

January 2004

The Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies, Inc.

MINUTES OF THE 2003 SFMS ANNUAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

(CONTINUED)

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Bulletin Contest - Diane Dare: Not present. Eighteen plaques for Top Three winners and certificates for 66 total entries will be presented by David Tuttle at the Editor's Breakfast. A winner's list will be available after the breakfast. More entries are needed. Entry forms published in the Lodestar, on line, or may be ordered from Diane.

Constitution/bylaws - Robert Walker: Four proposals for changes in the constitution and by-laws will be considered under new business.

Education - Anna Denton: Reported disappointing profits of \$5,570.42 for Wildacres and \$3,790.42 for William Holland. Next year's staff will be Wildacres Directors - Debbi and Jerry Miller; Wildacres Registrars - Kerri and Bill Wetzel; W. Holland Director - Polly Carman; W. Holland Registrars - Dana and Ray Gonzalez. Dates for Wildacres are April 19-25; Aug. 23-29; Sept to be determined; W. Holland - June 13-19; Oct. 10-16.

Historian - Charlotte Mayo: Not present, no report.

Field Trip Chairman - Jim Flora: Not present. Reported 5 field trips since July - two to minerals sites and three to fossil sites. There are currently 32 member clubs in the program.

Insurance Liaison - Dorothy Elam: Not present; report compiled by Ken Anderson. 59 participating clubs for first 8 months of coverage. Current surplus of \$1,160.81 includes \$202.31 owed to previous insurance person. An audit in the spring will result in a charge for extra coverage.

Long Range Planning - Don Monroe: Committee recommendations are 1. A written agreement between SFMS and workshop instructors, 2. Make Education Chairman an elected officer, and 3. Formulate standard operating procedure for workshops.

Nominations - John Ferguson: Not present. Nominations reported by Ron Denton. President - Bill Waggener, 1st VP - Eileen Price, 2nd VP - Ann Monroe; Membership Sec. - Leo Morris, Treasurer - Ken Anderson, Editor - Carolyn Daniels.

Publications - Leo Morris: No report

Public Relations: VACANT

Safety - William Buckner: Not present, no report.

Slide/Video - Freda Hull: More than 1/3 of programs used by clubs this year. Winning programs from AFMS soon to be available. Get new list by mail or e-mail.

Stamp Program - Jim Robinson: Not present. Late report included with these minutes reports 10 scholarships this year to be awarded at the banquet.

Social Concerns - Edna Morris: Reported death of Jane Thornton. Motion made with second from Jeanette Banks to send \$50.00 in her name to Mayo Foundation. Motion passed. Also, John Wright is in the hospital awaiting surgery.

Supplies - Flora Lee Walker: Nothing to report.

Uniform Rules - (Acting) Betty James: Four competitive exhibits at this show. Certified judges Ann Monroe and Flora Lee Walker, Junior Judge Janie Hand. Ribbons will be attached to cases and trophies awarded at the banquet.

Ways & Means - Frank Decaminada: One new line item in budget for Social Concerns to be used for cards, postage, etc. Complete proposed operating budget will be presented under new business.

Web Site - Jim Flora: SFMS membership application Site added to PDF and MS/Publisher format. Banquet and annual board meeting information also added.

Wildacres Director - Jerry/Deborah Miller: Not present, no report.

Wildacres Registrar - Polly Carman: A total of 223 students for three sessions; auction receipts of \$5,197.00; five stamp scholarship attendees; one Chris Wright scholarship winner; seven attendees on scholarships from their clubs.

William Holland Director - Joan Cady: Not present, late report received after meeting. This year had several new classes and demonstrations of possible new classes in future. Soapstone carving and storyteller much enjoyed.

William Holland Registrars - Perry/Teresa Curl: Not present, no report.

Youth Resources - Hugh/Leona Sheffield: Applications for junior awards to be printed in Lodestar. Contest now runs from January through December. Recommend that it run for ten months with time for calculating winners and making awards before end of calendar year. Also, to be considered for junior workshop scholarships youth must be participating member of a club, recommended by the president and one other unrelated adult member. Work is progressing on AFMS badge program for Scouts.

(THIS ARTICLE TO BE CONTINUED IN NEXT ISSUE OF LODESTAR - from Minutes provided by Betty James, SFMS Secretary)

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2003 BULLETIN & ARTICLE CONTEST WINNERS

The following are the top three winners (additional winners are on the SFMS website) in each category of the 2003 SFMS Bulletin & Article Contest:

Small Bulletins

- 1st: HIGH COUNTRY GLEAMINGS-Margaret Johnson, Editor, Henderson County Gem & Mineral Soc., Hendersonville, NC (Also 6th in 2003 AFMS Contest)
 2nd: LOWCOUNTRY DIGGINGS-Mark Easterbrook, Editor, Lowcountry Gem & Mineral Soc., Charleston, SC (Also 7th in 2003 AFMS Contest)
 3rd: TIPS AND TRIPS-Carolyn Daniels, Editor, Georgia Mineral Soc., Atlanta, GA (Also 1st in AFMS 2003 Contest)

New Editors/New Bulletins

- 1st: ROCKET CITY ROCKS & GEMS, Dianna O'Dell, Editor, Huntsville Gem & Mineral Soc., Huntsville, AL (Also 6th in 2003 AFMS Contest)
 2nd: THE MOUNTAIN GEM, Linda Behr, Editor, Gem & Mineral Soc. of Franklin, Franklin, NC (Also Honorable Mention in 2003 AFMS Contest)
 3rd: THE NUGGET, Sandra Grych, Editor, Northern Mississippi Gem & Mineral Soc., Tupelo MS (Also Honorable Mention in 2003 AFMS Contest)

Special Publications

- 2nd: MAGS ROCKHOUND NEWS EXTRA-FIELD TRIP GUIDE, Mike Baldwin, Editor, Memphis Archaeol. & Geol. Soc., Memphis, TN (Also 4th in 2003 AFMS Contest)

Adult Articles

- 1st: More Memories of Martin Zuber, Anita Westlake, Author, Tips and Trips, Georgia Mineral Soc. (Also Honorable Mention in 2003 AFMS Contest)
 2nd: Arctic Adventure, Dora Nelson, Author, Mountain Mineral Monthly, Southern Appalachian Miner Soc. (Also 2nd place in 2003 AFMS Contest)
 3rd: Adventures in Cabochon, Ray Wissolik, Author, High Country Gleamings, Henderson County Gem & Mineral Soc. (Also 2nd place in 2003 AFMS Contest)

Adult Articles-Advanced

- 1st: Qualitative Analysis for the Mineral Collector, Dr. David Babulski, Author, Tips and Trips, Georgia Mineral Soc. (Also 2nd in 2003 AFMS Contest)
 2nd: Wondrous Graves Mountain Field Trip, Tim Barton, Author, High Country Gleamings, Henderson Co. Gem & Mineral Soc. (Also Honorable Mention in 2003 AFMS Contest)
 3rd: The Yellow Precipitate: Sulfur, Tim Barton, Author, Mountain Mineral Monthly, Southern Appalachian Mineral Soc. (Also Honorable Mention in 2003 AFMS Contest)

Junior Articles

- 1st: A Visit with Sue at the Field Museum: Part One - Just the Facts, Kelly Baldwin, Author-Age 12, MAGS Rockhound News, Memphis Archaeol. & Geol. Soc. (Also 8th place in 2003 AFMS Contest)
 2nd: Cameos, Elizabeth Siegfried, Author-Age 12, The Mountain Gem, Gem & Mineral Soc. of Franklin (Also 9th place in 2003 AFMS Contest)
 3rd: Hematite, Rachel Morgan, Author-Age 12, Mountain Mineral Monthly, Southern Appalachian Mineral Soc.

Poetry

- 1st: Ode To A Rock, Bob O'Brien, Author, Mountain Mineral Monthly, Southern Appalachian Mineral Soc. (Also Honorable Mention in 2003 AFMS Contest)
 2nd: Rockhounds Live Forever, Hugh Sheffield, Author, Outcroppings, Pinellas Geol. Soc. (Also 8th in 2003 AFMS Contest)

Thank you to all of the SFMS Clubs participating in the 2003, and a special thank you to the judges. Please consider participating in the 2005 contest if you have not already submitted entries into the 2004 contest.

(adapted from the 2003 SFMS and AFMS Editors' Breakfast Programs)



YOUTH RESOURCES REPORT ANNOUNCING CHANGES IN THE "JUNIOR OF THE YEAR" AWARD TIME PERIOD

HAPPY NEW YEAR!! Now it is time to have our Youth begin to consider participating in the contests for 2004. The cover sheet and criteria for the Junior of the Year (JOY) are included in this issue of Lodestar. We encourage you to copy these forms and distribute them to your Youth Leader and all Junior members. The application and cover sheet together with explanations, proofs, letters, etc. must be returned to us by **November 30, 2004**. The points are to be tallied and a winner is declared before the end of the year. The winner will receive a plaque and a very nice mineral or fossil specimen as a prize. This is a very prestigious individual award, and we hope that many youth will consider it a challenge and enjoy acquiring points in order to win. Adult support is acceptable and encouraged. Any Junior member (ages 8 to 18) of a Gem and Mineral Club that is a member of the Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies is eligible to participate. The activities listed in the application must take place between **November 1, 2003 and October 31, 2004**. This time period is a change and has been established in order for the award to be given in the same year in which it has been achieved. If a youth has completed a form for 2003 using activities in November and December 2003, those activities may also be used for the 2004 award in order to have a full 12 months of activities.

Every **Club President** is responsible for distributing these forms to the youth, their leaders, and their parents. We thank you in advance for your part in encouraging your youth to be active members of your club.

Hugh and Leona Sheffield, Youth Resources Chairmen

2003 SFMS Workshop Scholarship Winners

Member clubs contributing stamps to the SFMS stamp program have their name entered into the scholarship drawing as outlined in the SFMS Bylaws (revised November 2003).

Nine SFMS member clubs won scholarships for some lucky members of their club during the drawing held at the Annual Meeting in Roanoke, Virginia this last November. One club won two scholarships. Congratulations!

The following is a list of the winning societies:

1. Cotton Indian Gem & Mineral Society-GA
2. Carolina Facetors-NC
3. Canaveral Gem & Mineral Society-FL
4. Gem & Mineral Club of Deland-FL
5. Central Brevard Gem & Mineral Society-FL
6. Pinellas Geological Society-FL
7. Montgomery Gem & Mineral Society-AL
8. Kyana Gem & Mineral Society- KY
9. Carolina Facetors-NC
10. Charlotte Gem & Mineral Society-NC

Jim Robinson, SFMS Stamp Program Chairman

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APPLICATION FOR JUNIOR OF THE YEAR 2004**NAME** _____ **AGE** _____**PARENT/GUARDIAN** _____

I, _____, certify that I am a member in good standing of the _____ Gem and Mineral Club, which is a member of the Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies. I am a paid member throughout the Calendar Year 2004. All of the points on this application are for activities between November 1, 2003 and October 31, 2004. All entries are true and correct.

PRESIDENT OF THE SPONSORING CLUB

I _____ as President of the sponsoring Club believe that all the points recorded in this application are true and correct.

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE _____**ALL MATERIAL MUST BE COMPLETED BY OCTOBER 31, 2004****ALL MATERIAL MUST BE POSTMARKED BY NOVEMBER 30, 2004**

JUNIOR OF THE YEAR (JOY) WINNER WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN DECEMBER 2004

GOOD LUCK!

SFMS JUNIOR OF THE YEAR 2004 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 2004 (5 points), July 2004 (2 points), etc.

- 1. Must be a current, paid Junior member of a club in the SFMS
(5 points)....._____ points
- 2. Must attend at least one adult meeting...(5 points,
first meeting)....._____ 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, or equivalent)
(5 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 at 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 trip)....._____ 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)....._____ 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...(50 points each)....._____ points

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

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11. A Junior Club member winning a regional or national award for articles published in a club bulletin and submitted for competition will receive 5 points for each such recognition....._____ points

You may receive additional points based on where the article places:

1st place....25 points

3rd place....10 points

2nd place...15 points

4th place.....5 points

....._____ points

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

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 Federations purposes will receive 10 points per recognition....._____ points

14. Juniors having non-competitive exhibits in your club show...(20 points per exhibit)....._____ points

15. Juniors having competitive exhibits in club show...(50 points exhibit)....._____ points

16. Juniors receiving awards for their entries in the club show will receive additional points as follows:

Best in Show, competitive....25 points

2nd place....10 points

1st place...15points

other award...5 points

....._____ points

17. Juniors receiving awards in non-competitive Junior Special Events categories will receive additional points as follows:

Best in Show, competitive....25 points

2nd place.....10 points

1st place...15 points

other award....5 points

....._____ points

18. Juniors working at the annual club show will receive 40 points for each two 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.