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UPCOMING FIELD TRIPS

April 22, 2006: Standard Mineral Company, Glendon, NC., Pyrite cubes (loose and in matrix), green fluorite and micro-minerals.

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!"



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**THANK YOU,
THANK YOU,
THANK YOU**

Special thanks to everyone that braved the cold weather and a few snow flakes to attend the first Executive Board meeting in Franklin, North Carolina and to the Gem and Mineral Club of Franklin for being our hosts. We had an excellent turn out.

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There was much discussion about the decreased enrollment at the workshops. Most feel that all of the club members are **NOT** getting the information.

We make every effort to get all of the important information in the *Lodestar*, and at least three copies are sent to each club. (Some clubs have opted to receive the *Lodestar* electronically). What happens to those copies is up to the people that receive them. I would hope that the *Lodestar* is taken to the meetings and shared with all attending. Also, for those not able to attend the meetings, the information should be put in the club newsletter.

I RECEIVED BULLETINS FROM SEVEN (7) CLUBS IN FEBRUARY. OUT OF THOSE SEVEN (7) THERE WERE ONLY TWO (2) THAT MADE ANY MENTION OF THE WORKSHOP PROGRAM OR THE UPCOMING EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING.

I am asking every club that publishes any type of publication to please let your members know what is available to them. And try to put this information where they can easily see it.

In closing, I would also like to suggest that one member of each club be responsible for going on the web-site (www.amfed.org/sfms) and download the *Lodestar* early each month (available on the 10th of each month published). We have no control over the postal service and often things happen that cause us not to receive our copies or they are very late.

Spring will be springing soon.

*Happy Hunting,
Ann Monroe, SFMS President*

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A Non-Profit, Non-Commercial, Non-Political Organization and
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Mineralogical Societies



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

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 received several articles and forms submitted in the bodies of emails this month. I hope that the material sent to me in the bodies of emails for publishing the month meet with the approval of the authors. I did my best to format them, especially the forms submitted. I had to deal with strange embedded formats and broken up paragraphs/sentences. Forms are especially difficult - the spacing and appearance of the original form are lost when emailed.



Another tool we might employ is probability. What are the odds that something unplanned and undesirable will happen? Think about the following situations:

- You are on a field trip and the weather conditions indicate that we might experience a small storm with lightning. Do you really want to tempt fate or do you follow the safer route and take cover. You are thinking this is a “no brainer” and all of us will take cover but you are wrong. Many people do not follow the recommended guidelines and become statistics.
- You are rock hunting in a dry wash in a desert area and notice that it is raining in the nearby mountains. Do you head for higher ground or decide that a flash flood is so unlikely that you will just continue digging?
- You are soldering and you are using flux that you found at a garage sale. You know that some fluxes are not user friendly but this one looks a little like something you have used before. Are you willing to gamble that the fumes are not dangerous?
- You do not have the proper tool to cut, pry or shape something in your shop or, even worse, you do not have at hand the appropriate eye protection. Is this a chance you are willing to take? Have we not all heard that we should use the right tool for the job?
- We all know that some rocks can be hazardous because of the chemical composition of the rock. (We are not talking about those we find at our favorite rock shop that can be hazardous to our wealth!) There are so many beautiful specimens that contain some bad stuff like arsenic; we all need to learn more. I am in the process of gathering some of this sort of information because I KNOW that there is so much that I do not know.

If I receive a submittal within the body an email and not as a Word or WordPerfect attachment in the future, it will be returned with a request to resubmit it as an attached file. If you want a form or other document to appear as is - send it as an attachment!

Carolyn Daniels, SFMS Editor



BE SAFE – BE WELL Calculated Risk

*Safety Committee – Don Monroe,
Chairman*

We often use the term “calculated risk” but I wonder if we always think about what we are saying.

The term “calculated risk” should be clearly defined in our mind. In order to do this for myself I reverted to the training I received in elementary school which involves “breaking down” anything we are not clear about. The risk part we probably understand but what about the “calculated”? Do we think through the issue or just use the term to justify things that did not go well but obviously could not be our fault. Surprisingly enough I think we really do consider potential outcomes more often than we think we do.

I think we often look at a situation in terms of risk vs. reward. Some examples I would suggest include:

- The situation that may arise when we are cutting a cabochon from a stone. One of my mentors, the one and only E. T. Pike always said, “don’t cut any garbage”. He meant if a stone shows evidence of a crack or a fissure, don’t use it. Now if it is the only stone you have of a particular color or pattern, you may want to take that “calculated risk”.
- You have assembled your torch outfit and are preparing to solder or heat something. You smell the faintest whiff of acetylene and think that you will not take time to soap test all of the joints. This is NOT a good calculated risk. Don’t shortcut safety procedures.

There is an old country expression that says that we have “not touched the hem of the garment” and I have only begun to touch the issue of calculated risk. My closing admonition is the we must THINK and try to avoid doing the stupid things that will hurt us.

As I sit here and type this message I admire my hands and realize that I always have cuts, burns, abrasions and contusions and I know that most of them resulted from inattention (which is a 35 cent word for stupidity). So, I am not just preaching to the choir. I am just as guilty as many of you.



Rockin' In Music City

Welcome to *Rockin' In Music City*, the 2006 convention and show for the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies, Inc. and the Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies, Inc. sponsored by the Middle Tennessee Gem & Mineral Society, Inc. (MTG&MS). The convention will be held in Nashville "Music City" Tennessee in August of 2006.

The following pages will provide you with much information that we believe you will find to be helpful in attending the conventions and the Gem & Mineral Show in Nashville, Tennessee. We are providing much more information on the area on our web site www.amfed.org.

MTG&MS member chairs for the convention and show are:

Lewis Elrod-General Chair
 Anna Elrod- Event Secretary
 Mary Clyde Sparks-Convention Chair
 Ann Buckner-Accommodations Chair
 Barbara Fields-Decorating & Favors Chair
 Will Smith-Show Chair, Treasurer & Publicity Chair
 Steve Henegar-Dealer Chair
 Bill Buckner-Demonstrations Chair
 Marty Hart-Physical Arrangements
 Anna Elrod & Ann Buckner-Hospitality
 John Stanley, Portia Stanley & Mike Waters-Exhibits
 John Stanley, Portia Stanley & Mike Waters-Field Trips

Schedule of Events

Monday, August 14:

Noon: Registration opens at Host Hotel

Tuesday, August 15:

7:30 A.M.: Registration opens at Host Hotel
 8:00 A.M.: Field trip for fossils - See page 7
 8:00 A.M.: Rules Committee Meeting at Host Hotel
 7:30 P.M.: Cracker Barrel Meeting at Host Hotel

Wednesday August 16:

8:00 A.M.: Registration opens at Host Hotel
 9:00 A.M.: AFMS Annual Convention at Host Hotel
 AFMS Scholarship Board meeting immediately follows AFMS meeting
 1:00 P.M.: Field trip-quartz geodes - See page 7
 Visit to new Gem & Mineral Museum in Murfreesboro follows the geode trip. - See page 7

Thursday August 17:

8:00 A.M.: Registration opens at Host Hotel
 Noon Dealer setup at show site (Fairgrounds)
 3:00 P.M.: Exhibitor setup begins at Fairgrounds
 Open Field trip-workshop of the MTG&MS - See page 7
 8:00 P.M.: Show building closes
 Midday General Jackson Showboat - See page 7

Friday August 18:

9:00 A.M.: Registration opens at Fairgrounds
 9:00 A.M.: Show opens at Fairgrounds
 9:00 A.M.: Website seminar at Host Hotel
 Noon: All Officers luncheon at Host Hotel - Everyone invited to attend
 2:00 P.M.: Editors Seminar (tentative) at Host Hotel
 6:00 P.M.: Show closes
 Night: Grand Old Opry - See page 7

Saturday August 19:

9:00 A.M.: Registration opens at Fairgrounds
 9:00 A.M.: Show opens at Fairgrounds
9:00 A.M.: SFMS Convention opens at Host Hotel
 1:00 P.M.: ALAA meeting at Host Hotel
 6:00 P.M.: Show Closes at Fairgrounds
 7:00 P.M.: Awards Banquet at Host Hotel

Sunday August 20:

7:30 A.M.: Registration opens at Host Hotel
 8:00 A.M.: Editors Breakfast at Host Hotel
 9:00 A.M.: Registration opens at Fairgrounds
 10:00 A.M.: Show opens at Fairgrounds
 5:00 P.M.: Show closes at Fairgrounds

Official Registration Form
AFMS/SFMS Annual Convention and Show
 Sponsored by the Middle Tennessee Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.

Note: Cut-off date for motel reservations is July 15, 2006. The hotel will not hold rooms past this date and you may not be able to get a room at the agreed price after this date. The cut-off date also applies to this registration sheet and the activities thereon. We may be able to entertain you after this date but this is not guaranteed.

Please copy this form as needed and complete a separate form for each person registering. Packets for same household will be combined.

Confirmation of registration will be sent to all registrants. Tickets to meals and show will be included in your packet.

Everyone is welcome to attend any session or function. Please register so we will be able to plan to accommodate you properly.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Email: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Please check all items that apply to you so we may correctly issue your name badge:

___ AFMS ___ SFMS ___ Other

- | | | |
|--------------------|------------------------|------------------|
| ___ AFMS Officer | ___ SFMS Officer | ___ Editor |
| ___ Past President | ___ Past President | ___ Judge |
| ___ Delegate | ___ Delegate | ___ Exhibitor |
| ___ Other _____ | ___ Alternate Delegate | ___ Demonstrator |
| ___ Other _____ | ___ Other _____ | |

Office(s) held as indicated above for name tag: _____

Society affiliation: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Tickets for which registration and/or payment must be made in advance:

<u>Item Cost</u>	<u>Net Amount</u>
Three day show pass-only with pre-registration \$6.00	\$ _____
All Officers Luncheon \$17.00	\$ _____
Convention Banquet-Pecan Encrusted Trout \$29.00	\$ _____
Convention Banquet-Southern Bleu Chicken \$29.00	\$ _____
Editors Breakfast-The Preston Starter \$17.00	\$ _____
Geode Hunt \$5.00	\$ _____
Total	\$ _____

Following items at no fee, but donations are welcome, please indicate your desire to attend by checking your intent to attend. This will assist us with space planning, etc.:

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|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Rules committee _____ | AFMS Convention _____ |
| Scholarship Board _____ | Fossil hunt _____ |
| Cracker Barrel _____ | Museum visit _____ |
| Editors Seminar _____ | Web-Masters Seminar _____ |

Mail to: MTG&MS, P. O. Box 1256, Murfreesboro, TN 37133-1256

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Exhibitor Registration Form
AFMS, SFMS, and MTG&MS
Annual Show and Convention for AFMS and SFMS for 2006
 Tennessee State Fairgrounds
 Nashville, Tennessee
 Friday August 18, 2006, 9:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.
 Saturday August 19, 2006, 9:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.
 Sunday August 20, 2006, 10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

Installation and setup: All exhibits are to be setup by the exhibitor between 3:00 P.M. and 8:00 P.M. on Thursday, August 17, 2006 and 8:00 A.M. and 9:00 A.M. on Friday, August 18, 2006.

Dismantling: No exhibit shall be dismantled before the close of the show at 5:00 P.M. on Sunday, August 20, 2006 without permission of the Show or Exhibits Chairman. Exhibitors are responsible for dismantling and removing their exhibits as soon as possible after the show closes.

Security: The MTG&MS will furnish security and take reasonable precautions to protect property and person of the exhibitor but will take no responsibility for any losses or claims.

Deadline Date: Exhibit forms must be received by July 15, 2006 to ensure that the exhibitor is listed in the Show Program. Late entries may be accepted, but credit may not appear in the show program.

Dealer Exhibits: Dealer exhibits will be encouraged but are not mandatory.

Application and Submission: Complete this form and send to the address below. After exhibit acceptance, one copy will be returned to you.

Exhibit Information Form

Exhibitors Name: _____ Phone: (_____) _____

Address: _____ Email: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Club Affiliation: _____

Competitive Exhibit: _____ Non-Competitive Exhibit: _____

A short description of your exhibit: _____

Exhibitors Group: Master () Advanced () Novice () Junior () Society ()

Division: _____ Subdivision: _____ Class: _____

****Consult AFMS Uniform Rules, 8th Edition, updated, to correctly fill out these spaces. The latest edition with updates may be downloaded from www.amfed.org/rules. Click on "Download Rules" link.

Case width (in feet) _____ Electricity required: yes () No ()

Host society has a limited number of cases, without liners, that will be allotted on a "first come" basis. Please indicate if you need a case provided to you: _____

I certify that all materials exhibited in competition are my personal property and that all workmanship exhibited was done by me, as required by the rules.

Competitor's Signature: _____

Society: _____ City & State: _____

Club Officer's Signature & Title: _____

Date of Form: _____ Birth Date (Junior competitors only); _____

Mail to: MTG&MS, P. O. Box 1256, Murfreesboro, TN 37133-1256. Applications must be received by July 15th as a deadline. Please use a separate form for each application. Reproductions of this form are acceptable.

AFMS/SFMS Annual Convention and Show Information Continued

Meals

All Officers Luncheon

Friday, August 18th, Noon, At the Host Hotel

Menu:

House Salad
Ranch or Light Honey Mustard Dressing
Penne Pasta
Marinara Meat Sauce or Alfredo Sauce
Dessert
Iced Tea or Water

Awards Banquet

Saturday night, August 19th, 7:00 P.M., At the Host Hotel
Entrees are served with salad, fresh baked bread, iced tea
water, coffee and desert.

>>>>>Salad<<<<<<

House Salad
Ranch or Light Honey Mustard Dressing

>>>>>Entrees<<<<<<

Southern Bleu Chicken

Breast of chicken stuffed with country ham, smoked gouda
cheese and baked *en crouete* topped with a creole tomato
sauce and chef's choice vegetable

>>>>>or<<<<<<

Pecan Crusted Trout

Fresh trout filet with pecan coating, wild rice pilaf and chef's
choice vegetable

Editors Breakfast

Sunday, August 20th, 8:00 A.M., at the Host Hotel

The Preston Starter
Chilled fruit juice
Assorted baked breads, bagels and breakfast pastries
Scrambled eggs
Bacon
Breakfast potatoes
Fresh brewed coffee and assorted teas

Field Trips

Field trip in Davidson County (Nashville) for fossils.
Tuesday, August 15, 2006, 8:00 A.M.

Trip Leader: Nancy Stetten

Meeting place: Host Hotel.

Tools: Rock hammer or small pick, fossils are showing in
rubble at base of road cut, no holes to be dug. A hammer
and chisel may be handy if any are located in larger rocks.
Carry a bag or bucket for your finds.

Limit: Just be reasonable in the quantity you take.

Cost: No charge, but a donation to the MTG&MS would be
appreciated to aid with cost of convention and show.

Regulations: Listen to trip leader and stay away from high
walls or the highway.

There will be a map in your packet, at the Registration

Table, showing you how to meet for the trip. We will leave
from the host hotel at 8:00 A.M. We will then caravan to
the collecting site. It is requested that you "car pool" as
much as possible to reduce congestion at the site. Visits
will be made to two, and if possible, three sites. The trip
leader will provide further information, which will be
included in your packets that will be at the registration
table.

Field trip to Woodbury, Tennessee Quartz Geodes.

Wednesday, August 16, 2006 at 9:00 A.M.

Trip leaders: John Stanley, Portia Stanley and Mike Waters

Meeting place: Woodbury, Tennessee.

Tools: Rock hammer or small pick, geodes are showing at
the surface, no holes to be dug. Carry a bag or bucket for
your finds.

Limit: Just be reasonable in the quantity you take.

Cost: \$5.00 to the landowner. Pay with your reservation.

Regulations: Must not break geodes on site. Field
breaking of geodes causes sharp fragments that are bad
for tires and farm animals. Do not leave any gates open.

There will be a map in your packet, at the Registration
Table, showing you how to meet for the trip. We will meet
at Woodbury at 9:00 A.M. We will then caravan to the
collecting site. It is requested that you "car pool" as much
as possible as the road to the field is passable in a car but
is more suitable to a pickup or SUV

Field trip to new MTSU Gem, Mineral and Fossil Museum
in Murfreesboro.

Wednesday, August 16, 2006 at 10:00 P.M.

Meeting place: At museum or on return from geode hunt.
Cost: No charge, but a donation to the museum would be
appreciated to aid in additions to the museum displays.

There will be a map in your packet, at the Registration
Table, showing you how to get to the museum. There will
be an attendant at the museum all day to allow visitors to
enter.

Other Events

Grand Old Opry

The Opry is on Friday night. For tickets call
1.800.733.6779. The cost for individual tickets is \$36.50
plus \$3.75 for mail order tickets. If 15 or more get together
then the tickets will cost only \$32.85.

General Jackson Showboat

This is available for a mid-day cruise. We have left time for
this on Thursday night. The tickets, by mail order, are:
\$49.11 plus the \$3.75 charges for mail order. Should 15
or more want this and get together the cost will be about
\$44.20 for the best seating and no extra charge.

If these trips are desired you may call 1.800.733.6779 and
make your reservations.

Lewis F. Elrod, CFE

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SFMS YOUTH RESOURCES

Our Hobby in Art

*edited from Jim Brace-Thompson
in the March 2006 A.F.M.S Newsletter*

Kids are natural born artists. They can use drawings, mapping and photography to compliment their rock collecting. Drawing the rocks and fossils they collected can focus on details that they may otherwise overlook or coloring the minerals in the coloring book by Diamond Dan.

Ask the children to use their imaginations as they examine fossils. What color were they, how did they get where they were found, what did they look like when they were alive? Tell a story about them or make a cast.

It is important and interesting to map where fossils and rocks are found. Draw pictures to show mountains or roads or other markers.

Outline a project before you begin. Work on a project in steps. Draw pictures to describe.

Photography captures the beauty and keeps a record of your finds. Kids can be very creative with digital cameras. With these activities we develop budding artists as well as rockhounds and above all HAVE FUN

*Hugh and Leona Sheffield
SFMS Youth Resources Chairmen*

Education Chairman's Report SFMS Executive Board Meeting Franklin, North Carolina March 25, 2006

The past two months have been a busy time for the education Chair and the Staff of the SFMS Workshops at Wildacres and William Holland. We made a strong effort to have everything settled last October so that the complete curriculum could be published in a Supplement in the November 2005 issue of the *Lodestar*. We made our deadline but unfortunately problems have cropped up that required correction early this year.

First, the US Postal Service conspired against us. I have been informed that many persons did not receive their November issue until after the first of the year. Recently, I have learned that some persons did not receive their January *Lodestar* until sometime in March *after* they received their February issue. I do not know how we can communicate effectively with the SFMS membership with delays of this sort.

Second, there were some typos and errors in the original curriculum published in the November *Lodestar*. I inadvertently assigned a Silver instructor to the wrong session. In addition, unavoidable conflicts made it necessary to make other changes in classes and instructors. The very popular course on *Space Science and Local Geology* had to be canceled because the Instructor was promoted at his academic institution and his new schedule conflicts with ours. For the past two months the Directors have been making final adjustments in our curriculum. An Advanced Faceting course was added for the August Wildacres session.

To keep track of changes and additions everyone should check the SFMS web site often and certainly before submitting a registration form. Go to www.amfed.org/sfms.

The April session at Wildacres will not be a financial success. The Wildacres Retreat has assigned us the space in only one lodge in order to accommodate another group. In addition, the April session starts and ends in midweek and includes Easter. We recognized that scheduling over the Easter weekend would cripple our enrollment but registrations received so far have not even filled the North Lodge. It has been suggested that we cancel the April session at Wildacres. This may bear some discussion but we should be aware that canceling a session will most likely permanently reduce us to only two sessions at Wildacres. We do not plan to cancel the April session this year.

The Education Committee has made a great effort to meet the requests of SFMS members by finalizing the workshop by the end of the previous year so that persons who have to schedule their vacations early in the year would have the necessary information. We moved the initial registration date for all sessions to January. Unfortunately, this seems to have had a negative rather than positive effect. From the local club newsletters that I have seen, few club editors made an effort to include anything more than the workshop dates in their newsletters. At the present time only about 30 students have registered for each of the August and September Workshops at Wildacres. The William Holland enrollment is just as disheartening. We will have to cancel more classes unless enrollment picks up. Please help.

I feel that it is important for the SFMS Board to discuss the future of our summer Workshops at Wildacres and William Holland. We cannot continue to offer quality workshops with a continually declining enrollment. The Wildacres management will continue to assign other groups to our unused space and it is unlikely that the SFMS can regain lost sessions or space. Please think about it and tell the Education Committee if we are doing anything wrong.

Fred Sias, SFMS Education Co-Chair

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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Workshop Registrars

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164 Sexton Loop, Oakdale, TN 37829-2323
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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 .**

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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.

Workshop Directors

Dana and Ray Gonzalez

6226 Seaton Drive, Columbus, GA 31909
Phone: 706-327-4474 Email: drg@mchsi.com

Workshop Registrars

Sonia Arnold and Charlotte Caughman

P.O. Box 268, Brevard, NC 28712

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Email: whregistrars@gmail.com

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
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
Silversmithing, Beginning	Bill Cady
*Wire Weaving	Linda Chandler
*Wirecraft Sculpture	Evelyn Gantnier

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

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2006 Wildacres Workshop Registration Form

Session: April August September

Accommodations: Lodge Day Student

(A) Mr
Name Mrs
 Ms _____

SFMS Club _____

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

SPELL OUT CLUB NAME INITIALS NOT ACCEPTED

(B) Mr
Name Mrs
 Ma _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Address: _____
Street City State Zip

- Is this the first time you will attend Wildacres? (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 _____

4) Room Request for Physical/Medical Reasons:

Please do not ask for a specific lodge or room unless you have a physical or medical reason for doing so. _____

5) **Special Dietary needs:** Diabetic _____ Other _____

NOTE: SMOKING IS NOT ALLOWED IN ANY WILDACRES BUILDING

INSTRUCTIONS

1) Applications will be accepted beginning on January 17, 2006 for all sessions. The postmark date on or after this determines the order of acceptance. First-time attendees have an extra priority.

2) Your Club Membership Dues must be current and your club's dues to the Federation must also be paid before you will be accepted.

3) Cost per person for this session is \$310, double occupancy with private bath. (A limited number of single rooms are available for \$470 per person.) \$140 per person for day students. (Meals are not included for day students but may be purchased 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 Wildacres Workshop

Mail check and this form to:

Wildacres Registrars

164 Sexton Loop, Oakdale, TN 37829-2323

Phone: 423-369-3077 Email: waregistrar@gmail.com

FOR REGISTRAR'S USE ONLY

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

WILDACRES INFORMATION

The Chainmaking class for the April 2006 Wildacres Session has been cancelled. We regretting doing this but the low enrollment in this class required us to take this action. Don't forget to look at the other classes we offer in August and September and pass this information along to your club members. We still have openings in most classes.

Even if your club offers classes, the Wildacres experience is something that can't be had anywhere except in the beautiful mountains of North Carolina. At about \$62 a night for meals and lodging, plus the instructions and fellowship, it's a far better value than any other vacation venture.

*See you there!!!!
David and Barbara Tuttle
Wildacres Directors*

P.S. The Geology and Space Science Class for August 2006 had to be cancelled. Dr. Mike Reynolds has been promoted to Assistant Dean for Math and Science at the local junior college and scheduling conflicts have risen. He said if he were a teacher, he might slip out for a few days but being in the administration, and at the beginning of the college year, it would be impossible.

Dr. Reynolds taught to a full class at Wildacres in 2005 and looked forward to returning this year. He was upset the college changed their schedule start time.

Hello Fellow NC Rock, Mineral, Fossil and Lapidary Enthusiasts,

The Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies' (SFMS) Spring 2006 executive board meeting was held in Franklin, North Carolina on March 25th. Much was accomplished during the lively 3-hour meeting; reports were made and old and new SFMS issues were discussed and debated. The Gem and Mineral Society of Franklin did a superb job hosting the event; even opening up their terrific downtown museum for all who wanted to stop by after the meeting.

I would like to share with you a few of the more important issues/ideas that were raised during the meeting:

1. It is a good idea for your club to advertise monthly club meetings in a local newspaper. A short advertisement about an upcoming meeting, its location and your program is a great way to encourage guests and potential new members to attend and to ultimately boost membership. You could also have your secretary or newsletter editor contribute a story to the paper after your meeting, especially if you have a significant event or speaker.

2. As I mentioned in a prior email message, the SFMS' Mayo Educational Foundation was established by the late Frank Mayo, the first President of the Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies, Inc. The purpose of the foundation is to provide financial aid to qualified students in the Earth sciences and to provide financing for other educational projects of exceptional value. This fund is not being accessed to the extent possible, so that there is a great deal of money to be had simply by applying. The average yearly stipend is around \$2,000 per student. More information and an application for the Mayo Educational Fund may be found on the SFMS' website at: <http://www.amfed.org/sfms/index.html>.
3. Enrollment to the SFMS Workshops at Wildacres and William Holland are significantly down. The SFMS will not be able to continue offering quality workshops with a continually declining enrollment. Please help to turn this around by making sure to advertise the workshops in your newsletters when this information is made available to you. I have never met anybody who attended a workshop that did not rave about all that they learned and the fantastic time that they had. You should consider attending a workshop yourself - a great time at a very reasonable price!

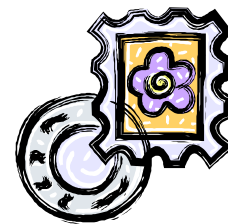
I have put together an internet report with pictures about the March 25th meeting that you can see by going to the following website address:

<http://mcrocks.com/ft06/StreeterMarch25.2006.html>.

*All the best,,
Mike Streeter
SFMS NC Director*

SFMS STAMP PROGRAM REPORT

At the last two or three SFMS Meetings, I have expressed concern over the decline stamp donations to the Workshop Scholarship Program. There has been a steady decline in donations for the past two years. We were giving 10 scholarships annually until 2005 when it dropped to three. We are barely able to give three for 2006.



I have been wracking my brain trying to figure out what was happening, during discussions at the meeting in Franklin, NC in March someone mentioned maybe it was because we now only wanted stamp off paper, **NOTHING COULD**

SFMS STAMP PROGRAM REPORT*(Continued from previous page)*

BE FURTHER FROM THE TRUTH. We want all stamps on or off paper.

Back when elected President-elect of the AFMS, I made the statement that during the next two years there was not going to be as much time to devote to the program and most of the people that had been helping me soak the stamps, for one reason or another, stopped helping. That was the time I was going to need more of the clubs to soak the stamps before sending the stamps to me. Apparently everyone heard something differently.

We want all the stamps, on or off paper. The stamps need to be trimmed to within ¼-inch to ½-inch (DO NOT CUT TO LESS THAN ¼-inch) of the stamp. One needs something to hold on to in order to peel the stamp off the paper when soaking. The reason for trimming the paper is that it makes soaking easier and saves money in the cost of shipping them to me.

There are all kinds of instructions on the SFMS web site, including pictures what kind of stamps to save and what to throw away. There are soaking instructions that if followed to the letter, will make taking them off paper a snap. Remember, you get double credit for all off paper usable stamps you donate.

One thing you might want to know, I check individually every single stamp donated to this program. Stamps that are damaged in any way are not accepted, that includes: stamps with scotch tape, stamps faded from over soaking, stamps that still have part of the gum on them, stamps stained from being soaked with colored paper, and stamps with cancellations so heavy it makes the stamps undesirable as collectables.

Before starting to soak any stamp, the first thing you want to do is separated all stamps on any colored paper from those on white paper, you can deal with the color paper material separately later or send them in on paper.

You will need a pan or bowl with about one quart of warm water with ½ teaspoon of liquid soap. Place about 200 trimmed stamps, as mentioned above, in the bowl and wait about 5 to 10 minutes before attempting to remove them from paper. The stamps should slip right off with little or no trouble at all. Have a small bowl or pan with clean, cold water near by and place each stamp in the clean water. When all of the stamps have been removed from the first pan to the second pan, lay them out on a piece of newspaper or paper towel to dry. When all are dry, place a book or other object on them to flatten them.

If you have any questions email me, "**Please**"!

*Lets get the program going again,
Jim Robinson
SFMS Stamp Program Chairman*

**SFMS SECOND VICE PRESIDENT REPORT
MARCH 25, 2006 BOARD MEETING**

I have attempted to contact all state directors via email. At least two or three of the addresses were returned. I had planned to make contact via phone, but haven't made the time to do so. I have heard from three of the state directors and have received their reports as well. Thanks to Anita Westlake, John Wright and Iris McGehee for sending their reports in. I will make an effort to contact the others as well in the near future.

One thing that needs to be done is selection of a state director for Mississippi. John Wright is currently acting director and would like to offer someone else an opportunity to serve. At least I think that's what he told me. I will be contacting the Mississippi clubs soon to get them to nominate a new director. In the meantime, I want to say thanks to John for serving.

*Steve Henagar
SFMS Second Vice President*

**SFMS SECRETARY'S REPORT
MARCH 25, 2006 BOARD MEETING**

This time around, I sent out 120 notices with registration forms attached and the request that they be returned to me no later than March 13. I received 309 replies, 9 of whom could not attend. At least, they did have the courtesy to reply. Six of the replies were received after the deadline stated on the registration form. Several reports were also received after the deadline.

The packets of material for attendees are collated, printed and prepared according to the number of people who state they will attend the meeting. I try to make it as simple and easy as possible by giving you the option of sending both your registration and report by email.

Duties of the Secretary do not require second notices, reminders, or guesses whether you will be present. This time I have made several extra packets for those who just decided to show up. In the future, there will be no packets available for those who did not preregister. There will be no voting card for those who registered after the cut-off date.

After each meeting, I have several packets left either because I have over-estimated the number of non-registrants who will be attending or some who did register failed to make it to the meeting. By making copies only for those who respond to the registration letter on or before the cut-off date as noted on the form, we will save copying and mailing expense for the federation. Only those who are preregistered will receive packets and voting cards.

This is not a rule I have arbitrarily made up. **It is in the bylaws and we must abide by it.** It's time we became a bylaw abiding organization.

*Respectively submitted,
Betty M. James
SFMS Secretary*

HURRICANE KATRINA LOSSES
MISSISSIPPI GULF COAST GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY
JACKSON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
 March 4, 2006

11 Members had homes totally destroyed with complete loss of contents and personal possessions.

17 Members homes were so severely damaged they cannot be occupied and the members are, as of March 2006, still living in FEMA trailers, with family, or in temporary shelters. Most of these members had total or near total loss of the contents of their homes and personal possessions.

6 Members had major damage to their homes and substantial loss of personal possessions and the contents of their homes. These homes with temporary repairs are being occupied or partially occupied although some do require FEMA trailers or other arrangements. A few are having repairs made or have contracts for repairs scheduled.

13 members had moderate damage to their homes with minimal loss of content and possessions. A lot of these homes still have "blue roofs", chipboard patches, no carpeting, plastic coverings on windows and doors, and a lot of other innovative temporary repairs.

8 Members had only minor or no damage to their homes. Most of these members live inland and wind damage caused the loss of roofing shingles, siding, or downed trees and tree limbs. They had little or no loss of personal property. Some of these homes still have "blue roofs" and temporary repairs.

Many of the homes were damaged or destroyed by tidal surge and were not covered by flood insurance as they were not located in what was considered flood prone areas. All of the destroyed homes and most of the severely damaged ones are still awaiting a decision by the U.S. Corp of Engineers before they can begin to rebuild or repair their dwellings. Several members lost their jobs or businesses. Almost all members lost perishable and frozen foods. At least half of the members lost or had substantial damage to their personal vehicles and several members lost their trucks, campers, trailers, or boats.

Three monthly meetings in 2005 were cancelled, one due to Katrina and two other ones because of the threat of hurricanes. One of the meetings was the Society's annual picnic and white elephant sale resulting in a loss of approximately \$250.00 normally made at this event. The annual "Magnolia State Gem, Mineral, and Jewelry Show", scheduled in November 2005, had to be cancelled with a net loss of approximately \$3,500.00. The storage unit where the society's display cases and other show materials are kept was damaged and it was necessary to move to another storage unit. Storage fees are paid by the "show fund" and are included in the net loss for the November 2005 show.

The Society's capping machine was lost when the home of the member that was keeping it was flooded, but the newly acquired faceting machine was at another location and was not damaged. Unfortunately, most of the equipment used

for our workshops was privately owned and lost with the exception of that owned by Billie Kelley, Buddy Shotts, and John Wright. John lost part of the roof on his shop and had a trim saw and sphere grinding and polishing machine damaged beyond repair. Most of his other equipment was badly drenched, but can probably be repaired with a good cleaning and the replacement of several electric motors.

The Ocean Springs Library received only minor damage and the Society's meetings have continued to be held there. An invitation has been extended to the Harrison County Gem & Mineral Society to hold their meeting at this facility. Workshops had to be suspended as Billie Kelley's daughter lost her home and her family is now living in Billie's house. Billie is staying with her son in Georgia and does not know when she will be able to return. John Wright's home and shop had major damage, but are being repaired and hopefully will be available for workshops in a month or two.

On the bright side, the Society did receive an invitation from the Mobile Rock & gem Society to use their facilities for meetings and a gift of \$100.00, both of which were very generous and greatly appreciated.

Billie Wright, President
Mississippi Gulf Coast Gem & Mineral Society

SFMS FIELD TRIP COMMITTEE:
DMC Field Trip Program Report
March 25, 2006 Board Meeting

The DMC field trip program conducted four field trips this past SFMS session. On Saturday, January 28, 2006, the Rome, Georgia Mineral Society hosted a field trip to the Durham Mines in Walker County, Georgia for beautifully preserved Paleozoic plant fossils.

The February 11, 2006 DMS trip was sponsored by the Carroll County Gem and Mineral Society (Carrollton, GA). This was a DMC hosted trip to the famous Hogg Mine outside LaGrange, Troup County, Georgia. Participants were able to collect rose quartz, tourmaline, beryl, moonstone, mica books, garnet, and quartz crystals.

In March 2006, the DMC field trip consisted of a trip to the Martin-Marietta Aggregates quarry in Statesville, NC. The Gaston County Gem, Mineral, and Faceting Society of Gastonia, NC hosted this trip on Saturday, March 18, 2006. Collectors were able to collect garnets in mica schist as well as kyanite, hornblende, quartz, pyrite and some chalcopyrite.

The April DMC field trip will be held on April 22, 2006. This will be a trip hosted by the Mobile Rock and Gem Society (Mobile, AL) to collect marcasite, pyrite nodules and fossils from the Cretaceous Period. The collecting location will be the Tombigbee River near Epes, AL.

The SFMS Field Trip Committee received several inquiries about DMC membership from SFMS and non-SFMS member clubs during the past quarter.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Flora
Field Trip Committee Chairman

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SFMS SLIDE PROGRAM CHAIRMAN REPORT March 25, 2006 Board Meeting

An updated list of programs was posted on the SFMS website in January 2006 listing all new programs received from the AFMS Endowment Fund and the 2005 AFMS Program Competition winners.

The 2006 AFMS Program Competition deadline closed in April. Application and rules can be printed from the AFMS website. Please remind your clubs to get their entries in so an SFMS club or person can be a winner this year.

*Freda Hull
SFMS Slide and Video Chairman*

SFMS SUPPLIES COMMITTEE REPORT March 25, 2006 Board Meeting

I am looking forward to serving the Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies, Inc. as you Supplies Committee Chairperson.

At the Executive Board Meeting in March 2006, I will be taking possession of all the SFMS supplies. I will then prepare an inventory with costs, which will be published in the *Lodestar*. This will enable you to order your supplies.

If there is anything you will be needing, not included in this list, please let me know.

*Caroline Decaminada
SFMS Supplies Committee Chairman*

SFMS WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE REPORT March 25, 2006 Board Meeting

I wish to remind all Officers and Committee Chairpersons that the approved Fiscal year 2006 budget as shown in the October 2005 issue of *Lodestar* will be changing in Fiscal Year 2007. During the month of September 2006, each of the Officers and committee Chairpersons will be requested to provide budget information for next year to the Ways and Means committee. Please forward your inputs in a timely manner to enable your President and the committee to develop a consolidated financial budget. The budget will be presented at the annual meeting on December 2, 2006. No input from you may result in a budget that overlooks your needs. Remember all items not budgeted will require submittal to the Ways and Means Committee for presentation to the Executive Board for Approval.

I would appreciate any ideas you may have to offer in assuring the Ways and Means Committee will perform as each of you would accept. Please share your ideas with me during the Southeast Federation meeting. Do write or telephone me if you were unable to be in Franklin, North Carolina for the Executive Board Meeting or if you did not get a chance to talk to me about your ideas.

*Frank Decaminada
SFMS Ways and Means Committee Chairman*

INTERNET WEBSITE UPDATE: SPRING 2006

There were many additions made to the SFMS Internet Web presence this past federations quarter.

The most important addition to the SFMS website this quarter was the addition of the SFMS 2006 club Membership renewal and instructions forms in PDF and DOC formats. We also added the 2006 update to the SFMS Slide and Video programs in webpage and PDF downloadable formats.

There have been several updates to the 2006 SFMS William Holland Workshop and Wildacres Workshop on-line information pages. We also made available the complete 2006 workshop package in PDF format for download. We continue to update and add new information to the Rockswaps and Special "Open" field trips page.

The current copy of the *Lodestar* newsletter is available each month for download and viewing by all SFMS members and the general public. Also, all past *Lodestar* newsletters since January of 2004 are accessible in our newsletter archive.

*Respectfully submitted,
Jim Flora, SFMS Webmaster*

AFMS UNIFORM RULES COMMITTEE March 25, 2006 Board Meeting

As Uniform Rules Chairman of the American Federation, I have contacted all members of the committee and updated them on the progress being made toward the show in Nashville, TN.

Marty Hart forwarded me a copy of the layout of the building showing the judges room and exhibiting area. We are working together on the application for exhibiting which will be sent to the *A.F.M.S Newsletter*, and forwarded to all regional federations to be published by them.

The Uniform Rules Committee meeting is scheduled for 8:00 A.M., Tuesday, August 15, 2006 at the Hotel Preston in Nashville. I urge as many of you as can to attend this meeting. If you have suggested changes in the rules, please get them to Dianne Johnson, the SFMS Rules Chairman, as soon as possible. I am sure we will be considering a rules change for exhibiting bead making and bead design. There will possibly be others.

All Regional Federation members and member societies are eligible and are urged to enter exhibits in the SFMS portion of the competition. Eligibility requirements for entry in the AFMS portion are copied as an addendum to this report. Judging of SFMS entries will be on Friday morning, August 18, 2006. AFMS judging will follow that afternoon and possibly Saturday morning for entries qualifying for AFMS trophy competition.

All competitive exhibits will be judged under the American Federation uniform Rules latest edition which you may download from www.amfed.org/rules. No other rules or deviations from these rules will apply.

Let's do SFMS proud with our exhibits.

*Respectfully submitted,
Betty James*

SOCIAL CONCERNS**Doe Beiler**

This is to notify you that Doe Beiler of the Gem and Mineral Club of DeLand has passed away. She was the wife of editor Ted Beiler. A lot of you know Ted and Doe. They have been members of our club for a long time and Ted has been our editor of the *Chert Chatter* until January of this year. Our sympathy goes out to Ted and the family. No arrangements have been made at this time.

*Thank you,
Wilma Wilkins
Past President
Gem & Mineral Club of DeLand
email from Wilma Wilkins to editor on 3/6/06*

**Martina W. Haggard**

Martina W. Haggard, 77, of Asheville, NC passed away peacefully on Monday, January 2, 2006 at John Keever Solace Center of Care Partners Mountain Area Hospic in Asheville after a long battle with lung cancer.

Born in Germany on March 21, 1928, she was the daughter of the late Dr. W. Martin and

Bertha Schaefer Wadewitz. Martina immigrated with her parents and older brother to Elizabethton, Tennessee in 1928.

A graduate of Science Hill High School in Johnson City, Tennessee, Virginia Intermont College in Bristol, Tennessee, and the University of Tennessee at Knoxville, with degrees in fine arts and botany, she served briefly in the Women's Army Corps before settling in Asheville. She was employed by Elizabeth Phelps Clothing in Arden. She was later the receptionist of Asheville Art Museum which was located on Charlotte Street at the time before moving to the Northwestern Bank building (now BB&T Building).

From 1959 to 1967 she was the administrative assistant at Highlands Biological Station. She, together with eminent botanists from the then "19 member universities" established the botanical garden now flourishing at the station.

An accomplished artist, she organized annual art exhibits during the 8 years of her tenure at the biological station.

In 1967, she married William H. Haggard and they established a home on Kimberly Avenue in Asheville until moving to their farm on Shope Cree Road in Riceville Community of Buncombe County 1975.

She became vice-president of Climatological Consulting Corporation and coordinated the production of technical visual illustrations for evidentiary presentation in weather related litigation.

A member of Southern Appalachian Mineral Society for over half a century, she served as editor of their newsletter for decades and was treasurer and membership chairperson at the time of her death.

She supported many nature and art organizations. Her devotion to the North Carolina Zoo earned her membership in the "Director's Circle" and the "Lion's Pride."

She attended the Roan Mountain, Tennessee Naturalist's Rallies for over 50 years. Bird, butterfly, wildflower and conservation societies, art and mineral museums benefited from her active participation and philanthropy.

She served on many boards, including Colburn Gem and Mineral (no Earth Science) Museum and Highlands Biological Foundation and for the past 15 years volunteered regularly at the gallery in the Folk Art Cent on the Blue Ridge Parkway.

An annual winter visitor to Sanibel Island, Florida, she participated in and supported art, nature, horticultural and conservation organizations there.

She is survived by her husband, William H. Haggard, of Asheville; two step sons, William H. Haggard, Jr. of Asheville and Robert H. Haggard of Fletcher; two brothers, Guenter Wadewitz and his wife, Rachel, of Hendersonville; Dr. Peter Wadewitz and his wife, Lois, of Kingsport, Tennessee; sister, Suzanne Wild and her husband, Rolf, of Asheville; sister-in-law, Marjorie Whittaker and her husband, Homer, of Winter Park, Florida, and a large extended family of nieces, nephews and cousins in North America and Europe, including her step great-grandson, William Ian Wakely, of Bristol, Virginia.

There will be a celebration of her life on her birthday in March for family and close friends by invitation.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in her memory to your favorite charity; North Carolina Zoo Society, 4403 Zoo Parkway, Asheboro, NC 27203; or Care Partners Mountain Area Hospice, P.O. Box 25338, Asheville, NC 28813.

*Copy of article provided to editor by
Ken Anderson, SFMS Treasurer
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LOOKING AHEAD

CLUB & SOCIETY SHOWS/SWAPS

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

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.

May 12-14, 2006, Marietta, GA - Georgia Mineral Society. 38th Annual Mothers Day Weekend Gem and Mineral Show. Cobb County Civic Center, 548 Marietta Parkway (at the intersection with Fairgrounds Road). Hours: 12th and 13th, 10:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.; 14th, Noon - 5:00 P.M. Auction on 13th at 2:00 P.M. Jay Gorday @ 770.986.0822 or mavshow@gamineral.org. Website: gamineral.org.

June 3-4, 2006, Birmingham, AL - Alabama Mineral and Lapidary Society. 33rd Annual Tannehill Gem and Mineral Show. From Birmingham: Take I-20/59S. To Exit 100. From I-450: Take Exit 1 and follow the signs. Hours: Both days, 9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Contact: Rick Kittinger at rick.kittinger@bellsouth.com.

June 9-11, 2006, Charlotte, NC - Charlotte Gem and Mineral Club. 39th Annual Gem, Jewelry, Mineral Show and Sale. 2500 E. Independence Boulevard. Hours: 9th, 10:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.; 10th, 10:00 A.M. - 7:00 P.M.; 11th, 10:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Contacts: Jolene Falcon (Show Chair), 704.855.9815, gemtrips@ctc.net and Becky Strickland (Dealer Chair), 704.537.6010, jsrskat@msn.com. Website: www.CharlotteGem.com.

September 8-10, 2006, Winston-Salem, NC - Forsyth Gem and Mineral Club. 35th Annual Gem, Mineral, Jewelry Show and Sale. Educational Building, Dixie Classic Fairgrounds. Hours: 8th and 9th, 10:00 A.M. - 7:00 P.M.; 10th, 12 Noon - 6:00 P.M. Website: www.forsythgemclub.com.

September 23-24, 2006, Hiddenite, NC - Western Piedmont Mineral & Gem Society. 18th Annual Hiddenite Gem & Mineral Show. Hiddenite Educational Complex, Sulpher Springs Road. Hours: 23rd, 9:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.; 24th, 12 Noon - 6:00 P.M. Contact: Patty Arnold at 828.465.2769.

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Hosts: Midwest Mineralogical and Lapidary Society
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