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President's Report

From the May Newsletter Bulletin:

Hello All,

I hope everyone is keeping well during this trying time.

The next SFMS meeting that was to be held at William Holland, last I had heard, has been cancelled for the safety of our membership.

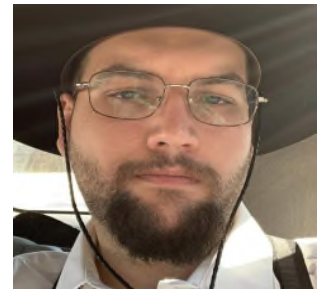
Looking forward, I believe there may be effect ways to hold our final meeting of the year over a digital platform. I will update everyone if that becomes a viable option.

I want to stress that keeping everyone safe and healthy is my top priority.

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you,

Jesse Griffin
Knoxville Gem and Mineral Society
2020 SFMS president



Editor's Note

Hello rockhounds!

Anyone who wishes to subscribe to the Lodestar and/or submit an article/show/report for publication, send us an email at: sfms.lodestar@gmail.com .

Please share this Lodestar newsletter with your local Club. You may simply attach this newsletter to your monthly newsletter distribution, or send out separately. Thank you for your assistance.

I've requested the Board Members, Committee Members, and the State Representatives contribute to the SFMS monthly bulletin. The request was posted in the quarterly and annual committee reports. In mid May, I've sent a request to our Secretary to get the word out further. We are looking forward to more submissions from our BOD, Committees, and State Representatives, for your reading pleasure in future months.

Many clubs have either continued to cancel their shows, where other clubs may not even obtain a contract for the venue location to start the planning. For all future shows, please check with the Club to ensure their show is able to open. Future shows may have restrictions for a while, depending on their local area guidelines. We all look forward to the time when this pandemic is in the past and the shows go on as scheduled.

Some clubs have held their meetings via Zoom (virtual meeting on the internet) as early as April. Other clubs have suspended meetings. Some clubs have a small percentage of opportunities open in their club-houses. The limited space available for keeping the required distancing will delay the activities, rock-hounding, and fellowship fun.

While the Hurricane season becomes more active for most in the Southeast Federation region, ensure you have sufficient supplies and provisions. If you plan to evacuate, ensure you have maintained your vehicle services and your safe on the road.

Please stay healthy, busy, and at home when you can...
and, masks are not just a suggestion in most places.

Be patient, Stay cautious and help prevent a second wave of this virus.

Keep washing your hands...

Rock On,
Lori Heinemann
SFMS Lodestar Editor

Committee Reports

Education

2020 , year of Covid-19 continues to

Cancel our SFMS Workshop schedule and other rock hound activities including Gem and Mineral Shows hosted by member clubs of the Southeast Federation.

It is with sad heart that I have to announce,

Both the August and September workshops

At Wildacres have been cancelled.

Good Health to everyone.....

Hope to see everyone back at the SFMS

Workshops in 2021.

UPDATE – Due to COVID-19 - the 2020 Classes scheduled for William Holland are Canceled

UPDATE – Due to COVID-19 - the 2020 Classes scheduled for WildAcres are Canceled

Lisa Roberts

Education Chair

thank you

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Safety

I will carry on from the July article concerning personal safety. I do realize the world is a bit out of kilter and we all are looking for some relief from the constant dim on the television of how bad it is and how much worse it will get. The truth is, it sure will get worse before it gets better. One television news program noted that if the vaccine were available today what would the select group of views do? Well, 30% said they would get it immediately. 50 % said they would wait and see and 20 % said they would never get it. Now, I do believe the television folks when they talk with folks of near all ages that have had the thing and many say no big deal. However, many say they thought they were going to die and have long lasting issues from the virus. Well, as I noted last month everyone is welcome to their opinions and in my opinion if you are older with underlying issues, you had better avoid this thing.

I will close this portion by recommending that you follow the CDC guidelines or whoever you like that tells you to wear your mask, social distance and avoid large crowds. My view on large crowds is anything beyond the wife and I. (Sorry kids)

Enough already about the virus. It is summer time and mother-nature is really agitating the oceans. Already we are well into the named storms on the Atlantic side whereas, the Pacific side is usually ahead at this time of the year. This brings me back to my harpy old admonition of being prepared. Do have a survival kit, follow the guidelines of the weather folks about what is need. The one thing that most do not do is have enough water. Well, with the recent past, everybody should have enough toilet paper to last for months. So try to balance your stash, I found it interesting that the Australians got into the toilet paper rush last month. For those that do not follow that part of the world they have had a heck of a past 8 months; fires, then floods and now the virus.

I need a haircut and with Barb being sick; I may have to dare to go back to the salon that I have used since fall of 2001. Great group of folks. So I did bring up the virus, so I fibbed.

The weather has taken a toll on the trees around the house in South Carolina. I am blaming the weather and ignoring the fact that I have waged war on the Wisteria that we had and maybe, just maybe I killed my own trees. We have a large dead oak in the front yard and in the older days, I would have tried to cut the thing down myself, except as Barb usually says, "have you not realized you are over 25?" So, this will make 3 very large trees that we have lost in 3 years, and the last one required a portable crane to safely remove it. I think the same will be used this time. So as Clint Eastwood says; "Man has to learn his limitations". The reason for bringing this up is do not do permanent damage to yourself as you get older and trying to remember what you did many years earlier. Barb still reminds me of my ruptured Achilles tendon episode from 2012. Doing something stupid and I paid the price. I am eternally grateful that she did not put me out of the car because I was such a really poor back-seat driver.

So; avoid the virus, do not over-do it and whatever you do think about your approach to the effort. My company has definite plans on re-opening except they realize that the time will come and it is not this month. We have a very strong safety conscience and risking employee's lives does not match with our operating philosophy.

I will close with last month's last thought. This was a bit long winded, and be safe, and avoid harmful situations and as we are all free, we do have obligations to protect others, no matter how annoying they are.

Be safe and follow responsible folk's admonitions.

Bob Green
SFMS Safety Committee Chair



2020 SFMS Workshop Scholarship Drawing

This is the 4th year of the SFMS Workshop Scholarship Drawing, which will be held at the 2020 SFMS Annual Meeting. This drawing is to raise funds to provide scholarships to the SFMS Workshops held at William Holland and Wildacres each year. The scholarships are won by member clubs of the SFMS, and it is up to the winning clubs to decide how to award the scholarship certificates. The certificates may only be used at SFMS workshops, not the regular sessions held at William Holland.

To raise the funds for the scholarships we ask the member clubs and individual members to help in two ways. First, we need prizes for the drawing. We ask that the donated prizes have a value of at least \$25 and be hobby related. It could be a mineral specimen, a finished piece of jewelry, a new book about some aspect of the hobby, a new tool or just about anything you can think of.

All prizes should be mailed to Dave Wayment, PO Box 780791, Sebastian, FL 23978. Each member club will receive acknowledgement if it donates a prize, or if a member of that club donates a prize. Each prize should be identified, including the value of the item, who made the item if it is hand made, and who donated the item and their club membership. Photographs and descriptions of all prizes will be posted on the SFMS website and published in the Loadstar.

Second, we need to sell tickets for the drawing. **THE DRAWING IS FOR THE DONATED PRIZES NOT SCHOLARSHIPS.** Each Treasurer of the club has been provided with drawing tickets. They do not have a drawing date on the tickets so we can use the same batch of tickets every year without having to reprint them. The tickets are \$5 each or 5 tickets to one person for \$20. If any Treasurer needs more tickets, please call Dave. In the past we mailed tickets to each club, but only about 20 clubs have chosen to participate in selling the drawing tickets

Each club's treasurer, or another member chosen by the club, should be in charge of selling the tickets, collecting the funds, and returning the ticket stubs and monies to Dave Wayment at the same above address. The drawing for the prizes will be held at the Annual Meeting this October before the banquet. We will need the ticket stubs, etc., returned no later than September 30, 2020.

If you have any questions, please contact Dave Wayment, SFMS Workshop Scholarship Committee Chairman, at 772*532*6432

David Wayment
Workshop Scholarship Chairman

DMC Field Trip Report

Field Trip Information

Dixie Mineral Council (DMC) will share more after their field trip.

DMC field trips are open only to members of clubs that are members of the SFMS DMC field trip sharing program. SFMS club members are bound by the AFMS code of ethics, but the general public is not, and could jeopardize access to a collecting location. So unless the property owner has invited non-SFMS attendees, the general public is not allowed on DMC field trips.

Clubs interested in the SFMS DMC field trip sharing program can learn more about the program and download a membership application form from the DMC pages on the SFMS website:

http://www.amfed.org/sfms/_dmc/dmc.htm -- Lori Carter, sfms-dmc@amfed.org

Please reply by e-mail to:

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World Wide Web site for the DMC is:

http://www.amfed.org/sfms/_dmc/dmc.htm

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"Earth first...we'll collect on the other planets later."



Dixie Mineral Council Field Trips

The Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies, Inc



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DMC Program of the SFMS Field Trip Committee
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SFMS Rockhound Round-Up

The SFMS Rockhound Roundup for 2021 is in the planning stages Please join us next year!

Suggestions and requests for improvements have already been in discussion.

If you have any questions:

Please don't hesitate to contact Jerri Heer by phone, text or email. You may have to leave a message, but she WILL respond!

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SFMS Benefits of Belonging

The Benefits of Belonging to the SFMS started at the Cracker Barrel session of the 2018 Annual Meeting. The efforts of the 10 points were further discussed at the 1st quarterly meeting of 2019, then a presentation was provided at the 2nd quarterly meeting. A new presentation was provided at the recent 2019 Annual Meeting, where some changes were made to consolidate, and narrow the points down to 9, instead of 10 points. Going forward updates provided will be entitled SFMS Benefits of Belonging.

We are seeking to receive and provide more information, and have the individual clubs with strengths and expertise assisting other clubs.

Together the SFMS and your clubs can work together to share and exchange information, as the changes unfold. Please see where you can help to expand on, and provide as much information on all of the benefits of belonging points.

For a listing of the original 10 points, which will soon be updated, please see the last page of this newsletter.

Look for updates and on the SFMS Benefits of Belonging points here in future newsletter editions.

2020-2021 Club and Show Insurance

Club Officers / Insurance Liaisons,

My name is David Liles. I am serving as the Southeast Federation of Mineral Societies (SFMS) Assistant Treasurer and am the Insurance Liaison for 2020. SFMS makes available liability insurance to SFMS member Clubs and Societies. Participation is optional. The insurance covers activities such as field trips and shows. As liaison I am responsible for organizing and coordinating the purchase of insurance by participating clubs with the Federation's insurance carrier. The insurance form for 2020 will soon be on the SFMS Website, and I have attached the updated 2020 form as an attachment to this email message should your club opt in for insurance and want to get the application done now.

The deadline for completion of the forms and the remittance of payment is March 1, 2020. The address for remitting forms and payments is on the forms. Clubs who participated last year are currently covered until April 1, 2020. If you are new or did not participate last year and would like coverage, please contact me. If you participated last year and are not participating this year please contact me as well. If this email needs to go to someone else in your club please forward it & CC me on the forward.

Thank You,

David Liles

SFMS Assistant Treasurer

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GEM AND MINERAL SHOWS

Note – Due to COVID-19

Many shows may be canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic, please check with the local club, and / or check their website, before you plan to attend – as most all shows are canceled.

September 11 – 13, 2020; Winston-Salem, NC

The Forsyth Gem & Mineral Club, Inc. presents

The 49th Annual Jewelry, Gem, Mineral, & Fossil Show and Sale

Theme: Gems & Minerals of Brazil

Presentations daily at 1:30 PM - on Amethyst, Tourmaline, & the Beryls of Brazil by Richard Godbee, Retired Nuclear Engineer and avid mineral collector.

Location: Educational Building Winston-Salem Fairgrounds, Winston-Salem, NC

Show hours: Sept. 11th & 12th - 10am to 7pm, Sept 13 - 12 noon to 5pm

28 dealers, geode sawing, educational exhibits, and demonstrations

Admission: Adults \$ 3.00; Children thru grade 12 – free with accompanying adult

Adult tickets include hourly drawing for a \$20.00 gift certificate good at any dealer in the show!

For any updates please check our website:

www.forsythgemclub.com

November 14 – 15, 2020; Melbourne, FL

Canaveral Mineral & Gem Society 47th Annual Parade of Gems Show & Sales

40+ Dealers displaying & selling Jewelry, Gems, minerals, Fossils, Tools, Rocks, Slabs.

Demonstrations; Hourly Prizes: Grand Prize.

Children's Mineral discoveries.

Melbourne Auditorium

625 East hibiscus Blvd.

Melbourne, FL 32901

More Info; www.canaveral-mgs.com

Don McLamb

2020 Show Chairman

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Information on belonging to the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies?



AFMS Code of Ethics

<http://www.amfed.org/ethics.htm>



I will respect both private and public property and will do no collecting on privately owned land without the owner's permission.

I will keep informed on all laws, regulations of rules governing collecting on public lands and will observe them.

I will to the best of my ability, ascertain the boundary lines of property on which I plan to collect.

I will use no firearms or blasting material in collecting areas.

I will cause no willful damage to property of any kind - fences, signs, buildings.

I will leave all gates as found.

I will build fires in designated or safe places only and will be certain they are completely extinguished before leaving the area.

I will discard no burning material - matches, cigarettes, etc.

I will fill all excavation holes which may be dangerous to livestock.

I will not contaminate wells, creeks or other water supply.

I will cause no willful damage to collecting material and will take home only what I can reasonably use.

I will practice conservation and undertake to utilize fully and well the materials I have collected and will recycle my surplus for the pleasure and benefit of others.

I will support the rockhound project H.E.L.P. (Help Eliminate Litter Please) and will leave all collecting areas devoid of litter, regardless of how found.

I will cooperate with field trip leaders and those in designated authority in all collecting areas.

I will report to my club or Federation officers, Bureau of Land management or other authorities, any deposit of petrified wood or other materials on public lands which should be protected for the enjoyment of future generations for public educational and scientific purposes.

I will appreciate and protect our heritage of natural resources.

I will observe the "Golden Rule", will use "Good Outdoor Manners" and will at all times conduct myself in a manner which will add to the stature and Public "Image" of Rockhounds everywhere.

SFMS—Your Regional Rockhound Connection

Over 8,800 Rockhounds belong, in our SFMS region...



Who are the Officers and Directors for the Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies?



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SFMS—Your Regional Rockhound Connection

Would you like to become involved, please contact us...



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Bringing at least 10 States together...



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SFMS—Your Regional Rockhound Connection

Over 70 Rockhound Clubs belong, in our SFMS region...



What are the benefits of your local club belonging to the Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies?

The SFMS is your link to resources and connections!



The association with SFMS spans:

- ◇ from your local club and area
- ◇ to the regional level
- ◇ and even expands nationally!

The Lodestar will be providing brief synopsis of what the SFMS offers (or will offer in the future) for each of the 10 points. Please review the President's Message and articles submitted for details.

This issue of the Lodestar is highlighting one (or more) of the below Benefits of Belonging to the SFMS.

10 point benefits of SFMS:

- I. Programs and Archives
- II. Mayo Educational Foundation
- III. Club Development
- IV. Interclub Connections
- V. Federation Sponsored Club Insurance
- VI. Field Trips
- VII. Youth Program and Support
- VIII. Lapidary Education
- IX. Competitive Cases and Judges
- X. National Affiliation



The 10 Points Benefits of Belonging is a live document (will ever change and improve) and of which - will call for action items and others to assist! Please consider helping to make a difference and volunteering...



SFMS—Benefits of Belonging

Future 10 Points Benefits of Belonging to the SFMS will be provided in the upcoming SFMS Lodestar newsletters.

SFMS—Your regional Rock Club Association.

Rock On!