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UPCOMING FIELD TRIPS

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.

March 11-12, 2006: Fort Drum Crystal Mine Rock Swap/Field Trip, Ft. Drum, FL. Well-fossilized and calcified marine shells and other marine fossils. Fee: \$20/day/adult or \$8/day/child (15 and under). All minors are to be accompanied by an adult.

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

By now many of you have been to Tucson/Quartzite. I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable trip. Now it is time to get back to our Federation schedule.

The first Executive Board is only a month away (March 25th) and the first workshop begins April 13th. Please put these dates on your calendar.

My January President's message brought about some very good responses from a few people and I would like to comment on a couple of them.

1. "The meetings are costly and often get very long because of all of the verbal reports. We need something a little different to spice up the meetings."

Every effort is being made to keep down the cost of the meetings. Often things happen after the meeting is planned, (e.g., fuel costs). The host club makes the best arrangements possible for a clean/safe place for us to stay. This is not always the cheapest in the area.

We ask that all reports be written and sent to the Secretary with your registration. This eliminates the need for verbal reports except for additions and changes. Those of you who attended the annual meeting know what a difference it makes. There are still some things that must have discussion.

3 There will be a little something different added to the March meeting, and I would appreciate any suggestions for future meetings.

2. "A handful of people run the Federation and you always see the same people at the meetings."

4 When I first started attending the Federation meetings, I felt the same way. I saw the same people every time. And then I realized that the reason I saw the same people was because those were the members that were willing to come to the meetings and were interested in the future of the Federation.

6 There are 81 clubs and 7,900 members in SFMS. Every club has a vote. If every club President or alternate would attend the meetings, more than 81 votes would be cast and the Federation would be run by the people most effected.

7 Many members think that the State Directors vote for the clubs. The State Director has only one vote. He/she votes the way they feel will best benefit all of the clubs in their state, but every club may not agree with the vote. This is YOUR Federation. So, please come to the meetings and let your voice be heard. Your ideas are valuable. The meetings are open to members of all clubs, but I must warn you that if you attend we might ask you to help

*See you in Franklin in March,
Ann Monroe, SFMS President*

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A Non-Profit, Non-Commercial, Non-Political Organization and
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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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SFMS WORKSHOP UPDATE

We hope everyone keeps checking this Workshop Update each month as soon as the *Lodestar* arrives. It seems impossible to set up the workshop schedule a year ahead of time and not have changes of classes and/or instructors. Here are some more:

Bill Cady will be teaching Beginning Silversmithing at William Holland during the October SFMS Workshop session instead of in June as previously announced. I am not sure how this mistake got through our proof reading. Allen Jewell will teach Beginning Silversmithing at the June 11-17 session at William Holland. His class the following week at the William Holland School is already full with a waiting list so get your applications in as soon as possible for Beginning Silversmithing.

Kathy Morris will teach Seed Beading at the June SFMS William Holland session instead of Jo Harrison. Jo Harrison will teach Seed Beading in October. Both instructors teach together so the courses should have similar content.

In case you didn't mark the changes on your copy of the Workshop Supplement, we should remind you that due to his teaching schedule, Mike Reynolds had to move his course in Space and Local Geology from April to the August Wildacres Session.

David Lonser will be teaching Advanced Faceting at the August session at Wildacres.

Please add the above changes to your reference material or substitute the new announcement pages included in this issue of the *Lodestar*.

Fred Sias
SFMS Education Co-Chairman

YOUTH RESOURCES REPORT

We have just discovered another wonderful resource for youth meetings! It is to be found in every issue of *Rock and Gem Magazine*, which is published monthly. The regular feature is called *Rock and Gem Kids* by Steve Decker. It includes an interesting article, a quiz, and a puzzle to complete. The July, 2005 issue features "How to find bargains at rock shows" and another article on "The Three Apatites" a quiz and a crossword puzzle. The badge program by AFMS is described in another issue. The *Rock and Gem Magazine* is a worthwhile magazine for all earth treasure enthusiasts.

The Rock and Gem youth program material combined with the badge program offered by AFMS would certainly give the adult leader enough materials to have an interesting

and educational youth meeting. Jim Brace-Thompson of the AFMS is eager to hear from you regarding the AFMS badge program (jbraceth@adelphia.net or call 805.659.3577). Some of our Clubs have been using the badge materials and are very pleased.

We depend on those who receive the *Lodestar* to pass this information on to the youth leaders. Please do your part.

Hugh and Leona Sheffield
SFMS Youth Resources Co-Chairmen

BE SAFE – BE WELL

A message from your
Safety Committee – Don Monroe, Chairman

SIMPLE TOOLS

When I talk about simple tools I am not referring to the term teenagers may use to describe their acquaintances that are among the less brilliant. I am talking about tools that most of us use at one time or another. The tools that first come to mind are wedges, chisels and punches made of steel. Because we do use these tools so often, we tend to ignore any hazards associated with their use. Let's talk about that a minute.

Get out the punch, steel wedge or cold chisel that you use the most and take a good look at it. First area of concern should be the "cutting" edge of the tool. Is it sharp and well formed to accomplish the intended task? Often results obtained can be improved by polishing this working area using fine sandpaper or even a buffing wheel. Next look at the part of the tool that you strike with a hammer. This is where many hazards occur. If there is any evidence of "mushrooming", cracking or other damage you must correct this condition. A small piece of metal may be dislodged from the tool and become a missile, which can penetrate the hand that is holding the tool or bounce back and strike the user in the eye or injure bystanders. For this and other reasons we MUST ALWAYS WEAR SOME TYPE OF EYE PROTECTION. Even a wood chisel can create chips, which can irritate the eye.

Many of our simple tools are hand made and may require more maintenance than a commercial tool. I imagine that many, if not most of us have made a chisel, punch or stamp for a particular application. Metal selection is the first problem we face. I usually will go through my scrap bin and find a piece of tool steel such as an old file to make my masterpiece. This is perfectly acceptable if we remember that when we do not know what alloy we are using, we are guessing when we try to harden or heat treat the finished tool. You may want to consult *The Complete Metalsmith* by Tim McCreight or another text for guidance.

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BE SAFE – BE WELL*(Continued)*

If you really aren't comfortable with this process or if the tool is really important to you, consider talking with your local blacksmith who will probably be willing to share a bit of his or her knowledge. If you are going to make a lot of tools, it could be worth the investment to buy some tool steel. Usually the vendor will furnish information from the steel manufacturer detailing how to harden and heat treat the product.

We should not ignore simple tools made of other materials. There are a variety of non-ferrous materials such as brass, bronze, aluminum, pewter and even lead that are often employed. If you do chasing or repousse' you probably use some of the aforementioned materials as well as wood. We do not use wood to a great degree and that is a pity. Rock maple and dogwood make great tools including hammers (mallets), wood planes and punches. Chasing silver and copper offer many opportunities to make dogwood punches which will show you that some of the "old ways" were excellent. The beauty of dogwood is that it can be used either green or dried with similar results.

If nothing else I hope that I have provoked some thought about simple tools and encouraged some of you to try some different ways of crafting.

**2006 SFMS NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

The 2006 SFMS Nominating Committee has been appointed as follows:

Chairperson: Eileen Price

Members: Ken Anderson

Joan White

Don Monroe

Mike Streeeter, State Director (NC)

Betty James, Alternate

Ann Monroe, SFMS President

TRUTH AND SOME CONSEQUENCES

by Jon Spunaugle, Conservation/Legislation Chair

During the last few weeks of the year 2005, Congress was trying to pass a Budget Bill entitled *Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 (HR 4241)* before adjourning for the year end holiday. Contained in a version of the U. S. House of Representatives Bill were two sections (Sections 6201 and 6202) that would make changes to the Mining Law. One section increased the annual fees paid on mining claims and increased, slightly, the size of a mining claim. A

second section would have removed the prohibition on patenting a mining claim. This prohibition on patents was put into law in the mid '90s. The patenting of a mining claim transfers, for a fee, the surface rights on public land to the claim owner and thus is, in fact, selling of public lands to private parties. Perhaps you read about all of this in the news reports last December.

Because several sections of this Budget Bill were controversial (including this mining bill change and a provision to open a small part of the Arctic National Wildlife Reserve (ANWAR), to oil drilling and other provisions, this version of the Budget Bill failed to get enough votes to pass and was withdrawn to be modified to remove the controversial provisions. However, Congress is still working on this Budget Bill so stay tuned. It is hard to predict what will happen when Congress reconvenes in late January, 2006. The "sister" legislation to this House Bill is found under Senate Bill S-1932.

When I reviewed the House Bill HR 4241, I did not see any major threat to hobby collectors in either section of the proposed mining law provisions. Those inclined to oppose the patenting of mining claims would feel otherwise. However, I always deplore these "hidden" sections in what is a Bill that should normally contain budget or appropriations language only. It just seems to me that if these things need to be changed then it should be done, in this case, in a separate Bill to change the mining law. Hiding these provisions in these gigantic last minute Bills that are put together hurriedly by staff members and voted on with little debate and even less knowledge of what all they contain is not what most people I talk to think Congress should be doing. A recent example I am reminded of is a Bill passed a year ago that contained a section creating the new "America the Beautiful Pass", *Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act of 2004*. This Act was added as a section of the general appropriations Bill (HR 4818) late in 2004. It was passed as Congress was adjourning a year ago in November. We did not realize what had happened until January, 2005 when it was already the law of the land.

Speaking of the "America the Beautiful Pass" I expect that there will be public input opportunities on the development, use, and cost of this national pass in 2006 in preparation for implementation in 2007. These opportunities will be published in the Federal Register. We'll be watching for them and try to keep you informed.

There is nothing new to report on the Fossil Bill which seems to be bottled up in the U.S. House of Representatives, Natural Resource Committee for now.

LASTLY, if you are aware of any hobby problems in the area of my Committee's responsibility that I have not written about, I would appreciate an e-mail at jonspe@juno.com or a phone call at 360.835.9313 to alert me. This is big country to cover and your concerns are important. I am very grateful for all the feed back that I have received as well as tips on what is going on.

from A.F.M.S. Newsletter (2/06)

Graves Mountain "Rock Swap and Dig" for 2006

8:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.

April 28-30, 2006

and

October 6-8, 2006

"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, Clarence Norman Jr., in regard to his plans to hold two separate three day digs and rock swaps on the Mountain during April 28, 29, & 30, 2006 and during October 6, 7, & 8, 2006. He will have the mountain open to collecting from 8 am to 6 pm each day. All participants must stop at the welcome table in the Hospitality tent 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 cart type, four wheeled vehicles 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 upper parking lot for tables to be setup for daily rock swaps. Anyone who would like to setup a table(s), please contact Junior at the phone numbers listed below. Hot food cooked on the grill, cold drinks and chips will be available for purchase on the mountain during all three days of these events. Don't forget to bring some extra money to buy the special "Graves Mountain Rock Swap and Dig" T-shirt!

THESE DIGS ARE OPEN TO ALL SFMS CLUBS

Mark your calendar and tell all your members about these great events!

Contact Information:

Clarence Norman, Jr.
706.359.3862 (business) or 706.359.2381 (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 the hill to the parking area(s). Proceeded from your parked vehicle to the Registration/Hospitality tent to sign your liability release form and to make a donation for the portable bathrooms, etc.

SFMS Field Trip Committee:

Please reply by e-mail to: dmc@gamineral.org
Jim Flora - SFMS Field Trip Committee Chair

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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 RAPPELLING 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 (business) or 706.359.2381 (home)
All reported violations will be held in strict confidence.

THE ELACHEE NATURE CENTER

The Elachee Nature Center at 2125 Elachee Drive, Gainesville, GA is pleased to announce the opening of a new museum exhibit, *The Waters of Time*. Many superior fossils have been donated to this exhibit by Dr. Steve Nicklas, geology professor at Gainesville College, Georgia. Assisting in the opening of this exhibit was Georgia Mineral Society member Leslie Perry. Of special interest are the two full-sized *mosasaurs* that are wall-mounted. To participate in an exciting one-week-long fossil hunting trip out west this summer, check out Paleo Prospectors on the web. This all-inclusive fossil hunting venture allows participants to keep the fossils they find.



If you are contemplating filing for a new or change in tax exemption for your club, I highly recommend you start the process as soon as possible. Prior to filing the application you may need to update articles of incorporation and bylaws to ensure they meet current IRS requirements.

On another note, a group called the *Corporate Compliance Center* continues to offer to prepare non-profit organizations annual meeting minutes of a fee of \$150.00. There is no doubt that there should be minutes of the meeting and that they become part of the permanent records of a society. However, there is no logical reason to pay anyone \$150.00 to prepare minutes that your Secretary completes as a part of his/her duties. My recommendation is to put their notice in the nearest circular file (wastebasket).

Website: <http://www.paleoprospectors.org>.

*Mike Kokinos, CFMS Tax Advisor
From A.F.M.S. Newsletter (2/06)*

*Georgia Mineral Society Member
Leslie Perry*

NEW TAX INFORMATION FOR CLUBS

I've recently received notification from the IRS that the fee for application for new or change of tax exemption status is increasing as of July 1, 2006. Those applying with gross receipts less than \$10,000- annually will pay a \$300.00 fee instead of \$150.00. Those with gross receipts of \$10,000 or more annually will pay a \$900.00 fee rather than \$500.00.

WILDACRES NEWS

We've been fortunate to add David Lonser's class of Advanced Faceting to the Wildacres schedule this year. David will teach in August. We ask that you add this to your calendars. (See room assignments for classes below.)

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

WILDACRES 2006

ROOMS	SESSION		
	APRIL	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
Library		Gem ID - B. Smith	Gem ID - B. Smith
Aud. Stage		Wire Wrapping- K. Morris (Beg. - Inter.)	Wire Wrapping - C. Penry (Beg.)
CMR	PMC - Devos	Geology & Space Science M. Reynolds	Glass Beads - Jobe
Room 2	Chains - Conybear	Seed Beads - V. Heath	Scrimshaw - B. Wetzel
Room 4	Macro-Photography - K. Kipnis	Beg. Stained Glass - J. Larson	Stained Glass II -using slabs- J. Larson
Pottery	Fused Glass - J. Harrison	Raku - McDowell	Mineral ID - B. James
USP		PMC - Devos	PMC II - Devos
Faceting		Adv. Faceting - D. Lonser	Intarsia - T. Wilkie
Cabbing		Cabs - A. Jewel	Opals - Boyce
Silver	Beg. Silversmithing - Monroes	Beg. Silversmithing - Haga	SW Silversmiting - Haga
Gold		Adv. Metal - Sheer	
NMR	Fun	Fun	Fun

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
Faceting, Advanced	David Lonser
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, Beginning	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.

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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	Kathy Morris
*Silversmithing, Advanced	Dan Haga
Silversmithing, Beginning	Allen Jewell
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
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Lost-wax Casting	John Iacullo
Opal Cutting	Joe DePietro
Seed Beads	Jo Harrison
*Silversmithing, Advanced	Dan Haga
Silversmithing, Beginning	Bill Cady
*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

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Postmark Date:	Check #:
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Deposit #:	Bal. Amt. Pd: \$
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- Cancel. Fee: \$	Refund: \$
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Questions, phone 570.265.6454 or email csprings@epix.net.

*Ken Anderson
SFMS member of the AFMS
Endowment Fund Committee*

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
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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.

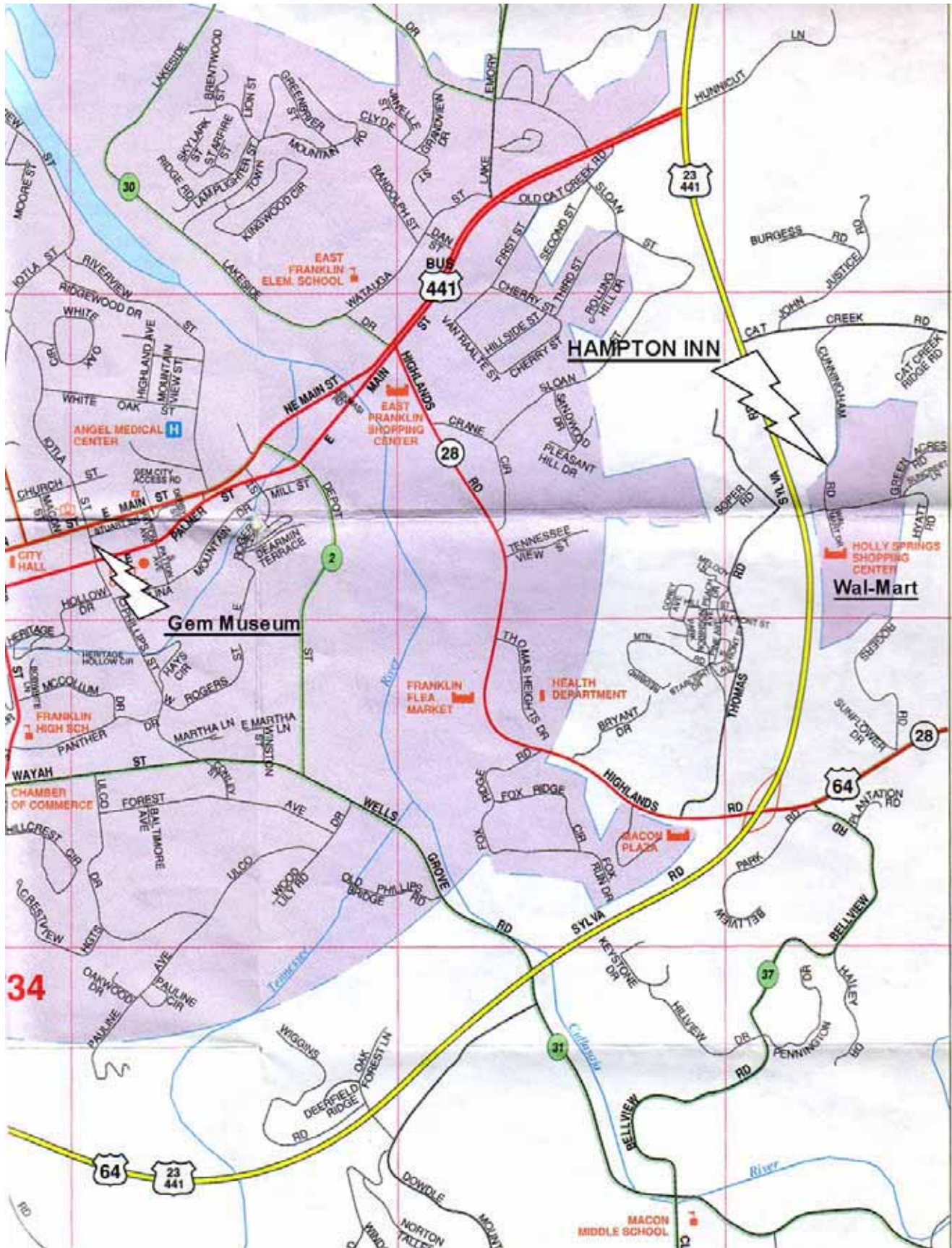
From Asheville, NC

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



LOOKING AHEAD

CLUB & SOCIETY SHOWS/SWAPS

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

February 4-5, 2006, 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, 2006, 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.

March 10-12, 2006, August, GA - Aiken Gem, Mineral and Fossil Society (Aiken, SC) and Augusta Gem and Mineral Society (Augusta, GA). 18th Annual Aiken-Augusta Gem, Mineral and Fossil Show. Julian Smith Casino, 2200 Broad St., Augusta, GA. Hours: 10th and 11th, 10:00 A.M. - 7:00 P.M.; 12th, 11:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Websites: www.homestead.com/aikengems and www.homestead.com/augustagems.

March 17-19, 2006, Rome, GA - Rome Georgia Mineral Society. The Valley and Ridge Gem and Mineral Show. New locality: Chapel Hill United Methodist Church, Kingston Road (GA Hwy 293). Hours: 17th & 19th, 10:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.; 20th, 1:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M. Contact: Jose Santamaria, 706.233.9828.

April 22-23, 2006, Memphis, TN - Memphis Archaeological and Geological Society. 27th Annual Mid-America Mineral, Fossil, Jewelry Show. Pipkin Building Midsouth Fairgrounds (corner of East Parkway and Central Avenue. Hours: 22nd, 9:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.; 23rd, 10:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Contact: James Butcko, 901.743.0058 or email at rockclub@earthlink.net. Website: www.memphisgeology.org.

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.

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California Federation

Hosts: Calaveras Gem and Mineral Society
Angels Camp, California
June 9-11, 2006

Eastern Federation

Hosts: Gem and Mineral Society of Palm Beaches, Inc.
West Palm Beach, Florida
November 17-19, 2006

Midwest Federation

Hosts: Midwest Mineralogical and Lapidary Society
Southgate, Michigan
May 13-15, 2006

Northwest Federation

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

Rocky Mountain Federation

Hosts: Stillwater Mineral and Gem Society
Stillwater, Oklahoma
June 7-11, 2006

South Central Federation

Hosts: Ark-La-Tex Gem and Mineral Society
Bossier City, Louisiana
August 19-20, 2006

Southeast Federation (Phase 1)/AFMS Convention

Hosts: Middle Tennessee Gem Society
Nashville, Tennessee
Show: August 18-20, 2006
Convention: August 15-20, 2006

Southeast Federation (Phase 2)

Hosts: Montgomery Gem and Mineral Society
Montgomery, Alabama
December 1-3, 2006

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