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**KENNETH V. ZAHN**

1910-2004

Kenneth Zahn, EFMLS President (1967-68) passed away on September 15, 2004 at the age of 94.



Trained as a chemist, Ken became interested in gems and minerals while visiting a local gem show in the Washington DC area where he lived. He soon joined several of the local clubs, serving each in a variety of positions - club officer, com-mittee chair or member, newsletter editor - to name just a few. He also served the Eastern Federation in a number of positions before and after he was elected President. He later went "through the chairs" of the American Federation, becoming President in 1976-77.

Perhaps best known for his work in keeping us alert to pending federal legislation which would affect collecting rights, Ken served as EFMLS and AFMS Conservation & Legislation Chair from 1965 - 1975, resigning only when he was elected AFMS President. His monthly newsletter columns "The Washington Scene" were a regular and much reprinted feature of each EFMLS and AFMS Newsletter.

For a number of years Ken served as a Director of the National Rockhound and Lapidary Hall of Fame (housed in Murdo, SD). Several years after resigning his Directorship he was honored by his own selection in the Hall of Fame. He was also an exceedingly generous donor to the EFMLS and AFMS archives sending numerous photographs, programs, and other memorabilia for the permanent files.

Ken's wife Bea passed away several years ago. He is survived by two daughters. A funeral service, with full Military Honors is scheduled for Arlington National Cemetery in Washington, DC on December 15th.

Those wishing to make contributions in Ken's memory are encouraged to send them to the AFMS Scholarship Foundation or to the Eastern Foundation Fund.

*from EFMSL News (12/04)  
also appeared in the A.F.M.S. Newsletter (12/04-1/05)*

**UNIFORM RULES CHANGES**

There are 13 pages of changes to the AFMS Rulebook for the year 2005. They will be available to your Regional Federation Supplies Chair so you can update your Rulebook. There are changes to the Cabochon Rules that are important. Minor changes were made in A Division and the Fossil Division. All will become effective as of January 1, 2005.

*Jim Hurlbut,  
from the A.F.M.S. Newsletter (12/04 /1/05)*

**GREETINGS**

By the time you read this, much of the country will be covered with a blanket of snow; the digging tools will have been stored away for the winter; and we will all be busy with the coming holidays. Many will be looking forward to the kids and grandkids visiting or maybe planning that long awaited trip down to Florida or Arizona. Whatever your plans, my wife, Awilda, and I wish all a safe and happy holidays.



I recently had heart surgery and later developed a clot on my lung, but I am now home and well on the road to a full recovery. The doctors say I should be completely back to my old self before Thanksgiving, and I'm looking forward to resuming all my regular activities with new vigor.

**Again, let me wish everyone a happy holidays.**

*Jim  
(Jim Robinson, AFMS President-Elect  
and AFMS 1st Regional VP for SFMS)  
From the A.F.M.S. Newsletter (12/04-1/05)*



**Plan Early to Attend  
SFMS Executive Board  
Meeting  
April 23, 2005  
Memphis, TN**

Plans for the SFMS Executive Board Meeting in Memphis, TN scheduled for April 2005 will be announced at the December SFMS Annual Meeting and Banquet. The detail information will also be published in the January 2005 issue of Lodestar.

The Memphis Archaeological and Geological Society (MAGS) will be hosting the April 2005 SFMS Executive Board Meeting. The meeting will be held in conjunction with the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Mid- America Mineral, Fossil, Jewelry Show. Show dates are April 23 and 24<sup>th</sup> and is located at the Fairgrounds in Memphis, TN.

Please mark your calendars now and be prepared to complete your reservations before March of 2005.

*Cornelia McDaniel  
Membership Coordinator,  
Memphis Archaeological and Geological Society  
Memphis, Tennessee*

December 2004

The Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies, Inc.

**SFMS 2005 Wildacres Workshop at Little Switzerland, NC**

2005 Workshop Dates

Workshop Directors

April.....Monday, April 18 to Sunday, April 24, 2005

August Monday, August 22 to Sunday, August 28, 2005

September..Monday, Sept. 19 to Sunday, September 25, 2005

**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:** \$280 per person (double occupancy), including meals. A limited number of single rooms are available at \$420 per person. There are no facilities for camping or Recreational Vehicles.

**Day Students:** \$115 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 February 15, 2005 for all sessions. At that time a \$30 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 \$30 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 \$30 nonrefundable charge to cover administrative costs. An additional \$30 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.

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**Workshop Registrars****Kerri and Bill Wetzel**

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**Session 1: April 18-24, 2004**

Beginning Faceting and Intarsia	Tom Wilkie
Cabochons	Gerald Burnham
Chain Making	Dee and Bill Conybear
Fused Glass	Jo Harrison
Geology and Space Science	Mike Reynolds
Silversmithing, beginning	Bill Cady
Stained Glass	Julia Larson
*Wirecraft, advanced	Ruth Ann Moore
Wirecraft, beginning	Lisa Roberts

**Session 2: August 22-28, 2005**

Beading and Design, traditional	Addy DePietro
Southwestern Silversmithing	Dan Haga
Faceting, beginning	Dave Lonser
Gem Appreciation	Ben Smith
Lost-Wax Casting, beginning	Fred Sias
*Metalsmithing, advanced	Jeff Sheer
Opal cutting	Joe DePietro
Precious Metal Clay (Level 1)	Ken and Mary Ann Devos
Raku Pottery	Cindy McDowell
Wirecraft, beginning	Ruth Ann Moore
*Wirecraft, advanced Sculpture	Lisa Roberts

**Session 3: September 19-25, 2005**

Beginning Faceting and Intarsia	Tom Wilke
Gem Appreciation	Ben Smith
Glass Beadmaking	Cheryl Ashley
*Goldsmithing, advanced	Dan Haga
Opal cutting	Sara Lee Boyce
*Precious Metal Clay (Level 2)	Ken and Mary Ann Devos
Raku Pottery	Cindy McDowell
Silversmithing, beginning	Cathy Cawthorne
Stained Glass	Julia Larson
Wirecraft, beginning	Lisa Roberts

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

12/05/2004

## SFMS 2005 William Holland Workshop at Young Harris, Georgia

### 2005 Workshop Dates

**June**.....Sunday, June 12 to Saturday, June 18, 2005

**October**..Sunday, October 9 to Saturday, October 15, 2005

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. The upper level is motel-like with 29 air-conditioned bedrooms, with private baths and two beds. Two rooms are equipped for the handicapped.

The lower, ground level 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 makeup 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, built in 2001, 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:** \$280 per person, including meals. **Single room:** add \$140 (\$420).

**Day Students:** \$115 per person, no meals are included. **Campground Students:** \$98 hookup, \$115 per person for classes. No meals are included but are available directly from the 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 February 15, 2005 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 \$30 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 \$30 nonrefundable charge to cover administrative costs. An additional \$30 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.

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### Workshop Registrar

Dana and Ray Gonzalez

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### Session 1: June 13-19, 2006

Cabochon, beginning	Gene Baxter
Chainmaking, beginning	Dee/Bill Conybear
Channelwork	Don Monroe
Fused Glass	Addy DePietro
Lost-wax Casting	Bill Harr
Opal cutting	Joe DePietro
Silversmithing, advanced*	Dan Haga
Silversmithing, beginning	Allen Jewell
Stained Glass	Julia Larson
Wirecraft, intermediate*	Betty Baxter
Wirecraft, Sculpture*	Lisa Roberts

### Session 2: October 9-15, 2005

Chain making, beginning	John Runkle
Fused Glass	Addy DePietro
Jewelry Repair*	Dan Haga
Lost-wax Casting	Fred Sias
Mineral Identification	Bruce Siegfried
Opal Cutting	Joe DePietro
Seed Beading	Jo Harrison
Silversmithing, beginning	Mack Thornton
Wirecraft, advanced*	Dawn Thornton
Wirecraft, beginning	Lisa Roberts

**Note: \* indicates advanced course with prerequisites.**