

2013 AFMS/SFMS Annual Meeting News

Be sure to check the AFMS or SFMS websites for the annual meeting itinerary. You'll also find information of special hotel accommodations and applications for the Banquet and competitive and non-competitive display cases. These flyers and forms may have already been seen in the AFMS/SFMS newsletters. Or visit the following website

<http://jaxgemandmineral.org/2013AFMSMeetingSchedule.html>

JGMS and NEFAS are happy to announce a special opportunity for all visitors and attendees to the 2013 AFMS/SFMS annual meetings. The host club, Jacksonville Gem and Mineral Society in collaboration with the North East Florida Astronomical Society; are hosting a special picnic and star gazing party Thursday September 19, 2013 from 5 until late at Hanna Park (Premier Jacksonville Beach Park). NEFAS will have many telescopes set up for the star gazing event. The prominent event will be viewing Saturn at one of its closest proximity to earth in 300 years. It should be a spectacular viewing.



JGMS will be cooking and supplying free food and drinks for the event (donation will be accepted). A special note: To join in on the fun, you must be in the park before it closes at 6pm to incoming guest. Guest will have to pay the entry fee for the park, \$5 or less depending on the number of occupants per vehicle. Once you are in the park you can leave any time after that, but no reentry unless you are camping at the park. For more information and directions to Hanna Park, see their website at: <http://www.coj.net/departments/recreation-and-community-services/recreation-and-community-programming/hanna-park.aspx>



Be sure to catch the special lectures at the JGMS Annual Show. We are pleased to announce Dr. Rhiannon Mayne, curator of the Monning Meteorite Collection and Assistant Professor of Meteoritics and Planetary Science at Texas Christian University, and Dr. Mike Reynolds former space shuttle school teacher alternate and Smithsonian meteorite curator will be giving special lectures during the JGMS Show on meteorites and our solar system. The final date and times have not been set yet, so check the JGMS Show web site in the coming weeks for the updated information. The show will also have on display one of the famed NASA moon rocks.

Want to get in some lapidary class time in conjunction with the AFMS/SFMS Annual meeting? The SFMS has created a special opportunity for anyone attending the AFMS/SFMS meetings to attend the SFMS Federation Education Week at the WILDACRES Retreat in the mountains of North Carolina September 23-29, 2013. WILDACRES will be transformed from a serene retreat into a lapidary school. There will be weeklong lapidary training in Advanced Fused Glass, Cabochons, Casting, Exhibiting & Judging, Intermediate Silversmithing, Kumihimo, Faceting/Open Studio, Resin 101, Silver Cold Connections and Intermediate Wire Wrapping. Plan your visit accordingly so that you can attend this special week at WILDACRES. It will be an awesome end to attending the AFMS/SFMS annual meetings. For applications and more information, please visit: http://www.sfmsworkshops.com/Registration_Form.pdf and <http://www.sfmsworkshops.com/>

