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UPCOMING FIELD TRIPS

May 20, 2006: Bowers Farm, Norwood, Stanly County, NC., Limonite pseudomorphs after pyrite. Fee Site. Hosts: Charlotte Gem and Mineral Club.

June 10, 2006: Vulcan Materials Company Quarry, Morganton, Burke County, NC. Garnet, golden beryl, schorl, apatite, sphene, feldspar, biotite, muscovite and siderite. Hosts: Forsyth County (NC) Gem and Mineral Club.

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

"Field trips are open to all members of associated clubs of the DMC program of the SFMS Field Trip Committee and to all members of SFMS member clubs who have provided their membership with SFMS liability insurance. Because of insurance requirements, members of the GENERAL PUBLIC are NOT invited on this or any DMC program field trips!"



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

We need volunteers for :

- Workshop Instructors,
- Workshop Directors and Registrars,
- SFMS Officers,
- Committee Chairpersons, and
- Members

I know that there are many of you that qualify or know members that qualify for one or more of the above positions. We are establishing a list of names to draw from when vacancies occur. If you are not sure what a job entails, please get in touch with me and I will be glad to send you a description of the duties.

The Nominating Committee is busy trying to find persons willing to accept nominations for the coming year.

As I said in one of my previous messages , "the reason you see the same names in key positions is that no one else is willing to do the work".

So let's put our thinking caps on and contact people that you know and get some more workers.

I will accept names by phone 706.379.9662, e-mail acmonroe@bellsouth.net, or snail-mail 350 Lapidary Lane Young Harris, GA 30582.

Volunteers are the life of our Federation.

Ann Monroe, SFMS President

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Mineralogical Societies



PURPOSE:

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

OBJECTIVE:

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

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EDITOR'S RAMBLINGS



Please pay special attention to the information and forms for the August AFMS/SFMS Convention and show in this issue. Several corrections (including the cost of the banquet meal) have been made. In addition, the Exhibitor's Application Form has been revised. Please be sure to use the one that appears in this issue of the *Lodestar*. Hotel and camping information are presented herein and are further elaborated on at the AFMS website.

Also, note that this issue of *Lodestar* is for both the months of May and June. The next issue will be for July and August combined. If you need an article or other information published prior to September and want to make sure that people see the information before early October, get the material to me by June 25th.

Carolyn Daniels, SFMS Editor

BE SAFE – BE WELL

What Is In The Bottle?

Safety Committee – Don Monroe, Chairman

In your shop, studio, garage or barn have you ever asked yourself this question?



Well, I have and one situation sticks in my mind. I was putting the finishing touches on a home-built trailer that I needed to transport our basic household necessities to my first duty station when I entered the Army. A close friend came by to bid us farewell and brought with him his two-year old son and his wife. While we admired the trailer, the little boy spotted a coke bottle sitting on one of lower beams in the garage and walked over and took a swig. The little kid choked and sputtered and cried because he wanted coke. The father then asked the question "what is in the bottle". I really wasn't sure other than I thought it was a mixture of penetrating oil of some sort. My first thought was "stupid kid" and my second thought was that I was the stupid kid for having an unknown, unmarked, substance in the wrong container. The best part of the story was that the kid was fine, and his mother eventually spoke to me again. It really did not have to turn out that way and I felt so fortunate. Now, I always try to label things.

During a recent "clean up campaign" in the silver studio where we teach I discovered several unknown solutions that I promptly threw away. Metalsmiths are notorious for trying new and/or different fluxes, pickle solutions or cleaners or most anything else that promises improved

performance. It is absolutely imperative that we do not tolerate any unknown or unmarked material. We are always positive that we will remember exactly what we mixed up or re-packaged and put up on the shelf.

In the last class we taught I saw that a student was having a terrible time setting a cabochon in a simple piece of jewelry. After asking a few questions I learned that the student was using a strip of silver that he brought to class and assumed it was fine silver bezel material. It wasn't! It was sterling which we all know is more rigid and more difficult to set around a stone, particularly for a beginning student. The converse of this situation has also occurred when a student made prongs for a setting from fine silver when the project called for sterling silver. The setting was too flexible and would not hold the stone properly. Gremlins are always among us and miss-marked material can jump up when we least expect it.

Other prime areas for surprise include:

- Mixing or using the wrong solder.
- Confusing permanent markers with dry-erase markers.
- Mixing jewelry saw blades – coarse and fine.

Well, what can we do to avoid the type of problems we have been discussing? I really do not have a fool-proof solution except for attention to detail and constant alertness. What ideas do you have?



CLUBS IN " GOOD STANDING "

S F M S Optional Liability Insurance Program

The clubs of the S F M S are required to pay an annual dues per member (adults & juniors) of \$ 1.00 yearly. Clubs are contacted before December 31st and are expected to respond no later than January 31 of the current year.

This "annual dues payment " maintains a clubs status of being " IN GOOD STANDING." This payment is necessary before the programs offered by the S F M S can be accessed by club membership. There is NO INSURANCE BENEFIT gained by this annual dues payment. This payment DOES CLEAR the way for clubs to participate in the OPTIONAL "Third Party Liability Insurance Program" when it is offered in March of each year.

It is hoped that this brief note will help end the confusion over annual dues and insurance payments.

*Ken Anderson
SFMS Treasurer*



Rockin' In Music City

Convention and Show Pins

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

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

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

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

Host Hotel

The host hotel is the Hotel Preston. Most convention activities, including the convention banquet, will take place there. You must state that you are with the AFMS to get the convention special rates of \$82.00 per night. Be sure to make your reservations at the earliest possible date as this is a heavy tourist time in Nashville and many hotels are already booked. Reservations at the Preston must be made by July 15th as this is the end date for our block of rooms.

The hotel may be reached at their toll free number: 1.877.361.5500. More information concerning the hotel, including a map, may be found at the AFMS website: www.amfed.org, the MTG&MS site at: www.mtgms.org or the hotel's site at: www.hotelpreston.com.

Several MTG&MS members have visited the hotel, without any announcement of who they were, and have enjoyed the meals they ordered.

Camping

Many of you will want to come in various motor homes, etc. and we are pleased to tell you that you can camp at the show site on the Tennessee State Fairgrounds. There are 250 spots so no reservations are needed. All have full hookups with electric (most are 30 amp, but some are 50 amp, all with standard plugs so no adapters are needed), water and sewer connections. Find your spot and pull in. Fairgrounds security will come by, collect your payment for the stay and provide a notice to place in your window so no other security person will come by and try to collect again.

Cost is \$30 a night. They will take cash or check and there is an ATM on site if needed.

For other camping locations check www.amfed.org and you will find a lot of information about the Nashville area including camping.

We have very attractive show/convention pins. They are shaped in a rock form with *Rockin' In Music City 2006* on them. They are numbered from 1 to 2006. The cost is only \$2.00 each. Should you order by mail, please include \$1.0 per order to cover the extra postage cost of mailing the pins. They will also be available at the registration tables at the show and host hotel. Please purchase one, or more, to assist us with the cost of promoting the show and convention.

Bring A Rock

The MTG&MS is working with the Middle Tennessee State University's Mineral, Gem & Fossil Museum. We would like you to bring two rocks (minerals, slabs, rough, cabs, faceted stones, fossils, etc.). One will be given to the museum and one will be used at our silent auction at the show to assist in paying the expenses of the convention and show.

As you will arrive from many locations in the U.S., this is a chance for us to obtain a number of new items for display at the museum. Those items displayed will be credited with your name as the donor. Please provide us with the identity of the material, location of its origin, and your name in writing, along with the donation.

Schedule of Events

Monday, August 14:

Noon: Registration opens at Host Hotel

Tuesday, August 15:

7:30 A.M.: Registration opens at Host Hotel

8:00 A.M.: Field trip for fossils - See page 7

8:00 A.M.: Rules Committee Meeting at Host Hotel

7:30 P.M.: Cracker Barrel Meeting at Host Hotel

Wednesday August 16:

8:00 A.M.: Registration opens at Host Hotel

9:00 A.M.: AFMS Annual Convention at Host Hotel

AFMS Scholarship Board meeting immediately follows AFMS meeting

1:00 P.M.: Field trip-quartz geodes - See page 7

Visit to new Gem & Mineral Museum in Murfreesboro follows the geode trip. - See page 7

Thursday August 17:

8:00 A.M.: Registration opens at Host Hotel

Noon Dealer setup at show site (Fairgrounds)

3:00 P.M.: Exhibitor setup begins at Fairgrounds

Open Field trip-workshop of the MTG&MS - See page 7

8:00 P.M.: Show building closes

Midday General Jackson Showboat - See page 7

Friday August 18:

9:00 A.M.: Registration opens at Fairgrounds

9:00 A.M.: Show opens at Fairgrounds

9:00 A.M.: Website seminar at Host Hotel

Noon: All Officers luncheon at Host Hotel - Everyone invited to attend

2:00 P.M.: Editors Seminar (tentative) at Host Hotel

6:00 P.M.: Show closes

Night: Grand Old Opry - See page 7

Saturday August 19:

9:00 A.M.: Registration opens at Fairgrounds

9:00 A.M.: Show opens at Fairgrounds

9:00 A.M.: SFMS Convention opens at Host Hotel

1:00 P.M.: ALAA meeting at Host Hotel

6:00 P.M.: Show Closes at Fairgrounds

7:00 P.M.: Awards Banquet at Host Hotel

Sunday August 20:

7:30 A.M.: Registration opens at Host Hotel

8:00 A.M.: Editors Breakfast at Host Hotel

9:00 A.M.: Registration opens at Fairgrounds

10:00 A.M.: Show opens at Fairgrounds

5:00 P.M.: Show closes at Fairgrounds

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

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

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

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

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

Name: Phone:

Address: Email:

City: State: ZIP:

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

AFMS SFMS Other

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

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

Society affiliation:

City: State:

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

Table with 2 columns: Item Cost, Net Amount. Rows include: Three day show pass-only with pre-registration \$6.00, All Officers Luncheon \$17.00, Convention Banquet-Pecan Encrusted Trout \$35.00, Convention Banquet-Southern Bleu Chicken \$35.00, Editors Breakfast-The Preston Starter \$17.00, Geode Hunt \$5.00, Show pins, \$2.00 each plus \$1.00 per order for shipping, Total.

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

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

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

COMBINED SFMS & AFMS CONVENTION

Nashville, Tennessee

August 18 - 20, 2006

Competitive Exhibit Entry Form

INSTRUCTIONS: Complete all information and mail to: **Betty M. James, 167 Florence Circle, Florence, MS 39073, (601) 914-6747, to be received no later than July. 15, no exceptions.**

NAME _____ PHONE _____ E-mail _____

ADDRESS _____
Street City State Zip

EXHIBITOR GROUP: Master ___ Advanced ___ Novice ___ Jr ___ Soc. ___ Jr Soc. ___

DIVISION _____ EXHIBIT CLASS _____ SFMS _____ AFMS Direct _____

For Direct Entry: Date & Location of Regional Show where Eligibility was achieved

Exhibitor Group cannot be changed after Form has been accepted. Anything else can be changed up to exhibit is finished before judging.

CASE AND SPACE INFORMATION:

I will use my own case: Yes ___ No ___ Dimensions: W ___ H ___ D ___

Lighting is limited to 150 watts per 4' of exhibit space.

Do you need to borrow a case? _____ Note: Nashville has a limited number of modified NW slant-front cases which will be assigned on the basis of postmark date. You must furnish your own liners and risers.

Set-up time is from 3:00 pm to 8:pm Thurs., Aug. 17 and 8:00 am to 9:00 am Fri. Aug. 18.

All exhibits must remain in place through 5:00 pm Sun., Aug. 20 and be removed as soon thereafter as possible.

All Exhibitors must sign this statement except those entering Division E See AFMS UR Page E-2, Rule 17.9.

I CERTIFY THAT ALL MATERIALS EXHIBITED IN COMPETITION ARE MY PERSONAL PROPERTY, AND THAT ALL WORKMANSHIP (EXCEPT MINOR FINDINGS AS ALLOWED BY AFMS RULES) WAS DONE BY ME.

SIGNED _____ PRINT NAME _____

Society name _____ City & State _____

Club Officer's Signature & Title _____

Birth Date if Junior _____ Date of form: _____

MTG&MS WILL FURNISH SECURITY AND TAKE REASONABLE PRECAUTIONS TO PROTECT PROPERTY AND PERSON OF EXHIBITOR BUT WILL TAKE NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY LOSSES OR CLAIMS.

See AFMS Uniform Rules, 8th Edition, updated, to correctly fill out this application.

Use separate sheet for each exhibit. Copy of form will be returned to you when exhibit is accepted.

AFMS/SFMS Annual Convention and Show Information Continued

Meals

All Officers Luncheon

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

Menu:

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

Awards Banquet

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

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

House Salad
Ranch or Light Honey Mustard Dressing

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

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

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

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

Editors Breakfast

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

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

Field Trips

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

Meeting place: Host Hotel.

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

Limit: Just be reasonable in the quantity you take.

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

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

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

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

Field trip to Woodbury, Tennessee Quartz Geodes.

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

Trip leaders: John Stanley, Portia Stanley and Mike Waters

Meeting place: Woodbury, Tennessee.

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

Limit: Just be reasonable in the quantity you take.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Other Events

Grand Old Opry

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

General Jackson Showboat

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

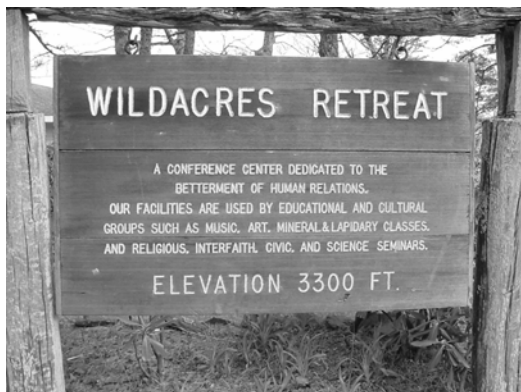
If these trips are desired you may call 1.800.733.6779 and
make your reservations.

Lewis F. Elrod, CFE

WOW!!! WILDACRES SESSION IN APRIL

by Betty Franklin
Jacksonville Gem & Mineral Society

--- A compilation of comments by Students ---



The welcome sign at Wildacres.

I've just returned from a wonderful experience at a place called Wildacres. This is my first time attending the Southeast Federation's

workshop located near Little

Switzerland, North Carolina. At first I

was reluctant to go but a friend in another club talked me into going, we car-pooled to save gas money.

We went to Asheville first and spent the night so we could drive along the Blue Ridge Parkway. The drive from Asheville was spectacular. Flowers, as well as the dogwood trees, were in bloom along the Parkway. The easy trip only took one and a half hours. After turning off the Parkway, just between milepost 337 and 336 then following the signs, we arrived in the parking lot of Wildacres.

I was surprised that a place like this was stuck on the top of a forested knob. In the lobby of the North Lodge, Red and Flora Lee Walker, the Federation Registrars met us. They were most helpful in assigning us the motel-style room and providing the student packet, containing our nametags and Whispers of Wildacres. The Whispers of Wildacres provided us with information about schedule of classes and the week's events.

The first meal, all served family style, was at 6:30 PM and the dining hall is beautiful, with a mineral exhibit on the upper level. After the evening meal, Mike House, the Wildacres Manager, welcomed us at the orientation and related some of the fascinating history about the retreat. Barbara and David Tuttle, the SFMS Directors, also welcomed us and went over a few details that would make our stay more enjoyable. As a first time attendee I got a "Wildacres Pin" that I can wear on my vest.

I enrolled in a Fused Glass class taught by Jo Harrison. My friend took the Beginning Silver class taught by Don and Ann Monroe. After the orientation, instructors took the

students to the class and gave us a quick overview of what we were going to be doing during the week. I was amazed at what we were going to make. Jo had such beautiful examples of fused glass that we could make. Later my friend said the Monroes were enthusiastic and felt it was going to be a fun class. She's had silver before but this was going to be good because every teacher shows you something new and different.

David said this was going to be one of the quickest weeks of our lives and believe me *it was*. Each evening we had a different program; one on meteorites, an auction of mostly lapidary related items (lots of fun), story telling and a bon fire, another auction night, a video about meteorites, and one night was free. On Show & Tell night we all displayed what we made. Ken Kipnis taught Macro photography and Fred Sias taught Casting, Ken and Mary Ann Devos taught Precious Metal Clay.

The meals were very good and plenty of it. I think I gained a few pounds. Everyone at Wildacres was friendly and we met people from all over the southeast. One lady heard about us and came to Wildacres from New Mexico. The Federation invites any rock club member in the U.S. to attend. A good idea!!!



View of the lodge at Wildacres.

If anyone wants to attend the August or September 2006 sessions, go to amfed.org and then to the Southeast Federation site. Click on "workshops" and find Wildacres. There is a list of classes and Red Walker said some vacancies are left. Before we left I signed up for the next two sessions, I had such a good time.

The cost was \$310 for room, board and instructions. Some classes had nominal fees, but for an average of \$62 per night, it was the best value for a vacation.

article submitted by David Tuttle

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
85504 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
Faceting, Advanced	David Lonser
Gem Appreciation	Ben Smith
*Metalsmithing, Advanced	Jeff Sheer
Precious Metal Clay 1	Ken/Mary Ann Devos
Raku Pottery	Cindy McDowell
Seed Beading	Vivian Heath
Silversmithing, Beginning	Dan Haga
Space and Local Geology	Mike Reynolds
Stained Glass, Beginning	Julia Larson
Wirecraft, Beginning	Kathy Morris

Session 3: September 18-24, 2006

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

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

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The Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies, Inc.

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

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

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

Reservation Deposit

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

Cancellation Policy

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

Workshop Directors

Dana and Ray Gonzalez

6226 Seaton Drive, Columbus, GA 31909

Phone: 706-327-4474 Email: drg@mchsi.com

Workshop Registrars

Sonia Arnold and Charlotte Caughman

P.O. Box 268, Brevard, NC 28712

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

Email: whregistrars@gmail.com

Session 1: June 11-17, 2006

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

Session 2: October 8-14, 2006

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

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

A THANK YOU NOTE

Dear Michael and Chrissy,

We members of the Harrison County Gem & Mineral Society are deeply grateful and appreciative of your efforts in our behalf. Not many folks would take time out from their Christmas celebrations to solicit funds for others. We are also grateful to all those who contributed to the funds.

We are currently holding our workshops in a borrowed building with borrowed equipment. However all that will soon change thanks to folks like you. We now have sufficient funds to purchase some equipment of our own.

We were a bit down at first, however thanks to folks like you our spirits were lifted to a new height. We are now enthusiastically working to get our club and activities back to pre Katrina status. We are proud to report that we have accomplished a good bit of that and have no doubt we will succeed.

Thank you so very much for your assistance.

*Margaret Johnston, President
and members of the Harrison County Gem & Mineral Society etc.*

*submitted by Michael Streeter
SFMS NC State Director*

SPECIAL EVENT
 Saturday, June 10, 2006
 10:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.
18th Annual Rockfest!
 Free Admission

Mineral, gem, and fossil dealers showcase their wares on the grounds of the museum. Door prizes, mineral identification, a sale in the gift shop, food, and family fun!

*Jose Santamaria, Executive Director
Weinman Mineral Museum*

AFMS and SFMS WEBSITES

Check out the SFMS (Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies) and AFMS (American Federation of Mineralogical Societies) websites:



<http://www.amfed.org/sfms> and www.amfed.org

**WEINMAN MINERAL MUSEUM
CARTERSVILLE, GEORGIA
CALENDAR OF SPECIAL EVENTS**

TEMPORARY EXHIBITS
February 6-May 13, 2006
Exploring the Universe



This exhibit brings together elements from various NASA facilities as it examines the many methods used to observe our universe. Visitors will be able to view some stunning images as well as a genuine moon rock sample.



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MINERAL MUSEUM
PRESENTS
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MINERAL & GEM
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- Museum Tours
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- Vendor Tables
- Special Activities

June 3 & 4, 2006

Friday - Setup
Saturday - 9am-5pm
Lecture & Silent Auction 6pm
Sunday - 10am-3pm

Call 270-965-4263
for registration and information

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Marion, Kentucky 42064
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The Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies, Inc.

**SOUTHEAST FEDERATION OF MINERALOGICAL SOCIETIES
MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**

FRANKLIN, NC - MARCH 25, 2006

The First Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies, Inc., for the year 2006 was called to order at March 25 at 9:00 A.M., at Franklin, NC, by President Ann Monroe. Buddy Shotts gave the invocation. Marty Hart led the Pledge of Allegiance.

President of AFMS - Jim Robinson, Past SFMS Presidents - Don Monroe, Bill Waggener, John Wright, and David Tuttle were recognized. Fred Plesner, President of the Gem & Mineral Society of Franklin, NC welcomed the federation and the Secretary stated that a quorum was present.

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

President's remarks - President Monroe's message in the packet included thanks for those willing to serve on committees and asked for suggestions. All meetings are set for this year with Annual Meeting set to take place in two phases at Nashville and Montgomery.

1st Vice President - Buddy Shotts: - 2007 Annual Meeting to be on MS Gulf Coast. Columbia Gem & Mineral Soc. to host one executive meeting but need to schedule another.

2nd Vice President - Is contacting all State Directors and thanks for those who sent reports. Need for new State Director for Mississippi. He would like to call a meeting of State Directors immediately after adjournment of this meeting.

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

Treasurer - Ken Anderson: Reported both final for 2005 and first report for 2006. Due to rising interest rates, we have a larger balance than anticipated. Year end available funds of \$74,217.38, available as of 3-8-2006 - \$77,819.45. Insurance premium in excess of \$12,000 due April 1, 2006, which will be off-set by funds from participating clubs as they enroll for coverage.

Asst. Treas. - Vacant

Membership Secretary - Joan White, Not present - list of renewing clubs and societies, totaling 68 to date.

Editor - Carolyn Daniels: - Newsletter is produced in all-electric format and posted on the website. Reminder that deadline for submission is 25th of each month. Total mailings of 299. Some copies reported late or not received; will work with Post Office on this. If you have trouble receiving your copy, remember that it is posted in color on the SFMS website by the 10th of the month of issue.

AFMS President - Jim Robinson: - Discussed annual meeting which will be in Nashville August 18-20.

STATE DIRECTORS:

Alabama - Iris McGehee: - All Alabama clubs are involved in club and community projects. Mobile made a scholarship donation to Univ. S. Al and East AL. donated to Mayo Foundation.

Florida - Beryl Ferguson: Not present, report sent too late to get in packet. States all clubs are doing well.

Georgia - Anita Westlake: present, oral report. All Georgia clubs are doing great.

Kentucky - David Horn: Not present, no report.

Louisiana - Art Mott: Not present, sent report too late for packet. LA clubs are having hard time getting back up and running.

Mississippi - John Wright (Acting): - Attendance low on Gulf Coast and some clubs have lost members to relocation. Pearl River Rock Club has resumed at somewhat normal level. MS had annual show with good report. NE MS has gained several new members. John included report by Billie of damages to members' homes and property along the Gulf Coast.

North Carolina - Mike Streeter: - NC clubs are great assets to the state. Need for more programs and activities to attract young members and children. So. Appalachian Mineral Soc. supports civic activities and celebrations and furnish a mini-mine for the benefit of the children.

South Carolina - Fred Sias: - Six active G & M societies; three will host shows this year.

Tennessee - Marty Hart: - Has been busy seeing that all clubs renewed memberships before cut-off date.

Virginia - Steve Gordon: Not present, no report.

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SFMS Committee Reports:

Bulletin Contest - Anna Denton: - Not present, no report.

Constitution and Bylaws - Robert Walker: - Present, nothing to report.

Education - Fred Sias: - Several changes have been necessary in the school and class line-ups. There has been some discussion of canceling the April session at Wildacres but do not plan to do so this year. Enrollment at all sessions is down. Please make suggestions.

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

Insurance Liaison - Bob Denaburg - Not present, no report.

Ken Anderson, Treasurer, stated that insurance coverage and fees remain the same as last year.

Long Range Planning - Ron Denton - Not present, no report.

Nominations - Eileen Price - Not present, no report.

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

SFMS Field Trips - Jim Flora: - Hosted four trips to Durham Mines in Walker Co., GA; Hogg Mine, LaGrange, GA.; Martin Marietta quarry, Statesville. NC; and Epes, AL along the Tombigbee River.

Slides/Videos - Freda Hull: - Updated list of programs posted on Website. 2006 competition deadline is in April. See AFMS website for rules.

Social Concerns - Dee Conybear: - Not present, no report.

Ken Anderson reported that Martina Haggard passed away. Olin Banks reported that Irv Thornton has fallen and unable to attend meetings now.

Stamp Program - Jim Robinson: - Sales improved since 1st of year. Will extend scholarships not used due to hurricane, Much needed are recent commemoratives uncanceled, plate number coils and foreign. Need metered stamps but not post office receipts put on envelopes. More valuable if they have a slogan or logo. Suggest saving and

bring to the meeting.

Supplies - Caroline Decaminada: - Will prepare an inventory with cost and publish in the Lodestar. After a discussion on where to obtain latest version of Uniform Rules, it was decided that Federation will request copy from AFMS using a portion of the funds allotted us.

Uniform Rules - Dianne Johnson: - Present - no report.

Ways & Means - Frank Decaminada: - Will be requesting officers and chair persons to submit information for next year's budget which will be presented at annual meeting 12-2-06.

Wildacres Dir. - David/Barbara Tuttle: - Declining student applications. Two classes canceled this year. Need for club officers to inform members of workshop dates and classes.

Wildacres Reg. - Robert/Flora Lee Walker - Registrations moving but slowly. Scheduling over Easter weekend may have something to do with it.

William Holland Dir. - Dana/Ray Gonzalez - Not present, no report.

William Holland Reg. - Sonia Arnold/ Charlotte Caughman - Sonia not present. Complete list of present registrations and available slots for both classes.

Web Site - Jim Flora: SFMS 2000 club Membership Renewal added to internet. Several updates to workshops and complete workshop package available for download and *Lodestar* available for download.

2006 Host - MTG&MS - Lewis Elrod - Not present, no report.

2006 Host - Montgomery G & M Soc. - Iris McGehee - 2nd Annual Meeting will be in Montgomery 12-2006, housed at Drury Inn northeast of I-85. Meeting will be at Garrett Coliseum and banquet at Munn Museum. Speaker will be Dr. Robert Cook.

Youth Resources - Hugh, Leona Sheffield: Workshop scholarship again won by Elizabeth Siegfried by writing a letter telling why she would like this scholarship and letter from president of her club verifying her activities within the club and interest in the hobby. Continue to place article in *Lodestar* monthly with criteria for JOY award in January issue.

AFMS Committee Reports:

Newsletter - Carolyn Daniels: No report.

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Boundaries - Beryl Ferguson: No issues requiring action pending.

Club Publications - Vacant

Club Rockhound of Year - Vacant

Collecting Sites - Vacant

Conservation/Legislation - John Wright: No report

Education/All American - Vacant

Endowment Fund-Ken Anderson: Oral report - has tickets for sale following adjournment and will request more for anyone wanting them. Showed pictures of items in raffle.

Juniors - Hugh Sheffield: See SFMS report.

Program Competition - Freda Hull: See SFMS report.

Safety - Don Monroe: See SFMS report.

Uniform Rules - Betty James: - Currently working on application for exhibiting at AFMS show in Nashville. Recognized SFMS certified judges and stated need for more people to become involved in exhibiting and judging. Several SFMS members have previously qualified to exhibit in AFMS. All regional federation members are eligible to exhibit at our show in Nashville this year and if qualifying, can move up to exhibit in AFMS.

Ways & Means - Frank Decaminada: No report.

Web Master - Jim Flora: No report.

Mayo Educational Foundation - Presented report for fiscal year 2005. 2005 contributions were \$4,218 and interest income was \$7,761.37. Scholarships awarded totaled \$7,200 and expenses were \$49.62, with a gain of \$511.75. Total cash balance increased by \$4,729.75.

Old Business:

1. Mayo Foundation needs donations; however, several scholarships are available. These are available to College Juniors, Seniors and Graduate Student majoring in earth sciences. May be sponsored by any SFMS club, just be a citizen of US and attend a school in the Southeast. Deadline for application is March 31. May find application on line or request by email

from Bill Waggener. Scholarships are approximately \$2,000 each.

2. Assistant Treasurer position will remain vacant until eligible person is appointed or elected.

New Business:

1. Motion by Frank Decaminada, seconded by Bill Waggener that Federation pay motel charges for Tues. and Wed., up to \$350.00 each for president and first vice president to attend AFMS meeting. Carried unanimously.
2. Motion by Betty James, duly seconded, to pay \$300 toward expense of SFMS Uniform Rules Chairman to attend URC meeting at AFMS meeting in Nashville. Vote 13 for, 8 opposed. Motion carried.
3. Red Walker - Asked for clarification of his position as Constitution & By-Laws Chairman as it relates to the Mayo Foundation. Consensus opinion is Bylaws changes for Mayo to originate with the Foundation and to be submitted to C & BL committee for consideration, then presented to the annual meeting of the federation for final vote. Since our annual meeting this year is to be held in two phases, Mayo can vote on changes in August and revisions can be submitted to annual meeting in December for vote of Federation. Proposed changes which reach C & BL are to be treated as any other proposed changes.
4. Buddy Shotts - Called for clubs to contact him about hosting meetings further out than next year.

There being no further business, on motion and second, the meeting was adjourned at 11:50 am.

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

SOCIAL CONCERNS

Paul Casteel Injured

Paul Casteel has been injured while helping a friend do some minor construction. Paul fell while carrying sheet rock and hit his head. There is some trauma and now he is undergoing rehabilitation at one of Jacksonville's best rehab facilities. This happened around the 18th of April. Jackie requests no phone calls or visits at this time, please. Cards can be sent to Paul's home.

Paul Casteel
4249 Goldie Street
Jacksonville, Florida 32207

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Paul has been a huge force in the Jacksonville club for many years and has been active in getting the William Holland School built and has taught there since it opened. Many students of Paul's have gone on to become instructors themselves. Please keep Paul and Jackie in your prayers.

*Dee Conybear,
SFMS Social Concerns Chairman*

**Dr. Frederick H. Pough
1906-2006**

We just returned from the Rochester Mineral Symposium and unfortunately have some sad news to report.

Fred Pough, who would have turned 100 this coming June passed away while attending the symposium. Shortly after arriving and talking with a few friends in the lobby, he collapsed. He was given CPR within seconds by someone with 30 years of ER experience and another nurse and transported to the local hospital where he passed away about an hour later.

Fred was excited about coming to the symposium so he could be with his many friends. His family feels that this was the perfect place for him to have passed, among his many friends and doing what he'd devoted his life to.

Many (most?) of us have a copy of Fred's most popular book - "A Field Guide to Rocks & Minerals" which first appeared in 1953 and was revised many times since. It's still in print and still a best seller.

About 5 years ago Fred donated many of his mineral slides to the EFMLS for our use. These are being duplicated and organized and will represent future programs for our library. A generous donation, now even more treasured.

Contributions in Fred's memory may be made to the AFMS Scholarship Foundation (checks to "AFMS Scholarship Foundation" and sent to Bob Livingston, 59 Ely Drive; Fayetteville, NY 13066.

*Carolyn Weinberger, AFMS Editor
forwarded by Betty James, SFMS Secretary*

**Calvin George
1919-2006**

Long time AFMS Bylaws and Operating Procedures Chair, Calvin George passed away in late January. Cal and his late wife Harriet, lived in the Chicago, Illinois area for many years and were members of the Earth Science Club of Northern Illinois (ESCONI) where Cal served as Vice President and then President in 1968-69.

Both Cal and Harriet served as AFMS Judges. Cal was also a member, and for one year chairman, of the AFMS Rules Committee and was involved in writing some of the rules of competition. He had a keen understanding of what should and should not be included in a display and what evaluators should and should not be looking for and commenting on.

Cal's expertise in the legal field was invaluable to the AFMS.

He was easily able to answer legal questions put to him by the officers during the years he served and provided a keen understanding of the Federation Bylaws. His expertise also was needed in formulating and keeping the various Operating Procedures (the nuts and bolts "how tos") of the organization up-to-date and valid.

One anecdote about Cal comes to mind. The year after his resignation as Bylaws and OP Chair, Cal decided to attend the AFMS/MWF Convention in Houghton, MI. Harriet had passed away and Cal was a bit lonely so a few of us "adopted him". One event that remains firmly engraved in my memory was having a Friday night dinner in a popular Chinese Restaurant. The place was packed and our "group" numbered about 60 (someone had made reservations for 10, then proceeded to invite everyone, so of course the 10 grew to 60). The hostess did what she could to seat us, but obviously was overwhelmed by the size of the group. Nine of us ended up in a booth meant for four. Very cozy. Cal said that He'd never eaten in a Chinese restaurant so we answered his numerous questions about sharing dishes, what the foods with the exotic names were, etc. We were so crowded that there was no room to pass anything around, let alone place the serving bowls anywhere on the table so Cal never got to taste anything other than what he ordered. Nervous at first, Cal dug right in, and seemed to enjoy his selection. After that night he quickly agreed to join us for most of our evening dining adventures. Sitting amongst us in that crowded booth must have been quite an experience for him! We loved being with him and really got to know him a lot better.

Cal served the AFMS well over many, many years and we'll all miss him. He is survived by two sons, two daughters and nine grandchildren. Contributions in Cal's memory can be made to the AFMS Scholarship Foundation, c/o of your local Scholarship Foundation Coordinator or mailed to Arlene Burkhalter, P.O. Box 1007, Choctaw, OK 73020. (Be sure to indicate the name of your club and Federation so proper credit can be given.)

*Carolyn Weinberger, John Washburn,
Marge Collins, Ruth Bailey and Shirley Leeson
from A.F.M.S. Newsletter (5/06)*

**CONGRATULATIONS
SOUTHERN APPALACHIAN MINERAL SOCIETY**

On April 4, 2006 the Southern Appalachian Mineral Society celebrated 75 years.

Founded April 4, 1931 in Asheville, N C when Burnham S. Colburn along with a group of enthusiastic mineral collectors formed the Society.

S.A.M.S. has served many individuals, families, and the community during the past seventy-five years and is on a course to continue this dedicated service.

The Society has close bonds with the Colburn Earth Science Museum and participates in numerous activities including Hey Day held annually at the WNC Nature Center.

The Society marked it's birthday with a dinner party April 15th in Asheville.

*from Mountain Mineral Monthly, (4/06)
article by Bill Haggard via Ken Anderson*

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LOOKING AHEAD

CLUB & SOCIETY SHOWS/SWAPS

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

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

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

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

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

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

September 30-October 1, 2006, Lexington, KY - Rockhounds of Central Kentucky. 16th Annual Show. National Guard Armory, Airport Road. Hours: September 30th, 10:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.; October 1st: 12:00 Noon - 5:00 P.M. Contact : Bekki Miracle, 502.868.0258.

November 4-5, 2006, Ft. Pierce, FL - St. Lucie County Rock & Gem Club. Rock and gem Show. St. Lucie County Fairgrounds, Midway Road. Hours: 4th & 5th, 10:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Contacts: Dealer Chairman, Dennis Ponte at 772.288.3296 or dennisponte@msn.com and Show Chairman, Norm Holbert at 772.873.0787 or normholbert@bellsouth.net.

REMEMBER - To insure your show is listed here, send a written notice to the Lodestar Editor: Carolyn L. Daniels, 3660 Prince Way, Tucker, GA 30084-8317 or email at: dpdaniels@mindspring.com. ALL SFMS CLUBS ARE ALSO ENCOURAGED TO REGISTER THEIR EVENT LISTINGS ON THE SFMS WEBSITE AT: <http://www.amfed.org/sfms>. Choose "Submission Guidelines" under the SFMS Shows Column heading to find out how to apply.

2004/2005 REGIONAL FEDERATION SHOWS & CONVENTIONS

California Federation

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

Eastern Federation

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

Midwest Federation

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

Northwest Federation

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

Rocky Mountain Federation

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

South Central Federation

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

Southeast Federation (Phase 1)/AFMS Convention

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

Southeast Federation (Phase 2)

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

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

2006 SFMS Committee Chairmen

Nominations

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