

AFMS Endowment Fund Raffle Items

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The following are fabulous prizes to be offered in the 2004 AFMS Endowment Fund Raffle. Raffle tickets will be sold throughout the combined AFMS/EFMLS Convention and Show Drawing during the Convention Award Banquet, on Saturday, July 11, 2004.



Turquoise cabochon 28mm x 50 mm. Cut and donated by Marion Roberts, Modesto, CA. 1st Vice-President of CFMS. Wire wrapped in 14K gold wire by Anna Christianson of the Mother Lode Mineral Society of the Turlock/Modesto Area. Turquoise is from the extensive area of Arizona and Nevada. Valued at \$125. (Picture by Clyf Bourne)



Engraved glass vase. Pattern designed and cut by B. Jay Bowman, AFMS Uniform Rules Chairman, of Ponca City, OK (RMFMS and EFMLS) Value \$125 - \$150. (Picture by B. Jay Bowman)

Two opal pendants set in 14K Gold settings. The cabochons measure 10x10 mm and 7 x20mm in size, and both show red and green fiery sparkles throughout. The stones were in the inventory of the Endowment Fund, and were cut, finished and set by Shirley Leeson, CFMS, and Dee Holland, NFMS. Each is valued at \$200. (Picture by Joy Bourne)



Case of Eocene Fossil Sharks teeth and vertebrae from Lee Creek, North Carolina donated by George Powell, Jr., President of the American Fossil Federation, Falls Church, VA (EFMLS) Value \$150 - \$200. (Picture by Clyf Bourne)



Tennessee Spider Web Agate polished free-form cabochon set in a sterling silver setting with a filigree bezel, on a sterling cable necklace chain. The spider web agate is extremely rare. The value of the stone alone would be \$200. The piece was created especially for this year's

raffle by Will Smith, master teacher and silversmith, of Antioch, Tennessee. (SFMS). The agate is from Greasy Cove, on the Alabama/Tennessee border. Value \$250-\$300. (Picture by Clyf Bourne)

Silver lace onyx cabochon 40x50mm 14k gold wire-wrapped and donated by Marion Roberts, Modesto, CA. 1st Vice president of CFMS. Onyx is from the Calico Mine Ghost Town area in the Mojave Desert near Barstow. Mine is no longer open. Valued at \$75.00. (Picture by Clyf Bourne)



Louisiana Opal Cabochon. This spectacular, fiery-blue and green, 40x50 mm Louisiana opal cabochon is the result of a "team effort" donation coordinated by Ike House, SCFMS Bulletin Aids Chair.

Involved in the project were the Ark-La-Tex Gem and Mineral Society, which "commissioned" the stone; club members Joe and Lee Beasley, who procured the stone, and SCFMS Executive Vice-President and AFMS Director, newsletter editor Hall of Fame member and good friend, Bill Alcorn, who crafted the finished cabochon.

Included with this prize are copies of two articles, each focused on this spectacular and rare material, from "Rock & Gem" magazine. Value, \$200-250. (Show price - probably would sell for much more at retail, as it has so much fire.) (Picture by Clyf Bourne)

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Faceted 12mm oval citrine pendant. A sparkingly beautiful red-orange citrine slightly offset in a silver cinching setting to capture maximum light. Donated by Sue MacInnis, EFMLS Uniform Rules Chair, who won this prize at Moab, but wished to return it to again benefit the Endowment Fund in the 2004 raffle. Originally

donated by AFMS Past President Lewis Elrod,, SFMS for the 2001 Drawing. Value \$125. (Picture by Clyf Bourne)

Baroque Chinese freshwater pearl pendant, stunningly beautiful in glowing shades of peach and cream. Set in a 14k gold lost-wax casting created by Bural LaRue, CFMS. The overall mounted pendant measures 30mm x 8mm. Donated by Pat and Bural LaRue. Pat is CFMS executive secretary/ treasurer and AFMS Past 4th Regional vice president. Valued at \$225. (Picture by Clyf Bourne)



Triple Herkimer "Diamond" Pendant, 14k gold wire-wrapped by master craftsman, Jim Fowler. The pendant contains three clear sparkling Herkimers, from the famous Central NY Herkimer Diamond mines. Each stone is uncut, and naturally polished to perfection. Each measures approximately 10x12mm. Overall measurement of the drop is 65mm. Commercial cobra chain. Donated by Frances Sick, EFMLS "Each

One Teach One" Chair, who selected them from her personal collection, and commissioned the wire-wrapping. Value \$150-\$175. (Picture by Clyf Bourne)



A truly magnificent adamite specimen from the Ojuella Mine, Mapimi, Durango, Mexico. This is an old piece, and material of

this quality is no longer found. Donated on behalf of the Carnegie Museum of Natural History, Pittsburgh, PA by Marc L. Wilson, Collections Manager and Head, Section of Minerals. Marc was the AFMS Scholarship Award Honoree named for EFMLS in 2001. The specimen is valued at \$250.00. (Picture by Debra Wilson)

A gorgeous Opal gem tree. This lovely decorator accent features a 14k gold wire trunk and branches, with foliage of beautiful free-form polished opals. The base is a 3"x 4" section of a citrine vug - overall approximately 7"+, diameter roughly 5" and has approximately 140 opal chips. The tree was crafted by Marie Zigler of the Three Rivers Gem and Mineral Club of Fort Wayne, Indiana. Donated by AFMS President Marve and Kitty Starbuck. Estimated value \$100.00. (Picture by Marvin Honschu)



Authentic replica of Plains Indian Axe, circa 1790-1840. Crafted by master-knapper, Bill Metcalf, who created and furnished the axe which was raffled in last year's contest. Here's a second chance for those of you who were disappointed not to win that one! Value \$175.00. (Picture by Joyce Speed)

To obtain tickets or more information, contact Ken Anderson, SFMS Treasurer (see page 2 of this issue of Lodestar).

May/June 2004

The Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies, Inc.

LOOKING AHEAD

2004 REGIONAL FEDERATION SHOWS & CONVENTIONS

California Federation/Mariposa Show & Convention
Mariposa County Fairgrounds, May 28-30, 2004
Hosts: Mariposa County Gem & Mineral Society

Eastern Federation & American Federation
Combined EFMLS/AFMS Convention & Show
Syracuse, NY, July 8-11, 2004
Hosts: Gem & Mineral Society of Syracuse

Midwest Federation
Cedar Rapids, Iowa
April 23-25, 2004

Northwest Federation Annual Convention & Show
Boise, Idaho
July 23-25, 2004

Rocky Mountain Federation Annual Convention & Show
Wichita, KS
April 23-25, 2004
Hosts: Wichita Gem & Mineral Society

South Central Federation Annual Convention & Show
Houston, TX
September 24-26, 2004
Hosts: Houston Gem & Mineral Society

Southeast Federation Annual Convention & Show
Norcross, GA
December 10-12, 2004
Hosts: The Georgia Mineral Society

CLUB & SOCIETY SHOWS/SWAPS

June 5-6, 2004, Birmingham, AL - Alabama Mineral & Lapidary Society. 31st Tannehill Gem, Mineral, and Jewelry Show at Tannehill Furnace Historical Park near Birmingham, AL. Hours: 5th and 6th: 9:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M. Show admission free to public with \$1 to \$2 admission fee to enter the park. Contact Rick Kittinger, 1612 Coleburg Circle, Hoover, AL 35226 or Rick.Kittinger@bellsouth.com.

June 11-13, 2004, Charlotte, NC - Charlotte Gem & Mineral Club. Oasis Shrine Center, Charlotte, NC. The show is located in the university area just off of I-85 at exit 45, a very short run off the interstate. Hours: 11th and 12th, 10:00 A.M. - 7:00 P.M.; 13th, 10:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Contact: Dealer chairperson, Becky Strickland, 5110 Kistler Ave., Charlotte, NC 28205, 04.537.6010, e-mail at jrsrkat@msn.com.

July 21-25, 2004, Franklin, NC - The Gem & Mineral Society of Franklin, NC. Macon County Community Building, 1288 GA Hwy, Franklin, NC. Hours: 21st through 24th, 10:00 A.M.-6:00 P.M.; 25th, Noon-5:00 P.M. Contact: Fred Plesner at willa@dnet.net.

September 3-6, 2004, Hendersonville, NC - Henderson county Gem and Mineral Society. 23rd Annual Gem and Mineral Spectacular & Sale. Whitmire Activity Building, Lily Pond Road, Hendersonville, NC. Hours: 3rd, 4th & 5th, 10:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.; 6th, 1:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Contact: Margaret L. Johnson, P.O. Box 6391, Hendersonville, NC 28739-6391, 828.692.12.49.

September 4, 2004, Hendersonville, NC - Henderson County Gem and Mineral Society. 15th Annual Micromount Symposium, Salvation Army Building, Grove Street between 3rd and 4th Avenues, Hendersonville, NC. Hours: 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Contact: Emily Adams, 355 Pelham Road, Greenville, SC 29615, 864.271.3877.

September 10-12, 2004, Winston-Salem, NC - Forsyth Gem and Mineral Club. 33rd Annual Gem and Mineral Show, Education Building, Dixie Classic Fairgrounds, Gate 5, Deacon Blvd. Hours: 11th & 12th, 10:00 A.M. - 7:00 P.M.; 12th, 12:00 Noon - 6:00 P.M. Contact: Paul Burton, Show Chairman, 2001 Walker Road, Winston-Salem, NC 27106, 336.924.8510.

September 18-19, 2004, Jacksonville, FL- Jacsonville Gem & Mineral Society. Hours: 18th, 10:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.; 19th, 10:00 A.M. - 5:00 P. M. Contact: Mary Chambliss, [Ivory Towers@msn.com](mailto:IvoryTowers@msn.com).

September 25-26, 2004, Hiddenite, NC - Western Piedmont Mineral & Gem Society. 16th Annual Hiddenite Gem & Mineral Show, Hiddenite Educational Complex, Sulpher Springs Road, Hiddenite, NC. Hours: 25th, 9:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M., 26th, 12 Noon - 5:00 P.M. Rock Swap, 26th, 12:00 noon - 4:00 P.M. Minerals Only! NO DEALERS!. Contacts: Jerry Hedrick, 828.396.4576 and/or Linda Moser, 828.459.7622.

October 2-3, 2004, Lexington, KY - Rockhounds of Central Kentucky. 14th Annual Show, National Guard Armory, Airport Road. Hours: 2nd, 10:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M. and 3rd, 12:00 Noon - 5:00 P.M. Adults \$1, Children 6-12, 50 cents, max \$3/family. Contact Dawkins, 502.695.4444.

October 8-10, 2004, Huntsville, AL - Huntsville Gem and Mineral Society. Von Braun Civic Center. Hours: 8th and 9th, 10:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M. and 3rd, 12:00 Noon-5:00 P.M. Contact: Tony Smith at 256.852.3210 or tsmith@ercnet.com.

November 12-14, 2004, Pascagoula, MS - Mississippi Gulf Coast Gem & Mineral Society, Inc. 15th Annual, Magnolia State Gem, Mineral, & Jewelry Show, Civic Center Building, Jackson County Fairgrounds, Pascagoula, MS. Hours: 12th & 13th, 10:00 A.M.-6:00 P.M.; 14th 10:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M. Contact: John Wright, Show Chairman, 3304 Nottingham Rd., Ocean Springs, MS 39564, 228.875.9192 or osjbw@datasync.com.

November 12-14, 2004, Louisville, KY - Kyana Geological Society. 33rd Annual Mineral, Gem, and Fossil Show (Treasures of the Earth), Executive Inn Hotel, I-264 at the Fairgrounds (978 Phillips Lane, Louisville, KY. Hours: 12th & 13th, 10:00 A.M.-7:00 P.M. and 14th, 10:00 A.M.-6:00 P.M. Free admission and parking. Contacts: Charles Oldham, 7405 Highway 22 West, Crestwood, KY 40014 or 502.241.8755; Bob Robinson, 125 Steedland Court, Louisville, KY 40229 or 502.957.5781; or Sharon Jewell at 502.425.6748.

November 26-28, 2004, Columbia, SC - Columbia Gem and Mineral Society. 37th Annual Gem Mineral & Jewelry, South Carolina State Fairgrounds, Moore Building, Rosewood Dr., Columbia, SC. Hours: 26th, 10:00 A.M.-7:00 P.M.; 27th, 10:00 A.M.-6:00 P.M.; 28th, 12:00 Noon-5:00 P.M. Free parking. Admission: \$3.50 (Children 12 & under free). Contact: Susan Shrader, 7719 Wessex Lane, Columbia, SC 29223, 803.736.9317 or ashrader@mindspring.com.

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.

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