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UPCOMING FIELD TRIPS

January 28, 2006: Durham Mines, Walker County, GA. Hosts: Rome Georgia Mineral Society. Pennsylvanian Age Plant Fossils.

February 11, 2006: Hogg Mine, Troup County, GA. Hosts: Carroll County (GA) Gem and Mineral Society. Rose quartz, tourmaline, beryl, moonstone, mica books, garnets and quartz crystals.

Refer to your local club/society newsletter for further information on the above field trips.

"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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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We are starting a new year and I hope each of you had a wonderful holiday season.

Our federation completed a very good year despite Katrina and Rita (two ladies who are no friends of ours). We ended the year with a full complement of state directors and officers and only one vacancy open for a committee chair. I owe much to the committee chairs who have agreed to serve for the coming year and certainly welcome the new chairs who are coming aboard.

This year I plan to place a lot of emphasis on our Junior programs. We have come a long way with our Juniors and see nothing but good things happening. As we often say – the future of our hobby lies with our young people.

In another area, I have some concerns. We compete for the leisure time and entertainment dollars of our members. We still have a rather discouraging turn out at our executive board and annual meetings. I will be talking with most of you individually to get your ideas on improving this participation.

The Southeast Federation has a lot going for it with great field trips and the very best workshop program in the nation. We really need to get this message out and make sure we are doing everything we can to offer what our members really want.

Ann Monroe, SFMS President

WILDACRES WORKSHOP CHANGES

Hopefully these will be the last corrections we'll have to make to the 2006 Wildacres classes. Kathy Morris will teach Beginning and Intermediate Wirecraft and **not** Wire Sculpture in August. In September, Marilyn Jobe will be teaching Glass Bead Making. David Lonser will teach Advanced Faceting in August, faceters for this class have to bring their own machines. Please make these corrections on your calendars and on the forms enclosed in this issue of *Lodestar*. Bulletin editors, make this announcement in your bulletins.

In addition, the address published for us was incorrect in the Workshop supplement, it is **85504** not 994 Blackmon Road.

*Thanks,
David and Barbara Tuttle
2006 SFMS Wildacres Directors*

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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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EDITOR'S RAMBLINGS

I hope that everyone had a wonderful holiday season.

Along with the coming of a new year, the SFMS has some new officers and committee chairs. This is a reminder that I expect articles from you throughout year. I can't edit and produce a timely and informative newsletter without your contributions. Please assist me in informing the membership of all that is going on.

The deadline for article submittals remains the 25th of the proceeding month. However, I will be more adamant about making that deadline since I'm also editing my local society's newsletter. No sooner will I have the Lodestar to the printer, than I will have to start on the other newsletter. So please, please get your submittals in on time. Also, if you email or mail a report to the secretary, please make sure that I get a copy in case I'm not at a board meeting to get a hard copy.

The postal service also seems to be getting slower and slower about delivering the *Lodestar* using the non-profit bulk mailing permit that the SFMS maintains. I didn't get the December 2005 issue until December 31st, I mail myself an issue to keep track of delivery times. You can avoid this delay by electing to receive electronic notification of when the *Lodestar* is posted on the SFMS website rather than waiting on the paper copy. It is usually posted by the 10th of the month. You'll save you federation a significant amount in copying charges and postage.

Sincerely,
Carolyn L. Daniels, *Lodestar* Editor

YOUTH FEDERATION WORKSHOP SCHOLARSHIPS

There are youth scholarships available for the SFMS 2006 workshops at Wildacres or William Holland. The Federation has most generously offered these scholarships to deserving Junior (ages 12-18) Club Members of a Federation Club. The requirements are:

1. The President of the sponsoring adult club should submit the junior's name with an explanation of the youth's qualifications that the club has considered in recommending this youth for a scholarship,
2. The youth should submit a short essay explaining their interest in the hobby and why they would like to go to the workshop,
3. After attending the workshop of choice, the scholarship receiver is encouraged to write an article about their experience for the *Lodestar*, and
4. A responsible adult must accompany the youth to the workshop and permission must be obtained

from the workshop directors and the class teacher, which is usually not a problem.

The deadline for applying for a scholarship is February 15, 2006. We hope that these scholarships will be used by enthusiastic hobbyists as they have been in past years.

The recommendations should be sent to:

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Hugh and Leona Sheffield
SFMS Youth Resources Co-Chairmen

BE SAFE – BE WELL

A message from your
Safety Committee – Don Monroe, Chairman

MSDS – What is it?

MSDS is an acronym standing for Material Safety Data Sheet which can be very important to us and involves, in some cases, our personal safety. There are laws, rules and regulations governing MSDS and few, if any of us, have much real knowledge about all of the requirements. We do know that many products we come in contact with such as our medications, our chemicals and the equipment and materials we use in our lapidary work have data sheets that we need to take the time to read and try to understand.

Our experienced students seem to take things for granted, but many of the new students ask some very good questions. They often want to know which soldering fluxes are the safest and what smoke or fumes can cause health problems. I always answer these questions to the best of my knowledge, but often wonder if my knowledge is as complete as it should be. There is cadmium in some solders, and cadmium can be quite deadly, so some of the fumes from these solders should be avoided. There is definitely a difference in some of the most commonly used fluxes, and we need to know more about them.

I do not have all of the answers, and that bothers me. I do, however, have a New Year's Resolution that I intend to follow in my workshop and in the various classes I will be teaching. It involves the following points:

1. I will read and distribute to my students all of the brochures that are included with tools, equipment and products that we are using.

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2. I will copy and distribute to the students all of the articles and advertisements dealing with potential hazards.
3. When I have doubt about a product, process or tool, I will contact the manufacturer and request a MSDS or other safety information.
4. Although I always cover safety issues at the beginning of each class session, I will go much further with my coverage of these issues.

At the risk of irritating some of my fellow instructors; I will judiciously meddle in their business and at least share any of my findings regarding MSDS, hazards and better, safer ways to do the work that we enjoy.

We all need to realize that each of us functions as an instructor or mentor to the "new" players in the game, and we have an obligation to foster good work habits and safe attitudes.

Will any of you join me in incorporating safety in your new year's resolutions?

MINUTES OF THE SFMS ANNUAL MEETING MELBOURNE, FLORIDA – NOVEMBER 12, 2005

The Annual Meeting of the Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies, Inc., for the year 2005 was called to order at 9:45 A.M., by President Eileen Price. Iris McGehee gave the invocation. Bob Lombardi led the Pledge of Allegiance.

President of AFMS - Jim Robinson, Past President of AFMS - Diane Dare, and Past SFMS Presidents - Don Monroe, Bill Waggener, Ron Denton, and David Tuttle were recognized. Christine Miller of the Canaveral Mineral and Gem Society welcomed the federation and the Secretary stated that a quorum was present.

The agenda was approved on motion, seconded and unanimous consent of those present. David Tuttle was appointed to act as parliamentarian. On motion of Ann Monroe and second of Bill Waggener, the minutes of the last meeting as published in the *Lodestar* were approved without amendment.

President's Remarks: President Eileen Price stated that devotion of so many – Clubs, committees and individuals – working together produce a friendly community of rockhounds. She especially commended Buddy and Reba Shotts who in spite of their own problems following Hurricane Katrina, drove FEMA trailers to the gulf coast area. She also pledged to serve the SFMS "for as long as I am able."

1st Vice President - Ann Monroe: All the meetings for 2006 are set. Details will be published in the *Lodestar*. Special thanks to Fred Sias, Education Chairman for workshop success and comments concerning the AFMS meeting in St. Louis which she attended.

2nd Vice President - Buddy Shotts: Reported that Lullene Slater, newly elected Director for MS, resigned due to injuries

received in an auto accident. John Wright will fill in until a successor is elected. Also reported on damage to MS and LA clubs and members.

Secretary - Betty James: Insists that officers, directors and member clubs reply to registration letter with at least a yes or no. It is important that a quorum be present at each meeting in order for business to be conducted.

Treasurer - Ken Anderson: Reported a budgeted amount of \$27,050.00 with actual expenditures to date of \$13,305.52. The imbedded stamp account contains \$1,276.16. He asked for prompt submission of all outstanding expenses from officers and committee chairmen for reimbursement before the end of the year.

Asst. Treas. - David Katt: Not present, no report.

Membership Secretary - Leo Morris: Leo has resigned due to family illness. Report was submitted by Joan White, acting Membership Secretary. Revised Membership Renewal forms will be posted on the internet and print copies are available to pick up for clubs. Hard copies will be available to those who prefer them.

Editor - Carolyn Daniels: Not present, report sent. The *Lodestar* is posted on the website each month and e-subscribers (currently 19) are notified of availability. There are 40 paid subscribers and 315 mailings to officers and clubs, totaling 416 issues. Subscriptions cost \$10.00 with cost at approx. \$1.00 per issue/copy. Goal for 2006 is to increase electronic receipts and encourage article submission by the 25th deadline. Thanks to Joan White, Doug Daniels and SFMS officers, chairmen and members for their encouragement. Requests that reports and articles be submitted by email.

Past President - Bill Waggoner: Present - no report.

AFMS President Elect - Jim Robinson: Annual meeting will be in Nashville August 18-20.

Mayo Foundation: Diane Dare - \$7,000 was distributed among six students and checks sent to schools on June 21. Suggested revisions of MEFI Constitution & Bylaws will be presented for consideration in new business. Diane also tendered her resignation but will have a slate of officers to present for election.

STATE DIRECTORS:

Alabama - Iris McGehee: News reported of the Birmingham Club with sizable increase in membership, E. AL Club auction in Nov., Mobile Club auction in Sept. And booth sponsored at Gulf State Fair in Oct., annual show to be held in Nov. She attended annual show in Huntsville in Oct., and Montgomery Club contributed to Hurricane Katrina relief through Salvation Army, members demonstrated lapidary arts at Al. National Fair in Oct., and gave kit containing samples of rocks, minerals, fossils and related books to three different classes in Montgomery, Auburn and Wetumpka. They are making plans for their 35th show in Dec.

Florida - Beryl Ferguson: Thanks to Canaveral for hosting Annual Meeting. Canaveral and Jacksonville co-sponsored a club scholarship to Wildacres or William Holland, DeLand is participating in two areas of the Volusia County Fair, Tomoka is renovating and adding central air condition to both workshop rooms.

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Georgia - Anita Westlake: Not present, report sent. Visited 7 of the 11 GA clubs and gave talks at many of them. Cobb County has leased an artist studio with 500 sq. ft and has monthly lapidary lessons. Their show will be in Nov. GA Mineral Soc. working toward their annual Christmas Show, and providing speakers for many community organizations. Carroll Co. now meets in the fellowship hall of a local church. President of Cotton Indian broke his neck helping a friend paint his house but continues to recover while receiving physical therapy.

Kentucky - David Horn: Not present, no report.

Louisiana - Art Mott: Not present, sent report. Both clubs in La are doing fine. Number of members of New Orleans Club suffered catastrophic losses but all survived.

Mississippi - Lullene Slater has resigned due to broken back. Report submitted by John Wright, acting director. Many disruptions in MS activities due to hurricanes. Many members lost their homes, and/or jobs and places of business, or had severe damage and some have relocated to other states. Recovering societies continue to meet in temporary facilities. MGMS had an outstanding annual picnic and welcomed Martha Johnson, their only remaining founding member. They have purchased a lot and are making progress in building their own lapidary school, North MS has had varied programs and field trips but garnet hunting to AL was cancelled due to weather and gas prices. Their annual picnic was held Oct 29. Gulf Coast Society had an active year but June and July meetings were canceled due to hurricane and Sept meeting and Nov. Show cancelled because of Katrina damage. They have already booked show building for Nov. 2006 and have already scheduled many dealers, demonstrators and exhibitors. Club purchased a faceting machine and a cabbing machine was donated by Harvey Fuller. John Wright has the society's equipment and has offered the use of other equipment he owns in addition to room in his house for classes. Jim Savage, President of Harrison Co., lost his home and has relocated to Georgia. Billy Wood chosen as temporary Pres. All equipment stored at Jim's house was a total loss. Meeting place was flooded and meetings now held at the Masonic Lodge in Orange Grove. Plans are to have the show in April. Margaret Johnson, Editor, lost her home but managed to borrow a computer and publish a bulletin in Oct. Unable to receive a report from Pearl River located near the center of hurricane Katrina with telephone calls and email to that area still difficult.

North Carolina - Mike Streeter: Successful shows hosted by most NC clubs. Mike invites all clubs to submit ads of upcoming shows to McRocks.com. Alert to all SFMS clubs relative to non-members attending SFMS field trips. The club's liability insurance covers harm done by the club to non-members (third parties) and third party property. Club members are not covered for injuries to themselves and cannot sue for damages under the policy since they cannot sue themselves. Non-insured third parties attending a field trip may sue for damages under the club's policy if they claim that they were injured as a result of attending a field trip hosted by an insured club. If your club invites non-members to attend club sanctioned field trips you do so at the risk of the continued viability of the club itself.

South Carolina - Fred Sias: There are currently six active clubs in SC with one seeming to struggle somewhat. Low Country, Columbia, and Aiken in collaboration with Augusta, each sponsor annual shows. Pendleton plans to have a show next year.

Tennessee - Marty Hart: Not Present, sent report. Kingsport held second annual show in July. Mid-TN is working to prepare for the 2006 AFMS/SFMS convention in August 2006. Information is available at <http://www.mtgms.org/show2006>.

Virginia - Steve Gordon: Not present, no report.

SFMS Committee Reports:

Bulletin Contest - Anna Denton: Seventeen 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place award plaques will be presented to winners of this year's contest at the Editor's Breakfast. Also eleven 4th through 10th place and 8 honorable mention certificates will be awarded.

Constitution and Bylaws - Robert Walker: Proposed changes to the Constitution and Bylaws have been published in the *Lodestar* as required. Approved changes if required will be made and the document revised, printed and distributed.

Constitution and Bylaws Review - Olin Banks: Nothing to report.

Education - Fred Sias: Thanks to all instructors and staff. Next year David and Barbara Tuttle will be Directors at Wildacres and Dana and Ray Gonzalez will be directors at William Holland. Red and Flora Lee Walker will be Registrars at Wildcards and Sonia Arnold and Charlotte Cushman will be Co-Registrars at William Holland. 2005 statistics show 288 students attending, total registration income \$79,622, total auction income \$7,705, net preliminary proceeds to SFMS \$11,180. 2006 workshop schedules complete. Fees have been increased to \$310 per person (double occupancy).

Historian - Charlotte Mayo Bryant: Not present, no report.

Insurance Liaison - Ken Anderson: This is a policy to protect clubs against damage that may be caused to another party (person or property); it does not protect the individual member from damage they may cause to themselves or to their own property. Club members acting on their own (not club organized events, field trips, etc.) are NOT covered under this policy. A member conducting operations as a dealer is not covered. Limits are \$1,000,000 per occurrence; \$2,000,000 aggregate. The policy period runs from 4-1-05 to 4-1-06. The SFMS does not offer an accident policy, all members should carry their own health/accident plans. Currently 61 participating clubs with 6328 reported members.

Long Range Planning - John Wright: Recommend investigation of granting SFMS past presidents voting privileges and that 1st VP serve as Chairman and 2nd VP serve as a member on the SFMS audit committee. Also recommended that one or more members with accounting experience not serving as elected officers be appointed by the President to serve on the auditing committee in addition to the permanent members. These recommendations would require changes to the bylaws.

Nominations - Bill Waggener: To be presented under new business.

Safety - Don Monroe: Currently submitting articles for both the SFMS and AFMS newsletters. Would like to have feedback from members about subjects they would like to see covered.

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SFMS Field Trips - Jim Flora: Not present. DMC conducted 12 field trips this year. All SFMS clubs invited to all 7 "OPEN" field trips. There are now 32 member clubs located in 8 SFMS states. Slides/Videos - Freda Hull: Thanks to all clubs using programs for prompt return. Need to order programs early enough to use cheaper mailing under Library Rate. We have new programs some on CD and DVD as well as slides and video. Programs lost by a club must be replaced by that club. See AFMS web site for entering program competition.

Social Concerns - Edna Morris: Edna resigned due to illness. Joan White reported that Edna's hip replacement is doing well. Ken Anderson reported that Sarah Lee Boyce has had more major surgery and is now recuperating in a nursing home.

Stamp Program - Jim Robinson: Major bulk of stamps came in too late for sale. Request that stamps be sent in when 4 or 5 oz. have been accumulated. Also need for more clubs to remove stamps from paper. There are 3 outstanding certificates from last year but only enough money to fund three scholarships for 2006. Scholarships were awarded to Rome Georgia, Southern Appalachian, and Montgomery clubs.

Supplies - Reba Shotts: Nothing to report. Reba tendered her resignation.

Uniform Rules - Flora Lee Walker: No applications received for competitive exhibits prior to time of report. (Six exhibit applications were received prior to show time. Sec.)

Ways & Means - Frank Decaminada: Income for 2006 estimated at \$17,000 and estimated expenses of \$21,400, in line with our current policy of a deficit budget.

Wildacres Dir. - David/Barbara Tuttle: Total of 27 classes. Two new classes this year were Dr. Mike Reynolds, Geology and Space Science and Bill Wetzell with Scrimshaw. Next year Betty James will teach Mineral ID and Ken Kipnes will teach Macro Photography.

Wildacres Reg. - Kerri/Bill Wetzell: Not present, no report.

William Holland Dir. - Pat Davis: Not present, no report.

William Holland Reg. - Dana/Ray Gonzalez: Not present. June workshop income \$13,448.00, expense - \$12,550.51, profit - \$897.49. October income - \$20,259.49, expense - \$18,419.97, profit \$1,839.52.

Web Site - Jim Flora: Not Present. Have had several updates to workshop information and club shows. Now has a special "NOTICE" page for important announcements.

Youth Resources - Hugh, Leona Sheffield: Placed articles in every issue of *Lodestar* this year. SFMS Education Fund sponsored two junior scholarships to workshops.

AFMS Committee Reports:

Newsletter - Carolyn Daniels: Not present, no report.

Boundaries - Beryl Ferguson: No report.

Club Publications - Diane Dare: No report.

Club Rockhound of Year - Vacant

Collecting Sites - Vacant

Conservation/Legislation - John Wright: No report

Education/All American: Vacant

Endowment Fund - Ken Anderson: Tickets sold - 635, total income \$3,363.00. Three winners from SFMS were Dee Lynne Rittenour, Matthews, NC; Lucy Miller, Orange Park, FL; and James Strickland, Charlotte, NC.

Juniors - Hugh Sheffield: See SFMS report.

Program Competition - Freda Hull: See SFMS report.

Safety - Don Monroe: See SFMS report.

Uniform Rules - Betty James: AFMS URC met November 12 in St. Louis, MO. Three rules changes considered were 1. Reduce number of specimens required for Junior and Novice cases presented by Jim Hurlburt- did not pass; 2. More stringent requirements and strict scoring rules for showmanship by Barbara Jacobson - did not pass; and 3. Need for committee to formulate rules for Beading Division by Betty James. Passed and Jim Hurlburt appointed to head the committee.

Ways & Means - Frank Decaminada: No report.

Web Master - Jim Flora: No report.

Mayo Educational Foundation - Diane Dare: Donations for year \$5900.65, interest \$7,800. Total amount of fund \$247,948.40. This amount remains in treasury and only income is used for scholarships.

Old Business: None

New Business:

1. Fred Sias presented a resolution to assist with travel expenses of instructors at workshops. After discussion, it was decided that such payments should come from the workshop income before submitting balance to the federation. Fred withdrew his motion.
2. Nominees for directors of Mayo Foundation: Jeanette Banks, Frank Decaminada, Eileen Price, Charlotte Mayo, and Bill Waggener, elected by paper ballot.
3. Slate of nominees for officers presented by Nominating Committee: Ann Monroe - Pres.; Buddy Shotts - 1st VP; Steve Heneger - 2nd VP; Ken Anderson - Treasurer; Joan White - Membership Secretary. Accepted by acclamation.
4. Election for Regional Vice President: Don Monroe.
5. Consideration of Bylaws changes:
 - a. David Tuttle, Parliamentarian ruled that Mayo Foundation Bylaws changes would be considered separately by Mayo Directors.

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SFMS 2006 Wildacres Workshop at Little Switzerland, NC

2006 Workshop Dates

April.....Thursday, April 13 to Thursday, April 20, 2006

August.....Monday, August 21 to Sunday, August 27, 2006

September.....Monday, Sept. 18 to Sunday, Sept. 24, 2006

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: \$310 per person (double occupancy), including meals. A limited number of single rooms are available at \$470 per person. There are no facilities for camping or recreational vehicles.

Day Students: \$140 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 January 17, 2006 for all sessions. At that time a \$50 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 \$50 per person 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 \$50 nonrefundable charge to cover administrative costs. An additional \$50 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.

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Session 1: April 13-20, 2006

Chainmaking	Dee/Bill Conybear
Fused Glass	Jo Harrison
Jewelry and Closeup Photography	Ken Kipnis
Precious Metal Clay	Ken/Mary Ann Devos
Silversmithing, beginning	Don/Ann Monroe

Session 2: August 21-27, 2006

Cabochons	Alan Jewell
Gem Appreciation	Ben Smith
*Metalsmithing, Advanced	Jeff Sheer
Precious Metal Clay 1	Ken/Mary Ann Devos
Raku Pottery	Cindy McDowell
Seed Beading	Vivian Heath
Silversmithing, Beginning	Dan Haga
Space and Local Geology	Mike Reynolds
Stained Glass, Beginning	Julia Larson
*Wirecraft Sculpture	Kathy Morris

Session 3: September 18-24, 2006

Gem Appreciation	Ben Smith
Glass Bead Masking	Marilyn Jobe
Intarsia	Tom Wilke
Mineral Identification	Betty James
Opal Cutting	Sara Lee Boyce
*Precious Metal Clay 2	Ken/Mary Ann Devos
Scrimshaw	Bill Wetzel
Southwest Silversmithing	Dan Haga
*Stained Glass 2, (Slabs)	Julia Larson
Wirecraft, Beginning	Carol Penry

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

SFMS 2006 William Holland Workshop at Young Harris, Georgia

2006 Workshop Dates

June.....Sunday, June 11 to Saturday, June 17, 2006

October..Sunday, October 8 to Saturday, October 14, 2006

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 with 29 air-conditioned bedrooms on the upper floor. A second lodge is located nearby with 22 additional air-conditioned bedrooms. All bedrooms are motel-like with private baths and two beds. Two rooms are equipped for the handicapped.

The lower, ground level of the Sparks Lodge 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, 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: \$310 per person double occupancy, including meals. **Single room:** \$470.

Day Students: \$140 per person, no meals are included.

Campground Students: \$120 hookup (including 2 persons; \$25 per additional person), \$140 per person for classes. No meals are included but are available directly from the retreat.

Meals: Breakfast \$5, lunch \$6, dinner \$7.

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 January 17, 2006 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 \$50 per person 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 \$50 nonrefundable charge to cover administrative costs. An additional \$50 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.

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Session 1: June 11-17, 2006

Chainmaking, Beginning	Dee/Bill Conybear
Faceting, Beginning	David Corn
Fused Glass	Addy DePietro
Lost Wax Casting	Fred Sias
Opal Cutting	Joe DePietro
Origami	Hideko Pezant
Polymer Clay	Marilyn Jobe
Seed Beading	Jo Harrison
*Silversmithing, Advanced	Dan Haga
Silversmithing, Beginning	Bill Cady
Stained Glass 1	Julia Larson
Wirecraft, Beginning	Lisa Roberts
*Wirecraft, Advanced	Linda Chandler

Session 2: October 8-14, 2006

*Glass Bead Making, Intermediate	Marilyn Jobe
Cabochons	Anita Westlake
Chain Making	John Runkle
Fused Glass	Addy DePietro
Lost-wax Casting	John Iacullo
Opal Cutting	Joe DePietro
Seed Beads	Jo Harrison
*Silversmithing, Advanced	Dan Haga
*Wire Weaving	Linda Chandler
*Wirecraft Sculpture	Evelyn Gantnier

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

2006 William Holland Workshop Registration Form

Session: June 11-17 October 8-14 **Accommodations:** Lodge Campground Day Student

(A) Mr Mrs Ms _____ SFMS Club _____
 Name Mr 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 Mrs Ms _____ Phone _____
 Name Mr Mrs Ms _____ 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					
B					

(*) 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 _____

Special Needs:

- 4) Do you need a handicap room? Yes _____ No _____
 - 5) Can you negotiate stairs? Yes _____ No _____
 - 6) **Special Dietary needs:** Diabetic _____ Other _____
- Campers: Type _____ Length _____

INSTRUCTIONS

1) Applications will be accepted beginning on January 17, 2006 for all sessions. The postmark date on or after this determines the order of acceptance. **First-time attendees have 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 \$310, double occupancy with private bath. (Single room cost is \$470.) **\$120 for camp site for 1 or 2 people, plus \$140 per person for workshop classes. \$140 for day students.** (No meals are included for campers or day students but are available directly from the retreat.)

A reservation deposit of \$50 per person 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.

4) **Cancellation Policy:** There is a \$50 nonrefundable charge to cover administrative costs and an additional \$50 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 William Holland Workshop

Mail check and this form to:

William Holland Registrars
 P.O. Box 268, Brevard, NC 28712
 Phone: 828-883-2029 or 864-473-0317
 Email: whregistrars@gmail.com

FOR REGISTRAR'S USE ONLY

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Deposit #:	Bal. Amt. Pd: \$
Cancel Date:	Total Paid: \$
- Cancel. Fee: \$	Refund: \$
Refund Chk #:	Refund Mailed:

**MINUTES OF THE SFMS ANNUAL MEETING
MELBOURNE, FLORIDA – NOVEMBER 12, 2005
(Continued)**

- b. SFMS Bylaws changes: Motion made by Red Walker, seconded by Flora Lee Walker that all changes be considered *en bloc*. Motion carried 27-7.
- c. Motion made by Fred Sias to accept all changes as presented, seconded by Flora Lee Walker. Motion carried 23-11.

President dismissed the *ad hoc* committee with thanks and expressed thanks to Fred Sias for work on the Education Committee and Christine Miller for her organization of the meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:00 A.M.

*Respectfully submitted,
Betty M. James, SFMS Secretary*

LOOKING AHEAD

CLUB & SOCIETY SHOWS/SWAPS

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

January 20-22, 2006, Largo, FL - Pinellas Geological Society, Inc. and The Tumblers (youth club). 30th Annual Gem, Jewelry and Mineral Show and Sale. Largo Cultural Center, Parkside Room, 105 Central Park Drive. Hours 20th & 21st, 10:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M., 22nd, 12:00 Noon - 5:00 P.M. Contact: Hugh Sheffield at 727.894.2440.

February 4-5, 2005, Panama City, FL - Panama City Gem and Mineral Society. 15th Annual Show. 15th Street and Sherman Avenue, Bay County Fairgrounds, American Legion Building. Hours: 4th, 9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.; 5th, 9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. Contact: Al Zar @ 850.763.0109. Email: Aquezpie@aol.com.

February 25-26, Jackson, MS, Mississippi Gem & Mineral Society. 47th Annual Show. Trade Mart Bldg., Fairgrounds at I-55 and High Street. 25th - 9 A.M. - 6 P.M.; 26th - 10 A.M. - 5 P.M. Contact Sharon McClanahan, 601.956.9997 or Betty James, 601.914.6747, mineralid@jam.rr.com.

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: <http://www.amfed.org/sfms>. Choose "Submission Guidelines" under the SFMS Shows Column heading to find out how to apply.

2004/2005 REGIONAL FEDERATION SHOWS & CONVENTIONS

California Federation

Hosts: Calaveras Gem and Mineral Society
Angels Camp, California
June 9-10, 2006

Eastern Federation

Hosts: Gem and Mineral Society of Palm Beaches, Inc.
West Palm Beach, Florida
November 18-19, 2006

Midwest Federation

Hosts: Midwest Mineralogical and Lapidary Society
Detroit, Michigan
May 12-14, 2006

Northwest Federation Annual Convention & Show

Hosts: Southern Washington Mineralogical Society
and Mt. Hood Rock Club
Longview, Washington
July 14-16, 2006

Rocky Mountain Federation Annual Convention & Show

Hosts: Stillwater Mineral and Gem Society
Stillwater, Oklahoma
June 9-11, 2006

South Central Federation Annual Convention & Show

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

Southeast Federation Annual Convention & Show (Phase 1)

Nashville, Tennessee
August 19, 2006

The policy of the Southeast Federation is that neither the name nor the logo of the Federation may be used for commercial purposes. If any commercial ventures using the name or the logo of the Federation are found, Member Societies and their members are requested to advise Federation Officers.

SFMS EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Saturday March 25, 2006
Location: Franklin, North Carolina

RESERVATION DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 25, 2006

Hotel and Meeting Room
Hampton Inn
244 Cunningham Road
Franklin, North Carolina

For participants to receive the special group rate of \$59 + tax, you must reserve under the Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies

Telephone: 828.369.0600; Fax: 828-369-0700; e-mail: FKNNC_Hampton@hilton.com
website: <http://www.franklin-chamber.com/hamptoninn/>

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Registration for Executive Board will be Saturday 8 A.M.
Meeting starts at 9 A.M. in motel's Meeting Room.

The Franklin Gem and Mineral Museum (in the old jail located at 25 Phillips Street) will be open for Executive Board Meeting participants on Friday from noon until 5 p.m. and on Saturday afternoon. This is free. Franklin contact person is Ray or Linda Behr, 828-349-0827, franklingemsociety@fastmail.fm (website: www.fgmm.org).

Weather permitting; a local ruby/sapphire mine will be available for members. Mines are closed this time of year.

DIRECTIONS**From Atlanta, GA**

I-85 to I-985 to Gainesville, GA. Then Hwy. 23/441 N to Franklin NC. Proceed to second light and turn right on 441 Bypass toward Sylva/Dillsboro. Continue to second traffic signal and turn right onto Hyatt Road. Just before Wal-Mart, at Holly Springs Shopping Center, turn left on Cunningham Road to the Hampton Inn.

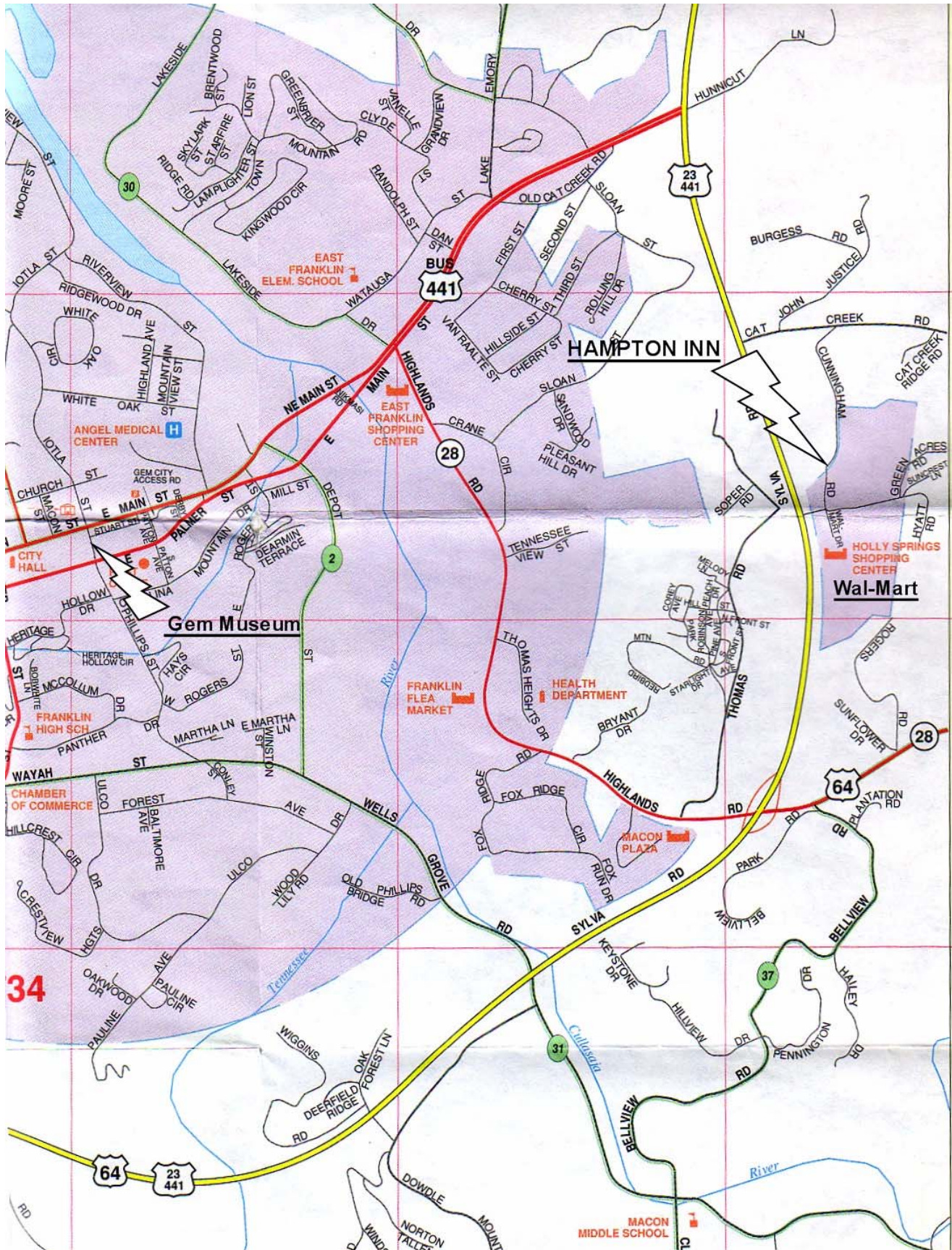
From Asheville, NC

I-40 W to Exit 27 (Hwy. 23) to Sylva NC. Then (Exit 81 Hwy. 23/441S) approximately 20 miles to Franklin NC, turn left at second traffic signal onto Hyatt Road. Just before Wal-Mart, at Holly Springs Shopping Center, turn left on Cunningham Road to the Hampton Inn.

From Knoxville, TN

I-40 E to Exit 407 (Hwy 66). Then Hwy. 66 (which becomes Hwy. 441) through Gatlinburg, TN, to Sylva NC. Then (Exit 81 Hwy. 23/441) approximately 20 miles to Franklin NC, turn left at second traffic signal onto Hyatt Road. Just before Wal-Mart, at Holly Springs Shopping Center, turn left on Cunningham Road to the **Hampton Inn**.

MAP FOR MARCH 2006 SFMS BOARD MEETING



AFMS ENDOWMENT FUND RAFFLE 2006

It is time for our SFMS members to support this AFMS effort. This program provides finances for educational programs that are distributed to all seven federations at no cost.

We welcome you lapidary work, mineral specimens, fossils, and other items that may b of interest to our hobby.

Your donation will be photographed, and a description written to identify its features.

Please complete the following form:

DONOR'S or DONORS' NAME:

PERSONAL INFORMATION:

CLUB AFFILIATION:

ITEM DONATED:

DESIGNED AND CRAFTED BY:

MINERAL SPECIMEN & SOURCE:

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Please send to:

Joy Bourne
AFMS Endowment Fund
RR #1, Box 159A
Towanda, PA 18858-9739

Questions, phone 570.265.6454 or email csprings@epix.net.

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