PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

A Happy New Year to Everyone!

I would like to thank you all for giving me the opportunity to serve as the President of The Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies Inc. for 2005.

With the expertise, and knowledge we have in our organization we will have a successful year.

I have watched with amazement at the amount of planning that goes into organizing the workshops, at Wildacres and William Holland. These workshops are the catalyst that brings our organization together, for whilst attending the workshops we make new friends, meet up with old friends and exchange ideas. All of this, plus learning a new skill, or perfecting one we have learnt.

Passing on skills is a dedicated task, and I congratulate all our instructors for giving their time and expertise; add to this our dedicated registrars and directors and we have a winning team.

I would also like to acknowledge our Education Chair who manages to bring all of this together under one cohesive umbrella with tact and understanding.

If you have not yet attended one of the workshops, this is the year to DO IT!

Best wishes for a wonderful 2005,
Eileen Price, President

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“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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2005 SFMS Workshop Update

We hope everyone had a great holiday and now is the time to start thinking about the upcoming SFMS Workshop season. Each person on the Lodestar mailing list should have received a copy of a brochure describing the complete 2005 Workshop schedule and class selection. Registration forms for all Workshop Sessions are due on or after February 15, 2005 along with a registration fee of $30 per person. This is a change this year to allow everyone to register early without having to submit half the total registration fee. The postmark on your registration letter partially determines your priority for acceptance in classes that may fill early.

For those not on the mailing list with Internet access the whole brochure along with registration forms is available at the SFMS Web site at [www.amfed.org/sfms](http://www.amfed.org/sfms). With a PDF Reader that is available free from [www.adobe.com](http://www.adobe.com), you may download the brochure and print copies on your computer. Editors may print copies to include in their newsletters. Editors are free to reprint any of the material in the brochure in club newsletters. If you wish to reformat the material for your newsletter, simply save a copy as text using the Adobe Reader and use that copy with your word processor. Editors may contact the Education Chairman if they wish to have the Brochure forwarded as a Microsoft Publisher document.

We look forward to seeing you at a Wildacres or William Holland session.

Fred Sias, SFMS Education Chair

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2004 SFMS Bulletin and Article Contest Winners

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Best wishes for a wonderful 2005,
Eileen Price, President
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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 hope everyone had a wonderful Holiday Season. I also would like to thank everyone for their vote of confidence in re-electing me as SFMS editor.

It is time to get back to work. There are several SFMS committee positions that need to be filled, please read the President’s request for volunteers later in this issue of Lodestar and consider serving as a committee chair. The SFMS cannot function without its many volunteers.

Please note: Do to the $1.00+ printing and mailing costs for each copy of the Lodestar, the yearly subscription rate for the Lodestar is increasing to $10.00 for 10 subscriptions. New subscriptions and renewals postmarked after January 31, 2006 will require that a $10.00 check be included with the application.

This issue of Lodestar includes the complete minutes for the 2004 SFMS Annual Meeting. Individual officer and committee reports will be published as space allows in the next few issues.

Remember, if you wish an article to appear in a particular issue of Lodestar, you must submit it to my attention by the 25th of the month prior to the month of publication. There will be no guarantees that articles submitted thereafter, will appear when requested. Many thanks to those who have been submitting their articles in a timely manner.

Sincerely,
Carolyn L. Daniels, Lodestar Editor

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

In compliance with the Constitution and Bylaws Article X111, Section 1., which states: “The President of the Federation will appoint an ad hoc committee every five (5) years beginning in 2000, to review the Southeast Federation Constitution and By-laws”, I have appointed Olin Banks, Betty James and Don Monroe, to serve on this committee.

The results of the ad hoc committee review will be presented at the Annual General Meeting in November 2005.

I wish them success in this endeavor,
Eileen Price, SFMS President

YOUTH RESOURCES

We begin this year with increased interest in our programs for the Youth. Yeah! The Lodestar is our main source of communication so we hope you will share the monthly youth articles with anyone in your club who is interested in working with the youth. Some clubs have a junior club and others have junior members of the adult club. In either case, you can have a merit badge program in your club. There are two excellent programs available. Please contact us at 727.894.2440 (sorry, no E mail) or ask your Club President for more information. Every club president in a SFMS club will receive in early February, a mailing from us that will have more information for the youth.

The criteria and application for the Junior of the Year 2005 award was printed in the November 2004 Lodestar. This award is given at the annual meeting banquet and is considered an outstanding honor. The criteria will cover from November 1, 2004 until October 31, 2005. The material must be received by November 10, 2005 in order to have a winner by the annual meeting in November, 2005.

Junior Workshop scholarships are also available for William Holland and Wildacres. We ask for a letter of recommendation for these scholarships from the club president and one other adult club member. Please include a phone number of the youth in your letters. These letters of recommendation are to be received by March 1, 2005 and the winners will be notified soon thereafter by telephone and letter. A copy of the notification letter is to be attached to the registration form which should be completed immediately and forwarded to the workshop registrar. Following the workshop experience the recipient of the scholarship must write an article for publication in the Lodestar.

Hugh and Leona Sheffield
SFMS Youth Resources Chairmen

CORRECTION TO THE 2005 WORKSHOP BROCHURE

The address for the Wildacres Workshop Directors, David and Barbara Tuttle, is 85504 Blackmon Road, Yulee FL 32097; not 994 Blackmon Road as shown in the 2005 Workshop Brochure mailed out the end of 2004. (This was an error on my part and not an error by the Education Chairman, Fred Sias.)

Carolyn L. Daniels, Editor

A CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

I would like to invite all appointed Committee Chairs for SFMS committees and SFMS representatives to AFMS Committees to retain their positions for the year 2005.

However, there are several vacancies to fill:

• One is for SFMS Insurance Liaison, and I would like to thank Dot Elam for taking care of that for us last year. Dot will help anyone who wishes to take over.

• I also need someone to take on responsibility for Safety, as both SFMS Committee Chair, and a SFMS Representative to the AFMS Committee.

• There is also a vacancy for the SFMS representative to the AFMS Rockhound of the Year Committee, my thanks to David Tuttle who is vacating that chair.

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- David Tuttle is also vacating his position as SFMS representative to the AFMS Education—All American Club Committee and SFMS will need a volunteer for this position as well.

I would also like to thank Anna Denton for taking over from Diane Dare as the Bulletin Editors' Competition Chairman. Thank you to Diane for contributing all her of her expertise and time.

Please let me know if you have any interest in the above vacant positions, I would love to fill these by end of January 2005.

Many thanks,  
Eileen Price, SFMS President

2005 BULLETIN CONTEST

TO ALL EDITORS: Deadline for the 2005 Bulletin Contest entries is February 1, 2005.

It is time to submit bulletins and articles printed in 2004 for the annual SFMS Bulletin Editors Contest. The contest will be conducted the same as in 2004.

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
- Adult Articles – Advanced (previous 1st Place Adult winner, science career, published author, etc.)
- Poetry (Adult or Junior)
- Special Publications

Contest entry forms will be available in the Lodestar (pages 5 through 9 of this issue), on the SFMS website or 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 1/2” by 11” with standard print. A legal-size sheet (8 1/2” by 14”) counts as 1 1/2 pages. A 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, 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, 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 “one time” 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.

Deadline for all entries is February 15, 2005.

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2004 JUNIOR OF THE YEAR

RHENA A. V. SOUTH

The “Junior of the Year” was announced at the December 11, 2004 SFMS Annual Banquet in Suwanee, GA. Rhena will be presented with her gift and plaque at the January meeting of her Club, the Memphis Archaeological and Geological Society.

Rhena is a 9-year old Junior member who has been an active member of her Junior club as well as the Girl Scouts. She has attended 25 Gem and Mineral Shows as well as working at her Club Show, been in several Junior Special Events and received awards of presentation. She has been on four MAGS Field Trips and two family field trips this year. Rhena has also shared her hobby with the Girl Scouts, at schools and at the Ronald McDonald House for children at St. Jude. Her application was complete and well presented. We are so excited and pleased to award this much deserved recognition.

CONGRATULATIONS, RHENA!!

Hugh and Leona Sheffield
SFMS Youth Resources Chairmen
SOUTHEAST FEDERATION OF MINERALOGICAL SOCIETIES

2005 Score sheet for Special Publications

PUBLICATION TITLE__________________________Publication Date_____________

AUTHOR/EDITOR_______________________________________________________

ADDRESS______________________________________________________________

CLUB NAME & LOCATION_______________________________________________

SCORE ONLY ONE SECTION:  A OR B

Maximum Deducted: POINTS

A: PUBLICATION OF GENERAL INTEREST

1. Educational Value  (Importance of subject, accuracy, use & interpretation………..35
   of research, organization & conclusions)

2. Subject adequately covered for purpose intended…………………………………75

3. Originality:  (Maximum – 20 points)
   A. References given for technical matters, quotations & illustrations credited……..15
   B. No apparent copyright violations…………………………………………….……....5

4. Presentation  (Physical appearance – neat, attractive, legible; spelling &…………15
   grammar correct and/or appropriate; author(s) identified; format; method of
   circulation or distribution & cost effectiveness)

5. Other considerations (Club participation/involvement, charts & drawings………15
   commercial aspects or ads, etc.)

TOTAL POSSIBLE POINTS ………………………………………………. 100

TOTAL POINTS AWARDED

B: PUBLICATION FOR SPECIFIC GROUP

1  Value to specific group (Club, committee, class, Federation, etc.)…………………35

2. Accomplishment of specific purpose………………………………………………...15

3. Originality:  (Maximum – 20 points)
   A. References given for technical matters; quotations & illustrations credited……..15
   B. No apparent copyright violations…………………………………………….……....5

4. Presentation  (Physical appearance – neat, attractive, legible; spelling &…………15
   grammar correct and/or appropriate; format; author(s) identified; method of
   circulation/distribution & cost effectiveness)

5. Other considerations (Club participation/involvement, charts & drawings………15
   commercial aspects or ads, etc.)

TOTAL POSSIBLE POINTS………………………………………………...100

TOTAL POINTS AWARDED

Judged by__________________________ Date___________________

Judge’s comments on back of sheet) Checked by ______________________

SOUTHEAST FEDERATION OF MINERALOGICAL SOCIETIES

2005 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 oints)……………………………………………..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
2005 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 activities………………………………………3
   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_________________________________________________

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TOTAL POSSIBLE POINTS: 100

TOTAL POINTS AWARDED: 

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SOUTHEAST FEDERATION OF MINERALOGICAL SOCIETIES
2005 Score Sheet for Original Poems

TITLE OF POEM

AUTHOR

[Adult  [Junior (Age   )

BULLETIN NAME

Editor’s Name & Address

Club Name & Location

Maximum Deducted:

A. Title appropriate; author identified ......................................................... 5

B. Appeal/Interest (Circle 1 or 2, use those criteria to score) ...................... 25

1. General Audience (directed at hobbyists anywhere). Does it create interest in

the subject? Inspire, encourage, broaden knowledge, give new insight, make reader

smile, etc.?  
or

2. Specialized audience (directed at local club members, special group, etc.). Does

it get message across in pleasant manner?

C. Meter/Rhythm (Circle 1 or 2, use those criteria to score) ............................ 20

1. Open verse (unrhymed). Does rhythm flow? Are lines broken at places

appropriate to rhythm and language/though content?

or

2. Rhyming. Are meter and rhyme scheme consistent? Are rhyme words

appropriate to cont, or used as ‘gimmicks’ to force rhyme?

D. Originality of subject material and/or approach. ....................................... 15

Does it give new or unusual insights into familiar subjects? Does it use imagery,

alliteration, or other poetic devices to enhance subject material? Is poetry an

unusual approach to this subject?

E. No apparent copyright violation .................................................................. 5

F. Clarity & appropriateness of message (Circle 1 or 2, use those criteria to score).... 10

1. Serious topic or purpose. Does it make reader think? Broaden their interests?

Create appealing images through use of words?

or

2. “Just for fun.” Is levity appropriate for the subject? Does it make reader

smile or see something in a more humorous way?

G. Suitability of verse style for subject (Circle 1 or 2, use those criteria to score)........ 15

1. Haiku (Is imagery concentrated? Clear? Has deeper meaning?)

Limerick (Are words used cleverly, distinctly, originally?)

Short stanza (Does subject lend itself to brevity?)

or

2. Long stanza, two or more stanzas, ballad, narrative, etc. (Does it cover topic

well or does it ‘ramble’? Does form used serve the subject matter?)

H. Spelling & Grammar. ............................................................... 5

Spelling errors or ‘typos’? If archaic phrasing is used, does it add or detract from

understandability?

TOTAL POSSIBLE POINTS ................................................................. 100

TOTAL POINTS AWARDED ..............................................................

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SFMS EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
Hosted by
The Memphis Archaeological & Geological Society
Memphis, TN
Saturday, April 23, 2005


For participants to earn the special group rate of $65.00 for single or double, each reservation must be booked using the Group Name: Southeast Federation. Reservations must be completed prior to March 22, 2005.

The Memphis Archaeological & Geological Society invites Executive Board Meeting participants to attend a complimentary pot luck dinner on Friday, April 22 at 6:30 p.m. featuring famous Memphis Bar-B-Q. Arrangements will also be made for meeting participants to obtain free entrance into the Mid-America Fossil, Mineral and Jewelry Show.

Our show features:
* 30 dealers from 15 states;
* exhibits, demonstrations, workshops and classes; and
* The Rockzone: A large area devoted to kids events, including “Rocks Around the Clock”, exhibits and Science Fair Winners.

Directions to the Comfort Suites and the Rock Show:

Please see future issues of Lodestar for additional information. If you have any questions, please contact Cornelia McDaniel @ cfmcDaniel@worldnet.att.net or 901.274.7706.

AFMS 2004 Program Competition Winners

Those Fabulous Thunder Eggs, Part 1
by Doug Moore, Don Kelman and others
111 slides

‘Once you’ve seen one, you’ve seen them all…..’ applies to thunder eggs only in one sense - when you can recognize these nodules as distinct from other types, you’ll begin to appreciate the variety found around the globe. Examples from worldwide locations are included with information about how and where they form.

Recent Finds, New Philadelphia Mine, Rush, Arkansas
by Ed Hakesley 61 slides

The zinc mines near Rush, Arkansas once produced very fine specimens of smithsonite - notably the "turkey fat" variety. The now abandoned mines are off limits for collecting due to Park status. The author received permission to explore and collect at this mine outside the Park and recovered many fine specimens.

Tree Stories
by Ruby Lingelbach VHS video 25 minutes

Specimens of petrified wood include evidence of conditions when the tree was alive; stress features, insects or other animals that may have attacked or used the wood as a home, etc. Details also reveal the species and structures of plants that lived millions of years ago. If you examine specimens in your collection, you can read the stories preserved there. (This program will be available in other formats - possibly before 2006)

Videos Purchased by AFMS Endowment Fund

Exotic Terrane, VHS video 27 minutes

Exotic terrane: a rock formation, which is totally out of place from its origins. Analysis of rock formations along our west coast indicates they were formed near the equator and the Rocky Mountains developed as a result of the impact of this chunk of crust crashing into this continent! This is an adventure in geology.

Glaciers, VHS video 50 minutes

Spectacular scenery illustrates terms such as cirque, bergschrund, drift, till, drumlin, etc. - evidence of the Pleistocene Ice Ages. Graphics show how these rivers of ice formed and we are reminded that most of the North American landscape was sculpted by the gigantic ice sheets. Clues about the future may be found in evidence left by the glaciers.

(email from Cornelia McDaniel)

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Minerals, Gems, & Ores, VHS video 25 minutes
Suitable for all ages except early elementary.

What is a “mineral”? How can they be identified? What are they used for? These and other questions are answered with the reminder that necessities and luxuries for daily life are made from minerals (ores) which are mined around the world. Gemstones, how they are colored and crystal shapes are also mentioned.

Mystery in the Andes, from the New Explorer Series VHS video approx. 50 minutes
Travel to the Chilean Andes to collect fossils and search for answers to mysteries - older fossils found in layers on top of younger specimens; evidence of warming when the rest of the planet was cooling and dramatic climate changes. Learn how gaps in the fossil record are filled in and how mammal teeth reveal details about the ecosystem - an event filled trip!

Searching for the Origins of Life, from the New Explorer Series VHS video approx. 50 minutes
Explore seemingly inhospitable locations in Yellowstone Park with leading scientists as they collect clues about how and where life began on Earth. Also examine the possibilities of life on Mars and other places.

Voices in the Stones, from the New Explorer Series VHS video approx. 50 minutes
First, see how Mayan pictograms are finally revealing their secrets. Then travel deep in a gold mine to see how scientists are able to probe the internal structure of the sun by collecting and studying particles that penetrate thousands of feet of rock.

Large Bulletins

1st: TIPS AND TRIPS - Carolyn Daniels, Editor, Georgia Mineral Society, Atlanta, GA. (Also First Place in 2004 AFMS Contest)

2nd: THE MOUNTAIN GEM - Linda Behr, Editor, Gem and Mineral Society of Franklin, Franklin, NC. (Also Seventh Place in 2004 AFMS Contest)

3rd: ROCKET CITY ROCKS AND GEMS - Dianna O’Dell, Editor, Huntsville Gem and Mineral Society, Huntsville, AL. (Also awarded an Honorable Mention in the 2004 AFMS Contest)

Mini-Bulletins

1st: LOWCOUNTRY DIGGINGS - Mark Easterbrook, Editor, Lowcountry Gem and Mineral Society, Charleston, SC. (Also First Place in 2004 AFMS Contest)

Special Judge’s Award

MAGS EXPLORER (Youth Newsletter), Mike Baldwin, Editor, Memphis Archaeological and Geological Society, Memphis, TN.

New Editors*

2nd: THE TOMOKA COQUINA - Nancy Rojas, Editor, Tomoka Gem and Mineral Society, Daytona Beach, FL. * No 1st Place awarded.

Poetry - Adult

1st: Sapphire Garden, Nancy Rojas, Author, Tomoka Coquina, Tomoka Coquina Gem and Mineral Society (Also Tenth Place in 2004 AFMS Contest)

2nd: Rockin’ U.S.A. - Irene Madrak, Author, Jax Gems, Jacksonville Gem and Mineral Society (Also Second Place in 2004 AFMS Contest)

Junior Articles

1st: My Trip to William Holland - Elizabeth Siegfried, Author - Age 13, The Mountain Gem, Gem and Mineral Society of Franklin, NC.

Adult Articles

1st: Kyanite - Dorothy Hussey, Author, Mountain Mineral Monthly, Southern Appalachian Mineral Society (Also Fifth Place in 2004 AFMS Contest)

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2nd: Napoleon’s Lost Army: Gravesite Uncovered in Lithuania - Roger Van Cleef, Author, MAGS Rockhound News, Memphis Archaeological and Geological Society (Also Tenth Place in 2004 AFMS Contest)

3rd: Look Out! Spring Is Here! - Mickey McClain, Author, Tips and Trips, Georgia Mineral Society (Also an Honorable Mention in 2004 AFMS Contest)

4th: Agate Days & Agate Ways in Moose Lake, MN - W.C. McDaniels, Author, MAGS Rockhound News, Memphis Archaeological and Geological Society


8th: Coon Creek Fossils: 90 Miles East of Memphis— Mike Baldwin, Author, MAGS Rockhound News, Memphis Archaeological and Geological Society

9th: Field Trip to Indian Mountain, AL - Billy R. Buchanan, Author, The Mountain Gem, Gem and Mineral Society of Franklin, NC.


Honorable Mentions:

Cabochons - Ed Johnson, Author, Jax Gems, Jacksonville Gem and Mineral Society

Citrine & Galena - Joe Doerr, Author, High Gleamings, Henderson County Gem and Mineral Society

Frustrated? - Try a Field Trip - Joe Enderle, Author, Mountain Mineral Monthly, Southern Appalachian Mineral Society

Garnet - Donald J. Hathaway, Author, Mountain Mineral Monthly, Southern Appalachian Mineral Society

The “Healing” Power of Rocks - Vicki Magis, Author, Tips and Trips, Georgia Mineral Society

I Am Not A “Rockhound” - Judy Presnell, Author, Mountain Mineral Monthly, Southern Appalachian Mineral Society

In Loving Memory of James Glover Miller - Joe Ripley, Author, The Mountain Gem, Gem and Mineral Society of Franklin, NC.


Local Rock Formations, Bill Farrell, Author, High Country Gleamings, Henderson County (NC) Gem and Mineral Society

Meta-Torbernite - Christine Schlageter, Author, High Country Gleamings, Henderson County (NC) Gem and Mineral Society

Millerite - Yvonne W. Collins, Author, High Country Gleamings, Henderson County (NC) Gem and Mineral Society


Two Anomalies the Ice Age Glaciers Caused in the U.S. - Robert (Bob) Nixon, Author, High Country Gleamings, Henderson County (NC) Gem and Mineral Society

W.M. Browning Cretaceous Fossil Park: Frankstown, MS - David McIlwain, Author, MAGS Rockhound News, Memphis Archaeological and Geological Society

A Week at William Holland - Malvern & Natalie Brown, Authors, High Country Gleamings, Henderson County (NC) Gem and Mineral Society

Adult Articles - Advanced

1st: Enhydro: Terminology That’s All Wet - Julian C. Gray, Author, Tips and Trips, Georgia Mineral Society (Also Fourth Place in 2004 AFMS Contest)

2nd: Oxygen: King of the Mineral World - Michael Wilson, Author, High Country Gleamings, Henderson County (NC) Gem and Mineral Society (Also First Place in 2004 SFMS Contest)

3rd: Geo-Hazards - Anita Westlake, Author, Tips and Trips, Georgia Mineral Society (Also Honorable Mention in 2004 AFMS Contest)

4th: A Visit to the Chalk Mountain Crystal Mine - Bob Drummond, Author, Mountain Mineral Monthly, Southern Appalachian Mineral Society

5th: My Memories of Holly - Kim Cochran, Author, Tips and Trips, Georgia Mineral Society

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Honorable Mention: Fluorite - You’ll Want to Try All the Juicy Flavors, Bruce Siegfried, Author, The Mountain Gem, Gem and Mineral Society of Franklin, NC.

[adapted from the 2004 SFMS Breakfast Program (12/04) and A.F.M.S. Newsletter (9/04)]

Bill (Waggener),

Janet and I want to thank you for your personal invitation to attend the SFMS Annual Meeting, Show, and Banquet. The Lodestar says "The Friendly Federation" and that is actually an understatement. I know I talked to at least a hundred different people during the show and all were exceptionally friendly. Must have talked to at least half of the dealers.

Because of the weather, we did not arrive until three in the morning, but found ourselves attending the 9 A.M. informal Education Meeting. The discussion about the William Holland Workshops, Wilcacres Workshops, and the Mayo Foundation showed you have a very active and highly educational Federation. I was even more impressed with the eight novice and advanced cases you had in competition. All had Master potential with two receiving a 90 or above. Also, to have a recipient of the Mayo Foundation give the program at the Banquet was very impressive and showed immediate results of your Federation’s generous giving to help with college expenses. This is a prominent example of many people giving of their time to make our hobby so enjoyable and spreading the word to the public.

Wishing you and your family a wonderful Holiday Season and a prosperous New Year.

Best,
Bill (Smith, AFMS President)
from an email sent to Bill Waggener and copied to Joan White (dated 12/15/04);
copied from Tips and Trips (1/04)

IMAGES OF THE SFMS ANNUAL MEETING,
BANQUET AND EDITOR’S BREAKFAST
SUWANNEE, GA
Hosted by the Georgia Mineral Society

Top: 2004 SFMS President, Bill Waggener conducting the Annual Meeting. Middle: SFMS Treasurer, Ken Anderson, and Secretary, Betty James, enjoying the contents of their holiday snappers (note Betty’s crown) at the Annual Banquet. Bottom: 2004 SFMS President, Bill Waggener, presenting the 2004 SFMS first place Large Bulletin Award to Carolyn Daniels (Georgia Mineral Society) at the Annual Editor’s Breakfast. Photographs by Doug Daniels (Top and Middle) and Julian Gray (Bottom), members of the Georgia Mineral Society.
SOUTHEAST FEDERATION OF MINERALOGICAL SOCIETIES
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
ATLANTA, GEORGIA – DECEMBER 11, 2004

The annual meeting of the Board Directors of the Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies, Inc. was called to order at 9:00 a.m., December 11, 2004, by President Bill Waggener. Hugh Sheffield gave the invocation and Doug Daniels, President of the Georgia Mineral Society, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

AFMS President Bill Smith, and Past President Diane Dare along with SFMS Past Presidents Ron Denton, John Wright, Don Monroe, Jim Robinson, Travis Paris, and David Tuttle were recognized. Joan White, Immediate Past President of the Georgia Mineral Society, welcomed SFMS members to Atlanta.

The Secretary stated that a quorum was present.

The agenda was unanimously approved. David Tuttle was appointed Parliamentarian and minutes of the previous meeting as published in the Lodestar were approved.

In his general remarks the President commended the federation for the past year’s work and cooperation, the coming together for workshops, field trips, swaps and sharing. He commended the Lodestar and web site for their communication and pledged his support for the coming year.

OFFICERS REPORTS:

1ST Vice President – Eileen Price: First Executive Board Meeting of 2005 will be hosted by the Memphis Archeological and Geological Society, April 23, 2005, second meeting will be hosted by the Henderson County Gem & Mineral Society, Hendersonville, NC in connection with the Apple Festival, with plans not yet finalized, and the Annual Meeting will be hosted by the Canaveral Mineral & Gem Society, Melbourne, FL, in November, 2005. All information will be published in the Lodestar.

2ND Vice President – Ann Monroe: We had Directors for all states but since report was forwarded, communication from Sid Drouant, Louisiana Director, stated that he must resign for health reasons.

Secretary – Betty James: Discussion of the registration form: Upper portion is for registering federation personnel – officers and chairs. This space is not for club officers and chairs. Lower portion of the form is for registering club personnel. It is a good idea to register the president and alternate, delegate and alternate. If the president and/or delegate cannot attend, then the alternates may represent your club, receive a voting card, and be counted in the quorum. Also list the names of other club members who will be attending. All club members are welcome to attend the meeting.

Treasurer – Ken Anderson: Report noted annual budget - $25,950.00, as compared to actual amounts expended through December 10, 2004 - $16,435.55. Total balance in CD and checking account - $67,845.39, stamp account - $742.23. Positive balance in insurance fund will probably be paid out when audit is completed after first of the year. There can be no carry over of expenses into the next year; therefore, all requests for reimbursement of expenses need to be filed as soon as possible. Also discussed reduced funds from interest as compared to past years.


Membership Secretary – Leo Morris: We currently have 87 member clubs with a total of 7779 members. Already have 8 renewals for 2005. Rewrote Membership Secretary’s portion of SFMS Officer’s Handbook. Under new business we will vote on application for membership of the Gaston County Gem and Mineral Club of Gastonia, North Carolina.

Editor – Carolyn Daniels: Lodestar has now been converted to all-electronic format and posted on the SFMS web site. Mailing consists of electronic copies, 58 paid subscriptions, 51 exchange bulletins, and 311 SFMS member club officers in accordance bylaws. Cost per copy for producing and mailing is approx. $1.00 per copy. Cost saving recommendations: reductions in number of mailings of paper copies and/or increase of annual subscription rate to $10.00 beginning in January. Deadline for publication is the 25th of month preceding publication.

Immediate Past President – Ron Denton: As Chairman of Nominating Committee, slate of officers submitted: President – Eileen Price, 1st Vice President – Ann Monroe, 2nd Vice President – Buddy Shotts, Asst. Treasurer – David Katt, Secretary – Betty James, Editor – Carolyn Daniels.

AFMS President Elect – Jim Robinson: Just took office November 3, not much to report at this time. Communication has already begun to improve. Changes are coming.

STATE DIRECTORS REPORTS:

Alabama – Iris McGehee: East Alabama Club that meets monthly has a Rock and Gemstone of the Month. Birmingham Club had its 31st annual show June 5-6, Huntsville held its 36th annual show Oct. 8-10, Mobile Club’s show has been expanded to three days, Nov. 26-28, and Montgomery’s 35th show was Dec. 3-5. Baldwin County to purchase uniforms for students who had suffered loss in Hurricane Ivan.

Florida – Beryl Ferguson: Imperial Polk County Gem and Mineral Society has joined with Imperial Bone Valley Gem, Mineral & Fossil Soc., to produce club bulletin Stones and Bones. Tomoka Gem and Mineral Soc. has

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formed Tomoka Faceters Guild which has its own bulletin. Many FL clubs now have their own workshops.

Georgia – Anita Westlake: Compliments to Olin Banks on his past service as GA State Director. Sir Paul Howard, Australia, was guest speaker for GA Mineral Soc. in August. Anita has been active in visiting GA clubs and participating in their programs before taking office and will continue to do so and promote SFMS as well as the workshops. She presents programs and serves as guest speaker at many of their meetings.

Kentucky – David Horn: Not present, no report.

Louisiana – Sidney Drouant: Resigned due to ill health. Sid has been in the hospital but was home at the time of the meeting. He has served long and well and the federation appreciates his past performance.

Mississippi – Buddy Shotts: North MS Gem & Mineral had a slide presentation on dinosaurs by George Phillips last month. MS Gem & Mineral Soc. had an auction at their Christmas party with proceeds going to two children adopted by the club. They are updating their workshop equipment. Pearl River Rock Club participated in the Picayune, MS street fair. Harrison County voted to move its show date from June to April 15-17 but will remain at the Rice Pavilion. MS Gulf Coast show was Nov. 12-14. The club has purchased a facet machine and will soon start lessons.

South Carolina – Fred Sias: SC has 6 clubs with about 435 members, 37 junior members. All clubs have had representation at SFMS workshops. Fred plans to visit all clubs to elicit more workshop participation next year.

Tennessee – Martin Hart: Kingsport club has a new web site.

Virginia – Steve Gordon: Not present, no report.

**SFMS COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Bulletin Contest – Diane Dare:** National contest winners were printed in the September *Lodestar*. These included 11 Top Ten, 3 first place and a special “Judges Award” from the 57 entries. Other SFMS awards will be presented at the editor’s breakfast December 12. Diane has asked to be replaced for next year.

**Education – Fred Sias:** Workshop statistics are total number of students – 277, youth scholarships – 2, instructor spousal scholarships – 14, stamp scholarships – 9, total registration income - $81,906, total auction income - $7,822, net proceeds to SFMS treasury - $7,649. Education committee will publish brochure as a complement to *Lodestar*, will include full year’s information of all workshop sessions, all instructor bios, approximate amount of fee for each class, etc. Will be on web site. Changes next year include increase in workshop registration fees to $280.00 and all registrations will be accepted on or after Feb. 15, with only $30.00 fee to hold registration. We will continue to help instructor with expenses as long as we have surplus funds available. This year we plan to provide help with cost of gasoline for instructors. Request all State Directors to promote workshops with local clubs.

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

**Insurance Liaison – Dorothy Elam:** Not present. Report presented by Ken Anderson, Treasurer. During coverage period 4-1-2004 through 3-31-2005, 60 clubs were insured. The application for renewal of membership now has a place to indicate if club wishes to take part in insurance program and contact person. A line has been added for a club to mark “decline coverage.” Underwriter reports favorable experience so far this year.

**Long Range Planning – John Wright:** The SFMS Officer’s Handbook has not been updated since 1988. Recommend that it be assigned to committee to review to determine whether it should be continued as is, updated, or declared valueless and rescinded.

**Nominations – Ron Denton:** See under Past President’s report.

**Public Relations – Ron Denton:** Nothing to report.

**Safety – Vacant**

**SFMS Field Trips – Jim Flora:** Conducted 12 field trips to 8 southern states and two weekend rock swaps to Graves Mountain, GA. DMC currently has 33 member clubs in the field trip sharing program.

**Slides/Videos – Freda Hull:** Library was well utilized this year. Winning programs from AFMS competition include 2 slide programs and 1 video as well as 5 others donated by AFMS Endowment Fund. These will be posted on the web site. Members are encouraged to enter AFMS competition by obtaining entry form and information from the web site.

**Social Concerns – Edna Morris:** Members who are on the recuperating list are Jim Robinson – heart surgery, Frank Overhalser of the Cobb County Gem & Mineral Soc. – hip replacement; Raymond Gonzalez – cardiac bypass surgery, Bill Mitchell – gall bladder surgery. Others still not doing well are Charlotte Mayo Bryant, Vi and Bill Hicks. Billy Sue (Bebe) Mayo Driggers lost her husband,
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Steve Driggers, on September 15 while he was having an angiogram. Sid Druant is now out of the hospital. Some were sent cards and others phone calls.

Stamp Program – Jim Robinson: This has been a slow year for stamps. Not as many have been received and fewer have been processed for sale. Stamps are bringing much less revenue as in the past. 35 clubs donated a total of 75 lbs. of stamps. This year one certificate was not used. It cannot be carried over to next year. There will be only 5 scholarships this year. Top donor club was Alabama Mineral and Lapidary Soc. Need more people to take stamps off paper. Half a pound of stamps off paper gets credit for a full pound. See web site for instructions for soaking off paper. Save meter stamps from business postage meters (not postal labels) with meter number, if over canceled by Post Office, is useful as a “mistake.” Should cut entire corner of envelope about 2” X 4”. Winners: Canaveral Gem & Mineral Soc., Gem, Mineral and Lapidary Society of Central Louisiana, Western South Carolina Gem & Mineral Society, Central North Carolina Gem and Mineral Society, Harrison County Gem & Mineral Society.


Web Site – Jim Flora: Now have electronic Lodestar which can be downloaded and historical PDF with Past Lodestar issues from January 2004. Club Directory is also listed in PDF format, with show dates and club contact information. Other listings include the SFMS constitution and bylaws, the SFMS slide and video catalog and a Special Field Trip page listing open field trips and rock swaps.


Wildacres Directors – Jerry/Deborah Miller: Beginning balance $1,750.00, income - $55,707.00, expenses $51,960.26, ending balance $5,496.74, check to Treasury - $3,996.74, balance in account $1,500.00. David and Barbara Tuttle will be directors next year and will add class in geology around Wildacres taught by an astronomer, former astronaut candidate. He will bring telescopes and discuss stars, space, and meteorites. Also observing session for entire group.

Wildacres Registrars – Kerri/Bill Wetzel: Total paying students - 173, instructors - 28, spousal scholarships - 17, youth scholarships - 1, youth guardian scholarship - 1, total income $51,872, reimbursement from scholarships - $3,380, income from auction - $4,872, proceeds to Treasury - $3,867.74.

William Holland Director – Polly Carman: June session - 59, October session – 71, including instructors. Auction for June $1,620.00; October auction $1,338.50. Dates, classes and instructors for 2005 have been set and will appear in December Lodestar.

William Holland Registrars – Dana/Ray Gonzalez: Paying students – 104 (includes 9 scholarships reimbursed from SFMS), instructors – 21, spousal scholarships – 3, instructors receiving no spousal scholarship – 18, youth scholarships – 1, total income from registration fees $24,700, auction - $2,994.50, reimbursement from scholarships $2,340.00, total $30,034.50. Net proceeds to be turned over to Treasury - $3,763.80.


Youth Resources – Hugh/Leona Sheffield: Check your Lodestar for articles for youth and youth workers. Two scholarships will be awarded at the banquet. 2004 SFMS workshop scholarships were won by Elizabeth Siegfried of the Gem and Mineral Society of Franklin, NC and Chelsey Tyler of the Charlotte Gem and Mineral Club.

AFMS COMMITTEE REPORTS:

AFMS Newsletter – Carolyn Daniels: Nothing to report.

Boundaries – Beryl Ferguson: No activity.

Club Publications – Diane Dare: Nothing to add to SFMS report.

Club Rockhound of Year – David Tuttle: Should have been designated Billie Wright. We have one submitted and accepted by AFMS.

Collecting Sites: Vacant

Conservation/Legislation – John Wright: ALAA is being reorganized. He will publish information when it is available. Membership fees are $25.00 per individual and $50.00 per club.

Education All American – David Tuttle: One club submitted. Will report further at the banquet.

Endowment Fund – Ken Anderson: Letter received from Joy Bourne, AFMS chair. Raffle produced $4,143.50 for Endowment Fund which appears to be a new record. Ken will serve as SFMS representative on the AFMS committee again next year.

Juniors – Hugh Sheffield: Nothing to add to SFMS report.

Lewis & Clark – Diane Dare: Publication has been completed and Committee should be dismissed.

Program Competition – Freda Hull: Information included in SFMS report.

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Public Relations – Ron Denton: Nothing to report.

Safety – Vacant

Supplies/Publications – Reba Shotts: Nothing to report.

Uniform Rules – Betty James: Three changes in rules made a meeting in Syracuse, which will become effective in 2005, have been codified and placed on the web site. Web site is www.AFMS.org/rules.

Ways & Means – Frank Decaminada: Nothing to add.

Web Master – Jim Flora: Nothing to add.

REPORT OF MAYO FOUNDATION MEETING:

Diane Dare – President: Contributions this year of $1950, interest income of $5675.39. Four scholarships granted totaling $7400. See December Lodestar for details.

Frank Decaminada – Treasurer: Cash Balance as of 9/30/04 - $244,025.86. Interest only is used for scholarships. At this time Georgia Mineral Society made a donation of $500. Knoxville Gem & Mineral Society presented a check for $500, making a total of annual donations $2950.

Diane read the slate of nominees for Directors as follows: Jeanette Banks, Charlotte Mayo Bryant, Frank Decaminada, Ron Denton, Diane Dare. There were no nominations from the floor.

Diamond Dan Publications donated four hand colored mineral drawings for raffle. Drawing to be at end of meeting. (Drawings were later won by Ken Anderson.)

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

Consider application for membership by Gaston County Gem and Mineral Club, Gastonia, NC, 49 adult, 11 juniors total of 60 members. Motion to accept by Robert Walker, second Ron Denton. Motion passed unanimously. Certificate of membership given to representative of the club.

Frank Decaminada presented budget for consideration. Projected income for 2005 - $16,550, budgeted amounts are Officers - $2,700, Committees - $17,300, Miscellaneous - $6,550. Total Expenses $26,550, deficit amount $10,000. Dues are $1.00 with $0.50 going to American Federation. Motion made by Frank, seconded by David Tuttle to accept budget with additional $500 to Lodestar to cover cost of printing Workshop supplement. Amendment introduced by Lynn Mann to add line item to donate to Mayo Foundation - $500 from this year’s budget. Motion seconded and amendment carried with three dissenting votes. Call for vote on previous motion to accept budget as amended carried with one dissenting vote.

Election of Officers for year 2005: Slate of officers proposed by Nominating Committee as previously stated. There were no nominations from the floor. Leo Morris made motion and Doug Daniels seconded, that nominations be closed. Robert Walker motioned and Doug Daniels seconded that slate of officers as presented be voted as a bloc. Motion carried and officers were elected unanimously.

Election of Directors of Mayo Foundation: Slate of nominees are previously stated. There were no nominations from the floor. Motion made, seconded and unanimously passed to elect slate of Directors as presented.

Secretary Betty James stated that minutes when printed in the Lodestar will be considered as mailed to interested parties. Anyone who wishes may have a copy mailed to them by request.

Ann Monroe recognized: Presented a letter from The Gem & Mineral Society of Franklin, North Carolina, Inc., requesting consideration to be hosts for March 2006 quarterly Executive Board Meeting. Motion made by Ron, seconded by Sara Peacock, and unanimously passed to accept invitation.

Presented letter from Lewis Elrod of the Middle Tennessee Gem & Mineral Society, Inc. requesting to host the SFMS/AFMS combined show and meeting in July 2006, final date to be determined. Motion made by Frank, seconded by Ron to accept invitation. There being no objection, invitation was unanimously accepted.

Louis Eldridge, 2004 recipient of one of the Stamp Scholarships, read a letter of appreciation to the Federation and presented his check for $100.00 to the Stamp Program.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon.

Respectfully submitted,
Betty M. James, SFMS Secretary

View of the Georgia Mineral Society 2004 Holiday Show/SFMS Annual Show. (Photograph by Doug Daniels, President of the Georgia Mineral Society).
DECEMBER 2004 COMPETITIVE EXHIBIT RESULTS

We had a great turnout for the Competitive Display Case Competition at the Georgia Mineral Society Holiday Show (SFMS Annual Show). We had 13 display cases entered in competition. All of the cases looked great and were very eye catching. I heard from many guests at the show that were impressed with the displays. Every display won a ribbon on the local level (all the cases competed in the local competition). We had cases in Division A (Open Category), Division B (Minerals), Division C (Lapidary) and Division E (Educational).

In addition to the local competition, five of the cases were in competition on the SFMS Federation level (these competitors entered as Master Exhibitors). Four of the five cases won trophies on the Federation level. All five cases had scores good enough for trophies but two cases were in competition for the same trophy.

Here are the scores and awards for the cases:

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On behalf of all our competitors, I would like to thank Flora Lee Walker, the SFMS Uniform Rules Chairperson for coordinating the judging and for arranging for our judges. This was her first year as Uniform Rules Chairperson and she did a wonderful job. A big round of thanks also goes to our judges and clerks.

Jay Gorday, Competitive Exhibits Chair

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**LOOKING AHEAD**

**2004/2005 REGIONAL FEDERATION SHOWS & CONVENTIONS**

**California Federation**

Hosts: Roseville Rock Rollers
Roseville, California
June 10-12, 2005

**Eastern Federation**

Hosts: Che-Hanna Rock and Mineral Club
Sayre, Pennsylvania
March 19-20, 2005 (Federation Annual Meeting on March 18)

**Midwest Federation & American Federation**

St. Louis, Missouri
August 16-20, 2005

**Northwest Federation Annual Convention & Show**

Hosts: Willamette Agate and Mineral Society
Albany, Oregon
August 5-7, 2005

**Rocky Mountain Federation Annual Convention & Show**

Hosts: Colorado Springs Mineralogical Society
Colorado Springs, Colorado
June 17-19, 2005

**South Central Federation Annual Convention & Show**

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

**Southeast Federation Annual Convention & Show**

Melbourne, FL
November 12-13, 2005, 2004
Hosts: The Canaveral Mineral & Gem Society

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**CLUB & SOCIETY SHOWS/SWAPS**

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

January 28-30, 2005, Largo, FL - Pinellas Geological Society. 29th Annual Gem, Jewelry and Mineral Show and Sale, Largo Cultural Center, Parkside Room, 105 Central Park Drive, Turn south off East Bay Drive just one block east of Seminole Boulevard. Hours: 28th-29th, 10:00 A.M.-6:00 P.M.; 30th, Noon-5:00 P.M. Contact: Hugh Sheffield at 727.894.2440.

February 18-20, 2005, Vero Beach, FL - The Treasure Coast Rock & Gem Society. Gem and Jewelry Show, Vero Beach Community Center, 14th Avenue and 23rd Street, Downtown Vero Beach. Hours: 18th, 12 Noon-5:00 P.M.; 19th, 10:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M.; 20th, 10:00 A.M.-4:00 P.M. Contact: Pedro Araoz, 608 Arcadia Road, Vero Beach, FL 32963 or 772.231.0005.

February 26-27, 2005, Jackson, MS - Mississippi Gem & Mineral Society. 46th Annual Gem, Mineral, Fossil and Jewelry Show, A&I Buildings, State Fairgrounds at High Street. Hours: 26th, 9:00 A.M.-6:00 P.M.; 27th, 10:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M. Contact Ashley Redden, 601.925.8272 or asredden@netzero.com.

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