

## SFMS 2004 Wildacres Workshop at Wildacres Retreat, Little Switzerland, NC

### 2004 Workshop Dates

**April**.....Monday, April 19 to Sunday, April 25, 2004  
**August**...Monday, August 23 to Sunday, August 29, 2004  
**September**....Monday, Sept. 13 to Sunday, Sept. 19, 2004

**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:** \$260 per person, including meals.  
**Day Students:** \$115 per person, no meals are included.

### 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 for the April session will be accepted beginning on February 16, 2004, and on May 3, 2004 for the August and September sessions. The postmark date on or after these dates determine 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 deposit of 50% of the registration fee 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 \$25 nonrefundable charge to cover administrative costs. An additional \$25 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.

\*Note: Advanced courses with prerequisites are designated with an asterisk in the course listing to the right.

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#### Session 1: April 19-25, 2004

Cabochons	Gerald Burnham
Beginning Faceting and Intarsia	Tom Wilkie
Glass Bead Making	Marilyn Jobe
*Gold Fabrication	Dan Haga
Precious Metal	Ken and Mary Ann Devos
Raku Pottery	Sarah House
Seed Beading	Jo Harrison
Silversmithing, beginning	Allen Jewell
Wirecraft,	Lisa Roberts

#### Session 2: August 23-29, 2004

Beading and Design, traditional	Addy DePietro
Chain Making, beginning	Carole Boyle
*Faceting, intermediate	Ken Reed
Gem Appreciation	Ben Smith
Glass Bead Making	Marilyn Jobe
Lost-Wax Casting, beginning	Fred Sias
*Metalsmithing, advanced	Jeff Sheer
Opal Cutting	Joe DePietro
Precious Metal Clay, beginning	Ken and Mary Ann Devos
Raku Pottery	Cindy McDowell
*Wirecraft, advanced Sculpture	Lisa Roberts

#### Session 3: September 13-19, 2004

Lost-wax Casting	John Iacullo
Faceting and Intarsia	Tom Wilke
Gem Appreciation	Ben Smith
Opal Cutting	Sara Lee Boyce
*Precious Metal Clay (Level 2)	Ken and Mary Ann Devos
Raku Pottery	Cindy McDowell
Seed Beading	Kathy Morris
*Silversmithing, advanced	Dan Haga
Silversmithing, beginning	Not Determined
Wirecraft, beginning	Lisa Roberts

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# 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

**Midwest Federation**  
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**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

**Southcentral Federation Annual Convention & Show**  
Houston, TX  
September 2004  
Hosts: Houston Gem & Mineral Society

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

## CLUB & SOCIETY SHOWS/SWAPS

February 13-15, 2004, Greensboro, NC - Greensboro Gem & Mineral Society. Greensboro Coliseum. Hours: 13th, 2:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.; 14th, 10:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.; and 15th, 3:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M. Contact: Joe Maquire at [joe\\_maquire@prodigy.net](mailto:joe_maquire@prodigy.net).

February 28 - 29, 2004, Jackson, MS - Mississippi Gem & Mineral Society. 45th Annual Gem, Mineral, Fossil, & Jewelry Show, A&I Buildings, MS State Fairgrounds, Jackson, MS (Exit 96B, I-55). Hours: 28th, 9:00 A.M.-6:00 P.M.; 29th, 10:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M. Contact: Brenda Hankins, P.O. Box 844, Jackson, MS 39205 or [msgem.org](http://msgem.org). **Show and Host For First 2004 SFMS Executive Board Meeting.** Show at State Fairgrounds, the Jefferson Street Gate. SFMS meeting at Ramada Inn Southwest Conference Center, 1523 Ellis Avenue. (See pages 4 & 5).

February 27 - 29, 2004, Vero Beach, FL - Treasure Coast Rock & Gem Society. 29th Annual Gem & Jewelry Show, Vero Beach Community Center, 14th Ave. & 23rd St. Hours: 27th, 12 N - 5 P.M.; 28th, 10 A.M.-5 P.M.; 29th, 10 A.M.-4 P.M. Contact: Pedro Araoz at 772.231.0005.

March 5-7, 2004, North Largo, FL - Suncoast Gem & Mineral Society. 6340-126 Ave., North Largo, FL. Hours: 5th & 6th, 10:00 A.M.-6:00 P.M.; 7th: 10:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M. Contact: Sue Black at [sueblack@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:sueblack@tampabay.rr.com).

March 12 - 14, 2004, Augusta, GA - Aiken and Augusta Gem and Mineral Societies. 16th Annual Aiken-Augusta Gem, Mineral, and Fossil Show at Julian Smith Casino, 2205 Broad St. Hours: 12th & 13th, 10 A.M.-7 P.M.; 14th, 11 A.M.-5 P.M. Contact: Constance Barrow at 706.547.0178.

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March 19-21, 2004, Rome, GA - Rome, Georgia Gem & Mineral Society. Gaden Lakes Gym, Rome, GA. Hours: 19th & 20th, 9:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M.; 21st, 9:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M. Contact: Jose Santamaria at 706.233.9828/706.38630576 ext. 401 or [josel@weinmanmuseum.org](mailto:josel@weinmanmuseum.org).

March 26 - 28, 2004, Raleigh, NC - Tar Heel Gem and Mineral Club. 28th Annual Capital Area Gem Festival, Scott Bldg. at State Fairground, 1025 Blue Ridge Road. Hours: 26th, 5 P.M.-9 P.M.; 27th, 10 A.M.-7P.M.; 28th, 10 A.M.-5 P.M. Contact: Prep Maynard, 3300 Julian Dr., Raleigh, NC 27604 or 919.876.3434.

April 24-25, 2004, Memphis, TN - Memphis Archaeological & Geological Society. 25th Annual Mid-America Mineral, Fossil, Jewelry Show, Pipkin Building, Midsouth Fairgrounds, Central and East Parkway. Hours: 24th, 9:00 A.M.-6:00 P.M.; 25th, 10:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M. Contact: W.C. McDaniel at 901.274.7706 or [cfmcdaniel@worldnet.att.net](mailto:cfmcdaniel@worldnet.att.net). Web link at [www.memphisgeology.org](http://www.memphisgeology.org).

May 1-2, 2004, North Charleston, SC - Lowcountry Gem & Mineral Society. Performing Arts Center, Monague Avenue, North Charleston, SC. Hours: 1st, 10:00 A.M.-6:00 P.M. and 2nd, 10:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M. Contact: Karen Havenstein at [fossil@home.com](mailto:fossil@home.com).

May 7-9, 2004, Marietta, GA - The Georgia Mineral Society. The 36th Annual Gem and Mineral Mother's Day Weekend Show. Cobb County Civic Center, 548 S. Marietta Parkway (at Fairgrounds Street), Marietta, GA 30339. Hours: 7th and 8th, 10:00 A.M.-6:00 P.M.; 9th, Noon-5:00 P.M. Door Prizes and Free Admission/Parking. Auction open to public on 8th at 2:00 P.M. Contact: Jay Gorday at 770.986.0822 or [gms@gaminer.org](mailto:gms@gaminer.org). Web link at <http://gaminer.org/may-show.htm>.

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](mailto:Rick.Kittinger@bellsouth.com).

June 11-13, 2004, Charlotte, NC - Charlotte Gem & Mineral Club. 604 Daniels Burnham Way, Charlotte, NC. Contact: Clarence Johnson at 704.573.1116 or [cj47@carlonia.pp.com](mailto:cj47@carlonia.pp.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](mailto:willa@dnet.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](mailto: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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