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## UPCOMING FIELD TRIPS

**May 13-14, 2005:** Graves Mountain, Lincoln County, GA for rutile and other minerals. Check out page 13 of this issue of *Lodestar* for details.

**June 2005: To Be Announced. Keep an eye on your local club bulletin/newsletter.**

*"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

We had a great time in Memphis, the first Executive Board meeting of 2005 was a small, but happy group, and business was conducted in a friendly manner.

I would like to thank Billie Wright for giving the invocation and Marty Hart for leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance to our country's flag, always a touching moment for me. Since Ron and I became U.S. citizens in 1997, I am aware of the significance of the pledge to my adopted homeland. The Memphis Archaeological and Geological Society were splendid hosts, I know all attendees at the Dealers Dinner had a great time and loved the BBQ!

I would like to congratulate Cornelia McDaniel for her hard work in organizing the weekend for us, and thank her for the wonderful bookmark favors she made and presented to us, and her breakfast casserole was fabulous! The recipe for it is included in this issue of *Lodestar*.

Ron and I managed to do a tour of the city, and visited places we had never been to before.

I hope all went well at the Wildacres workshops. We also missed all those folk who were too busy to come to the meeting. See you all next time in Hendersonville.

*Best,  
Eileen Price, President*

## WILLIAM HOLLAND UPDATE

As of the first week in May, both SFMS William Holland Workshops have openings in a number of classes and a few classes are full or almost fully enrolled.

The June 12-18 Session has the most openings. We would particularly like to point out that Channelwork and Stained Glass have been brought back into our curriculum at the June session and space is available at present.

The October 9-15 SFMS session at William Holland is always popular since it combines a week of classes with a week in the mountains when the leaves are turning. At the present time there is only one space available in Seed Beading, while Chain Making, Fused Glass, Opal Cutting, and Beginning Wirecraft are close to full. We would particularly like to draw your attention to the Mineral Identification class which has not been offered for some time. Jewelry Repair is also a new class with several openings.

For SFMS members unfamiliar with the William Holland School, it is worth pointing out that the Retreat features a campground with full RV hookups. Bedrooms and classrooms are air-conditioned and an elevator has recently been installed to permit easy wheelchair access to all areas.

*Fred Sias, SFMS Education Chairman*

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*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

The 2005 SFMS Directories have been printed! Several were distributed at the April SFMS Board Meeting. If your club had a member attending the board meeting, please check with them for your copy. The remainder of the directories have been mailed out as of the publication of this issue of *Lodestar*. Hopefully, the US Postal Service will not delay the delivery of them.

I am still getting requests for back issues of the *Lodestar*. Please note that I have only limited copies of back issues and once they are gone, I cannot print additional copies. I also must receive a payment of \$1.40 for printing and additional postage costs in order to mail you a copy of a back issue (if I have a copy available). I cannot use the non-profit mailing permit to mail a single copy of any document and must use first class mail postage to send them out.

I also do not send out reminders of paid subscriptions running out. I do highlight the expiration date on mailing labels approximately two months ahead of the date of expiration. Please take note! If you miss an issue of *Lodestar* due to not renewing on time, do not count on me have copies of the back issues and if a copy is available, it will not be mailed without the \$1.40 being provided to me. The first issue of your renewal will be the first issue to be mailed after my receipt of your renewal form and check. This is the same for new subscriptions.

Also remember, I'm always looking for article submittals!

Sincerely,  
Carolyn L. Daniels, *Lodestar* Editor

## DOES YOUR CLUB HAVE A YOUTH RESOURCE PERSON?



We would be so pleased if every Club in the SFMS would have a Youth Resource person listed in the annual directory (there are presently only two listed in the 2004 directory.) The Youth Resource person could have responsibilities even if the club does not have a youth club or even any youth members.

Many times our club members are called on by the 4-H or Scouts or public or private schools to present some aspect of our hobby to their youth. A Youth Resource person in your club could be that contact person. Perhaps that person(s) could have a special display or project for the children at your club show. In fact, there are many ways that a Youth Resource person could serve and help to promote your club. Of course, if you already have a youth club, the leader might also be the Youth Resource person.

Please consider having a Youth Resource person in your club for 2006. The Youth Resource articles in the *Lodestar* will continue to give you hints of how you can support our youth. They are depending on YOU. For more information, ask your president (or former president) about the letter he/she received in January about youth.

Hugh and Leona Sheffield  
SFMS Youth Resources Chairmen

## SPEAKING OF WHICH...

### Science Olympiad

The Division C (High School) State Science Olympiad Competition was held at Emory University on April 2, 2005. Once again, GMS was asked to coordinate the Fossil Competition. A total of 27 schools (another was signed up, but did not compete), each sporting a team of two members, competed. The event was coordinated by Carolyn Daniels. Anita Westlake, Bill Waggener, Kim Cochran, Mickey McClain and John Iacullo assisted with proctoring and grading. Fossils at each of the 15 stations were provided by Carolyn, Kim, Mickey and Mike Bruggeman.

Questions ranged from straight identification of fossils, absolute dating of geologic events, absolute dating of formation based on the presence of index fossils, fossil preservation, types of fossils, trace fossil identification, etc. Comments from, "Oh that's mean! That's really mean!" to "That fossil is kick \_\_\_\_!" abounded. Carolyn was told that she surpassed herself on the questions this time around. This is the third year in a row that GMS has coordinated this event at the State Competition.

A total of 155 points were available in the competition along with three tie breaking points. GMS junior member Sarah Gorday and her partner from Chamblee Charter School, placed fourth with a total of 106 points. Congratulations, Sarah!

Carolyn L. Daniels, Georgia Mineral Society Member  
from *Tips and Trips* (5/05)

[Editor - This is one of the many ways my local club/society assists with the youth of our community and State of Georgia. We have both a Junior Section Chair and an Education Chair. The Junior Section Chair coordinates activities for the junior members of our society and the Education Chair coordinates public speaking engagements for the society by acting as an intermediary for requests from the public and a list of society members (and their specialties) willing to speak.]



Students busily trying to answer the questions with Mickey McClain and Bill Waggener in the background. (Photograph by Carolyn Daniels)

### SFMS EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING (SUMMER 2005)

Hosted by  
Henderson County Gem & Mineral Society  
Hendersonville, North Carolina  
Saturday, September 3, 2005

**Motel: Quality Inn & Suites**  
201 Sugarloaf Road  
Hendersonville, NC 28792

For reservations: 1.800.581.4745  
Must use code: SFMS for special rate of  
1 night: \$79.99 + tax  
3+ nights: \$74.99 + tax  
good through August 2, 2005

Motel amenities include full breakfast, lounge, indoor pool, Jacuzzi, sauna, workout facility, game room, and putt-putt golf.

### DIRECTIONS TO QUALITY INN & SUITES

**Traveling North or South on I-26:** Exit 49A east onto Route 64 East. At traffic light take right onto Sugarloaf Road, where road veers left go right up hill to Quality Inn & Suites.

### DIRECTIONS TO Site FOR EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING AT PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING

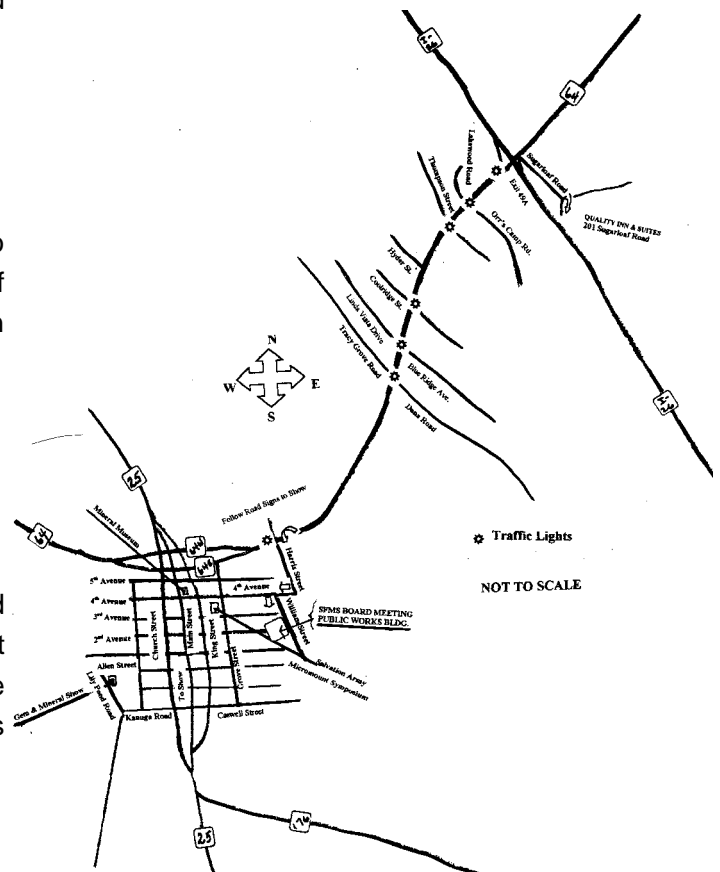
Left at traffic light onto Route 64 West toward Hendersonville. At 7th traffic light, Harris Street, turn left to dead end of street then right onto 4th Avenue. Take next left onto Williams Street. The Public Works Building is located on the right side of the street.

### DIRECTIONS TO GEM & MINERAL SHOW

**Traveling to show from Quality Inn & Suites:** Left at traffic light onto Route 64 West toward Hendersonville. Continue on Route 64 West to Route 25 South (Church Avenue). Continue on Route 25 South in right lane to Kanuga Road then right onto Kanuga Road then right onto Lily Pond Road and Whitmire Activity Building on right.

### DIRECTIONS TO MICROMOUNT SYMPOSIUM SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2005 HOURS: 8:30 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

**From Executive Board meeting site:** Left out of parking lot onto William Street then left at 4th Avenue to Grove Street. Salvation Army building located on Grove Street between 3rd and 4th Avenues.



## IN REMEMBRANCE...

The following is an obituary that appeared in the *St. Pete Times* on April 26, 2005:

**BUSH, JEAN MARIE "JEANNIE,"** 58, of St. Petersburg, died Thursday (April 21, 2005) at Bay Pines VA Medical Center. She was born in East St. Louis, Ill., and moved to St. Petersburg in 2001 from Willow Spring, N.C. She was an Army veteran and a former letter carrier for the U.S. Post Office. She was a past president and board member of the Suncoast Gem and Mineral Society. She enjoyed mining for gems and minerals and made jewelry and did silversmith work. Survivors include her parents, Walter and Jean Bush, St. Petersburg; brothers, Bill, Bradenton, and Steve, Locust, N.C.; and a sister Denise Vecchio, Austin, Texas.

Ms. Bush was also Past President of the Pinellas Geological Society (a member of the SFMS). She loved going to the workshops at Wild Acres and Wm Holland and had friends all around the Federation. We're going to miss her a lot.

*from an email from Pat Davis  
Member of the Pinellas Geological Society*

## SFMS 2005 ANNUAL MEETING

The Canaveral Gem and Mineral Society of Melbourne, Florida will host the 2005 annual meeting of the SFMS on November 11 - 12, 2005.

The annual meeting and events will be held at the Melbourne Airport Hilton, 200 Rialto Place, Melbourne, Florida 32901 and the gem and mineral show is being held at the Melbourne Auditorium, 625 E. Hibiscus Blvd., Melbourne, Florida 32901. All federation competitions and exhibits will take place in the auditorium.

The Hilton Hotel has reserved guest rooms for this convention. Those delegates and visitors attending the convention should contact the hotel directly at 321.768.0200. Our group room rate is \$109.00 per night plus 10% tax for 1-4 people. Upgrade to a Jr. suite is \$30.00 additional per night, based on space available.

The chairman and contact person for this convention is Christine Miller at 321.952.9647 or [chrstnmlr@aol.com](mailto:chrstnmlr@aol.com).

## Internet Website Update: Spring 2005



There were many significant additions made to the SFMS Internet Web presence this past federation quarter.



We have had several updates to the SFMS William Holland Workshop and SFMS Wildacres Workshop on-line information pages. We continue to update and add to

the SFMS clubs show information pages as changes are submitted.

The most important addition to the SFMS website this quarter was the addition of the SFMS 2005 Directory of clubs in PDF format for all to view and print. We took this new information from the Directory and completely updated the SFMS 2005 club contact information for all SFMS member clubs.

We continue to add to the electronic *Lodestar* page where all SFMS members can now read and download the current copy of our federation newsletter. We also continue to add to the historical database of past *Lodestar* newsletters in PDF format starting with the January 2004 issue.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Jim Flora, SFMS Webmaster*

## 2005 SPRING BOARD MEETING PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

I would like to thank you all for attending this meeting today. I understand that this meeting coincides with the April workshops at Wildacres unfortunately there was nothing we could have done to prevent this happening. All our friends who were not able to come are missed and we hope to see everyone at the Executive Board meeting in Hendersonville in September.

I would like to thank Ann for her support over the last few months; she has helped to guide me over a few panics. Buddy, thank you for your hard work in securing the state directors for Louisiana and Mississippi. I believe we now have a full complement.

I would like to thank Ken for stepping into the empty shoes of Insurance Liaison, no mean task on top of his job as Treasurer. So, thank you Ken. We must have someone to fill this position preferably in place ready to take over in January 2006. I urge you all to give this some serious thought, between now and the second Executive Board meeting in Hendersonville. Buddy, could you urge all State Directors to take this message back to their club presidents, if we all consciously work towards filling this position we surely can find a suitable candidate for 2006. Please communicate this as a matter of great urgency. Although this message has been in the *Lodestar*, I do wonder how many members actually get to read the newsletter from cover to cover. I ask all club presidents to make the *Lodestar* readily available to all members and to perhaps point out some pertinent items during their clubs business meetings to encourage this as a means of communication.

Two chairs have been filled, John Wright has agreed to continue as Long Range Planning Chair and Don Monroe

is sitting in the Safety Chair, thank you gentlemen.

I would like to compliment Carolyn on her devotion to getting the *Lodestar* out in a timely manner. This is a big job and I would encourage all contributors to the *Lodestar* to get their material to Carolyn well before the stated deadline, then should there be any queries she has to address, they can be attended to in a timely manner and not delay the printing and posting of the issue. Moreover, speaking of contributing articles to the newsletter I would dearly like to read more articles from everyone! I do think that the chairs of committees might be encouraged to contribute at least two articles per year, so that we all may read what is planned and what thoughts are floating around out there.

I would love to read articles from State Directors, and club presidents with interesting details of what clubs in their state have been involved with; also articles by club members. Where they have been, what have they found, what new skills they have learnt, or taught to someone else. What youth programs are your clubs involved with? If every club that had a youth program shared with us their success, what interesting reading that would be! Oh and by the way, thanks to Leona and Hugh Sheffield for their dedication to the youth program, keep up the good work!

I also commend Leo for his hard work with the 2005 Directory; collating all that information, now that is hard work!

Before I conclude let me thank our secretary for all her hard work in getting us all registered and accounted for and in producing the agenda for today, thank you Betty.

Everyone keep up the good work and let us read in the *Lodestar* what you are doing in the clubs. Let us try to make the *Lodestar* a good community newsletter.

*Eileen Price, SFMS President*



### MEET US IN ST. LOUIS FOR THE AFMS/MWF CONVENTION AND FIELD TRIPS!

by Willis Smith

In addition to coming to the St. Louis area for the 2005 combined AFMS and MWF convention and its requisite meetings, there are other things for you to do as well.

We have arranged a series of field trips for those who wish to go collecting during their St. Louis experience. All trips outlined below will take place on Friday, August 19. You'll need to register to participate and you can obtain a registration form by visiting the show website [www.stlearthsci.org](http://www.stlearthsci.org). Some of the field trips are limited so

get your request in early. A brief description of each trip is below:

1. Field Trip to Washington County, MO. This trip will be a collecting trip to Washington County Missouri to collect Barite (tiff), drusy quartz, and Washington County Agate.

2. Underground Trip to a Doe Run Company Lead Mine. This trip will be a collecting trip to one of Doe Run's underground lead mines in Southeast Missouri to collect galena, calcite, chalcopyrite etc. In addition to the collecting trip there maybe a trip through the concentrating plant where they crush and concentrate the lead ore. Because this is an underground trip the Doe Run Company is limiting the number of people it will allow on this trip to 30. Because of this it is strongly suggested that you get your request form in as soon as possible. This trip is on a first come first served basis.

3. Graniteville / Missouri Mines State Historic Mines field trip. This trip will be combination field of collecting, a geological information trip, and a visit to a superb mineral museum. The collecting part of the trip will be for the collecting of various igneous rocks found in and around the Saint Francois Mountains and to an active granite quarry. The geological information part of the trip will be an explanation of the Saint Francois Mountains and the surrounding area. The museum visit part of the trip will be to the updated and refurbished Missouri Historical Mines Museum at Park Hills.

4. Fossil collecting field trip. This will be a fossil collecting field trip to Jefferson County Missouri for the collecting of Ordovician, and Mississippian marine fossils plus a few geodes. This will be an approximate five hour collecting trip.

5. Fossil collecting trip by vehicle and by pontoon boat. This will be a fossil collecting field trip to Lincoln County Missouri and to Mark Twain Lake for the collecting of Mississippian Marine fossils. This will be an approximate 8 hour collecting trip.

All trips at present will leave at 7:00 a.m. from Queeny Park in St. Louis County on Friday August 19, 2005; however, you should be aware that times might change. A limit number of self guided field trips are also planned.

If you have questions or don't have access to the website, direct your inquiries to Field Trip Chairman Carl Campbell at (636) 207-0572 or [ccorycamp@aol.com](mailto:ccorycamp@aol.com).

If you wish other information about the show, contact Show Chairman Bob Morse at [rrcode@nothnbut.net](mailto:rrcode@nothnbut.net).

A reminder - the deadline for sending in exhibitor forms for non-competitive and special exhibits is June 1. The deadline for competitive exhibits, hotel, show, banquet and editor's breakfast is July 15. A set of registration forms is included elsewhere in this newsletter as is the schedule of events.

We're looking forward to meeting you in St. Louis this August.

from *A.F.M.S. Newsletter* (5/05)

**TRUTH AND SOME CONSEQUENCES - 2**

by John Spunaugle,  
AFMS Conservation & Legislation Chair

**NEW FOSSIL BILL IN CONGRESS**

As expected, a new fossil collecting Bill "Paleontological Resources Preservation Act" has been introduced into the U. S. Senate. It is listed in the 109th Congress as Senate Bill S 236. Senators introducing this Bill were Mr. Akaka (for himself, Mr. Baucus, Mrs. Feinstein, Mr. Durbin, Mr. Roberts, and Mr. Inouye. A quick review of the Bill as introduced suggests that it is very similar to a Bill that U. S. Senate passed by unanimous voice vote in the 108th Congress in 2003 (S 546/HR 2416).

Some definitions used in this Bill are:

1) Casual Collecting - The term 'casual collecting' means the collecting of a reasonable amount of common invertebrate and plant paleontological resources for non-commercial personal use, either by surface collection or the use of non-powered hand tools resulting in only negligible disturbance to the Earth's surface and other resources. As used in this paragraph, the terms 'reasonable amount', 'common invertebrate and plant paleontological resources' and 'negligible disturbance' shall be determined by the Secretary.

(6) Paleontological Resource - The term 'paleontological resource' means any fossilized remains, traces, or imprints of organisms, preserved in or on the earth's crust, that are of paleontological interest and that provide information about the history of life on earth, except that the term does not include—

(A) any materials associated with an archaeological resource (as defined in section 3(1) of the "Archaeological Resources Protection Act of 1979" (16 U.S.C. 470bb(1)); or

(B) any cultural item (as defined in section 2 of the "Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act" (25 U.S.C. 3001)).

Section 5, "Collection of Paleontological Resources" requires a permit to collect with a few exceptions.

**(a) Permit Requirement-**

(1) In General - Except as provided in this Act, a paleontological resource may not be collected from Federal lands without a permit issued under this Act by the Secretary.

(2) Casual Collecting Exception - The Secretary may allow casual collecting without a permit on Federal lands controlled or administered by the Bureau of Land Management, the Bureau of Reclamation, and the Forest Service, where such collection is consistent with the laws governing the management of those Federal lands and this Act.

(3) Previous Permit Exception - Nothing in this section shall affect a valid permit issued prior to the date of enactment of

this Act.

Section 6, "Curation of Resources" requires paleontological resources to be deposited in an approved repository.

"Any paleontological resource, and any data and records associated with the resource, collected under a permit, shall be deposited in an approved repository. The Secretary may enter into agreements with non-Federal repositories regarding the curation of these resources, data, and records".

Penalties: The Bill provides for penalties, both criminal and civil for violation of the act. Criminal penalties can go up to 10 years in prison and/or fines as determined in Title 18 of the penal code. Civil penalty amounts are to be determined by regulations issued by the Secretary of Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture.

**(a) In General- A person may not—**

(1) excavate, remove, damage, or otherwise alter or deface or attempt to excavate, remove, damage, or otherwise alter or deface any paleontological resources located on Federal lands unless such activity is conducted in accordance with this Act;

(2) exchange, transport, export, receive, or offer to exchange, transport, export, or receive any paleontological resource if, in the exercise of due care, the person knew or should have known such resource to have been excavated or removed from Federal lands in violation of any provisions, rule, regulation, law, ordinance, or permit in effect under Federal law, including this Act ; or

(3) sell or purchase or offer to sell or purchase any paleontological resource if, in the exercise of due care, the person knew or should have known such resource to have been excavated, removed, sold, purchased, exchanged, transported, or received from Federal lands.

(b) False Labeling Offenses- A person may not make or submit any false record, account, or label for, or any false identification of, any paleontological resource excavated or removed from Federal lands.

Rewards for persons providing information used in connection with a conviction of a violation of the Bill are also provided for.

The previous Bill introduced in the 108th Congress was called a "Bad Bill" by many, and I would expect this version to get an equally "cold" reception.

**PERMITS REQUIRED TO VISIT PUBLIC LANDS**

There has been some discussion lately about permits being required to use or visit public lands. Some of the reports are accurate and some not. I thought it might be time to talk about the facts around this issue.

It is true that Congress, in late 2004, passed the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act by adding this legislation to a general appropriations Bill (HR 4818). It was

signed into law as Public Law 118-447 in November, 2004. The new law authorizes the land management agencies (National Park Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Bureau of Land Management, and U.S. Forest Service) to charge (1) a standard amenity fee, (2) an expanded amenity fee, and (3) a special recreation permit fee. An entrance fee for lands managed by the National Park Service is also authorized.

Amenity fees may be charged in National Conservation Areas, A National Volcanic Monument and a destination visitor or interpretive center as well as an area that provides significant opportunities for outdoor recreation that has substantial Federal investments, where fees can be effectively collected, and that contain all of the following amenities: Designated developed parking; a permanent toilet facility; a permanent trash receptacle; an interpretive sign; an exhibit, or kiosk; picnic tables; and security services.

Under the heading of Special Recreation Permit fees may be charged for group activities, recreation events and motorized recreational vehicle use.

The Federal Land managers must publish a public participation opportunities in the Federal Register when establishing any new permit requirements under this new Law. Special Permit Advisory Committees are also authorized.

The current law authorizing fees/passes/permits is an outgrowth of a 1996 law that authorized demonstration pilot fee programs in several parts of the country.

To facilitate the issuing of passes, one pass has been introduced which may cover them all, The America the Beautiful Pass. The agencies involved have only just begun to provide information about this and other "passes" authorized under the new law. Some information is already found on the internet but it is sketchy.

We will try to keep you informed as information is available.

We'll talk again.

from *A.F.M.S. Newsletter* (5/05)

## DMC FIELD TRIP PROGRAM REPORT

The DMC field trip program conducted four field trips this past SFMS session. On Saturday, January 8, 2005, the High Point Gem and Mineral Club hosted a field trip to the James Bowers Limonite Prospect, Aquadale (Norwood), NC.

The February 12, 2005 DMC trip was sponsored by the Mid-GA Gem and Mineral Society (Macon, GA). This was a DMC hosted trip to the Jackson's Crossroads, amethyst site located in Northwest Wilkes County, Georgia. Participants were able to collect Amethyst Crystals, facet grade Amethyst, and Clear Quartz crystals

In March the DMC field trip consisted of a two day dig at the Diamond Hill quartz mine. The Cobb County Gem & Mineral Society of Marietta, GA. hosted this trip on Saturday, March 19 and Sunday, March 20, 2005. Collectors were able to find skeletal, amethyst and smoky quartz crystals as well as quartz scepters and an assortment of pegmatite minerals.

The April DMC field trip was held on April 30, 2005. This was a trip hosted by the Cotton Indian Gem and Mineral Society to Girard, GA to collect the famous Savannah River Agate. This material is actually a combination of agate, jasper, chert and opalite. The agate is great for cabbing and tumbling and sometimes contain vugs containing druse quartz, wavellite, variscite, selenite, etc... This agate comes in many colors; mottled brown to greenish reds and purples.

The SFMS Field Trip Committee added the Gaston County Gem, Mineral & Faceting Club (Gastonia, NC) to its list of member clubs. Western Piedmont Mineral and Gem Society (Conover, NC) and the Huntsville Gem and Mineral Society (Huntsville, AL) were dropped from DMC membership during the past quarter.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Jim Flora, SFMS Field Trip Chair*



## A LETTER SENT .....

RE: H.R. 2416

Dear Congressman Davis,

As past president of the Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies (SFMS), I am deeply disturbed by the constant pushing forward of these attempts to restrict the freedom of fellow rock hounds to use federal lands for recreational purposes. Even if one was allowed to search for rocks and minerals but not fossils a law of this nature or for that matter a law of restriction of any kind would put a "rockhouser" in jeopardy as I will explain. Many rocks and minerals collected contain miniscule amounts of fossils of prehistoric plant and animal life. Suppose in the collection of a type of this nature a rockhound was approached by law enforcement officer who claimed that they were actually collecting fossils? One can imagine what is to follow. I understand all too well from my 25 years experience as a US Customs Agent how the interpretation of the law can be miscued. Passing a law of this nature would not only lead to a loss of freedom but confusion and most likely false arrest, financial strain and embarrassment. It is ignominious at best to allow only a specific type of qualified individual and restricting others who have experience and knowledge of collecting. A law of this nature seems to be constitutionally argumentative.

Understandably, we are a country of law but we should not be passing laws that conflict with other laws and restrict our natural freedoms just to protect a minority's interest because someone may have beaten them to the punch; remember "SUE".

*Respectfully,  
Ron and Anna Denton  
from an email from Ron and Anna Denton*

### 2005 Wildacres Workshop Registration Form

Session: April    August    September    Accommodations: Lodge    Day Student

(A) Name Mr \_\_\_\_\_ SFMS Club \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mrs \_\_\_\_\_  
 Ms \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE PRINT NAME(S) AS YOU WANT IT TO APPEAR ON YOUR NAME TAG

SPELL OUT CLUB NAME INITIALS NOT ACCEPTED

(B) Name Mr \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mrs \_\_\_\_\_  
 Ma \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip

Is this the first time you will attend William Holland? (A) Yes No (B) Yes No

Have you attended any other SFMS Workshop? (A) Yes No (B) Yes No

Do you wish to be placed on Stand-by if there are no vacancies when your application arrives? Yes No

#### Class Choices

First Choice	*	Second Choice	*	Third Choice	*
A	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
B	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>

(\*) Check box if you have previously taken this course at an SFMS Workshop

**Room Assignment for Single Applicants only:**

- 1) Do you have a friend with whom you wish to room?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 2) Do you smoke? \_\_\_\_\_ Do you wish to room with a non-smoking person? \_\_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_\_ no preference.
- 3) Are you an early riser \_\_\_\_\_ or a Night Owl \_\_\_\_\_

**4) Room Request for Physical/Medical Reasons:**

- Please do not ask for a specific lodge or room unless you have a physical or medical reason for doing so. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) *Special Dietary needs:* Diabetic \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE: SMOKING IS NOT ALLOWED IN ANY WILDACRES BUILDING**

### INSTRUCTIONS

- 1) Applications will be accepted beginning on February 15, 2005 for all sessions. The postmark date on or after this determines the order of acceptance. **First-time attendees have an extra priority.**
- 2) **Your Club Membership Dues must be current** and your club's dues to the Federation must also be paid before you will be accepted.
- 3) **Cost per person for this session is \$280**, double occupancy with private bath. (Single room cost is \$420.) **\$115 for day students.** (Meals are not included for day students.)

**A reservation deposit of \$30 must accompany this form.** You may, and are encouraged to, pay the full amount with this application. If the full amount is not paid with this application, **the balance will be due four weeks prior to the workshop. No notice will be sent.**

**4) Cancellation Policy:** There is a \$30 nonrefundable charge to cover administrative costs and an additional \$30 charge for canceling less than 4 weeks before the session begins. No refund will be given for cancellations received less than 7 days before the session. **There are No adjustments for late arrivals or early departures.**

**Amount submitted with application: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

*Make Check Payable to:*

**SFMS Wildacres Workshop**

*Mail check and this form to:*

Kerri and Bill Wetzel

5010 Sunset Drive, Easley, SC 29642

Phone: 864-306-6749 Email: wwetzel@earthlink.net

FOR REGISTRAR'S USE ONLY

Postmark Date:	Check #:
Deposit #:	Amt. Paid: \$
Accept. Mailed:	Balance due: \$
Standby Mailed:	Bal. Check #:
Deposit #:	Bal. Amt. Pd: \$
Cancel Date:	Total Paid: \$
- Cancel. Fee: \$	Refund: \$
Refund Chk #:	Refund Mailed:

May/June 2005

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.

**David and Barbara Tuttle**

85504 Blackmon Road, Yulee, FL 32097

Phone: 904-225-0689 Email: dtt@net-magic.net

**Workshop Registrars****Kerri and Bill Wetzel****5010 Sunset Drive, Easley, SC 29642****Phone: 864-306-6749 Email: wwetzel@earthlink.net****Session 1: April 18-24, 2005**

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	Ruth Ann Moore

**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
*Silversmithing, 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	Cancelled

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

Beginning Faceting and Intarsia	Tom Wilke
Gem Appreciation	Ben Smith
Glass Beadmaking	Cheryl Ashley
*Goldsmithing	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	Cancelled

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

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# 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.

### Workshop Director

Pat Davis

4642 North Street

St. Petersburg, FL 33713

Phone: 727-323-2147 Email: rocksnbears@hotmail.com

### Workshop Registrar

Dana and Ray Gonzalez

6226 Seaton Drive

Columbus, GA 31909

## Session 1: June 13-19, 2006

Cabochon, beginning	Gene Baxter
Chainmaking, beginning	Dee/Bill Conybear
Chanelwork	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.**



## Graves Mountain "Rock Swap and Dig" for 2005

8:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M., Friday, May 13, 2005  
8:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M., Saturday, May 14, 2005  
(HOT FOOD/drinks, Saturday, May 14, 2005)  
8 am to 6 pm, Sunday, May 15, 2005

8:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M, Friday, October 7, 2005  
8 am to 6 pm 8:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M., Saturday, October  
8, 2005

(HOT FOOD/drinks, Saturday, October 8, 2005)  
8:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M., Sunday, October 9, 2005

**"Your society is invited to field collect minerals at  
Georgia's premiere mineral location!"**

The SFMS Field Trip Committee has been in contact with the caretaker in charge of Graves Mountain, Junior Norman, in regard to his plans to hold a three day dig and rock swap on the Mountain during May 13-14-15, 2005. He will have the mountain open to collecting from 8 am to 6 pm each day. All participants must stop at the welcome table to sign a liability release and make a small contribution to defray the cost of opening the mountain and providing port-o-lets. There will be several golf carts available to transport those participants who have trouble walking long distances. The dig will cease and everyone is expected to be off the mountain by around 6 pm each day. Participants will be allowed to park in a designated area on the mountain.

### Rock Swap and Hot Food/Drinks:

Junior will set aside an area in the parking lot for tables to be setup for a daily rock swap. Anyone who would like to setup a table(s), please contact Junior at the phone numbers listed below. Hot food cooked on the grill or BBQ will be available for purchase on the mountain during Saturday, May 14, 2005. Cold drinks will also be available for purchase.

**THIS DIG IS OPEN TO ALL SFMS CLUBS.**

**Mark your May calendars and tell all your members  
about this great event!**

### Contact Information:

Clarence Norman Jr. - 706.359.3862 (his business) or  
706.359.2381 (his home)

### DIRECTIONS:

From Atlanta's I-285, take I-20 east to the exit for Washington, GA SR 78 (SR 10, SR 17) and turn left. Travel north to Washington, turn right onto SR 378 and drive 11 miles to the Graves Mountain area. The entrance to Graves Mountain is on your right about 8/10 mile past the Lincoln county line sign. The entrance is a paved road that goes through a gate and up a hill. There will be some one at the gate to hand out a liability release form to sign and to take a donation for the portable bathrooms, etc.

### SFMS Field Trip Committee:

Please reply by e-mail to: [dmc@gamineral.org](mailto:dmc@gamineral.org), Jim Flora -  
SFMS Field Trip Committee Chair

### Graves Mountain code of conduct!

- Park your vehicle in the designated area(s) only.
- **CHILDREN WILL BE ALLOWED DURING THE "Rock Swap and Dig" IF EACH CHILD IS UNDER ADULT SUPERVISION!**
- ALL pets must be kept under control and on a leash.
- The Graves Mountain caretaker, Clarence Norman Jr., has final and absolute say as to where you may safely work.
- Ladders or power tools of any kind will not be allowed. (HAND TOOLS ONLY!)
- STAY AWAY FROM ALL HIGH WALLS!!
- NO REPELLING OFF OF ANYTHING!
- NO ONE IS ALLOWED TO DRIVE THEIR VEHICLE ON ANY PART OF GRAVES MOUNTAIN BEYOND THE PARKING AREA! (The caretaker must accompany anyone driving beyond the parking area!)

EVERYONE NEEDS TO BE OFF THE MOUNTAIN BY DUSK. (Absolutely no one is allowed on Graves Mountain after dark.)

Please protect our ability to field collect at Graves Mountain!

Report Violations to: Clarence Norman, Jr.  
706.359.3862 (his business) or 706.359.2381 (his home.)

*All reported violations will be held in strict confidence.*



### Cornelia's Breakfast Casserole

1 pkg. sausage (spiced the way you like)  
 1 tsp anise seed  
 10 eggs, lightly beaten  
 3 cups milk  
 ½ cup heavy cream  
 2 tsps. dry English mustard  
 1 tsp salt  
 6 cups cubed bread  
 2 cups sharp cheddar cheese, grated  
 ½ tsp black pepper  
 1/2 cup sliced mushrooms  
 1 tomato, seeded and chopped  
 1/2 cup chopped onion

Preheat oven 325 °F. In a large skillet, cook sausage over medium-high heat. When nearly done, sprinkle with anise seed and complete cooking sausage until no longer pink. In a large mixing bowl, combine eggs, milk, mustard, pepper and salt; stir well. Distribute half the bread in a buttered 9" x 13" x 2" baking dish. Sprinkle with half the cheese. Top with half the sausage; and half of each vegetable. Repeat layering using all the remaining ingredients. Pour eggs mixture over casserole. Bake uncovered 60 minutes or until eggs are set. Tent with foil if top browns too quickly.

This is even better if assembled the night before, left in the fridge overnight, and baked the next morning.

For the Show, I doubled the recipe.

*(editor - See what you all missed by not being at the Board Meeting!)*

### 3rd Annual McRocks Cookout and Rock Swap June 25, 2005

You are hereby invited to join the friends of McRocks.com at the Bear Den Campground near Spruce Pine for our annual cookout and rock swap. Bring your rocks and minerals to trade with fellow rockhounds from States near and far, including; Oklahoma, Texas, Wisconsin, Tennessee, Connecticut, North Carolina, Florida, South Carolina, Georgia, Michigan, Pennsylvania, and Virginia. All food and drink will be provided at a reasonable price (approximately \$10 per person), but the fellowship and fun will be priceless.

**Place:** Bear Den Campground - Bear Den Mt. Road - Spruce Pine, NC

**Date:** June 25, 2005 (Saturday)

**Time:** 3:00 PM to 10:00 PM

(Organized field trips will be held throughout the preceding week and weekend.)

**Directions:**

From the Junction of Hwy-226 near Spruce Pine and the Blue Ridge Parkway, drive 6 miles north on the Blue Ridge Parkway to milepost 324.8 at Bear Den Mountain Road. Turn right into Bear Den Campground.

From the Junction of Hwy-221 and the Blue Ridge Parkway near Linville Falls, drive 7.1 miles south on the Blue Ridge Parkway to milepost 324.8 at Bear Den Mountain Road. Turn right into Bear Den Campground.

Pictures of the last McRocks Cookout and Rock Swap held in October 2003 may be seen online by going at [www.mcrocks.com](http://www.mcrocks.com). (proceed to the "Field Trips" page and scroll down to McRocks Cookout and Rockswap under North Carolina).

For more information, email Patty Brantley at [waynebrantley@hotmail.com](mailto:waynebrantley@hotmail.com) or Mike Streeter at [mcstreeter@charter.net](mailto:mcstreeter@charter.net) or go online to:

<http://www.websitetoolbox.com/tool/post/mcrocks/vpost?id=251853>.

**We hope to see you there!**

*from and email from Mike Streeter*

# LOOKING AHEAD

## 2004/2005 REGIONAL FEDERATION SHOWS & CONVENTIONS

### California Federation

Hosts: Roseville Rock Rollers  
Roseville, California  
June 10-12, 2005

### Eastern Federation

West Palm Beach, Florida  
November 17-19, 2006

### Midwest Federation & American Federation

Hosts: Greater St. Louis Assoc. of Earth Science Clubs  
St. Louis, Missouri  
August 16-20, 2005

### Northwest Federation Annual Convention & Show

Hosts: Willamette Agate and Mineral Society  
Albany, Oregon  
August 5-7, 2005

### Rocky Mountain Federation Annual Convention & Show

Hosts: Colorado Springs Mineralogical Society  
Colorado Springs, Colorado  
June 17-19, 2005

### South Central Federation Annual Convention & Show

Hosts: Austin Gem & Mineral Society  
Austin, Texas  
December 2-4, 2005

### Southeast Federation Annual Convention & Show

Hosts: The Canaveral Mineral & Gem Society  
Melbourne, FL  
November 12-14, 2005, 2004

## CLUB & SOCIETY SHOWS/SWAPS

(check with show contact for admission charges, if any)

June 4-5, 2005, Birmingham, AL - Alabama Mineral & Lapidary Society. 32nd Tannehill Gem, Mineral, Fossil, and Jewelry Show. From Birmingham, take I-20/59S to Exit 100 or Exit 1 off I-459 and follow the signs. Hours: 9:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M. Contact: Rick Kittinger, 1612 Colesburg Circle, Hoover, AL 35226, rickkittinger@bellsouth.com.

June 10-12, 2005, Charlotte, NC - Charlotte NC Gem & Mineral Club. 37th Annual Gem & Mineral Show. Oasis Shrine Center on Daniel Burnham Way off of JW Clay Blvd and NC 29/North Tryon St in the University Shopping Center. Hours: 10th & 11th, 10:00 A.M. - 7:00 P.M.; 12th, 10:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Contact: Clarence Johnson at 704.573.1116 or Becky Strickland at 704.537.6010 or email at [jsrskat@msn.com](mailto:jsrskat@msn.com).

July 27-31, 2005, Franklin, NC - The Gem and Mineral Society of Franklin, North Carolina, Inc. Annual Gem and Mineral Show. Macon County Community Building on 441 South. Hours: 27th-30th, 10:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.; 31st, Noon - 5:00 P.M. Contact: Fred Plesner at 828.349.4224.

September 2-5, 2005, Hendersonville, NC - Henderson County Gem and Mineral Society. 24th Annual Gem and Mineral Spectacular & Sale. Whitmire Activity Building, Lily Pond Road. Hours: 2nd-4th: 10:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M., 5th, 10:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Contact: Margaret L. Johnson, P.O. Box 6391, Hendersonville, NC 28739-6391, 828.692.1249, and email at [mgt.j.ed@brinet.com](mailto:mgt.j.ed@brinet.com). **The summer SFMS board meeting is associated with this show.**

September 3, 2005, Hendersonville, NC - Henderson County Gem and Mineral Society. 16th Annual Micromount Symposium. Salvation Army Building, Grove Street between 3rd and 4th Avenues. Hours: 8:30 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. Contact: Emily Adams, 355 Pelham Road, Greenville, SC 29615, 864.271.3877.

September 9-11, 2005, Winston-Salem, NC - Forsyth Gem and Mineral Club. 34th Annual Gem, Mineral, Jewelry Show and Sale. Educational Building, Dixie Classic Fairgrounds. Hours 9th & 10th, 10:00 A.M. - 7:00 P.M.; 11th, 12:00 Noon - 6:00 P.M. Contact: [www.forsythgemclub.com](http://www.forsythgemclub.com).

September 24-25, 2005, Hiddenite, NC. Western Piedmont Mineral and Gem Society. 17th Annual Hiddenite Gem & Mineral Show. Hiddenite Educational Complex, Sulpher Springs Road. Hours: 24th, 9:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M., 24th, 12:00 Noon - 6:00 P.M. Contact: Patty Arnold at 828.465.2769. **Rock Swap on Sunday, the 24th from 12:00 Noon to 6:00 P.M.**

October 1-2, 2005, Lexington, KY - Rockhounds of Central Kentucky. 15th Annual Show. National Guard Armory, Airport Road. Hours: 1st, 10:00 A.M.-6:00 P.M.; 2nd, 12:00 Noon-5: P.M. Contact: Bekki Miracle at (502) 868.0258.

October 21-23, 2005, Knoxville, TN - Knoxville Gem and Mineral Society. 15th Annual Gem, Mineral and Jewelry Show. Kerbela Temple at 315 Mimosa Avenue. Hours: 21st & 22nd: 10:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.; 23rd, 11:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Contacts: Travis Paris at 865.691.8228 and Eileen Price at 865.694.4071.

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