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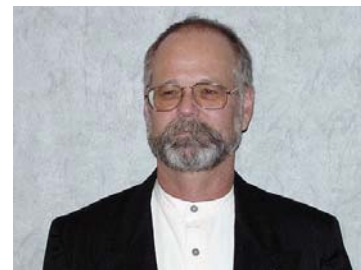
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Upcoming DMC Field Trip: August 14, 2004 - The Ray Mine and Little Ray Mine. Sponsored by the Western South Carolina Gem and Mineral Society. Check your local club newsletter for details.

"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



Greetings to SFMS clubs and members.

I had the pleasure of visiting William Holland on Thursday of last week for the afternoon. The place was a beehive of activity. After greeting Polly, Dana, Ray, Suzanne, and many students and instructors enjoying lunch, I joined them for a well-appreciated repast. When everyone finished and went back to class, Polly took me on the cook's tour of the classrooms. Every room had culminating activities and plenty of finished products to show me. I was truly impressed with the energy and diligence of the students. The instructors obviously had everyone practicing their newly acquired skills. Two Juniors (one is our JOY Scholarship winner) were diligently working on their creative projects. These high school students with their work ethic seemed to fit in very well.

I, as well as most teachers I know, judge myself on effectiveness of teaching by observing the progress and production of my students. My goal is to be out-done and surpassed by those that I teach. Based on this standard, I observe that we have very effective instructors at William Holland. You should join us at your earliest opportunity and be a part of this excellent learning and teaching experience.

Hopefully during the August or September sessions of Wildacres, I will have the opportunity to visit those classes and observe the excellent teaching in North Carolina.

A note on our upcoming Constitution and By-laws review: I encourage everyone to speak up and share their thoughts on this important job. Please do not be offended when someone proposes seemingly radical changes or when someone rejects your suggestions abruptly. This is a dialogue and discussion. Without input, there is no discussion and no opportunity for improvement. The common good and opinion of the majority will prevail.

William (Bill) G. Waggener, SFMS President

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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

It was nice having a little break from producing two newsletters a month. I didn't know what to do with the extra time (or so I thought)! It seems that just as soon as I think things are slowing down, my time gets filled up once again! My children were participating in the bowling event of the Georgia Games as I was attempting to finish this issue of the Lodestar, distracting me somewhat. They placed well, within the top five of each of their divisions with my 11-year old scoring 236 points in one of the qualifying rounds!

It's back to the computer again, to finish this issue. Please note that people are still not used to the earlier submittal dates. Please remember that submittal deadlines have been moved to the 25th of the month preceding the month of the issue you wish your article to appear. Otherwise, you take the chance of not having your article printed. Officers and committee chairs, I will print any article that you submit to me. However, I need you to submit it to me and not assume that I have a copy already (e.g., your Board Meeting Reports, etc.). I do not always receive copies at the Board Meetings since many times I do not know if I will be able to attend until the last minute. (I will be at the Annual meeting in Norcross, Georgia in December. It will be less than one half hour from my home.)

Just a reminder:

In addition I would like to remind the editors of club newsletters of a comment made by Diane Dare, SFMS Bulletin Contest Chairman, in an article on bulletin contest comments printed in the March 2004 issue of Lodestar: Attribution/credits continue to be a problem. "Give only 'by (author) from (original newsletter) via (your source)', leave out all the inbetweens." "include date - how old or new info is."

I receive many exchange bulletins as Lodestar editor and enjoy reading them very much. As I was perusing one recent issue of one of our club newsletters, I came across an article that looked very familiar to me. It was an article written by one of my local society members for the club newsletter that I edit and happened to have been one of the articles that I submitted for the 2003 SFMS Bulletin Contest. The article had many misspellings that were not in the article as it was printed in my local newsletter and no attribution was given to my local newsletter as the original publishing document. An attribution was given to the newsletter that they copied the article from. I have not yet found the newsletter from which the article was copied, so do not know if the original publication was referenced.

Please be careful in giving credits/attributions appropriately; in this case, the author's name was given, but no indication of his club affiliation or where he lived. Most local clubs, authors and editors are very pleased to see their articles used in other publications and will be very willing to help you out in any way possible to insure the article appears as it should. (This includes me - I will even be happy to provide you with electronic copies of articles and/or photographs that appear in my local club newsletter.

Please note that the next issue of Lodestar will be in September 2004.

Sincerely,
Carolyn L. Daniels, Lodestar Editor

WORKSHOP UPDATE (from the Education Chair):

We are pleased to announce that next year's Workshop Directors have been appointed. **David Tuttle**, Past President of the SFMS, has agreed to take on the task of Directing the three SFMS Workshops at Wildacres. **Pat Davis**, former Registrar at both William Holland and Wildacres, will be Director for the SFMS sessions at William Holland.

Debbie and Jerry Miller, Wildacres Directors, and **Polly Carman**, William Holland Director, are due a vote of thanks for the effort that they have put into our SFMS Workshops over the past couple of years. We are in the middle of a workshop season and they are still hard at work on this year's program.

We don't want the appointment of next year's directors to overshadow the work that is still being done by this year's workshop staff. Rather, we are making the announcement now so that our new directors can collaborate with and benefit from the experience of the current directors to get next year's schedule of classes planned by the end of the summer. Look for a big announcement in the November issue of the Lodestar.

If you are still "just thinking" about attending an SFMS Workshop, please go to the Federation website at www.amfed.org/sfms/ and check out the workshop write up. **Then check with the Registrars.** Not all classes are filled for the remaining sessions and there are often last minute cancellations.

Fred Sias, SFMS Education Chairman

Speaking of Which --

CLASS OPENINGS FOR WILLIAM HOLLAND LAPIDARY SCHOOL October 10-16, 2004

The June session at William Holland Lapidary School in Young Harris, GA. was a resounding success! Classes were busy & productive, the food was great (new chef on staff), the weather was pleasant, and everyone had a wonderful time.

Now we're gearing up for the fall session, Oct. 10 - 16, and there are still several classes open. Casting, Fused Glass, and Beginning Wirecraft each have two or three slots still available, while Intermediate Chainmaking, Intermediate Faceting, Glass Bead Making, Intarsia, Seed Beading and Wirecraft Sculpture each have several openings.

October is the best time of the year to visit the North Georgia Mountains and Federation week at William Holland is the "best bargain" around for an enjoyable and relaxing vacation. Send in your application quickly to reserve your spot!

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REPORT ON WILLIAM HOLLAND SFMS WORKSHOP June 13-19, 2004

The week at William Holland was one of perfect weather and happy people. Our total number of people who attended, including the instructors and SFMS staff, was 59. We had two people who were unable to attend at the last minute.

The auction Tuesday evening resulted in a very nice \$1620.00 total. Thank you all for your great donations. Everything was most welcome and appreciated. Our auctioneers and their two lovely helpers and the ladies at the table keeping track of all the bids did a wonderful job.

We had a Youth SFMS Workshop Scholarship winner attending the Casting class. I had the pleasure of watching Chelsey Tyler carve two of her castings freeform of solid wax. She made a wolf's head ring and a Phoenix that rose from a hot (heat) looking cabochon of mixed oranges and reds. I believe that is to be a pendent. She made other castings also.

Professional story-teller, Herrick Jeffers, entertained us on Monday evening. His stories are a lot of fun, and he is always well-received.

After "Show & Tell" Friday evening, we had the pleasure of hearing the following prayer which was written especially for our last dinner together at this workshop by one of our students, Ken Reed. (*Permission to print has been given.*)

Kenneth Reed's Prayer

Dear Lord,

Thank you for this week at William Holland, and we pray that you bless the facetors, may all their points meet;

And bless the casting instructor, up all night and dead on his feet.

Bless the cabbers; may their domes all be round; and don't forget the silver classes; they hardly make a sound!

And bless the fused glass class; help them remember where you put yours!:\

And the opalholics, for which there are no cures!

And bless the wire-crafters and the chain gang; and let us end the week without any pain.

Now, with your blessings, I'll take my seat and we can all begin to eat!

Amen.

Ken will be teaching Faceting at our October session. Classes are filling nicely, but there is still room in some classes. Contact our Registrars for information.

*Submitted by Polly Carman, Director
2004 SFMS William Holland Workshops*

BULLETIN EDITORS' HALL OF FAME

The Bulletin Editors' Hall of Fame was created in 1995 when Shirley Leeson suggested the AFMS recognize those editors and special people who have made an impact on other editors. Each regional federation has a representative on the selection committee, and even editors in other countries have been honored.

Nominations come ONLY from other editors, and are not accepted if made by editors for themselves or by clubs for their own editor. As this is NATIONAL recognition, bulletins should have distribution outside their own state/region. Winning awards or trophies does NOT automatically qualify an editor for the Hall of Fame, nor does long-time service as editor. These are a consideration of course, but personal commitment, effort, involvement, dedication and consistent quality are even more important. These intangibles are evident in the bulletin.

Representing the Southeast Federation in the Editors' Hall of Fame (and year of induction) are:

1995- O.K. Bell, Margie Dickson, Jim Fowler, Ruby Gunther, Sol Humerckhouse, Helen Ladd, Frank Mayo, Leo Morris, Charlotte Styers, Allison Watkins

1996 - Barbara Droman, Margaret Johnson, June Miller, Velma Moss, Fred Sias.

1997 - Robert Cyner, Steve Owen, John Watkins

1998 - Steve Henegar

1999 - Vernon Meerdink, Ray Rickards

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2001 - Ted Robles

2002 - ---

2003 - Gayle Graham

If you know of an editor (past or present) from any region or federation, who should be considered, submit your nomination to me. Thanks!

Diane Dare, SFMS Bulletin Contest Chairman



SFMS SUPPLIES CHAIRMAN ANNOUNCEMENT:

Reba Shotts will be "Out-of-Pocket" from June 1, 2004 through the beginning of September 2004. Requests received after June 1, 2004 will not be mailed until mid-September 2004.

verbally submitted to the editor by Reba Shotts