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UPCOMING FIELD TRIPS

December 17, 2005: Diamond Hill Mine, Antreville, Abbeville County, SC. Hosts: Athens Rock and Gem Club. Skeletal quartz crystals, pale amethyst, etc. Fee site: \$10/day for adults and \$5/day for children 16 years and under.

January 28, 2005: Durham Mines, Walker County, GA. Hosts: Rome Georgia Mineral Society. Pennsylvanian Age Plant Fossils.

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



As the year ends, I have many things to be thankful for: my family, my country and my many rock-hounding friends.

Let me explain what these friendships have meant to me. When I immigrated to Tennessee, I left family and friends behind in the United Kingdom. I arrived in Knoxville August 1991. One of the first things I did was go to a gem, jewelry and mineral show, which I saw advertised in the local paper, this was October 1991. When I arrived, I was greeted with kindness. I enjoyed the show so much I returned the next day and asked questions about who these people were that had been so kind to me. I was invited to attend the Knoxville Gem and Mineral Society (KGMS) Christmas Party and subsequently joined the club. I eventually became involved in the organization of the club, and the annual show.

My happiness upon becoming a citizen of the United States of America in 1997 was shared by my good KGMS friends. I then heard about a larger organization called the SFMS and attended my first meeting in Atlanta. I also became aware of the interesting weather in this part of the world after driving home from that meeting and encountering a tornado. However, this did not put me off and I attended nearly every meeting of the SFMS after that initial one.

Enlarging my group of friends and increasing my knowledge of the lapidary arts, has been a very important part of my life, and I thank you all for allowing me to become a part of this great organization. I am honored to have been SFMS President for 2005. In addition, I look forward to working with the new Executive Board in 2006. Let us work together and grow together.

*Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all.
Eileen Price, SFMS President*

SFMS 2006 WORKSHOP UPDATE

There always seem to be workshop changes even before the original announcement reaches everyone. This issue of the *Lodestar* will have updated Announcements for both Wildacres and William Holland. Please make the changes in your copy of the Supplement if you keep that around for reference. When classes are scheduled almost a year ahead of time, it is not always possible to avoid changes. Please check each month for updated information.

Wildacres: Mike Reynolds' class on Space and Local Geology has been moved to the August session and Jo Harrison's class in Fused Glass is now scheduled in April. Also note that the Jewelry and Closeup Photography class by Ken Kipnis is mentioned twice in the April Wildacres session. There is only one course so the second reference has been deleted.

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THE SOUTHEAST FEDERATION OF MINERALOGICAL SOCIETIES, INC.



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



PURPOSE:

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

OBJECTIVE:

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

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The article submittal due date for the January 2006 Lodestar is December 25th.

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EDITOR'S RAMBLINGS
2005 ANNUAL REPORT, NOVEMBER 12, 2004
MELBOURNE, FLORIDA

Nine of ten issues of the *Lodestar* have been completed for the year 2005. The November issue was mailed on November 10, 2005 and was posted on the SFMS website prior to that.



Year 2005

Accomplishments

The newsletter continues to be produced in an all-electronic format and is submitted to the printer electronically. This insures that I am able to pickup the printed version within one to two days of submittal.

Jim Flora, the SFMS Webmaster, posts the electronic versions of *Lodestar* on the website and notifies those on the electronic notification list of when the new issue is available for viewing and downloading. All issues since January 2005 have been posted on the website by the tenth of the month that they cover.

In addition, I am receiving additional article submittals on a timely basis (usually). I already have three submittals for the December 2005 issue. Please remember, the deadline is the 25th of the month preceding the issue you wish the article to appear. I will make very few exceptions in the future. If you know you're going to be late submitting your article, notify me and I'll see what can be done.

Mailings

As of mid-November 2005, the *Lodestar* "mailing" list of 416 entries consisted of the following:

1. Nineteen (19) electronic only copies with notification of website posting. This is an improvement from the six (6) we had this time last year, but not what we had hoped by far,
2. Forty (40) paid subscriptions (down from the 58 we had last year at this time),
3. The remaining 357 issues are mailed to: exchange bulletins, other mineralogical federations and SFMS past presidents, SFMS officers/chairmen, and SFMS member club officers. [Per current SFMS By-Laws; the president, secretary, editor and program chair (if any) are to be receiving automatic copies of the *Lodestar*. These copies are to be shared with members of their local clubs.]

In some cases, two or more copies are being mailed to one address since one or more people at that address may fall into two or more of the above categories and/or more than one person at the address falls into one of the above categories.

Additional Issues (Costs, etc.)

The subscription cost was increased from \$7.00/year to \$10.00/year during 2005 to cover the approximately \$1.00 per issue per copy (\$10.00/10 issues/copy) to produce and mail the *Lodestar* in 2005. In addition, the normal size of each issue has been reduced to 16 pages within loss of information. Two issues were very large issues (20+ pages) this year, the September issue which contained by-law revisions proposed by the *ad hoc* committee and the November issue which contained the 2006 Workshop Supplement.

I have also noted that mailings have been slower in the last few months, with some people receiving their issues well into the month following the month of publication. There isn't a lot I can do about this except to move the deadline for submittal forward in the month. This type of deadline would be very unlikely to be met by most people and the information would likely to be stale by the time it reached its audience. Therefore, we'll have to live with the

delivery time that the Post Office sees fit to provide us with. However, remember, the *Lodestar* is published on the web by the 10th of the month and you can print it in color!!! Please think about receiving the *Lodestar* electronically.

Forward Into Year 2006

Goals

My main goals for the upcoming year are: (1) to reduce the hard copy mailings of the *Lodestar* by increasing the number of electronic only receipts and (2) encouraging submittal of articles by the assigned deadline.

A Note of Appreciation

I would like to thank the following people for easing my way as editor in 2005,

1. Joan White, past president of the Georgia Mineral Society, for assistance in maintaining the *Lodestar* mailing list and printing mailing labels,
2. Doug Daniels, my husband, for being an extra set of eyes in editing each issue of *Lodestar*, taking the *Lodestar* to the post office when I was unavailable to do so, and for being a general "sounding board",
3. Those SFMS officers and chairmen that submit their articles by each deadline, and
4. The SFMS members that provided encouragement along the way.

Please do not forget that the *Lodestar* deadline is the 25th of the month preceding the date you wish your submittal to be published. Please be timely in your submittals, I have children at home and a fulltime job as well.

In addition, if you are connected to the internet, please submit your SFMS meeting reports and/or articles to me by email. I also have computer diskettes for those article writers that have computers, but are not connected to the internet. Please use these diskettes to submit your articles to me (preferably in Word, but I can also open and save other word processing documents to a Word file if necessary). Use of electronic files will decrease my time retyping articles and forms and prevent introduction of additional errors to the articles. Unformatted articles submitted as attachments are best.

Also, I would like to request that those of you submitting your articles via email to continue to do so, but submitting the articles as attachments to emails rather than in the body of your emails. Sending the articles in the body of your emails does things that increase my workload considerably: the article paragraphs and sentences (sometime punctuation) gets severely scrambled in transmission and strange formatting is introduced, which needs to be cleared before it can be used. Please think of this as your emailing to me.

Hopefully, you have enjoyed the issues of *Lodestar* that I have edited so far. I am looking forward to continuing as your editor.

Respectfully submitted,
Carolyn L. Daniels, Lodestar Editor

FROM THE TREASURER

SFMS officers and committee members,

Please be prompt in submitting your reimbursement requests for budgeted accounts for 2005. The unused funds do NOT carryover into the new year.

Ken Anderson
SFMS Treasurer

December 2005

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SFMS 2006 WORKSHOP UPDATE (Continued)

William Holland: Ruth Ann Moore's Advanced Wirecraft class at the June workshop session has been canceled. Instead Advanced Wirecraft will be taught by Linda Chandler. Please keep an eye on the announcements in the *Lodestar* for a new course description. Linda's bio and a description of her other class was included in the Workshop Supplement in the November issue of the *Lodestar*.

In case you missed the Annual Board Meeting in November, the staff for the 2006 SFMS Workshops were announced. Next year David and Barbara Tuttle will continue as Directors at Wildacres and Dana and Ray Gonzalez will take over as Directors at William Holland. We are pleased to announce that "Red" and Flora Lee Walker will become the Registrars at Wildacres and Sonia Arnold and Charlotte Caughman will become the Co-Registrars at William Holland.

During 2006 the Education Committee will be co-chaired by Fred Sias and Julia Larson. Julia has been teaching Stained Glass at both Wildacres and William Holland and has her own Stained Glass business in St. Petersburg, Florida. She will bring both managerial and teaching experience to the Education Committee.

Fred Sias, SFMS Education Chairman

2005 SFMS BULLETIN CONTEST AWARDS**NEW EDITORS**

(There was only one entry in this category)

SECOND PLACE - Kim Tyler, Gold Rush Ledger -
Charlotte Gem & Mineral Club

(note: there was no 1st Place Award given in this category)

SMALL BULLETINS

(There were four entries in this category)

FIRST PLACE - Gayle Graham, Mountain Mineral Monthly
- Southern Appalachian Mineral Society

SECOND PLACE - David Jacobson, Canaveral Moonstone
- Canaveral Mineral & Gem Society

THIRD PLACE - Ed Johnson, Jax Gems - Jacksonville
Gem & Mineral Society

FOURTH PLACE - Hugh Sheffield, Outcroppings - Pinellas
Geological Society

LARGE BULLETINS

(There were two entries in this category)

FIRST PLACE - Dianna O'Dell, Rocket City Rocks & Gems
- Huntsville Gem & Mineral

SECOND PLACE - Linda Behr, The Mountain Gem - Gem
& Mineral Society of Franklin, NC

JUNIOR ARTICLES

(There were only two entries in this category)

FIRST PLACE - Britney Hamilton - Jacksonville Gem &
Mineral Society

SECOND PLACE - Chelsea Tyler - Charlotte Gem &
Mineral Club

ADULT POETRY

(There were three entries in this category)

FIRST PLACE - Hugh Sheffield - Pinellas Geological
Society

SECOND PLACE - Jason Hamilton - Jacksonville Gem &
Mineral Society

THIRD PLACE - Bob O'Brien - Southern Appalachian
Mineral Society

ADULT ARTICLES

(There were 23 entries in this category.)

Eight articles were disqualified by the judge as being
"reports" not articles.)

FIRST PLACE - James McGlynn - Charlotte Gem &
Mineral Club

SECOND PLACE - Mickey Cecil - Jacksonville Gem &
Mineral Society

THIRD PLACE - Cindi Probst - Southern Appalachian
Mineral Society

FOURTH PLACE - Bruce Siegfried - Gem & Mineral
Society of Franklin, NC

FIFTH PLACE - Dylan Porter - Georgia Mineral Society

SIXTH PLACE - Ted Robles - Gem & Mineral Society of
Franklin, NC

SEVENTH PLACE - Bob O'Brien - Southern Appalachian
Mineral Society

EIGHTH PLACE - Barry Schieb - Southern Appalachian
Mineral Society

NINETH PLACE - Chris Streeter - Southern Appalachian
Mineral Society

TENTH PLACE - Tim Barton - Southern Appalachian
Mineral Society

HONORABLE MENTIONS-Kim Cochran - Georgia Mineral
Society

-Debra Siegfried - Gem & Mineral Society of Franklin, NC

-Bill Haggard - Southern Appalachian Mineral Society

-Hal Mahan - Southern Appalachian Mineral Society

-Harry Yingst - Georgia Mineral Society

-Kees Van Dyck - Southern Appalachian Mineral Society

-Robert Hyatt - Southern Appalachian Mineral Society

-Brenda Harrelson - Pinellas Geological Society

ADVANCED ADULT ARTICLES

(There were six entries in this category)

FIRST PLACE - Doug Daniels - Georgia Mineral Society

SECOND PLACE - Larry Littan - Charlotte Gem & Mineral
Club

THIRD PLACE - Mike Streeter - Southern Appalachian
Mineral Society

FOURTH PLACE - Kempton Roll - Southern Appalachian
Mineral Society

FIFTH PLACE - Dorothy Hussey - Southern Appalachian
Mineral Society

SIXTH PLACE - David Tuttle - Jacksonville Gem & Mineral
Society

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THIS YEAR'S JUDGES:

- * Carolyn Weinberg - Clyndon, MD - New Editor and Large Bulletin,
- * June Miller, Sewanee, TN - Small Bulletin,
- * Dolores Rose, Grand Island, NE - Poetry,
- * Edna House, Houghton, LA - Junior Articles,
- * Phyllis George, Katy, TX - Adult Articles, and
- * Cecilia Duluk, Dearborn, MI - Advanced Adult Articles

*Anna Denton
SFMS Bulletin Contest Chairman*

**YOUTH RESOURCES
2005 JUNIOR OF THE YEAR**

RHENA A.V. SOUTH

Rhena has won the "JOY" award for the second year. Rhena is a 10 year old member of the adult and youth Memphis Archaeological and Geological Society. She is also an active member of the Girl Scouts, having received a Bronze Award and 35 badges including the Geology Badge.

She has been on several field trips with her club and family and to visited many museums. She has published in the *Lodestar* and was mentioned in the *A.F.M.S. Newsletter* and the *Rock and Gem Magazine*. Rhena has participated in her club show as an exhibitor and helper. She is also a co-editor of the book, *Our Brooklyn Ancestors*.

Rhena loves science and historical things. The JOY award is given on the basis of completing the criteria and points. Rhena had a total of 716 points!!

The SFMS award was given at the SFMS Annual Banquet November 12, 2005. Rhena received a plaque and a crystal specimen. CONGRATULATIONS, RHENA!

2005 JUNIOR OF THE YEAR CERTIFICATE OF PARTICIPATION

KAREN SCHAEFFER

We also have a winner of a Certificate of Participation who completed the JOY criteria and has been an active member of the adult and youth Memphis Archeological and Geological Society

Karen is a 10 year old who has enjoyed many field and family trips, visited museums and Science centers. She enjoys fossils and shares her interest with others. Her Science Fair project was *Removing Iron Oxide from Quartz Crystals*. Karen had a total of 350 points and will receive a certificate and a mineral specimen. CONGRATULATIONS, KAREN!

*Leona and Hugh Sheffield,
SFMS Youth Resources Chairmen*

BE SAFE, BE WELL

A message from your Safety Committee

Since assuming responsibility for the Safety Committee, I have avoided copying articles from other sources, and have been doing articles that are recommended by our members. These articles are used by SFMS and AFMS only.

I actively solicit subjects from our members and now need some suggestions for upcoming issues. The only suggestion that I have in hand is to do an article on cutting stones that may contain hazardous material such as copper bearing materials.

I really need a few more of your thoughts to work with and am using this opportunity to solicit your input.. **HELP!!!!**

Don Monroe, SFMS Safety Committee Chairman

AFMS ENDOWMENT FUND

The SFMS is hosting the combined meeting of the AFMS/SFMS in Nashville, TN. The meeting will be held in August 2006.

It is time for our gifted craftsmen and collectors to consider donating jewelry items and specimens-fossils to this program that supports all seven regional federation libraries.

A donating "information/instruction" sheet will be printed in the January 2006 *Lodestar*.

Remember, our Jim Robinson is the AFMS President. Let's show our support

Ken Anderson

**SFMS FIELD TRIP COMMITTEE
DMC FIELD TRIP SHARING PROGRAM**

Date: November 23, 2005

Subject: Hosting reminder!

Your club's commitment to host a DMC field trip is fast approaching. Don't forget that the details of your JANUARY 2006 DMC hosted trip need to be emailed in around the first of DECEMBER!. DMC policy state that you have until midnight on the 10th of DECEMBER as the final cut-off for submission. All the clubs associated with the DMC appreciate early receipt of the details of this JANUARY 2006 field trip so that everyone can set aside time to attend.

*Jim Flora
SFMS Field Trip Committee Chairman*

IN MEMORY OF ROGER VAN CLEEF

by

Mike Baldwin,

Memphis Archaeological and Geological Society

On Wednesday morning, November 16, MAGS lost a devoted member and a recognized authority on fossils. Roger Van Cleef was honored several years ago with the National Rockhound and Lapidary Rockhound Hall of Fame Award for his work in paleontology. Over the years, he won several awards for articles appearing in the MAGS Rockhound News, and for a time he was the editor of our newsletter. In June 2002, Roger started a Micromounters Group within MAGS that met at his house once a month. For more than two years, my family and several other MAGS members gathered there each month to look at minerals and fossils under the microscope and to learn how to prepare and display specimens. We were awed by the fantastic fossils Roger had collected and reconstructed over the years. He happily shared his knowledge with us as we looked at his treasures, all stored in boxes and cases and drawers in his paleo-lab. I don't know how many times we took our own finds to Roger for the "fossil test". "If your tongue sticks to it, it's a fossil," Roger would tell us. He could also tell us what we had found. He loved fossils.

Perhaps his favorites were *T-rex* and mosasaurs. *T-rex* because of the enormity and ferocity of it and the mosasaur because it was once a resident of the Mid-South.

It's ironic, after knowing Roger since 1997, I feel that I didn't know him very well after all. I would have enjoyed being around him and learning from him in his younger days . . . during his time as a defensive tackle for the Minnesota Vikings, or during his weeks-long field trips out west in search of dinosaurs, or his travels to Machu Pichuu, Egypt and the Galapagos Islands, or his time at the Pink Palace Museum and Coon Creek. In the early days of the Pink Palace Arts and Crafts Fair, little did my wife, Sherri, and I know that the friendly voice of the announcer belonged to Roger (the same voice that was the narrator for "Walrus Tales", an educational television program in Memphis). Little did we know that one of the founding fathers of "Friends of the Pink Palace" and the "Pink Palace Arts and Crafts Fair" was Roger. As the Education Curator at the Pink Palace Museum, Roger worked with high school students who became junior curators. Roger and his core of understudies turned the museum into an adventure for youth and school groups during sleep-over camps. He loved teaching children.

When my family and I joined MAGS in the late 90's, the very first person we saw when we came through the doors at the Botanical Gardens was Roger. He greeted my daughters with such a warm smile and a gentle kindness that they instantly became friends. Roger loved sharing his knowledge of dinosaurs with my girls and all the other children in the club. If every person, young and old alike, who has been influenced, inspired, and educated by Roger Van Cleef were to write a paragraph about their experience with him, I would venture to say that those words could fill a book that would rival a volume of "Harry Potter" in size.

I am saddened that Roger is no longer with us, but I know he lived a full, adventurous life. He shared his adventures with those around him. He dreamed of having more adventures, and as Robin Williams [Peter Pan] once said to Hook, "To die would be an awfully big adventure." My family and I have been enriched by knowing Roger, and I know his adventures continue. Thank you for sharing him with us, Katheryn. He will be greatly missed!

from *MAGS Rockhound News* (12/05)

E-Mail from Mike Baldwin:

It is with a heavy heart I must tell you that Roger Van Cleef, long-time Memphis Archaeological and Geological Society (MAGS) member and friend, passed away this morning (11/16.2005) at 10:00 at St. Francis Hospital in Memphis.

Mike Baldwin
MAGS Editor/Web Coordinator

Roger van Cleef, a 2000 year inductee in the Fossil category, The National Rockhound and Lapidary Hall of Fame.

ROGER E. VAN CLEEF, 65, of Memphis, died November 16, 2005. Mr. Van Cleef retired as Curator of Education for

the Pink Palace Museum where he worked from 1967 to 1990 educating and influencing generations of Memphis children. He was born August 4, 1940 in Salina, KS. He graduated from Southwestern State College, now named the Oklahoma Southwestern State College in 1962 and did his graduate work at the University of Oklahoma. He began his career working with the University's Stovall Museum in Norman, OK and moved to Memphis in 1967 to work at the Pink Palace.

A CALL FOR DONATIONS

When I read the article on the Harrison County Gem and Mineral Society (Gulfport, Mississippi) and their need for equipment in the November *Lodestar*, I knew I had to do something. My family has been involved in the lapidary hobby for about nine years. My son Michael and I learned faceting together at Wildacres and my wife works in gold fabrication. My family has been blessed by our involvement in the lapidary societies and all the great people involved in them.

My name is Ken Reed and I am a member and past President of the Deland Florida Gem and Mineral Club. I am a member of many clubs in Florida and I teach faceting through the Tomoka Faceters Guild in Ormond Beach, Florida.

I spoke with Billy E. Wood, the Co-Founder and current President of the Harrison County club and he told me that their workshop had been flooded during the recent hurricane and had been under nine feet of water. Everything inside was a total loss. The city owns the building and is in the process of renovating it. It is expected to be ready for occupancy in February; and with your help, I want to fill it with equipment!

I'm asking the SFMS State Directors to contact their clubs and ask for donations to help in this project. I want to challenge each State Director to raise \$200 for this project. I would like you to ask all of your clubs to donate something, perhaps a used faceting machine or Genie instead of money. I realize that some clubs are small and may not be able to make a donation but others may want to give more.

Please join me in this effort and let me know what you can do to help. Contact your clubs and ask for a donation of money or equipment. I know that it is short notice to try to get a commitment from the clubs at their December meetings but please take a few minutes out of your busy day to contact them. Together we can make a difference. I'll be waiting to hear back from you. Please, with your help we can make a dream come true!

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2006 BULLETIN CONTEST

It is time to submit bulletins and articles printed in 2005 for the annual SFMS Bulletin Editors Contest. The contest will be conducted the same as in 2005. All entries must be received by January 14, 2006.

CATEGORIES ARE:

Mini Bulletins (4 pages or less, including one-page bulletins)

Small Bulletins (11 pages or less but more than 4)

Large Bulletins (12 pages or more)

New Editors/New Bulletins (Any size bulletin. First-time editors only, eligible for first year only)

Junior Articles (two classes: age 11 and under, or age 12-18)

Adult Articles

Advanced Adult Articles (previous 1st Place Adult winner, science career, published author, etc.)

Poetry (Adult or Junior)

Special Publications

Contest entry forms are provided as pages 14 through 18 in this issue of *Lodestar*, available on the SFMS website or available from the chairman by request. Editors must fill out the top portion of all forms completely and attach one to each entry. (Clubs with dual membership in SFMS and EFMLS should choose one federation only for each entry.)

Two copies of each entry are required (so we have pristine, unmarked copies to send on to AFMS judges).

BULLETINS: Only ONE issue/month may be entered. You are to select the month to be judged. To enter, send TWO copies of your selected month's bulletin to the above address. Note: a page is 8 inches by 11 inches with standard print. Legal-size sheet (8 inches by 14 inches) counts as 1.5 pages. Sheet printed on both sides is TWO pages. Cover sheets are not counted unless content changes in each issue.

ORIGINAL ARTICLES, ALL CLASSES: The EDITOR must select all articles to be judged. If Junior author, age MUST be included on entry form. Only one article is allowed per author. If published in several installments, only ONE part may be entered. Articles MUST be submitted AS PRINTED in the bulletin. Articles must be original, written expressly for the bulletin and related to the rockhound hobby. Minimum length of article is 250 words. Reports (minutes, field trip

reports and information of interest only to your club members, etc.) are not Original Articles and should not be entered. Submit TWO copies of each entry.

POETRY: Original poems by Adults or Juniors may be submitted. If Junior, age must be on the entry form. Only one poem is allowed per author. Poems must be original, written expressly for the bulletin, and related to the earth science hobby. Submit two copies of each entry.

NOTE: Articles, poems, and Special Publications may have been published in ANY month of 2004. Author(s) must be member(s) in good standing of the club submitting the entry.

SPECIAL PUBLICATIONS are original publications, such as a workshop manual, field trip guide, show program (not flyer), club history or anniversary, etc. Clubs may have multiple entries in Special Publications if each entry covers a different subject area. Special Publications may be any length. Submit TWO copies of each entry.

*Anna Denton, Bulletin Contest Chairman
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A TRIP TO FORT DRUM, FLORIDA

On November 12 through 13, 2005, SFMS hosted a field trip to Fort Drum in Florida. About 100 people, including a lot of first-timers, traveled down to South Florida with visions of amber-colored crystals dancing in their heads. The weather was perfect, and everyone left happy with lots of good quality material in their buckets. Eddie Rucks was an excellent host, as usual. Everyone should go to Fort Drum when the opportunity is offered. It's a great trip!

*Mickey McClain
Georgia Mineral Society Member
(from *Tips and Trips*, 12/05)*



Jay Gorday, Georgia Mineral Society member, in the pit at Ruck's. (Photo courtesy of Mickey McClain)

December 2005

The Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies, Inc.

SILVERSMITHING I AT WILLIAM HOLLAND

by

Dillon Sackman, Junior Member of the Franklin (NC) Gem and Mineral Society

and

Recipient of the SFMS 2005 Junior Scholarship Award

We arrived at William Holland around 3 P.M. on Sunday. After we checked in, found our room and unpacked, we explored the school and met lots of people.

After the introduction Dinner, we went back to our room to prepare for class the next morning.

Class started at 9 A.M. with our teacher, Mr. Alan Jewell informing us that he had five projects for us to do that week. They were:

1. Make a cutout penny pendant,
2. Spiral earrings,
3. Cup earrings,
4. Bracelet,
5. Ring, and
6. Pendant (a bonus project).

For Project #1: The main tool we needed to use was the jeweler's saw. We were to cut around Abe Lincoln and leave the outside edge. It's fun, but not so easy!

Project #2: We had to cut 18-gauge silver wire into two even pieces, then try to make one end on each wire into a "bead" by heating them. After that, we formed them into a spiral shape.

Project #3: For the cup earrings we had to solder the post to the center of each cup, pickle them, polish them, and then set the stones into them.

Project #4: For the bracelet, Mr. Jewell wanted everyone to make a twisted 12-gauge wire bangle bracelet, but I think everyone made twisted cuff bracelets instead.

Project #5: This was my favorite project. I made a couple of them! We had to make the bezel to fit the stone and solder it together, and then we had to make the ring shank and solder it. Next, we had to check that the bezel and base fit without gaps, and solder them together. We had to form the shank around the ring mandrel and polish it and set the stone.

Project #6: It is made the same way as the ring except you don't make a shank; you make a bezel instead.

I had a great time. I want to thank everyone who nominated me for this opportunity and the SFMS for providing this scholarship!

Article also appeared in the November 2005 issue of *The Mountain Gem*

INTERNET WEBSITE UPDATE: 2005

There were many significant additions and improvements made to the SFMS Internet Web presence during this past federation year.

We continue to provide the SFMS membership with timely access to current and past issues of the electronic version of the SFMS newsletter - *LODESTAR*. This "on line" availability of our newsletter will save the Federation a substantial amount of postal mailing and production costs as more club officers elect to receive their copy of the *LODESTAR* over the Internet.

The SFMS website continues to offer the updated SFMS 2005 Directory of clubs in PDF format for all to view and print. We also take this new information and completely update the SFMS club show listings and all of the contact information for all SFMS member clubs on a state by state basis. This makes it possible for the general public to easily find the contact and meeting information of a SFMS gem and mineral society near their place of residence.

We have also had numerous updates to the SFMS William Holland Workshop and SFMS Wildacres Workshop on-line information pages. This year we added the new 2005 Registration forms and 2005 workshop information in PDF format for download.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION POSTED DURING 2005:

- ◆ Details of the 2005 Bulletin Contest.
- ◆ Stamp Program information.
- ◆ William Holland and Wildacres Retreat schedule updates and applications.
- ◆ Club liability and show insurance information.
- ◆ Contact information of the SFMS Executive Board and Committee Chairs.
- ◆ Contact information of the SFMS State Directors.
- ◆ Special Field Trip and "Rock Swap" events.
- ◆ Information on yearly mineral symposiums.
- ◆ Special "NOTICE" page for important announcements.
- ◆ Information on competitive exhibit qualification and Certified Judges.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Flora, SFMS Webmaster
Email: sfms@amfed.org
website: <http://amfed.org/sfms>

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.

Workshop Directors

David and Barbara Tuttle
994 Blackmon Road, Yulee, FL 32097
Phone: 904-225-0689 Email: dt@net-magic.net

Workshop Registrars

"Red" and Flora Lee Walker
164 Sexton Loop, Oakdale, TN 37829-2323
Phone: 423-369-3077 Email: waregistrar@gmail.com

Session 1: April 13-20, 2006

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

Session 2: August 21-27, 2006

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

Session 3: September 18-24, 2006

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

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

SFMS 2006 William Holland Workshop at Young Harris, Georgia

2006 Workshop Dates

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

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

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

The William Holland School of Lapidary Arts is situated on a mountain in north Georgia near the North Carolina border. The facility includes a two-story main building known as the Sparks Lodge with 29 air-conditioned bedrooms on the upper floor. A second lodge is located nearby with 22 additional air-conditioned bedrooms. All bedrooms are motel-like with private baths and two beds. Two rooms are equipped for the handicapped.

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

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

Fees

Lodge accommodations: \$310 per person double occupancy, including meals. **Single room:** \$470.

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

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

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

Registration Procedures

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

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

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

Reservation Deposit

A non-refundable administrative fee of \$50 per person must accompany all applications. The full amount may be remitted with the application if the applicant wishes. (It is easier for the Registrar.) The balance is due 4 weeks before the workshop begins. **No reminders will be sent.**

Cancellation Policy

There is a \$50 nonrefundable charge to cover administrative costs. An additional \$50 charge will be assessed for cancellations made less than 4 weeks before a session begins. No refund will be returned for cancellations within 7 days of the start of a session. A minimum of three students must be enrolled in a particular class to support the cost of the class. No fee will be charged if a class is canceled. No adjustment will be made for late arrival or early departure.

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
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Session 1: June 11-17, 2006

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

Session 2: October 8-14, 2006

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

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

2006 William Holland Workshop Registration Form

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

(A) Mr Mrs Ms _____ SFMS Club _____
 Name Mr Mrs Ms _____
PLEASE PRINT NAME(S) AS YOU WANT IT TO APPEAR ON YOUR NAME TAG SPELL OUT CLUB NAME INITIALS NOT ACCEPTED

(B) Mr Mrs Ms _____ Phone _____
 Name Mr Mrs Ms _____ Email _____

Address: _____
STREET CITY STATE ZIP

Is this the first time you will attend William Holland? (A) Yes No (B) Yes No
 Have you attended any other SFMS Workshop? (A) Yes No (B) Yes No
 Do you wish to be placed on Stand-by if there are no vacancies when your application arrives? Yes No

Class Choices

First Choice	*	Second Choice	*	Third Choice	*
A					
B					

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

Room Assignment for Single Applicants only:

- 1) Do you have a friend with whom you wish to room?

- 2) Do you smoke? _____ Do you wish to room with a non-smoking person? _____ yes _____ no preference.
- 3) Are you an early riser _____ or a Night Owl _____

Special Needs:

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

INSTRUCTIONS

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

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

3) Cost per person for this session is \$310, double occupancy with private bath. (Single room cost is \$470.) **\$120 for camp site for 1 or 2 people, plus \$140 per person for workshop classes. \$140 for day students.** (No meals are included for campers or day students but are available directly from the retreat.)

A reservation deposit of \$50 per person must accompany this form. You may, and are encouraged to, pay the full amount with this application. If the full amount is not paid with this application, the balance will be due four weeks prior to the workshop.

4) **Cancellation Policy:** There is a \$50 nonrefundable charge to cover administrative costs and an additional \$50 charge for canceling less than 4 weeks before the session begins. No refund will be given for cancellations received less than 7 days before the session. **There are No adjustments for late arrivals or early departures.**

Amount submitted with application: \$ _____

Make Check Payable to:

SFMS William Holland Workshop

Mail check and this form to:

William Holland Registrars

P.O. Box 268, Brevard, NC 28712

Phone: 828-883-2029 or 864-473-0317

Email: whregistrars@gmail.com

FOR REGISTRAR'S USE ONLY

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:

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:

FLORIDA SFMS MEMBER CLUB DONATES COLLECTION

by

Jane Davis, *President of Imperial Bone Valley Gem Mineral & Fossil Society*

Imperial Bone Valley Gem, Mineral & Fossil Society (IBVGM&FS) Vice President Tony Gricius presented a collection of cabinet-sized rock specimens to Henry Ranck, Professor of Physics and Marvin Pippert, Associate Dean of Liberal Arts at Polk Community College in Lakeland on Thursday evening, October 13th. Most of the 42 specimens were rocks from Tony's personal collection with a few contributed from club stores. Professor Ranck said he was particularly grateful as there are not many varieties of rocks to be found in central Florida and the collection would be on display and available to the entire Earth Sciences Department. There were a surprising number of rocks from Florida, where most of us acknowledge only the limestone and calcite, that precipitates out of it; chert is one we seldom think of, although it seems to be as ubiquitous as limestone. Some others from Florida were: wavellite, hematite and two varieties of petrified wood (one each: silicified and calcified) as well as several fossils found in the state.

Tony is a mineralogist who came to Florida working for IMC, now Mosaic, and stayed after retiring from the company last year. His knowledge and ready answers are a great asset to the club and its members. He is also program chairman and provides us with interesting and varied programs each month.

IBVGM&FS currently meets monthly on the second Thursday of the month from 7 to 9 pm at the Polk County Community College. Visitors are welcome.

(The club also received local newspaper coverage.- Editor)



(Left to Right) IBVGM&FS Vice-President Tony Gricius, Professor of Physics Henry Ranck and Associate Dean of Liberal Arts Marvin Pippert peruse the rock and mineral collection donated to Polk Community College by Mr. Gricius. *(Photo provided by Jane Davis.)*

SFMS FIELD TRIP COMMITTEE UPDATE: 2005

The SFMS field trip sharing program conducted twelve field trips this past SFMS year.

- ◆ James Bowers Limonite Prospect, Aquadale (Norwood), North Carolina;
- ◆ Jackson's Crossroads Amethyst Prospect, Wilkes County, Georgia;
- ◆ Diamond Hill Quartz Mine, Antreville, South Carolina;
- ◆ Savannah River Agate, Girard, Georgia;
- ◆ Chunky Gal Mtn., Zoisite with Ruby, Macon County, North Carolina;
- ◆ Graves Mountain "Rock Swap and Dig", Lincolnton, Georgia;
- ◆ Rose Creek Mine, Rubies, Sapphires, Garnets, Macon County, North Carolina;
- ◆ Ladd's Mountain, Cave Onyx Cartersville, Georgia;
- ◆ Tennessee Quartz Geodes, Woodbury, Tennessee;
- ◆ LaFarge Cement Quarry, Eocene Marine Fossils, Harleyville, South Carolina;
- ◆ Nantahala Talc and Limestone Quarry, Banded pink, gray and yellow marble, calcite, dolomite, pyrite, travertine and talc, Hewitt, North Carolina; and
- ◆ Graves Mountain, Rutile, Lincolnton, Georgia;

The SFMS Field Trip Committee invited all SFMS clubs to seven (7) "OPEN" field trips:

- ◆ Feb./Nov. - Rucks' Pit, Fossils, calcite, collecting trip, Fort Drum, Florida;
- ◆ April/Oct. - Standard Mineral, pyrite cubes, pyrite cubes in matrix, green fluorite, and micro-minerals, Glendon, North Carolina;
- ◆ May/Oct. - Graves Mtn. "Rock Swap and Digs", rutile, lazulite, and pyrophyllite, Lincolnton, Georgia; and
- ◆ October - Chunky Gal Mtn., Zoisite with Ruby, Macon County, North Carolina

The SFMS Field Trip Committee field trip sharing program has a current membership roster of thirty two (32) clubs located in 8 SFMS Federation states.

Respectfully submitted,
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 website: <http://amfed.org/sfms>

SOUTHEAST FEDERATION OF MINERALOGICAL SOCIETIES

2006 Score Sheet for All Bulletin Classes

BULLETIN NAME _____

CLASS (check one)

Mini Small Large New Editor Month published _____

Editor's Name & Address _____

Club Name & Location _____

No penalty for type of reproduction.

Maximum Deducted: POINTS

1. Vital information: (Maximum – 15 points)

- A. Bulletin title, club name, city & state on cover or front page.....3
B. Volume and issue number on cover or page 1.....2
C. Return address on outside cover/ mailing area.....2
D. Editor's name and address.....2
E. Club officers; club address or contact info; dues; purpose; Federation liaison.....4
F. Date, time and place of regular meetings.....2

2. Format/Editorship: (Maximum – 39 points)

- A. Pages numbered and dated, bulletin name on each page.....3
B. Headings, margins, spacing acceptable; copy neat & clean.....8
D. Spelling and grammar acceptable.....5
E. ALL articles credited to writers or publications; borrowed articles credited to writer or publication and dated.....5
F. Information/articles appear correct – no glaring inaccuracies.....4
G. Appropriate use of illustrations (graphics, maps, club logo, etc.).....2
H. Variety of material appears to fulfill needs of this club.....4
I. No apparent copyright violations.....5

3. Club news: (Maximum – 20 points: consider bulletin size in relation to contents)

- A. Coming program announced; previous program reviewed.....3
B. Highlights or minutes of last meeting.....3
C. Committee/Board meeting reports; President's message.....3
D. Field trips, workshops/classes, community/Federation projects.....3
E. Coming events or Calendar of club activities3
F. Events/shows/news of other clubs.....3
G. News of members.....2

4 Federation news: (Maximum – 8 points)

- A. Southeast Federation news.....5
B. American Federation news.....3

5. Articles: (Maximum – 13 points)

- A. Educational, hobby-related.....3
B. Hints and tips, safety information, book reviews, humor, etc.....3
C. Original articles and items submitted by members.....4
D. Articles from exchange bulletins and other sources.....3

6. General impression –outstanding features (Maximum – 5 points).....5

TOTAL POSSIBLE POINTS.....100

TOTAL POINTS AWARDED _____

Judged by _____ Date _____

(Judge's comments on back of sheet)

Checked by _____

SOUTHEAST FEDERATION OF MINERALOGICAL SOCIETIES
2006 Score Sheet for Original Articles (Adult or Junior)

TITLE OF ARTICLE
AUTHOR Adult Junior(Age)
BULLETIN NAME
Month Published
Editor's Name & Address
Club Name & Location

TYPE OF ARTICLE (Circle A, B, C, D, or E):

- A. Informational (How-to, historical, lapidary, hints, etc.)
B. Collecting localities, old or new (Not travelogue)
C. Club activities/Member interests (editorials, shows, judging, community/civic affairs, etc.)
D. Science (mineralogy, geology, paleontology, etc.)
E. Humor (must relate to hobby, but can be 'fun' article)

Table with 2 columns: Maximum Deducted and POINT. Rows include Preliminaries (6 points), Writing style (31 points), Composition (38 points), No apparent copyright violation (5 points), Educational or entertainment value (20 points), and TOTAL POSSIBLE POINTS (100).

Judged by Date

(Judge's comments on back of sheet) Checked by

SOUTHEAST FEDERATION OF MINERALOGICAL SOCIETIES

2006 Score Sheet for Original Adult Articles – Advanced

(Past SFMS 1st Place Winners, Earth Science Career, Articles or Books published, etc.)

TITLE OF ARTICLE
AUTHOR
Reason for "Advanced" status
BULLETIN NAME
Month Published
Editor's Name & Address
Club Name & Location

Maximum Deducted: POINTS

- 1. Author's style and language: (Maximum – 20 points)
A. Title catchy and/or appropriate... 3
B. Author identified...3
C. Writing interesting, easily understood, spelling & grammar correct/appropriate...10
D. Free from irrelevant material and distortion...4
2. Article quality: subject appropriate, of general or special interest
(Maximum – 20 points)
(Score only one section – circle A, B, C, D, or E)...20
A. Informational (How-to, identification, lapidary, historical, etc.)
B. Science (Mineralogy, geology, paleontology, etc.)
C. Collecting areas, old or new; includes technical data (Not travelogue)
D. Club activities/member interests (editorials, shows, community/civic /schools)
E. Humor (must be hobby related)
3. Author's effort: (Maximum – 40 points)
(Select only one and circle choice -- A-1, A-2, or A-3)...10
A-1 Research required or information drawn from books, magazines, internet, etc.
A-2 Drawn from actual experience or observation
A-3 Combination of experience/observation and research
B. No apparent copyright violation...5
C. References given for technical data, quotations/illustrations credited, etc...10
D. Appears to be accurate, facts seem correct...5
E. Subject adequately covered for purpose intended; long enough to achieve purpose,
no longer than necessary...10
4. Educational value: (Maximum – 20 Points)...20

TOTAL POSSIBLE POINTS...100

TOTAL POINTS AWARDED

Judged by Date

(Judge's comments on back of sheet) Checked by

SOUTHEAST FEDERATION OF MINERALOGICAL SOCIETIES
2006 Score Sheet for Original Poems

TITLE OF POEM
AUTHOR
BULLETIN NAME
Editor's Name & Address
Club Name & Location

- Maximum Deducted: POINTS
A. Title appropriate; author identified...5
B. Appeal/Interest (Circle 1 or 2, use those criteria to score) ...25
C. Meter/Rhythm (Circle 1 or 2, use those criteria to score).....20
D. Originality of subject material and/or approach.15
E. No apparent copyright violation.....5
F. Clarity & appropriateness of message (Circle 1 or 2, use those criteria to score).....10
G. Suitability of verse style for subject (Circle 1 or 2, use those criteria to score).....15
H. Spelling & Grammar.5

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Angels Camp, California
June 9-10, 2006

Eastern Federation

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West Palm Beach, Florida
November 18-19, 2006

Midwest Federation

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

Northwest Federation Annual Convention & Show

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

Rocky Mountain Federation Annual Convention & Show

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

South Central Federation Annual Convention & Show

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

Southeast Federation Annual Convention & Show (Phase 1)

Nashville, Tennessee
August 19, 2006

CLUB & SOCIETY SHOWS/SWAPS

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

December 2-4, 2005, Montgomery, AL - Montgomery Gem & Mineral Society. 35th Annual Gem, Mineral and Jewelry Show. Garrett Coliseum on Federal Drive. Hours: 2nd, 9:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.; 3rd, 10:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.; 4th, 11:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Contact Jane Barkley at 334.277.2722 or Iris McGehee at 334.262.7275.

December 2-4, 2005, Spring Hill, FL - Withlacoochee Rockhound Gem and Mineral Society. 31st Annual Rockhound Gem and Mineral Show. Solvene American Club, County Line Road. Hours: 9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Contact: Jerry Johnson @ 352.688.7810. Dealers needed.

December 3, 2005, Auburndale, FL - Imperial Bone Valley Gem, Mineral & Fossil Society, Inc. One Day Rock, Gem & Fossil Tailgate Sale and Swap. N. Carroll Rd, just off U.S. Hwy 92. [Take Exit 17 off SR 570 (toll road), turn west on Hwy 92. N. Carroll Rd is immediately past the Old Dixie Highway traffic light, turn right and drive to show (at club shop) on left approx. 150 yards from Hwy 92. Use rear gate for entry.] Hours: 8:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Contacts: Marte Dantzman @ 863.428.1214 and Jane Davis @ 813.754.1584. Email: stonepainter@gmail.com.

December 9-11, 2005, Norcross, GA - The Georgia Mineral Society. 12th Annual Holiday Show. North Atlanta Trade Center, 1700 Jeurgens Court. Hours: 9th and 10th, 10:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.; 11th, 12:00 Noon - 5:00 P.M. Contact: Kim Cochran @ 770.979.8331, email: decembershow@gamineral.org, website: <http://www.gamineral.org/december-show.htm>.

December 10-11, 2005, Nashville, TN - Mid-Tennessee Gem & Mineral Society. 25th Annual Earth Treasures Jewelry, Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show. Tennessee State Fairgrounds. Hours: 10th, 9:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.; 11th, 10:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Contact: Mary Sparks @ 615.485.0718.

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

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

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