Real or Earned "Rock" Money
- Be Officer of Junior Club
- Cut Slabs/Cabs (usually for youth 14 Years and older)
- Earn "Rock Money"
- Easter Egg Hunts (Candy and Rock Specimens)
- Enter "Rock Shows"
- Field Trips
- 4-H or State Fair Exhibit
- Gather Specimen Collection
- Junior Rockhound Country Store
- Learn Other Lapidary Arts
- Learn Mineral/Rock Specimens
- Learn Wirecraft
- Make Mineral/Rock Booklets
- Make Bracelets
- Make Fossil Molds
- Make Gem Trees
- Make Rock/Gem Critters
- Make Sand Bottles
- Mineral/Rock Identification Tests
- Mini-Mines
- Pan For Gold
- Play Games (Rock Tic-Tac-Toe, Matching, Etc.)
- Present Program at Junior Meetings

- Put Together Exhibits
- Receive Door Prizes
- Report for Club Bulletin
- Operate a Rock and Mineral Junior "Store"
- Sand Painting
- Show and Tell
- Sift for Specimens
- Study Mineral ID
- Swap Specimens with Friends
- Tumble Rocks
- Washing and Sorting Rocks

**REMINDER FROM THE
TREASURER**



The SFMS accounting period ends with the calendar year, December 31, 2007.

Please submit your requests for expense reimbursements in a timely manner.

Unused budgeted funds are not carried over from year to year.

*Thank you,
Ken Anderson
SFMS Treasurer*



APPLICATION FOR SFMS JUNIOR OF THE YEAR 2007

NAME _____ AGE _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN _____

I, _____, certify that I am a member in good standing of the _____ Gem and Mineral Club, which is a member of the Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies. I am a paid member throughout the calendar Year 2007. All of the points on this application are for activities between November 1, 2006 and October 31, 2007. All entries are true and correct.

PRESIDENT OF THE SPONSORING CLUB

I _____, as President of the sponsoring Club believe that all the points recorded in this application are true and correct.

PARENT/ GUARDIAN SIGNATURE _____

ALL MATERIAL MUST BE COMPLETED BY OCTOBER 31, 2007

ALL MATERIAL MUST BE POSTMARKED BY NOVEMBER 5, 2007

THE JUNIOR OF THE YEAR (JOY) WINNER WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN THE DECEMBER 2007 *LODESTAR* AND AT THE 2007 SFMS ANNUAL MEETING! GOOD LUCK!

SFMS JUNIOR OF THE YEAR 2007 CRITERIA

NOTE: On a separate sheet(s) of paper, list and identify/describe activities and the points attained for each individual activity (i.e. #2 Adult meetings attended: May 2005 (5 points), July 2005 (2 points) etc.).

- 1. Must be a current, paid Junior member of a club in the Southeast Federation, 5 points....._____points
- 2. Must attend at least one adult meeting, 5 points....._____points
Attendance at additional adult meetings, 2 points each....._____points
(5 points if there is no Junior meeting available to attend)
- 3. Attendance at Junior meetings/workshops, 5 points each....._____points
Serving as an officer, committee member or presenter 5 points each meeting_____points
- 4. Attendance at a Gem and Mineral Club Show other than your own. Show must be recognized by an organized Club or one of the major federations. (Obtain and save show ticket or program), 10 points....._____points

NOTE: Attendance at a primarily rock, gem, mineral, fossil, or earth science museum, National Park, or other exhibit related to our hobby will be considered a "show". Enter points above, 10 points each

- 5. Participation in a Gem and Mineral Club sponsored (or Dixie Mineral Council sponsored) field trip, including Junior Club field trips, 15 points each....._____points
- 6. Participation in a family field trip or field trip with a group other than those listed above, 10 points per trip....._____points
- 7. In keeping with the "Each one Teach one" program, a Junior club member can earn 10 points per occasion for sharing our hobby with others by teaching them a defined skill (example - Gem tree making at your club show or presenting a program)....._____points
- 8. In the spirit of sharing our hobby and encouraging growth of the clubs in our Federation, a Junior may earn 5 points for sponsoring a new Junior or adult member and an additional 5 points for attending a meeting to introduce them_____points

NOTE: Articles accepted by the Editor but not yet published by October, 2006 can be counted for this or next year, but for one year only.

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SFMS JUNIOR OF THE YEAR 2007 CRITERIA

(Continued)

9. Publication of a well-researched educational article on some phase of our hobby or the earth sciences in your club bulletin. Accuracy of information and references required. 25 points_____points

10. Publication of a report in your club bulletin on a Junior Club meeting, workshop or field trip, 10 points each_____points

11. A Junior Club member winning a regional or national award for articles published in a club bulletin and submitted for competition will receive 25 points for each such recognition....._____points

NOTE: You may receive points for publication of an article one year and receive points for the same article for recognition the next year....._____points

12. Junior sharing our hobby at schools or in other groups by making a presentation may receive 5 points for each presentation if a written verification is obtained at the time from the adult in charge....._____points

13. Junior recognized in school, regional or state Science Fairs for exhibits related to our hobby or to Federation purposes will receive 20 points per recognition....._____points

14. Junior having an exhibit in your club show, 20 points per exhibit....._____points

15. Junior working at the annual club show will receive 5 points for each hour verified work period....._____points

TOTAL POINTS_____

For a possible tie breaker describe any other hobby related information regarding publications, activities, or recognitions achieved this past year that might help us evaluate your enthusiasm for winning this JOY award.

**SFMS APPLICATON FOR MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL
INSTRUCTION SHEET FOR YEAR 2008**

Club/Society Name _____

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL: Due January 1, 2008 through January 31, 2008

In compliance with SFMS By-laws Article I, Section 2, and Article VIII, Section 1, member clubs/societies desiring to renew membership are required to submit to Membership Secretary the following:

Completed Membership Renewal Application

Annual Dues Check (No cash please), based on total members, both Adults & Juniors, on Club/Society rolls as of December 31, 2007.

Annual Dues:Total Number of Adult Members _____

Total Number of Junior Members _____

*Total Dues Enclosed @ \$1.00 per member _____

Mail Check, payable to the Southeast Federation along with your Renewal Application and a current List of your members to the following address:

Ray Behr
SFMS MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY
200 Mica Circle
Franklin, NC 28734

According to SFMS By-laws, Article VIII, Section 1 ---

Membership renewals are due between January 1, 2008 through January 31, 2008, and are delinquent as of February 1, 2008. Delinquent clubs/societies forfeit voting rights at the next Annual Meeting, use of Slide Programs, the right to participate in the Federation’s sponsored third-party liability insurance program, the rights of their members to participate in DMC field trips, the rights of their members to attend SFMS sponsored workshops, and receipt of Lodestar, the SFMS federation newsletter. A club/society delinquent membership may be reinstated to full SFMS Membership upon payment of all dues and fees in arrears before March 1, 2008. Any club/society not paying all dues and fees in arrears before March 1, 2008, will be dropped from federation rolls. They may be readmitted as a new club/society by submission of an Application for Membership.

*Does not include insurance fees which will be billed separately.

SFMS APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL 2008 -- DUE JANUARY 1, 2008
GENERAL INFORMATION

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY

Name of Club/Society _____
Club Mailing Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Club/Society Internet URL _____ Email _____
Meeting Place (facility) _____ Day _____ Time _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Bulletin Name _____
Published: Monthly _____ Bimonthly _____ Quarterly _____ Other _____
Editor _____
Phone number _____ Email _____
Street Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Name of Federation Liaison in your Club/Society _____
Email _____ Street Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Person in your Club/Society to receive renewal form(s) for next year
Name _____ Email _____
Street Address _____ Telephone _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Do you wish to participate in the optional third party insurance program? yes___ no___
Person to receive insurance forms _____
Phone number _____ Email _____
Street Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____

ELECTED OFFICIALS

(List all officers Elected by membership vote & title of office held)

Month Officers Elected _____ Month Officers take office _____
Officers are elected: Annually _____ Other (be specific) _____

President _____
Phone number _____ Email _____
Street Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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 Phone number _____ Email _____
 Street Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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 Phone Number _____ Email _____
 Street Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Corresponding Secretary _____
 Phone Number _____ Email _____
 Street Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Recording Secretary _____
 Phone Number _____ Email _____
 Street Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Treasurer _____
 Phone Number _____ Email _____
 Street Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Show Director _____
 Phone Number _____ Email _____
 Street Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Program Chair _____ Title _____
 Phone Number _____ Email _____
 Street Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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Name _____ Committee _____
 Phone Number _____ Email _____
 Street Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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Name _____ Committee _____
 Phone number _____ Email _____
 Street Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Name _____ Committee _____
 Phone number _____ Email _____
 Street Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____

CLUB SPONSORED SHOW(S)

Show Date(s) _____
 Show Days & Times:
 Day 1 _____ Day 2 _____
 Day 3 _____ Day 4 _____
 Show location & Address _____
 Show Chair/Contact (optional) _____
 Telephone _____ Email _____
 Other information pertaining to your club/society

Signature of person submitting this application _____
 Office Held _____

2008 EXHIBITORS AND JUDGES SEMINAR**ANNUAL MINERAL SYMPOSIUM**

Saturday November 3, 2007 8:30am - 4:00pm
 Holiday Inn Cartersville
 I-75 @ Exit 293
 Sponsored by the Southeast Chapter Friends of
 Mineralogy
 and
 Tellus: Northwest Georgia Science Museum

\$18.00 (includes Coffee Reception and Lunch)
 Registration - 770.386.0576 x 400

Mining in the Southeast

The South has a long mining tradition, involving ores such as gold, mica, iron, granite and marble. This year's topic will cover historic and current mining activities in the region.

Bumpi Barwood - *Indian Mountain*

Tom Batcha - *Iron Mining and the Furnaces of the South*

Stan Bearden - *Cartersville Mining District*

Travis Paris - *Gold Mining in the Southeast*

Phil Potter - *Mica Mining in North Carolina*

Schedule

8:30 - 9:00 A.M. -Coffee Reception, Registration

9:00 -10:00 A.M. - Welcome

10:00 A.M. - 12:00 Noon -Talks

12:00 Noon - 1:30 P.M.—Lunch

1:30 - 3:00 P.M. -Talks

3:00 - 4:00 P.M. -Business Meeting and Auction

Jose Santamaria, Executive Director
 Tellus: Northwest Georgia Science Museum
 P.O. Box 3663
 Cartersville, Georgia 30120
 Ph: 770.386.0576 x401
 Fax: 770.386.0600
www.tellusmuseum.org

The AUSTIN GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY in conjunction with the SOUTH CENTRAL FEDERATION of MINERALOGICAL SOCIETIES is proud to invite you and your federation members to our 2008 EXHIBITORS AND JUDGES SEMINAR to be held in Austin, Texas on March 8th and 9th. Ron Carman will be our master of ceremonies and will also be the main speaker.

Directions to The AUSTIN GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY clubhouse can be found at:

<http://www.austingemandmineral.org/>.

Topics to be covered at the 2008 EXHIBITORS AND JUDGES SEMINAR will include, but are not limited to:

Preparing a display for exhibiting
 AFMS Uniform Rules regarding exhibiting
 How exhibits are judged
 What makes a good display

A PDF flyer and registration form will be included in a future *Lodestar* (SFMS Editor). Exact schedule will be posted at The AUSTIN GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY website later this year. <http://www.austingemandmineral.org/>

There will be a \$15 fee to cover the costs of refreshments and printing. All participants will receive a complete and current copy of the Uniform Rules. Certificates will be handed out Sunday afternoon.

During check in on Saturday and before Sunday activities begin, The AUSTIN GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY will provide coffee, doughnuts and fruit.

Lunch on both Saturday and Sunday will be an informal affair. The AUSTIN GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY will provide a lunch for a small donation. Lunch will most likely be salad, sandwich, chips and fruit. For those attendees that have special diets we request that you bring your lunch. We can provide refrigeration. There are several restaurants nearby if you choose to dine out.

The AUSTIN GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY will have coffee, tea and water available all day for participants.

Any questions that you or your federation may have can be addressed to agms2004@austin.rr.com. Please be sure to title email "2008 EXHIBITORS AND JUDGES SEMINAR" so we can be sure to answer you promptly. You can also call 512.458.9546 and leave a message.

The Austin Gem and Mineral Society looks forward to hosting this event and making many new friends!

Respectfully submitted,
 Susan Stewart-Postlethwait

September 2007

The Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies, Inc.

LOOKING AHEAD**CLUB & SOCIETY SHOWS/SWAPS**

November 2 - 4, 2007, Louisville, KY - Kyana Geological Society 38th Annual Mineral, Gem, & Fossil. Highland Legion Post 201, 2919 Bardstown Road. Hours: November 2nd, 12:00 Noon - 7:00 P.M.; November 3rd, 10:00 A.M. - 7:00 P.M.; November 4th, 10:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M. Show Contact: Charles Oldham at 502.241.8755.

November 9 - 11, 2007, Pascagoula, MS - Mississippi Gulf Coast Gem & Mineral Society. (Being held in conjunction with the SFMS Annual Meeting in Biloxi, MS). Civic Center Building, Jackson County Fairgrounds. Hours: 9th & 10th, 10:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.; 11th, 10:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Contact: John Wright, Show Chairman, 3304 Nottingham Rd., Ocean Springs, MS 39564, Phone: 228.875.9192, or osjw@datasync.com.

November 10-11, 2007, Lake Havasu City, AZ - Lake Havasu Gem & Mineral Society (Rocky Mountain Federation of Mineralogical Societies). 38th Annual Gem & Mineral Roundup. City Community (Aquatic) Center. Hours: 10th & 11th, 9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

November 16-18, 2007, Marietta, GA - Cobb County Gem & Mineral Society. Annual Show. Cobb County Civic Center, Corner of South Marietta Loop and Fairgrounds Road. Hours: 16th & 17th, 10:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.; 18th, 10:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Contact: Mary Ingram at 770.427.1108 or mandmingam@comcast.net.

November 17-18, 2007, West Palm Beach, FL - Gem & Mineral Society of the Palm Beaches. 41st Annual Show. South Florida Fairgrounds and Expo Center, Fairgrounds Road. Hours: 17th, 9:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.; 18th, 10:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Contact: Carl Bengston at 561.641.4493 or gemandmineral@bellsouth.net.

November 23-25, 2007, Mobile, AL - Mobile Rock and Gem Society. 13th Annual Show. Greater Gulf State Fairgrounds, Cody and Zeigler Roads. Hours: 23rd, 2:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.; 24th, 9:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.; and 25th, 10:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M. Contact: Jerry Shirey at www.rockhoundsjs@aol.com.

November 23-25, 2007, Columbia, SC - Columbia, SC Gem and Mineral Society. 40th Annual Show. South Carolina State Museum, 301 Gervais Street (Change in location). Hours: 23rd and 24th, 10:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.; 25th, 12:00 Noon - 5:00 P.M. Contact: Susan L. Shrader at 803.736.9317 or ashrader@mindspring.com.

November 23-25, 2007, Salem, VA - Roanoke Valley Gem and Mineral Society. 28th Annual Show. Salem Civic Center, 1001 Boulevard. Hours: 23rd, 2:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.; 24th 10:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.; 25th, 12:00 Noon - 5:00 P.M. Contact: David Lemaire at 540.774.4243 or david.lemaire@med.ge.com.

November 30 - December 2, 2007, Montgomery, AL - Montgomery Gem & Mineral Society. 37th Annual Show. Garrett Coliseum, 1555 Federal Drive. Hours: Nov. 30th, 9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.; 31st, 10:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.; Dec. 1st, 11:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Contacts: Jane Barkley at 334.277.2722 or Iris McGehee at 334.262.7275. Website: www.montgomerygemandmineralsociety.org.

November 30 - December 2, 2007, Spring, Hill, FL—Withlacoochee Rockhounds. 33rd Annual Gem, Mineral and Jewelry Show. Slovene American Club (SNP), 13383 County Line Rd. Hours: 9:00 A.M.—5:00 P.M. Daily. Contact: Jerry Johnson at 352.688.7810.

December 7-9, 2007, Greensboro, NC - Greensboro Gem and Mineral Club. 35th Annual Gem and Mineral Show. Greensboro

Coliseum, 1921 West Lee Street. Hours: 7th, 2:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.; 8th, 9:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.; and 9th, 12:00 Noon - 5:00 P.M. Contact: Joe Maguire at 336.288.7452 or joe_maguire@prodigy.net.

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December 9-10, 2007, Nashville, TN - Middle Tennessee Gem & Mineral Society. 27th Annual Earth Treasures Show. Creative Arts Building, Tennessee State Fairgrounds. Hours: 9th, 9:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M. and 10th, 10:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Contact: John Stanley at 615.885.5704 or jstanley@picagroup.com.

December 9-10, 2007, Deland, FL - Tomoka Gem & Mineral Society. 40th Annual Gem, Mineral and Jewelry Show. Volusia County Fairgrounds. Hours: 9th, 10:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M. and 10th, 10:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Contacts: Cliff Fisher, show chairman, at 386.944.2293 and John Withey, vendor chairman, at 386. 445. 9030.

January 11-13, 2008, Largo, FL - Pinellas Geological Society. 32nd Annual Gem, Jewelry and Mineral Show and Sale. Largo Cultural Center, Parkside Room, 105 Central Park Drive. Hours: 11th & 12th, 10:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.; 13th, 12:00 Noon - 5:00 P.M. Contact: Hugh Sheffield at 727.894.2440.

February 2-3, 2008, Panama City, FL - Panama City Gem & Mineral Society. 17th Annual Show. Bay County Fairgrounds, American Legion Hall, U.S. Hwy. 98 and Sherman Ave. Hours: 2nd, 9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.; 3rd, 9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. Contact: Al Zar at 850.763.0109.

April 25-27, 2008, Charlotte, NC - Charlotte Gem & Mineral Club. Charlotte Merchandise Mart, 2500 E. Independence Blvd. Hours: 25th & 26th, 10:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.; 27th, 10:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Contacts: Jack King at tackyjackie@bellsouth.net or Murray Simon at lsimon@carolina.rr.com. Website: www.charlottegem.com.

April 26-27, 2008, Memphis, TN - Memphis Archaeological and Geological Society. Mid-America Mineral, Fossil, Jewelry Show. Pipkin Building, Midsouth Fairgrounds, corner of Central and E. Parkway. Hours: 26th, 9:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.; 27th, 10:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Contact: James Butcko at 901.743.0058 or rockclub@earthlink.net. Website: memphisgeology.org.

2007 REGIONAL FEDERATION SHOWS**Southeast Federation Show:**

Jackson County Fair Grounds, Pascagoula, MS
Host: The Mississippi Gulf Coast Gem and Minerals Society
November 9-11, 2007

Annual SFMS Meeting and Banquet:

Super 8, Biloxi, Mississippi
Hosts: Harrison County Gem and Mineral Society
November 10, 2007

Remember - To insure your show is listed here, send a written notice to the *Lodestar* Editor: Carolyn L. Daniels, 3660 Prince Way, Tucker, GA 30084-8317 or email at: dpdaniels@mindspring.com. ALL SFMS CLUBS ARE ALSO ENCOURAGED TO REGISTER THEIR EVENT LISTINGS ON THE SFMS WEBSITE AT:

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