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President's Report

Hello everyone,

This month I will continue with my discussion of the benefits of SFMS membership. The two areas where I was privileged to spend a fair amount of time in June were Lapidary Education and the Mayo Scholarship Foundation.

The Mayo scholarships are awarded by SFMS each year to qualified applicants who are college juniors or seniors or graduate students of earth sciences. Funding for these awards comes from income earned by investments of the Mayo scholarship endowment fund. For whatever reasons, this program has been little used in the past. I still find that many of the members I mention it to know little or nothing about it. (find complete information at <http://www.amfed.org/sfms/mayo-foundation.html>) But word is spreading. This year we had nine qualified applicants which required a bit more time to evaluate than the usual small number. The distribution of \$7,000 of awards will be announced in early July. By sponsoring a student to apply for a scholarship you can help develop your current members. Or you can encourage students to join your club and help you with programs and events by sharing their expertise and enthusiasm. Please help keep this tradition strong by considering the Mayo Education fund (501c3) as a recipient of your donations and bequests. All donations become part of the permanent income generating base.

Without a doubt, the highlight of my month was attending the SFMS week at William Holland Lapidary school. The federation organizes this week of classes each year, as well as two weeks of classes at Wildacres retreat. These events are excellent opportunities to expand your lapidary skill set.

And besides the class work there is ample chance to form new friendships and to get to know some members of other clubs in our federation better. Your education chair, Lisa Roberts, along with our directors and registrars, does a lot of work to make these weeks special. Many teachers who first taught here at SFMS week have gone on to become William Holland regulars. I encourage everyone who can to attend these SFMS weeks. But if you can't make it to that particular week you should do your best to attend another week at William Holland during the season. This school, which focuses exclusively on lapidary arts is a rare treasure. And because all the teachers are volunteers and because of the many contributions of time and money from numerous SFMS clubs and individuals you can attend a week of first rate training here for a fraction of what it would cost in the open market. I look forward to seeing you there next year when I will be taking the fire agate carving course that has already begun to be organized. If you might want to teach a course, have suggestions for teacher candidates or for classes you would like to see given please contact Lisa Roberts or another federation officer or director.

Reggie Bolton
Alabama Mineral and Lapidary Society
2019 SFMS president



Editor's Note

Hello rockhounds!

The contact information section of the Lodestar has been updated from the most recent SFMS directory, and any recent updates provided to me. If you have any changes for the contact section of the Lodestar, please let us know...

Special shout-out to Jerri Heer for going through the SFMS Officers, State Directors, Committee contacts in the SFMS directory and providing updates and corrections so I was able to update both this newsletter and the attached directory!

If you have any changes to the attached SFMS directory, you'll need to submit those updates directly to the SFMS Membership Secretary, Jason Hamilton. You will find his contact information in the attached 2019 SFMS Directory.

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.

Need information on the SFMS Annual Meetings? ... I've just received information on both 2019 and 2020!

For the 2019 SFMS Annual Meeting in Huntsville AL, hosted by Huntsville Mineral & Gem Society Show, see the Gem Show section and the Secretary Report in this newsletter edition! We are looking forward to seeing all that can attend!

For the 2020 SFMS Annual Meeting, the Knoxville Gem & Mineral Society has agreed to host both the SFMS and AFMS Annual Meetings. More details to follow in coming months.

Rock On,
Lori Heinemann
SFMS Lodestar Editor

Secretary's Report

All of SFMS activities will be located at one convenient and very nice accommodation site. The hotel is all single story and compact.

They've booked 35 rooms at the Double Tree Hotel, located less than two miles from the Show site, with easy highway access in both directions.

The rate is \$102/night, same as was paid in Jacksonville. SFMS members may arrive early at the block rate if they pre-arrange.

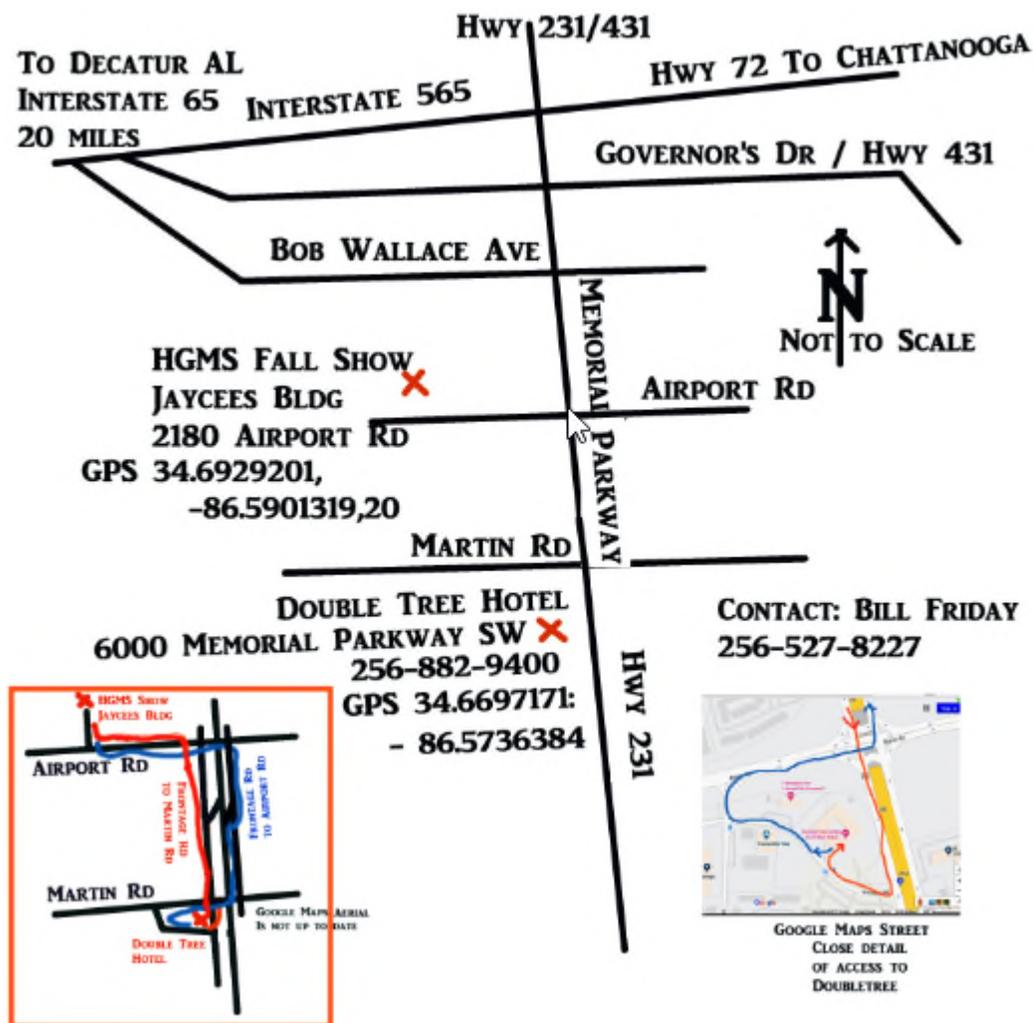
With at least 20 of the rooms occupied for the weekend, Continental Breakfast is provided. The club is prepared to offer block rooms to some of their vendors if not enough SFMS attendees choose to stay there. RSVP's ahead will be appreciated. Map below includes the Phone number for the hotel.

They have a large room just off of the Lobby reserved for all of the four meetings, with a divider so that it can be made smaller if desirable, and for the banquet, half can be set up for meeting while the other half is set for the meal. This space for all meetings is provided complimentary with the block of reserved rooms. The menu is set and the food will be excellent. Light food and beverages will be provided for each of the other three meetings.

Also below is the application for those who wish to enter a competitive exhibit. Forms to register for the Banquet, meetings and show admission will be sent out to all clubs and be posted to the SFMS Website and Lodestar early August.

Jerri Heer
SFMS Secretary

The SFMS Annual Meeting will be held at the Huntsville Mineral & Gem Society Show. Please see the Gem Show section for more information on their show.



SFMS ANNUAL CONVENTION
Hosted by the Huntsville Mineral & Gem Society
Huntsville Jaycees Building, 2180 Airport Rd, Huntsville AL
October 11, 12, 13 2019

APPLICATION TO EXHIBIT

Print legibly - Information provided below will be used on all documents

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE () _____ CLUB AFFILIATION _____

DIVISION _____ EXHIBIT CLASS _____ If non-competitive, check here _____

GROUP (circle one): Master Advanced Novice Junior Society Jr. Society

If Junior, give date of birth _____

For competitive exhibits, the exhibitor must sign below with this understanding:

"I hereby submit my application to exhibit and attest that all material displayed is my own property. For lapidary or jewelry, all work was accomplished by me. I am a SFMS member in good standing."

Signature: _____

For competitive exhibits, an officer of the exhibitor's society must sign below:

I attest that the above named exhibitor is a member of the

(society name, no abbreviations please)

Signature _____ Office Held) _____

Case Size Length _____ Depth _____ Height _____

Application form must be postmarked by September 15, 2019

Mail Application To:
Huntsville Gem & Mineral Society
131 Oakland Trace, Madison AL 35758
Attn: Les Bartel,
or email to lester.bartel@gmail.com

QUESTIONS on Division, Class or Group
Contact Leslie Wayment
aa3stainedglass@bellouth.net

This form may be duplicated as needed

Committee Reports

Safety

Greetings all, we seem to have passed through a substantial part of summer and we are only a week into summer. Last year the Atlanta weather forecasters were enjoying the small number of days above 90 degrees. I do not know how many days we have been over 90 so far, but whether it is my aging memory or reality, it does seem hotter this year. I just noticed a headline on BBC news that the all-time highest temperature recorded in France has been surpassed. It was 111.7 deg F. As noted last month we were in pre-August, now we must be in August. Many years ago, Barb and I returned from visiting our son in Australia and when we got off the plane in Greenville, it was over 100 degs F at about 9:00 PM, so we may be headed for a similar temperature excursion.

As with last month, be careful with the heat. As you remember, last month a CDC stat on heat issues was included. I was amused last evening, the guy on TV recited the warning about hydration, Beer is 95 % water, but the 5% alcohol is not beneficial as heat relief, until you stop working and are just relaxing.

Another issue that is increasingly disturbing is the increase in short tempers related to the heat. Be careful with the aggressive drivers that are annoyed at being hot and you being in the wrong place at the wrong time. Road rage incidents seem to be getting worse and too many folks are taking their guns to a sensible debate, if there is such a thing as a sensible debate. Sensible debate, an oxymoron, is reserved to high school debating teams.

OK, enough about the hot weather. I am having an on-going issue with Wisteria and to minimize this frustrating plant, I use concentrated weed killer. When you use these, be especially careful with contacting the chemicals. Wear appropriate clothing, long pants in particular and wash your hands and any other part of your body to remove this. There are a number of court cases against some of these chemicals, so do not be a victim. In my situation, I have a lot of debris from the dead vines that have fallen, so I am cautious in working in this debris, and carefully place my feet trying to avoid places that may harbor one of the poisonous reptiles that may be around. The mosquitos also seem to love these congested areas, so I have provided sustenance to many of these pesky critters. Therefore, use the recommended repellents and wear sunscreen. Even on cloudy days, more than 50% of the rays penetrate through the clouds and you can be sunburned.

Do you yard work or diggings in the cool of the day and as usual, the cool of the day, particularly the morning is the time of allergens and mosquitos. Can't seem to win.

So be safe and enjoy the real summer and stay cool.

Bob Green
SFMS Safety Committee Chair



2019 SFMS Workshop Scholarship Drawing

This is the 3rd year of the SFMS Workshop Scholarship Drawing, which will be held at the 2019 SFMS Annual Meeting. This is the fund raising program of the SFMS that replaced the stamp collecting program. The purpose 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 how to award the scholarship certificates. The certificates may only be used at SFMS workshops, not the regular sessions held at William Holland. The first year of the scholarship drawing we were able to award 8 scholarships, and in the second year we awarded 2 scholarships. 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, include the value of the item, identify who made the item if it is hand made, and who donated the item. 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 for \$20. 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 2 weeks prior to the Annual Meeting. If you have any questions, please contact Dave Wayment, SFMS Workshop Scholarship Committee Chairman, at (772) 532-6432.

DMC Field Trip Report



Dixie Mineral Council Field Trips
The Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies, Inc



The Friendly Federation - Founded in 1976 to serve
DMC Program of the SFMS Field Trip Committee
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Sections:

Welcome new DMC Club
May Field Trip Report
SFMS DMC Field Trip Sharing Program Changes

Please welcome the Catawba Valley Gem and Mineral Club, Hickory NC to the SFMS DMC Field Trip Sharing Program! They will host their first DMC field trip in April 2022.

Lori Carter
DMC Coordinator

May 2019 DMC Field Trip Report
Hosted by the Northeast Georgia Gem & Mineral Society
by Kim Cochran

On 5-18-19, the Northeast Georgia Gem and Mineral Society hosted a DMC trip to Clay County, North Carolina. There were eleven adults and two juniors in attendance. After receiving information about collecting regulations and safety, the group caravanned to the parking area. A table was set up with snacks and water. The nutty buddies, honey buns, oatmeal cakes, and chips went steadily, but no one seemed to care for trail mix. Everyone attending found ruby in smaragdite. The best material was collected by the two juniors. I wish to thank everyone attending and to two Georgia Mineral Society members for assisting me.

[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]



All photo credits: Diana Poppelreuter – From Left to Right:

Smaragdite (green) and corundum (pink);

Working hard to find pretty corundum;

Juergen Poppelreuter (left) and Kim Cochran (right) offering water and snacks and helping with mineral ID.

SFMS DMC Field Trip Sharing Program Changes

The following changes were approved at the SFMS meeting in May and are now in effect. These changes are to improve DMC field trip experiences and to encourage more clubs to participate.

1. Only clubs that are members of the DMC may attend DMC field trips. In the past, SFMS clubs that carried liability insurance were also allowed to attend DMC trips without hosting a DMC trip. Allowing non-member clubs to attend DMC field trips is not fair to the clubs that host trips, and does not encourage clubs to join the DMC. **Please do not provide DMC field trip information to any clubs that are not members of the DMC.**

2. Clubs that do not provide their scheduled hosting trip will be dropped from the DMC for 1 year and must meet all requirements to rejoin. The suspension period under prior policy was 3 months. That period of time was too short and could be abused as a way to extend a club's hosting interval, or not provide a trip but still benefit from the program.

3. A DMC field trip cannot be held at a location where another club has already hosted a DMC trip in the calendar year. This hosting rule is to improve the diversity of field trip locations. Exceptions may be granted depending on individual circumstances.

4. If the location is a commercial site, the hosting club should request a discount and exclusive access for the day of the trip. It is acceptable if a discount cannot be negotiated, but a discount should be requested. Exclusive access should also be requested so that the general public and other clubs cannot collect on the same day. These terms make the trip more desirable as a DMC trip versus any other day.

5. The general public, clubs that are not members of the SFMS or AFMS, and clubs that are members of the SFMS but are not covered by liability insurance are not allowed to collect at the hosted location on the same date as the DMC trip. The general public and clubs that are not in the SFMS or AFMS are not bound by the AFMS Code of Ethics. This rule is to help DMC field trip leads manage large groups and ensure the safety of all involved. Liability insurance is required for all SFMS field trips, so people who are not covered are not allowed to attend DMC field trips. Note: Because of this rule, easily accessible public locations are not suitable for DMC field trips, but exceptions may be granted depending on individual circumstances.

6. The field trip location should be large enough to accommodate at least one person per DMC member club. This rule for choosing a location to host a DMC trip is to ensure all DMC member clubs have a chance to participate.

7. A member club that has not renewed within 6 months of completing their hosted trip will be suspended from attending DMC field trips and will not receive DMC field trip notifications until they renew. Member clubs must renew immediately following completion of their hosted trip. This rule is to encourage prompt renewal. (Note: It is best to renew right away because you have a much better choice of months. The longer you wait, the fewer the choices.)

8. A member club that has not renewed within 1 year of completing its hosted trip will be dropped from DMC membership and cannot re-apply for membership for another year. There was no rule

concerning non-renewal before.

Reminder: Member clubs must renew immediately following the completion of their hosted trip and submit a brief trip report to help encourage other clubs to join the DMC.

Thank you for your continued support of this program. Let's work together to make it even more fun and successful!

Lori Carter
DMC Coordinator



SFMS 10 Points Benefits of Belonging

As a part of the SFMS push to provide value added benefits to its membership, we are highlighting those areas where we believe we can help our clubs. Many of these ideas are just that, ideas; planned, but not yet fleshed out. While we want these ideas to be developed and provided, it's going to take considerable effort to pull it off. All help is appreciated!

Jerri Heer
SFMS Secretary

II. Mayo Educational Foundation

Purpose: Provide a means for clubs to sponsor deserving students with financial aid for the study of the Earth sciences

- The initial Endowment was created by Frank Mayo
- Since then, the Endowment has grown from donations from Federation Member Clubs
- Only earnings from the Endowment are used for scholarships.
- Separately incorporated division of the Southeast Federation

Benefits to Individual Clubs: Any club can sponsor a deserving college student

- Gain visibility with colleges and universities...leads to new members for the club
- Act as a resource for students seeking advanced education in sciences related to our hobby
- Solicit the support and participation in club activities by young, motivated college students

How to utilize the Foundation:

Students must meet the following qualifications

- Must be a Junior, Senior or Post Grad student
- Must complete all application requirements
- The student must participate in club activities to the extent that a club officer can write a letter of recommendation.
- Additional qualifications are listed on the website <http://www.amfed.org/sfms/mayo-foundation.html>

Clubs can make contributions to grow the endowment:

- Can be made to honor a club member for a specific contribution to the organization
- Can be made to memorialize a deceased club member
- Legacy donations from Estates
- An appropriate notification will be sent to the person or family you designate, advising them of your thoughtful gift.
- Growth in the Principal provides more annual income for scholarships

More information on the Mayo Educational Foundation:

<http://www.amfed.org/sfms/frank-mayo.html>

<http://www.amfed.org/sfms/mayo-foundation.html>

III. Club Development

Purpose: To help member clubs build membership, capabilities and financial health

Benefits:

- Assist in attracting new members
 - Membership drive opportunities
- Improve club shows
 - Activity Ideas
 - Demo and display ideas
 - Social Media Assistance
- Assist clubs who don't conduct shows but who want to
 - Potential vendor lists
 - Organizational information – Show How To

How to Utilize:

- State Director consultation and support
- Connect clubs with needs to clubs with experience and/or SFMS personnel for consult
 - Website and social media development support
 - Building Shows
 - Promotion: Advertising, social media, etc.
 - Consultation with clubs
 - Demos
 - Community Outreach Programs
 - Facebook – ongoing posting
 - Suggestions for community opportunities
 - Junior Programming
 - Future Rockhounds of America – Through AFMS
 - Suggestions for seeking Junior members – Homeschools, Scouting, 4H
 - Guest Speakers/Trainers (develop Speaker network)
 - Seek Speakers from other clubs willing to travel for Programs and workshops



GEM AND MINERAL SHOWS

August 12, 2019; Greenville, SC

**WESCAGEM
(WESTERN CAROLINA GEM AND MINERAL SOCIETY)
2ND ANNUAL GEM AND MINERAL
<<< SILENT AUCTION >>>
AUGUST 12, 2019 VIEWING: 7PM AUCTION: 7:30PM TILL...
NORTHSIDE UNITED METHODIST (435 SUMMIT DR., GRNVL.)**

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|------------------------------|--------------------|
| ▪ OLD ESTATE STOCK | CRYSTALS |
| ▪ BAGS OF ROUGH ROCKS AND | MINERALS |
| ▪ CUT STONES | JEWELRY |
| ▪ SCRAP SILVER | LAPIDARY EQUIPMENT |
| ▪ "SLABS AND CABS" | FOSSILS |
| ▪ MINERALS (SOME RARE) | PETRIFIED WOOD |
| ▪ BOULDER OPAL | PETOSKEYS |
| ▪ AGATE (ROUGH AND POLISHED) | |
| ▪ DISPLAY SPECIMENS | ROCKS |
| ▪ BEADS | SURPRISE ITEMS |
- WIDE VARIETY OF MATERIAL FROM AROUND THE WORLD
SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE***

October 11, 12, & 13, 2019; Huntsville, AL

Huntsville Gem & Mineral Society

Gem, Jewelry, and Mineral Show

Our show is the LARGEST gem, jewelry, and mineral show in North Alabama and Southern Middle Tennessee! This year's show will be held October 11-13th, 2019.

Show Dates/Hours:

Friday, October 11th: 10 am to 6 pm

Saturday, October 12th: 10 am to 6 pm

Sunday, October 13th: Noon to 5 pm

Venue Location:

The Jaycee Community Building, 2180 Airport Road SW, Huntsville, Alabama. Parking is free and we'll be conveniently close to local restaurants and shopping.

There will be many dealers offering a wide variety of minerals, crystals, jewelry, lapidary, rock-hunting supplies and more for sale! The show will also feature Displays of gems, minerals, and jewelry; Demon-

strations of lapidary and related arts; a Mining Flume for all to enjoy; and a Fluorescent Room to explore. Your children won't want to miss the Dinosaur Dig and kids' activities based on our [Pebble Pups](#) program. Plus we'll have an hourly drawing for Door Prizes and Raffle Prizes!

Donations of \$3.00 each are requested at the door, with children under 5 free, and there will be weekend passes available for \$5.00. We had a great turnout last year, and we're looking forward to another Big Show this year. So spread the word to all your friends, and come join us for a fun weekend this Fall!

November 2 & 3, 2019; Tampa, FL

**60th Annual Gem, Mineral
and Jewelry Show**

Tampa Bay Mineral & Science Club Presents:

Hot Rocks, Cool Gems and
Fabulous Jewelry

Plant City Strawberry Festival
Expo Hall—303 N Lemon St.
Nov. 2—3, 2019
10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

www.tampabayrockclub.com

COUPON

\$1.00 off Admission—up to 4 people

November 9 & 10, 2019; Melbourne, FL

46th Annual Parade of Gems

Canaveral Mineral & Gem Society

45 Dealers displaying & selling Jewelry, gems, minerals, crystals, 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

Show Chairman, Don McLamb 570 Seabreeze Drive, Indialantic, FL 32903, 321-723-2592, fdjmc@aol.com

November 23, 24, & 25, 2019; Columbia, SC

The Columbia, SC Gem & Mineral Society will hold its 2019

52nd Annual Gem, Mineral, & Jewelry Show

Fri Nov. 22, 10:00 - 6:00;

Sat. Nov. 23, 10:00 - 6:00;

Sun. Nov.24, 12:00 - 5:00

Jamil Temple

206 Jamil Rd.

Columbia, SC 29210

Jewelry, beads, loose stones, fossils, minerals, gold, silver, & tools for sale

Geodes sold & cut

Club member's rock collections on exhibit & lapidary demonstrations.

Educational for the whole family.

South Carolina amethyst on display.

Sponsored by The Columbia Gem & Mineral Society

\$5.00 for adults, Sixteen & under free.

All military & their dependents free.

803-736-9317 Sue Shrader ashrader@mindspring.com

Sharon Sterrett...Dealers...803- 356-1472 sssterrett@sc.rr.com; www.cgms.rocks

November 24 & 25, 2019; West Palm Beach, FL

November 23-24, 2019, West Palm Beach, Florida

53rd annual gem, mineral, jewelry, bead and fossil show

Gem & Mineral Society of the Palm Beaches

Saturday (Nov. 23rd) 9am-6pm, Sunday (Nov. 24th) 10am-5pm.

South Florida Fairgrounds Expo Center East, 9067 Southern Blvd.,

West Palm Beach Florida 33411.

Over 80 dealers, Door prizes, hourly and other prize drawings, Fossil Dig, Gem Mining, Geode Cracking, Displays, Demonstrations, Speakers
Admission \$9, children under 12 free. Visit website for \$1 off coupon. 2 day admission \$14. Free Parking
Show chairman, Walter Triche 561-585-2080, email: wtriche@gmail.com.

January 10 – 12, 2020; Largo, FL

Pinellas Geological Society, Inc.
Presents the:
**44th Annual Gem, Mineral
and Jewelry Show & Sale**
Join Us at the
Central Park Performing Arts Center
105 Central Park Drive, Largo, FL
Jan. 10—12, 2020
Fri. & Sat. ~ 10 a.m. –to– 5 p.m.
Sunday ~ 12 Noon –to– 5 p.m.
\$2.00 ADMISSION
AGES 12 AND UP
Fun for All Ages

2020 Date to be determined; Rockhound Round-Up

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



2019 SFMS Officers

<p>President Reggie Bolton 4781 Bear Creel Rd. Sterrett, AL 35147 (205) 419-9455 reggie@newenvirons.net</p>	<p>First Vice President</p>	<p>Second Vice President</p>	<p>Secretary Jerri Heer 9016 122nd Av, Tampa 33637 (419) 344-9999 jheerx6@aol.com</p>
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SFMS—Your Regional Rockhound Connection

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



Rock On!

Who are the Committee Chairs for the Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies?



2019 SFMS Committee Chairs

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



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.

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Over 8,800 Rockhounds 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.

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