

SFMS JUNIOR OF THE YEAR 2005 CRITERIA FOR CONSIDERATION

NOTE: On a separate sheet(s) of paper, list and identify/describe activities and the points attained for each individual activity, i.e. #2 Adult meetings attended: May 2005 (5 points), July 2005 (2 points) etc.

- 1. Must be a current, paid Junior member of a club in the Southeast Federation, 5 points..... **Points**
- 2. Must attend at least one adult meeting, 5 points..... **Points**
Attendance at additional adult meetings, 2 points each..... **Points**
- 3. Attendance at Junior meetings/workshops, 5 points each.... **Points**
- 4. Attendance at a Gem and Mineral Club Show other than your own. Show must be recognized by an organized Club or one of the major federations. (Obtain and save show ticket program, 10 points each..... **Points**

NOTE: Attendance at a primarily rock, gem, mineral, fossil, or earth science museum, National Park, or other exhibit related to our hobby will be considered a "show". Enter points above, 5 points each.

- 5. Participation in a Gem and Mineral Club sponsored (or Dixie Mineral Council sponsored) field trip, including Junior Club field trips, 15 points each..... **Points**
- 6. Participation in a family field trip or field trip with a group other than those listed above, 10 points per trips..... **Points**
- 7. In keeping with the "Each one Teach one" program, a Junior club member can earn 10 points per occasion for sharing our hobby with others by teaching them a defined skill (example - Gem tree making at your club show or presenting a program..... **Points**
- 8. In the spirit of sharing our hobby and encouraging growth of the clubs in our Federation, a Junior may earn 5 points for sponsoring a new Junior or adult member and an additional 5 points for attending a meeting to introduce them..... **Points**
- 9. Publication of a well-researched educational article on some phase of our hobby or the earth sciences in your club bulletin. Accuracy of information and references required. 25 points each..... **Points**

NOTE: Articles accepted by the Editor but not yet published by October, 2004 can be counted for this or next year, but for one year only.

- 10. Publication of a report in your club bulletin on a Junior Club meeting, workshop or field trip, 10 points each..... **Points**

11. A Junior Club member winning a regional or national award for articles published in a club bulletin and submitted for competition will receive 25 points for each such recognition.....Points

NOTE: You may receive points for publication of an article one year and receive points for the same article or recognition the next year.....Points

12. Juniors sharing our hobby at schools or in other groups by making a presentation may receive 5 points for each presentation if a written report is obtained at the time from the adult in charge.....Points

13. Juniors recognized in school, regional or state Science Fairs for exhibits related to our hobby or to Federation purposes will receive 20 points per recognition.....Points

14. Juniors having an exhibit in your club show, 20 points per exhibit.....Points

15. Juniors working at the annual club show will receive 5 points for each 1 hour verified work period.....Points

TOTAL POINTS_____

For a possible tie breaker describe any other hobby related information regarding publications, activities, or recognitions achieved this past year that might help us evaluate your enthusiasm for winning this JOY award.

William Holland October Workshop Report

From the 2005 SFMS Wildacres Workshop Directors

October 10-16th we had the final SFMS workshop for 2004 at William Holland. The first two days were for shorts and tee shirts, then, it was fall again. By the end of the week we were wearing jackets and trying to keep warm. The mountains in the fall are wonderful!

We've all heard it and sometimes have said it, "I wish they would have a different type of class at Wildacres." My wife, Barbara, and I will be the Directors for the 2005 Wildacres workshops and I believe we have come up with a class that is different and will be intriguing for the students.

Our Registrars, Dana and Ray Gonzalez, were unable to attend this session. Ray was recovering from heart surgery and got some well needed rest. They were missed, of course, but we were fortunate to have Anna and Ron Denton step in as Acting Registrars. It was a pleasure working with them, as always. My thanks for their generous help.

Mike Reynolds of the Jacksonville club will be having an experimental class in April 2005. This is the first time we have had it and if we get enough interest generated; we will try to get Mike back in '06. The class will be titled Earth and Space Science. Look for the course description in coming editions of the Lodestar. I can say it will be about the geology in the Wildacres area with fieldtrips and tied in will be time spent on astronomy and meteorites. This stuff that stars are made of that fall to Earth are the elements that we are also made from. Mike is an astronomer and rockhound, which makes for a lot of fun times. He will bring telescopes for some night classes of star gazing and one night program that will be open to all Wildacres attendees. Mike will be coming to us from leading an expedition to Antarctica in search for Martian meteorites. You read right and he will have to explain that. As for us, Barbara and I belong to the Jacksonville Gem and Mineral Society where we both have been President and I was honored to serve as the Southeast Federation President in 1994. We have been in rockhounding since

We had 71 people attending, of which 11 were instructors.

Our auction went very well. We ran out of time before we ran out of donations Tuesday evening, so, it was decided to have a silent auction and book sale which was completed Thursday after the regular tailgating time. Adding the proceeds of both evenings together gave us a total auction amount of \$1348.50.

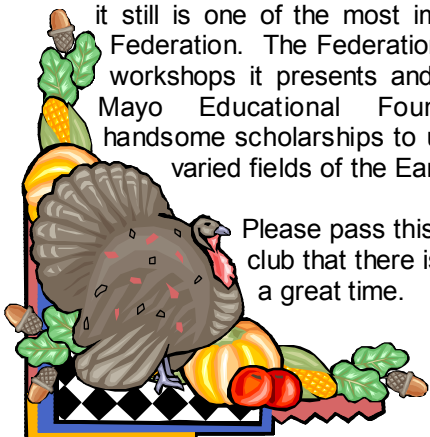
I want to thank all of the instructors for all their help and for being so generous with their time, talent and resources. My thanks also to our Registrars for a job well done!

Submitted by Polly Carman, Director 2004 SFMS William Holland Workshops

the mid-70's, when my late father got us interested in the hobby. I've taught at Wildacres as well as at Wm. Holland and we are always glad to renew old friendships and establish new ones. We look forward to seeing many of you at Wildacres next year.

We have lined up some exciting workshops for the coming year with new instructors and some familiar faces also returning. We look forward to working with Registrars Kerri and Bill Wetzel. As usual, we start the Wildacres year by opening up the season in April. It seems that about 30 % of the time we get a dusting of snow in April and for us Florida folks, that's something we don't see too often. In the October issue of Lodestar Fred Sias announced the date for April session to be 18th-24th.

When you think of how many people in the Southeast Federation get the Lodestar compared to the number of individuals in the Federation, you will find that not too many know about what the Federation workshops have to offer. This point has been brought up many times at the Federation meetings. We have instructors and other volunteers that work extremely hard to provide you with high quality program and classes. They aren't paid in money but in the satisfaction of knowing that you, the student, have gained some knowledge in this hobby. Your club may have classes, as does the Jacksonville club, but we are pretty well represented at the Federation workshops. One of the founding principles of the Federation was to teach the many forms of the hobby and it still is one of the most important functions of the Federation. The Federation does this through the 5 workshops it presents and through supporting the Mayo Educational Foundation, which gives handsome scholarships to university students in the varied fields of the Earth Sciences.



Please pass this information around your club that there is a place to go and have a great time.

David Tuttle
2005 SFMS
Wildacres Director

A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE MAYO EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

Frank Mayo was one of the founders of the Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies, Inc. (SFMS), incorporated as a non-profit organization on November 26, 1975. He was also the federation's first president. The education fund began in 1976 when the Cobb County Gem and Mineral Club, Frank Mayo's home club, donated \$350 to SFMS in memory of his late mother, Vesta Mayo. The club's donation stayed in the SFMS general treasury as technicalities were worked out to officially establish a separate fund designated for educational purposes.

On May 3, 1980 the members of SFMS established the "Vesta Mayo Educational Foundation" (VMEF) as a separate division of the federation. Five people made up the Board of Directors: one was the SFMS President, the other four elected at SFMS' annual meeting. The principal of the fund would be invested/preserved and only the interest income was to be used for scholarships for graduate students in Earth Sciences. Frank Mayo offered to match all donations until a goal of \$100,000 was reached. In 1983, Harold Sparks offered to donate \$5 from each registration fee at the first workshop held at the new retreat (William Holland) to VMEF.

Sufficient interest income had accrued by 1985 and the first scholarship award (\$1,000) was announced at the November 2 meeting. On December 16, 1985 the VMEF was incorporated in the State of Georgia with Harold Sparks as the registered agent. The directors were Helen Coe, Ben H. Smith, Martha Spies, David Tuttle, and Frank Wingate.

At the August 2, 1986 meeting in Greenville, SC, Frank Mayo gave \$20,000 to bring the fund up to \$44,000. A hat was passed and another \$175 was collected, which he also matched. SFMS approved a request in 1988 "that all interest on SFMS accounts be allocated to the Vesta Mayo Educational Fund", and the first payment was made in 1989.

On November 18, 1989, SFMS Executive Board passed a resolution to donate \$1,000 in memory of Frank Mayo to the foundation. The name was changed to "Frank Mayo Educational Foundation", and it was decided to allow undergraduate junior and senior students in college or university as well as graduate students to apply for scholarships. The Board of Directors was increased to seven people, the SFMS Education committee Chairman being one of them.

In 1990 the Mayo family asked that the name be changed to "Mayo Educational Foundation", its purpose to honor Vesta, Frank, and Winnifred Mayo. Carolyn Mayo Randall presented a 'matching funds' check for \$17,000. The fund had reached its first goal and now stood at \$103,617.29.

SFMS donated \$100 to MEFI in memory of Dr. Albert Dix at the February 23, 1991 Executive Board meeting, stating policy will be to transfer \$100 to the Mayo Foundation upon the demise of SFMS past presidents. In 1992 a plaque was placed in the Weinman Museum listing each MEFI scholarship recipient's name, school, and date.

In 1999 to further acknowledge the Mayo name, scholarship awards would be named for seven individual Mayo family members, starting with Vesta Mayo, then Frank Mayo, Winnifred Mayo, Carolyn Mayo Randall, Charlotte Mayo Bryant, Vesta Mayo Dalia and Billie Sue Mayo Driggers.

In 2004 the MEFI awarded four scholarships which totaled \$7,400. Low interest rates meant less money was available for the awards, so donations to increase the principal are always appreciated.

Diane Dare, MEFI President

**MAYO EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION, INC.
MEMORIALS & HONORS DONATIONS**

A memorial or honor donation to MEFI can pay tribute to or recognize someone special to you or your club. Your tax-deductible contribution also offers help for deserving college students to further their education in the earth sciences. An appropriate notification will be sent to the person or family you designate, advising them of your thoughtful gift.

MEMORIALS: Your Gift Memorial provides a thoughtful and dignified means of perpetuating the memory of a friend or loved one.

HONORS: You can contribute in honor of a loved one, a friend, business associate, club member or club. It is an excellent way to acknowledge anniversaries, birthdays, convalescence, holidays or other events.

Donor: _____ Amount: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

How do you wish the card signed? _____

Check one: In Memory of: _____ In Honor of: _____

Occasion: (*birthday, anniversary, speedy recovery, etc.*) _____

Send MEFI notification to:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Make check payable to : **MAYO EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION, INC.**
Mail to Frank Decaminada, MEFI Treasurer, 795 Nile Drive, Alpharetta, GA 30022

Plan Early to Attend

**SFMS Annual Meeting and Banquet
December 11, 2004**

Hosted by The Georgia Mineral Society, Inc.

**Location: Admiral Benbow Inn
2955 Highway 317
Suwanee, Georgia 30024**

**December 11, 2004
Registration Begins at 8:30 am
Business Meeting at 9:00 am
Banquet at 7:00 pm**

**I-85 North of Atlanta, Exit # 111
To Guarantee a Reduced Room Rate the
Reservation Deadline is November 19, 2004**

The special room rate for SFMS Meeting or Banquet attendees is \$49.95 plus tax, per night. Please make your reservations directly with the Admiral Benbow Inn in Suwanee. To confirm this rate please reference your affiliation with the SFMS when making reservations. The following methods for reservations are available:

Telephone 770.945.4921

Fax 770.945.0440

or email to mgr@admiralbenbowsuwanee.com

Free Continental Breakfast

R V hookups are available at the Jones R V Park, 2200 Willowtrail Parkway, Norcross, 30093. Phone: 770.923.0911, Fax: 770.381.2142 or email to: Jonesrvpark@earthlink.com.

The dinner buffet will offer a choice of London Broil with Sherry Mushroom Sauce or Boneless Chicken Breast in a Marsala Wine Sauce, Whipped Potatoes with Gravy, Glazed Sliced Carrots, Squash Medley Stir-fry, Tossed Salad, Cole Slaw, Rolls with Butter, Carrot Cake, Peach Cobbler, with Coffee, Decaf, or Iced Tea. The cost is \$ 21.00 per person. Please use the Reservation Form. The Guest Speaker will be Julian Gray. The banquet host and hostess are Olin and Jeanette Banks.

The Editor's Breakfast menu offers Juice, Coffee, Mixed Fruit Bowl with Yogurt Topping, Fluffy Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Sausage, Biscuits, Gravy, Hashbrowns, Assorted Donuts, and Pastries. The Editor's Breakfast Hostess is Carolyn Daniels.

If you have questions, please contact the Annual Meeting General Host Chair, Joan White, GMS President, at 770.478.5734 or jowhite@bellsouth.net.