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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.

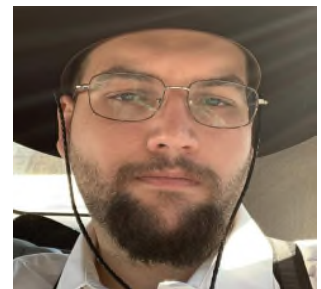
Looking forward, I believe there may be effective ways to hold our final meeting of the year over a digital platform. I will update everyone if that becomes a viable option.

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 and Happy Holidays Rockhounds!

I'm repeating my message from November, so everyone is prepared for submissions in 2021:

I hope you have and take the time - to read our monthly newsletter. You may also submit... If you miss the deadline, your submission will be posted in the next issue.

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 throughout the year. 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.

I notice some Clubs are able to continue with their shows. 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 – please plan accordingly. 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.

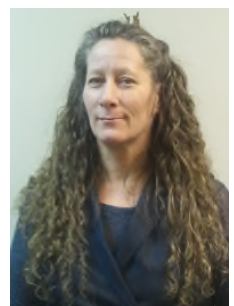
As always each Club is responsible to submit their show, if they to be listed in the SFMS Lodestar. We are all volunteers, and you'll need to provide all the details in a word or Open Office document. You may submit a .png, .gif, or .jpg if the ad is quarter page size – to allow the information to fit.

Please stay healthy, busy, and at home... 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...

Be a Gem and Rock On,
Lori Heinemann
SFMS Lodestar Editor



Vice President's Report



It's December and my hopes are everyone is super busy planning and cooking for family gatherings. 2020 Has been hard on us all so I want to talk about something I find exciting. Our 10 Point Benefits of Belonging to SFMS. # 1 is [PROGRAMS AND ARCHIVES](#). I don't know about you but sharing and teaching others about my Love of everything Rocks and Minerals, GETS ME EXCITED! If your club is like mine, you aren't having monthly programs where you get to visit and teach your members about cool new things. On a positive note that gives us time to start preparing for great new programs to present when life gets back to normal. **SFMS can HELP!** We have a large vault of so many videos your club can Borrow... Yes many programs just waiting for us to use and teach our members without having to spend hours researching topics, putting together power point presentations or time on the phone looking for speakers. Some of the topics are [Geology](#), [Gems & Minerals](#), [Fossils](#) and [Lapidary/Jewelry](#). Many titles like: The Rock Cycle, Arches National Park, Earths Natural Treasures, whole series on everything AGATES, Fish Fossils of Wyoming, Introduction to Intarsia and so many more. If you'd like to see our entire library and how to check out your next video adventure, go to <http://www.amfed.org/sfms/slide-Vid-prog.html>

Best Regards,

Melissa Hill Rader
Mississippi Gem and Mineral Society
2020 Vice President of SFMS



Secretary's Report

Happy Holidays to All!

I know this year has been tough on all of us. I am hoping that things will improve in the new year. With that hope in mind, we are moving forward with 3rd Annual Rockhound Roundup in Live Oak, Florida at the Suwannee River Music Park. The vendor application for 2021 is in this issue of your Lodestar. The dates will be March 12-14, 2021. Whether we will also have our Executive Meeting at the same time as this event, has yet to be determined, but it is possible. With the Covid 19 pandemic, we feel that an outdoor event is safer than perhaps an indoor meeting. More information to come as time progresses. Stay safe out there!

Stay Safe!

Sincerely,

Jerri Heer
SFMS Secretary
(419) 344-9999



Committee Reports

Safety

Greetings all, hope all are safe and well. I highly recommend that the COVID-19 virus be avoided. I came down with the thing in September and now getting close to being discharged from rehab. Thanks to Easley Baptist hospital and their staff, I was quickly treated and "cured " and based on what many folks go through, not sure you get rid of this. As a side note I have been running a fever and was told, fallout from the virus.

I was transferred to rehab at Brushy Creek, which has been great. When I got here I did good to roll over. Anyway, I am substantially better, but not whole.

Fall and winter time is here and as I have noted many times, you must be ready for these challenges . Do not overdo it after being a couch potato watching football. Plan Your activities and use appropriate safety equipment. As all know, I pick at the home improvement shows and flipping shows about their ignoring safety glasses etc. using a mallet without glasses is a substantial risk.

Back to the pandemic, plan your December activities to comply with the CDC admonition to protect yourself and others. As noted, face masks protect you and others. And face masks are not political.

Happy holidays, Merry Christmas or whatever you wish to call this time, but watch out for COVID-19, you may only get the sniffles but your neighbor or guest may end up with a hospital visit. And in spite of some folks, Covid-19 is not a joke.

I wish all a safe and healthy December.

Bob Green
SFMS Safety Committee Chair



2020 Annual Meeting

SFMS Annual Meeting, October 17, 2020

SFMS Annual Mtg Minutes -

SOUTHEAST FEDERATION OF MINERALOGICAL SOCIETIES
ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES (not yet approved)
OCTOBER 17, 2020
(Conducted as a Virtual Meeting on Zoom)

1. Call to Order by President Jesse Griffin at 8:14 am
2. Introductions
3. Quorum Check – Requires 20% of 87=18 (Officers State Directors and Club Presidents) we have 23
4. Appointment of Parliamentarian – Teresa Polly appointed
5. Approval of Agenda – Motion by Bill Waggener, 2nd by Barbi Beatty to approve, Motion carried.
6. Minutes from March 7, 2020 Meeting – Motion by Reggie Bolton, 2nd by Chris Rutherford to accept as presented. Motion carried.
7. Minutes from September 2020 Meeting Motion by Reggie Bolton, 2nd by Chris Rutherford to accept as presented. Motion carried.
8. Reports suspended due to need for meeting brevity. Any submitted reports will be published in the November and December Lodestar.

9. New Business:

a. Elections

SFMS Officer Election

President: Melissa Hill (1 year)
1st Vice President: Dennis Buchanan (1 year)
2nd Vice President: Daniel Griffin (1 year) Nominated from floor
Secretary: Jerri Heer (2 years)
Treasurer: Barbi Beatty (1 year)
Assistant Treasurer: David Liles (2 years)
Editor: Lori Heinemann (2 years)
4th AFMS Vice President: Mark Easterbrook

There being no further nominations from the floor, motion made by Barbi Beatty, 2nd by Dennis Buchanan to close the slate, accept as amended the proposed slate for our 2021 SFMS Officers. Motion carried. Voting on the slate: All yes votes. No nays. Slate was elected.

Mayo Directors

William Waggener
Wayne Dodd
Jerri Heer
Janet Steeper

There being no further nominations from the floor, motion made by Dave Wayment, 2nd by Travis Paris to close the slate, accept and elect the proposed slate for our 2021 Mayo Directors. Motion carried. Voting on the slate: All yes votes. No nays. Slate was elected.

b. Website options - AFMS Page vs run one thru Go Daddy (or other). AFMS website is currently down. We are totally offline currently. Consensus is that we need to strike out on our own, most of the other regional Federations have already done so. Suggestion by Mary Hart is that we purchase our domain name independent of any hosting, so that we own it and can transfer it to a different host as needed. Wayne indicated that he has a consultant that provides services free or for donation. He'll provide contact info to Lori H. There is a line item in the budget for webhosting. Under discussion, it was suggested that an Ad Hoc Committee should be appointed to study the best options.

Jesse Griffin, as President, appointed an Ad Hoc Committee to look at our domain, hosting and web development options and proceed within the budgeted funds available. Initial members of the committee will be Lori Heinemann, Lori Carter, Jesse Griffin and Melissa Hill. They will have the authority to proceed within the budget.

Barbi Beatty made a motion that the Ad Hoc Committee to study the options, and move forward to purchase a new domain name, web hosting and website building software within the bounds of the \$500 budget line item for that purpose. 2nd by Tom Mitchell. Suggestion made as we started voting that the motion should not limit the \$ amount. Motion voted down. Barbi restated the motion that the Ad Hoc Committee to study the options, and move forward to purchase a new domain name, web hosting and website building software within the bounds of the budget line item for that purpose, 2nd Reggie Bolton. Barbi withdrew the motion. Ad Hoc committee has already been appointed and can move forward with the President's approval.

c. Budget – Proposed Budget presented by Barbi Beatty – Various questions were asked for clarification. Danny Griffin requested that the line item for Education (Other) be restored to \$5000. Last year, it was given that amount, with the intent to establish a baseline of expenses for the future. But because of

Covid, no classes occurred and therefore, no baseline could be established. After extensive discussion, Bill Waggener made a motion to restore the \$5000 line item. 2nd by Dave Wayment. Motion carried.

After some discussion, motion made by Barbi Beatty to increase the Webhosting line item to \$600, 2nd by Dave Wayment. Motion carried.

Bill Waggener made a motion to accept the budget as amended, 2nd by Dave Wayment. After discussion Bill amended to increase the line item for Bulletin contest to \$800.00, Dave 2nd. Motion carried.

d. 2021 Executive and Annual Meetings

1. Rockhound Roundup - March 12-14, 2021
2. William Holland Workshops - June 11-12, 2021
3. Annual Meetings: Mobile? Jim Patterson stated this to be Thanksgiving weekend.

e. Bylaws Amendments - discussion only - Allow President to run 2 one-year terms same as 1st - 2nd VP and other Officers. Some discussion revolved around the time of commitment, investigating what the other Federations do. Danny stated that we need a committee to look at the changes necessary to the By-laws and Constitution. Jim Patterson suggested just remove the restriction to allow President to run for two years. It would not require, just allow a second term. Chain of progression is not required, only a tradition. Each election is optional. Any changes would not be proposed and voted on until the 2021 Annual Meeting.

Bill Waggener announced that the Mayo Annual Meeting will be tomorrow, Sunday, October 18, 2020 at 2 pm. Please contact Bill if you need an invitation.

f. Bulletin Awards – Mark Easterbrook – read the list of SFMS Awards. It will be printed in its entirety in the Lodestar. It was suggested that the winning articles be offered to other clubs for publication. Mark will respond to requests.

Dave Wayment stated that SFMS also has three AFMS Bulletin Editors Awards.

Dave Wayment made a motion to adjourn, Bill 2nd. Motion carried. Adjourned at 10:34 am.

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Live Oak Minutes -

SOUTHEAST FEDERATION OF MINERALOGICAL SOCIETIES
EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES
March 7, 2020 – Live Oak, Florida

1. **Call to Order:** Jesse Griffin called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM
2. **Invocation – Craig Hamilton**
3. **Introductions-** Introductions were made through all attendees
4. **Pledge of Allegiance**
5. **Host Welcome: SFMS at Suwannee Park -** Jesse Griffin welcomed everyone present
6. **Quorum Check–1/3 of Executive Board: (Officers, Past President, State Directors)** Secretary Jerri Heer verified that we have 10 out of 16 Executive members, which meets quorum.
7. **Approval of Agenda:** Barbi Beatty made a motion to accept the Agenda, Dennis Buchanan seconded. Motion carried.
8. **Parliamentarian Appointment:** none
9. **Minutes – From Annual Meeting - In Packet:**
10. **Remarks by President:** Jesse Griffin – In Packet
11. **Officer Reports:**
 - a. 1st Vice President: Melissa Hill- In Packet
 - b. 2nd Vice President: Dennis Buchanan – In Packet – Added that Cynthia Hummel is running for North Carolina State Director and Mike Baldwin has agreed to be an Assistant State Director for Tennessee.
 - c. Secretary: Jerri Heer – In Packet
 - d. Treasurer: Barbi Beatty- In Packet
 - e. Membership Secretary: Jason Hamilton – In Packet
 - f. **Lodestar** Editor: Lori Heinemann – In Packet
 - g. Immediate Past President: Reggie Bolton - No Report
 - h. MAYO E.F. President: William Waggener – Scholarship and Finance Reports - In Packet.
12. **State Director Reports:**
 - a. Alabama: Open
 - b. Florida: Open – Jess Griffin mentioned that Roy Deere from Florida has passed, was a longtime SFMS supporter in many capacities.
Florida Assistant Director: Open
Florida Assistant Director: Tom Mitchell
 - c. Georgia: Kim Cochran – In Packet
 - d. Kentucky: Open
 - e. Mississippi: Buddy Shotts – No Report
 - f. North Carolina: Open
 - g. South Carolina: John Narang - In Packet
 - h. Tennessee: Teresa Polly- In Packet – added that Mike Baldwin and the Memphis Club support the Chucalissa Indian Reservation and have 250 members and a youth group of 20 who meet during the adult meeting.
 - i. Virginia: Open
13. **S.F.M.S. Committee Chair Reports:**
 - a. Bulletin Editor's Contest: Mark Easterbrook – In Packet
 - b. Constitution and Bylaws: Danny Griffin is the new Chairperson. He has completed a digital version of the Bylaws updated through 2016.
 - c. Dixie Mineral Council – Lori Carter – In Packet
 - d. Education: Lisa Roberts – In Packet
 - e. Field Trip: Charles Carter – Has not been able to arrange any SFMS Field Trips yet. Is working on some private sites for Kyanite. Made important point that if anyone attends a field trip, they should be discreet in posting to Facebook and other Social Media outlets. Should list addresses and site specifics. Landowners suffer if sites are overrun by less

scrupulous collectors. Also commented that some clubs are talking and working together to have regional field trips.

- f. Historian: Open
- g. Long Range Planning: Craig Hamilton, Teresa Polly, Lisa Roberts- No Report
- h. Nominations: No Report
- i. Public Relations: Open
- j. Publications: Lori Heinemann – in Packet
- k. Safety: Bob Green- No Report
- l. Slide, Video & DVD Programs: Jason Hamilton – No Report
- m. Supplies: Dave Wayment – No Report
- n. 2020 Annual Meeting Host – Oct 16-18, Knoxville, TN – Teresa Polly stated that they have arranged a block of rooms at the Holiday Inn for \$109. Final info to come. There is a possibility of a joint meeting with AFMS, EFMLS and SFMS in the same weekend.
- o. Uniform Rules: Leslie Wayment – No Report
- p. Ways & Means: Jess Griffin, Reggie Bolton, Barbi Beatty - No Report
- q. Webmaster: Lori Heinemann – In Packet
- r. Wildacres Workshop Director: Lisa Roberts – See Education Report
- s. Wildacres Workshop Registrar: Claudia Erwin – No Report
- t. William Holland Workshop Director: No Report
- u. William Holland Workshop Registrar: Cindy Reed – In Packet
- v. Workshop Scholarship Committee – Dave Wayment –No Report
- w. Youth Resources: Craig Hamilton – In Packet

14. A.F.M.S. Committee Representative Reports:

- a. A.F.M.S. Newsletter: Open
- b. All American: Open
- c. Boundaries: Buddy Shotts - No Report
- d. Bulletin Editors' Advisory: Mark Easterbrook – In Packet
- e. Bulletin Editor's Hall of Fame: Mark Easterbrook- In Packet
- f. Club Rockhound of the Year: Marty Hart- No Report
- g. Collecting Sites: Open
- h. Conservation and Legislation: Open
- i. Endowment Fund: Dave Wayment –No Report
- j. Inter-Regional Field Trip: Open
- k. Junior Program: Open
- l. Program Competition: Freda Hull- No Report
- m. Public Relations: Jennifer Runion- No Report
- n. Publications & Supplies: Dave Wayment - No Report
- o. Safety: Bob Green- No Report
- p. Uniform Rules: Leslie Wayment –No Report
- q. Ways & Means:
- r. Website: Open – No Report
- s. Website Contest: Open – No Report

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15. MAYO Educational Foundation Meeting:

Immediately Following Adjournment

16. Old Business

- a. 10 Points – Jerri indicated that this is still a work in progress.
- b. D & O Insurance/Bond – David Liles has an application through our current insurer, but needs some help answering the application. It is quite complicated. Wayne Dodd asked if the SFMS could offer a D & O option like we do for shows. Lori Heinemann has some research that may help, she will get with Wayne. David will have to fill out what we can and approach the Insurer with what we need help with.
- c. Bylaws Review – Danny Griffin indicated that we are still looking at the possibility of allowing the position of President to allow two terms, as the 1st and 2nd VP are. Reggie and Danny will continue to explore this and publish proposals to the Lodestar.

17. New Business

- a. **Increasing Media Presence** – Several members reported their successes with Social Media efforts (Facebook, etc.). David Liles indicated that they have gained a number of new members. Tom Mitchell said the US Faceter's Guild has increased their activity by 80% in four months. Ken Brenneman stated that with help from a new young lady member, they have revamped their Facebook page and their website, and have some real hope of reviving their club. Judith Birx from Withlacoochee commented that they have gotten new members from popular posts.

Wayne Dodd suggested that we identify someone who can support clubs in this area. Tom Mitchell suggested we need a team to effectively promote, monitor and consult. Lori indicated that she has Publications email as a method of disseminating information. Barbi Beatty suggested using Google Drive for files and posting links on Facebook, the website and thru email.

Jason Hamilton Suggested and advertising push system -vs- pull system. Send info out, rather than post packet on website and expect people to look up. Steve Henegar suggested sending a monthly article/newsletter corner to each moderator for inclusion. Jesse will follow-up. Jesse suggested including Cyber security in the 10 points. Also suggested that we modernize our website. Maybe we need to approach AFMS or do our own. The AFMS system seems to hamstring our options. Charles suggested we use the AFMS site to post a link to a "new" site.

- b. **Florida** – Meri Jo Theobald has agreed to be an Assistant State Director
- c. **Workshop Scholarship Drawing** – Teresa Polly indicated that the current process seems ineffective. Need improvements of ticket supplies, advertising, solicitation for prizes, etc. Lisa Roberts would be willing to assist.

18. Adjourn – Motion to adjourn made by Danny Griffin, seconded by Bill Waggener. Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM

September Zoom Minutes

SOUTHEAST FEDERATION OF MINERALOGICAL SOCIETIES
EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES
September 20, 2020
Hosted on Zoom by David Nock and Chris Conlon of the EFMLS

Virtual Meeting Attendance Roll :

Jesse Griffin, Dennis Buchanan, Reggie Bolton, Barbi Beatty, Jerri Heer, Bill Waggener, Lori Heinemann, Teresa Polly, Dave Wayment, Danny Griffin, Charles Carter, Travis Paris, Chris Rutherford, Mark Easterbrook, Ken Moser, Rick Yost.

Jesse Griffin called Meeting to order at 2: 13 PM.

Jerri Heer verified quorum – need 1/3 of the 16 members = 6 people. We have 8.

Agenda:

1. Annual Meeting – This meeting requires 20%.

Dave Wayment has indicated that we could hold it with Zoom at the same day of the AFMS Annual meeting, perhaps just before.

We have also received an offer from the Mobile, Alabama Club to host during their Show which is Thanksgiving weekend.

Jesse stated that he liked the option to have by Zoom, during AFMS Meeting day. No travel, no hotels, travel during Thanksgiving. Jerri commented that during Covid, travel is dangerous for our aging population. While we are very appreciative that Mobile has made this offer, it does not seem advisable at this time. Teresa Polly stated that her employer would require her to quarantine for two weeks if she travels, and others may have similar restrictions.

Bill Waggener asked what weekend is AFMS? Dave W. said its October 17th. Suggestion is for 8 AM EST. AFMS Meeting is at 11AM, so we would hope to be done by then. Some of our people are on Central time, which would mean signing in at 7AM EST.

Jerri Heer made a motion to hold the SFMS Annual Meeting by Zoom at 8 AM EST on Saturday, October 17, 2020. Dennis Buchanan seconded. Discussion suggested an hour later, at 9 AM EST, but the consensus was the risk of overlap was too great. After the AFMS meeting there are several other meetings scheduled through evening, so 8AM EST seems the best option. This allows more than two hours for our meeting. David Nock from EFMLS offered to host again. Zoom may also provide better opportunities for more to attend because of the lack of travel and expense, making it easier to make quorum. Jerri noted that at this Executive meeting we have 15 of the 18 we would need for quorum for an Annual meeting. Motion carried.

2. Elections – Slate is full except for 2nd VP. Suggestions requested from the floor. All other positions are willing to continue. Jerri will work up the slate and get to Lodestar by this Thursday, (according to Lori). Also need slate for Mayo Board as well. We are past the required date, so we will have to offer to accept nominations from the floor.

3. Mayo Scholarships – Bill Waggener stated that all scholarships have been awarded, one returned Victoria Frazier, who graduated.

4. SFMS Website is out of date. Lori indicated that her computer is not up to the task. Our website is a page on AFMS. Jerri suggested we provide a laptop to the webmaster, as we did for the Treasurer and Secretary. Teresa Polly suggested that we put in the 2021 budget. David Wayment suggested that since we didn't use travel money for AFMS this year, we reallocate that money now, do a budget adjustment. Dave made a motion to amend the budget to reallocate up to \$2000 to provide laptop and software, move from Travel for AFMS. Jerri seconded. Motion carried.

5. Dennis Buchanan indicated that he has been unable to find State Directors for Virginia and Kentucky. Has recruited Chris Rutherford for Alabama State Director. Barbi indicated that Buddy Shotts had heart surgery, so Mississippi State Director may be in jeopardy.

6. Melissa, Jesse and Barbi need to have a budget meeting. Need to be able to discuss waiving or cutting dues. If Barbi can prepare a preliminary budget.

7. David Wayment made a motion to adjourn, Bill Waggener seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 2:56 PM.

On September 23, 2020 with an email request from President Jesse Griffin, Jerri Heer sent an email out to the Executive Board making a motion to:

Accept Barbi Beatty as Treasurer retroactively for the 2020 fiscal year and place her on the ballot/slate for this Annual Meeting for another year.

Dennis Buchanan seconded

This action will correct an error in the timing and time frame of her previous election.

Jerri Heer, Dennis Buchanan, Steve Henegar, David Liles, John Narang, Melissa Hill, Chris Rutherford, Teresa Polly, Jason Hamilton, William Waggener, Reggie Bolton, Cyndy Hummel

Motion carried. Barbi Beatty is appointed for the entirety of the 2020 fiscal year as Treasurer.

SFMS Approved Budget

Income	Proposed 2019 Budget	Actual 9/30/2019	Proposed 2020 Budget	Proposed 2021 Budget
Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Dues	13,000.00	13,791.00	13,800.00	13,800.00
Interest	8.00	134.79	130.00	130.00
Wildacres Workshop	38,000.00	32,419.00	32,500.00	32,500.00
WM Holland Workshop	19,000.00	17,188.00	19,000.00	19,000.00
Rockhound Roundup	200.00	602.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Miscellaneous - Other				
-Insurance	23,000.00	22,426.00	22,400.00	22,400.00
Workshop Scholarship	3,000.00	750.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
-Lodestar Subscription		0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Income	96,208.00	87,310.79	89,830.00	89,830.00
Officers Expense				
Secretary	500.00	163.14	200.00	200.00
Membership Secretary	200.00	324.45	500.00	500.00
Treasurer	100.00	150.00	200.00	200.00
Other Officers	400.00	0.00	200.00	200.00
Bonding of Officers	1,600.00	0.00	1,600.00	1,600.00
Officers Expense Subtotal	2,800.00	637.59	2,700.00	2,700.00
Committee Expenses				
Bulletin/Website Contest	600.00	192.12	300.00	800.00
Editor Lodestar	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.00
Publications	400.00	0.00	400.00	400.00
Insurance	20,000.00	20,824.00	22,000.00	22,000.00
Supplies	500.00	325.77	500.00	500.00
Slide Programs	500.00	0.00	500.00	500.00
Education				
-Junior Scholarships	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
-Wildacres Workshop	38,000.00	31,566.00	32,500.00	32,500.00
-Wm Holland Workshop	19,000.00	19,319.00	19,000.00	19,000.00
-Other (advertising etc)	500.00	0.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Federation Meetings	1,000.00	0.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Youth Resources	500.00	0.00	200.00	200.00
Social Concerns	200.00	0.00	100.00	100.00
ALAA	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00
Committee Expense Subtotal	82,350.00	72,276.89	83,150.00	83,650.00
Miscellaneous Expenses				
Dues American Federation	6,500.00	6,240.75	6,500.00	6,500.00
Officer Travel AFMS	2,000.00	2,059.31	2,000.00	2,000.00
Awards	600.00	192.12	600.00	600.00
Mayo Education Foundation	500.00	600.00	500.00	500.00
Website Hosting				600.00
Miscellaneous	500.00	0.00	500.00	800.00
Workshop Scholarship	3,160.00	750.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Admin Expenses	500.00	0.00	500.00	500.00
Miscellaneous Expense Subtotal	13,760.00	9,842.18	11,600.00	12,500.00
Summary				
Total Income	96,208.00	86,560.79	89,830.00	89,830.00
Total Expense	98,910.00	83,148.24	97,450.00	98,850.00
Net Income	(2,702.00)	3,412.55	(7,620.00)	(9,020.00)

Bulletin Editor Contest Report – for the 2020 Annual Meeting

2021 BULLETIN EDITOR'S CONTEST

With the AFMS annual convention and show in April 2021, it is time to set a deadline for bulletin editor's contest submissions for the 2021 contest. The deadline for submittal to the **2021** SFMS contest is **January 16, 2021**. This date is according to the AFMS contest and their submittal schedule. The deadline will allow SFMS editors to consider entries from each month in 2020, January through December. I realize this deadline is ambitious, but it is the best that we can do to meet the AFMS submittal deadlines given the upcoming traditional holidays. This information will be placed on the SFMS web site. Please visit the SFMS web site link for the bulletin editor's contest for much information and rules (www.amfed.org/sfms/bulletin_contest.html). The SFMS is currently working on establishing their own web site independent of the AFMS, so the link will change soon.

There is only one change for entries this year. The number of category entries allowed per club will be set at three entries per category. Each of the three entries per category must have been written by different authors. The only categories this rule does not apply to are the individual bulletin categories including 'New Editor', 'Mini Bulletin', 'Small Bulletin', and 'Large Bulletin'. These bulletin categories will remain at one entry per editor per category per club.

For this year, the SFMS WILL NOT have a restriction on those who won the first place award in 2018 or 2019 from entering the 2020 contest. This will not be the case for AFMS contest. If you have any questions, please let me know.

All entries must be submitted in PDF format on a CD or DVD in addition to the hard copies that are mailed as usual.

Remember, to qualify for the 2021 contest, your entry must have been published exclusively for your club newsletter or bulletin during 2020. If you have any questions, please do contact me. I look forward to receiving your entries. Please send in your submissions to the following address by the deadline:

2021 SFMS Bulletin Editor's Contest
c/o Mark Easterbrook
6701 Dorchester Road, Apt. 1007
North Charleston, SC 29418
Email: asgardsgc@earthlink.net
Cell: 843-276-4016

2020 BULLETIN EDITOR'S CONTEST WINNERS

Mark Easterbrook, SFMS Bulletin Editor's Contest Chair

The following are the results of the 2020 SFMS Bulletin Editor's Contest as announced virtually at the 17 October SFMS Annual Meeting. I want to thank all of the entrants. There were fewer entries for 2020 than the year before in similar categories due mainly to the very early deadline for submittal. Please visit the SFMS website for more information: http://www.amfed.org/sfms/bulletin_contest.html. The following is a list of all of the winners in the 2020 contest. Honorable Mention winners are shown in no particular order. You are all winners. Congratulations and well done!

NEW EDITORS

Second Place – Stacy Walbridge, Editor: *The Mountain Gem*, December 2019; Gem & Mineral Society of Franklin, North Carolina

MINI BULLETINS – No Entries

SMALL BULLETINS – No Entries

LARGE BULLETINS

First Place – Nancy Roberts, Editor: *The Nugget*, December 2018; North Mississippi Gem and Mineral Society

JUNIOR ARTICLES 12 to 17 – No Entries

JUNIOR ARTICLES Under 12

First Place – Sydney Thornton, Age 7: Touring Fantastic Caverns – *The Nugget*, November 2018; North Mississippi Gem and Mineral Society

Second Place – Wesley Holman, Age 9: My Name is Wesley Holman – *Rocky Echoes*, March 2019; Mississippi Gem and Mineral Society

Third Place – Sophie Gunther, Age 8: My Trip to the Huntsville Show – *The Nugget*, November 2019; North Mississippi Gem and Mineral Society

Fourth Place – Amelia Thornton, Age 6: Visiting the Big Thunder Gold Mine – *The Nugget*, November 2019; North Mississippi Gem and Mineral Society

ADULT POETRY – No Entries

JUNIOR POETRY – No Entries

SPECIAL PUBLICATIONS – No Entries

ORIGINAL ADULT ARTICLES

First Place – Nikki Kenney: Tips for Threading a Beading Needle – *The Nugget*, June 2019; North Mississippi Gem and Mineral Society

Second Place – Beverly P. Kraft: Eureka! I Have Found It! – *The Nugget*, June 2019; North Mississippi Gem and Mineral Society

Third Place – Lisa Keys: Learning to Work with Sterling Silver – *The Nugget*, December 2019; North Mississippi Gem and Mineral Society

ORIGINAL ADULT ARTICLES ADVANCED

First Place – Dion Stewart: Some of My Favorite Turquoise – The Semiprecious December Birthstone – Tips and Trips, December 2018; Georgia Mineral Society

Second Place – Nancy Roberts: Learning About Fluorescent Minerals – *The Nugget*, November 2019; North Mississippi Gem and Mineral Society

DRAWN FEATURES – No Entries

WRITTEN FEATURES

First Place – Debbie Crow: Educational Resources at the 2019 Gem Show – *Rocky Echoes*, March 2019; Mississippi Gem and Mineral Society

Second Place – Tom Batcha: The Story of an Ugly Rock – *Tips and Trips*, October 2019; Georgia Mineral Society

Third Place – Kim Cochran: Margaret Ronan – *Tips and Trips*, June 2019; Georgia Mineral Society

Fourth Place – Carol Ishee with Debbie Crow: Mississippi's State Stone: Petrified Wood, Information from the May Program Meeting – *Rocky Echoes*, June 2019; Mississippi Gem and Mineral Society

Fifth Place – Dion Stewart: Wholesale Prices for Large Diamonds are in 'Free Fall' – *Tips and Trips*, November 2019; Georgia Mineral Society

Sixth Place – Lori Carter: Quartz Crystals & Cook-out in Hogansville, Georgia – *Tips and Trips*, December 2019; Georgia Mineral Society

Seventh Place – Jim Roberts: Meeting Program Review: NMGMS November 17, 2018 Meeting – *The Nugget*, December 2018; North Mississippi Gem and Mineral Society

Eighth Place – Donnie Chandler: The Rambling Rockhound Rolls Again – *Rocky Echoes*, January 2019; Mississippi Gem and Mineral Society

Ninth Place – Nikki Kenney: Make a Beading Tray – *The Nugget*, March 2019, North Mississippi Gem and Mineral Society

Tenth Place – Nancy Roberts: Collecting Quartz Crystals in Mt. Ida, AR – *The Nugget*, April 2019, North Mississippi Gem and Mineral Society

Honorable Mention – Mike Schuchs: Welcome to the Stone Age – *The Nugget*, February 2019, North Mississippi Gem and Mineral Society

Honorable Mention – Ken McCarley: Agates – *Rocky Echoes*, July 2019; Mississippi Gem and Mineral Society

2020 AFMS Bulletin Hall of Fame Editors:

CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT

David Jacobsen

Because of his many accomplishments as editor
Canaveral Gem and Mineral Society

David has been voted in to the

**BULLETIN EDITOR'S
HALL OF FAME**

Established at Boka, Idaho: 1995

David Weismant AFMS President 2020

CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT

Matthew Lybanon

Because of his many accomplishments as editor
Memphis Archaeological and Geological Society

Matthew has been voted in to the

**BULLETIN EDITOR'S
HALL OF FAME**

Established at Boka, Idaho: 1995

David Weismant AFMS President 2020

CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT

Lori Heinemann

Because of her many accomplishments as editor
Suncoast Gem and Mineral Society, Inc.

Pinellas Geological Society

SFMS Lodestar Editor

Lori has been voted in to the

**BULLETIN EDITOR'S
HALL OF FAME**

Established at Boka, Idaho: 1995

David Weismant AFMS President 2020

Treasurers Report – for the 2020 Annual Meeting

S F M S Treasurer's Report

15-Oct-20

Report prepared using Date as of January 1, 2020 -October 15, 2020

INCOME

Workshop Scholarship Income	\$0.00
Membership Dues	\$11,678.00
Interest income	\$223.59
Workshop Income Wildacres	\$0.00
Workshop Income William Holland	\$0.00
Rock Hound Roundup	\$907.50
Insurance Income	\$23,054.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$35,863.09

EXPENSES

Workshop Scholarship Expenses	\$0.00
Bank Fees	\$12.00
Treasurer Expenses	\$0.00
Secretary Expenses	\$28.45
Membership Secretary Expenses (Directory)	\$410.81
Insurance Dues	\$20,315.00
Workshop Expenses Wildacres (Website Hosting)	\$348.85
Workshop Expenses William Holland	\$0.00
Rock Hound Roundup	\$696.95
Federation Meeting/Social Concerns Expenses	\$156.18
Slide Program Expenses	\$0.00
Awards/Bulletin/Website Contest Expenses	\$0.00
AFMS Federation Dues	\$6,121.00
AFMS Officer Travel Expenses	\$0.00
Office Supply/printing/postage Expenses	\$132.54
Raffle	\$0.00
Mayo Ed Foundation	\$500.00
Miscellaneous	\$0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$28,721.78

NET INCOME	\$7,141.31
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ROCKHOUND ROUNDUP SUMMARY

Roundup Income	\$575.00
Roundup Expense	\$0.00
Total	\$575.00

WORKSHOP SUMMARY

Wildacres Income	\$0.00
Wildacres Expense	\$0.00
Total	\$0.00
William Holland Income	\$0.00
William Holland Expense	\$0.00
Total	\$0.00
Workshop website hosting	-\$348.85
Workshop Income	\$0.00
Workshop Expense	\$0.00
Scholarships Given	\$0.00
Workshop Total	-\$348.85

Respectfully submitted,
Barbi Beaty
SFMS Treasurer

October 15, 2020

ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking/Savings

SFMS OPERATING ACCT	23,953.06
SAVINGS	\$19,066.80
WILDACRES WORKSHOP	\$2,575.00
WILLIAM HOLLAND WORKSHOP	\$4,175.00
CD	<u>\$10,416.82</u>
Total Checking/Savings	\$60,186.68

SFMS Bank Transactions 1/1/2020 thru 3/1/2020

Operations

Date	Transaction	Check #	Transaction	Amount
1/22/2020	CHECK		BRANCH/STORE #105618932 Rock Hound Roundup	\$250.00
2/27/2020	CHECK		BRANCH/STORE #105618922 Rock Hound Roundup	\$100.00
2/27/2020	DEPOSIT		BRANCH/STORE #105618927 Rock Hound Roundup	\$225.00
3/1/2020	DEPOSIT		CLUB INSURANCE PAYMENTS AND 2 CLUB MEMBERSHIPS	\$15,481.00
Current balance				\$33,588.99

Savings

Date	Transaction	Check #	Transaction	Amount
1/31/2020	INTREST		INTEREST PAYMENT	\$0.49
2/28/2020	INTREST		INTEREST PAYMENT	\$0.45
Current balance				\$19,065.47

William Holland

Date	Transaction	Check #	Transaction	Amount
3/1/200	DEPOSIT	PAY PAL	STUDENT DEPOSITS	\$96.50
Current balance				\$3,096.50

Wildacres

Date	Transaction	Check #	Transaction	Amount
3/1/2020	DEPOSIT	PAYPAL	STUDENT DEPOSITS	\$386.60
Current balance				\$3,386.60

CD

Date	Transaction	Check #	Transaction	Amount
1/14/2020	INTREST		INTEREST PAYMENT	\$22.28
2/14/2020	INTREST		INTEREST PAYMENT	\$22.33
Current balance				\$10,240.11

Opp	\$33,588.99
Sav	\$19,065.47
WH	\$3,096.50
WA	\$3,386.60
CD	<u>\$10,240.11</u>
TOTAL OF ALL ACCOUNTS	\$69,377.67

Tennessee State Report – for the 2020 Annual Meeting

Tennessee State Report 10-10-20

I talked to Bob and Rowan Morgan of the Kingsport Gems & Mineral Society and they said that they plan on resuming club meetings early next year. The club is planning its Summer Bays Mountain show and November 2021 show in Gray, TN. They lost long time member and past president, Rick Davidson, a couple of months back and our thoughts are with his wife.

The Knoxville Gem & Mineral Society cancelled their annual October show due to COVID-19. They have been holding meetings using online platforms. They voted to resume field trips, with social distancing, last month.

The Memphis Archaeological and Geological Society is holding their regular and junior meetings at Freeman Smith Park, to facilitate social distancing, instead of Shady Grove Presbyterian Church. They hope to resume regular meetings soon. Mike Baldwin said that they have extended the tenure of their current officers until 2021 and they are not going to charge member's dues for next year. They are going on a field trip to Dale Hollow Lake. By the time I wrote this report W. C. had not gotten back with me about the status of the club's show in April.

I talked to Steve Henegar with the Mid-Tennessee Gem & Mineral Society and they had to cancel their December show because the Agricultural Center is being used for COVID-19 testing. They also considered electronic meetings but the idea has not been popular. The Middle Tennessee Rockhounds had to cancel their Spring Dig-It event and they are looking for a new location to hold the event next year. The club held elections and Wayne Ramsey was elected as the new President. The club is holding regular meetings and the members that need to socially distance are keeping up with each other on Zoom. The club went on a field trip to Coon Creek and they plan a trip to the Ben E. Clement Mineral Museum in Kentucky.

I emailed the President of the Tennessee Valley Rock & Mineral Society but at the time of this report I have not received a reply.

Teresa Polly
Tennessee State Director

SFMS Mayo Report – for the 2020 Annual Meeting

2021 Mayo Foundation Report

The Mayo Foundation is pleased to report that we distributed \$6550 in scholarships to nine deserving students from four Universities. We had ten qualified applications, but one student graduated early, before distribution, so her award was returned and will be applied to next year's awards.

The Mayo Foundation depends on donations from the Federation, clubs and individuals to fund the Endowment, and only the proceeds of investing the Endowment principal are used for student scholarship awards.

We encourage clubs to support the Endowment Fund in any way possible. Some clubs provide donations in memory of Club members who have passed. Perhaps a donation of the proceeds of a raffle or auction.

Your club can promote students from their local Universities to apply for these scholarship funds. Visit or call the Geology Department of your local University to inform them of this option for their students.

SFMS Committees

SFMS Editor Report – for the 2020 Annual Meeting

Our monthly newsletter is published (approximately) the first day of the month.

We are looking forward to providing the readers with the SFMS news and updates. We look to you for submissions of relative information to share with all.

Please submit all entries timely, to ensure your submission is included in the monthly edition. If the submission is received after the due date, your information will be published in the following scheduled edition.

For your club show listing in the SFMS Lodestar, we need a request from your local club, with the dates and relative information each year. This is not a change, just continuing - as dates always change, and you may have other updates.

Are you receiving the SFMS Lodestar Newsletter?

We need you to submit a request to subscribe to receive the newsletter, if you are not already receiving the monthly bulletin.

Enjoy the Day.

Lori
SFMS Lodestar Editor
SFMS.Lodestar@gmail.com

SFMS Publications Committee Report – for the 2020 Annual Meeting

SFMS Publications Committee - Quarterly Meeting Submission

For the Quarterly Report from the SFMS Publications committee:

The current project for the SFMS Publications committee is to remind and encourage all of you to communicate to our Clubs via our long standing SFMS Lodestar news Bulletin.

The Publications position is providing communication via the Lodestar Bulletin, the website, facebook, and email notifications... No actual paper documents are printed or distributed as we are in the electronic and virtual age now, and we can reach out to so many more on these platforms.

We are seeking submissions from you at the club level, and the SFMS level. We need submissions for the bulletin to inform our 74+ regional clubs.

The SFMS committees, BOD, and state representatives - are all encouraged to submit information to the Lodestar newsletter each and every month.

The information should be positive, and timely.

For instance, a State Representative may provide where they will be traveling in the next month, in particular which clubs they intend to visit. However this is not to provide reasons for not visiting, excuses, and

or other negative comments.

For committees, this would be advantageous to keep in regular communication with all. Providing updates, or sharing noteworthy information, new developments, and or or other interesting items.

Our lodestar bulletin is our monthly opportunity to communicate and provide any information from the SFMS regional level. By simply submitting and providing information to our Lodestar Bulletin, you will help to show value of the SFMS to all of the clubs within our region.

Therefore I call on all of you (SFMS Committees, BOD, and State Representatives) to provide a small or minimal input to make our Lodestar Bulletin a healthy newsworthy source to all of our clubs. Thank you.

The SFMS Lodestar email address is: SFMS.Lodestar@gmail.com

Thank you for your time.

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Heinemann
SFMS Publications Committee Chair
SFMS-Publications@mail.com

Low Country Report – for the 2020 Annual Meeting

Status of the Lowcountry Gem and Mineral Society.

The pandemic hit us hard, the same as it did everyone. Our meeting space was part of the City of North Charleston. As a government building, we were unable to meet there until September. During the pandemic, the City of North Charleston changed the usage of the building. We could still meet there but only from 6 PM to 7:30 PM. and the capacity was limited to 10. We held our September meeting there but the limit of 10 was not in danger. We do have a new place to meet if we want it. It is not a central location and is somewhat difficult to get to, as it is downtown Charleston. We are holding our October meeting there to see how it will work out. We are continuing to explore our options for another location.

We have a slate of officers, for next year, that contains a mixture of new and old members. We will have a different President and Vice President, with the remaining officers returning. Hopefully, this will allow us to continue gaining new members, as we had added quite a few new members prior to the pandemic shut-down. This increase was a direct result of the new increased social media presence of the Lowcountry Gem and Mineral Society.

Submitted by
Ken Brenneman, President
Low Country Gem and Mineral Society

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 that are 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:

sfms-dmc@amfed.org

World Wide Web site for the DMC is:

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

DMC is a program of the Field Trip Committee of the Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies, Inc.

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Dixie Mineral Council Field Trips

The Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies, Inc



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SFMS Rockhound Round-Up



Southeast Federation Mineralogical Societies, Inc.

Rockhound Roundup Application

March 12 - 14, 2021

Suwannee River Music Park, Live Oak, FL

This is the second of many Rockhound Roundups sponsored by the SFMS. Each SFMS member who applies for and is accepted, will be allotted a 10' x 20' space in an open field designated for this event. Cost this year is a minimal \$25.00 per space, one space per Vendor, for one to all three days. No tents, tables or chairs are available, you MUST BRING YOUR OWN! This is intended to be an old-fashioned rock swap and sale - bring your pickup, drop the tailgate and have fun.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Email: _____

SFMS Club Affiliation: _____

Vehicle Make/Model: _____ Plate#: _____

Will you have a tent? Yes _____ No _____

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

Your signature indicates acceptance of the terms and conditions outlined in this two-page document.

Send Application and check made out to SFMS to:

SFMS Secretary
Jerri Heer
9016 122nd Av
Tampa, FL 33637-5321

_____ for office use only _____

Date form was received: _____ By: _____ Check # _____ Check \$ _____

Space assignment: Row: _____ Space: _____

SFMS Third Annual Rockhound Roundup

Set-up Friday- Sunday, March 12- 14, 2021 each day from 8 am – 10 am. Check in at the SFMS Welcome tent. All vendor vehicles must be in place by 10 am. Swap and sales start each day at 10 am, ending at 5 pm.

Venue Info:

1. Restrooms are available inside the Suwannee River Music Park at the Music Hall and Café. We will also have Porta-Potties and a wash Station on site.
2. ATM machine is available in the General Store.
3. Housing: Cabins, RV Space and campsites are available in the Park. Call Carol Walker at (386)365-0070 for reservations. If you don't reach her, leave a message, she will call you back. Please indicate that that you are with the Rockhound Roundup as they are tracking our participation. You may also reserve online at www.musicliveshere.com or by calling the main line (386)364-1683.
4. Hotels: In addition to accommodations onsite, there are several hotels nearby. Go to <https://www.musicliveshere.com/directions-maps/> for a list.
5. The General Store and Café has food available onsite and as take out. We are attempting to arrange food service, but that is not finalized at this time. You are welcome to bring your own food and beverages. We may provide bottle water for sale at the SFMS Welcome Booth.

SFMS Responsibilities:

1. Provide a marked 10' x 20' space and vehicle access to the space.
2. Provide access to trash receptacles
3. Provide access to toilet facilities

Applicant/Vendor Responsibilities

1. Set-up within boundaries of provided space. Any changes to the designated space are only allowed at the discretion of the Roundup Committee.
2. Police assigned site for trash during and after event.
3. You are responsible for your own security. You may set-up and tear down each day.
4. Provide all equipment, tents, tables and chairs for your own set-up.

We ask that you please be understanding that as this is only our second time hosting this event. We will try to anticipate all reasonable needs. Our goal is to provide a smooth event, but there will likely be hiccups along the way. All of us are volunteers trying to make this an enjoyable event for all. We welcome your suggestions and ideas for improvement. You may email questions to jheerx5@aol.com.

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.

Please review the Vice-President 's section for some information this month!

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 2021. 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 2021 is on the SFMS Website, 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, 2021. The address for remitting forms and payments is on the forms. 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.

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.

January 16-17, 2021; Deland, FL

**Tomoka Gem & Mineral Society's 46th Annual
JEWELRY, GEM, MINERAL, and FOSSIL
SHOW & SALE**

January 16-17, 2020 #WondersDownUnder2021

Silent Auction-Demos-Kid's Activities-Free Parking

Hourly Drawings-Daily Raffle-Grand Prize Raffle

Masks Required

When: Saturday January 16, 10 a.m. to 6 pm.
Sunday January 17, 10 a.m. to 5 a.m.

Admission: \$4 day/adult \$7 two day ticket
kids 12 and under free with paid adult

Where: Volusia County Fairgrounds, Tommy Lawrence arena
State Rte. 44, Deland, FL (1/4 mile east of I-4, exit 118A)

Bring this coupon for \$1 OFF admission

February 6-7, 2021; Merritt Island, FL

Central Brevard Rock and Gem Club will be hosting our 44th annual show at Kiwanis Island Recreation Center (951 Kiwanis Island Park Merritt Island, FL.) on Feb 6 & 7 2021.

We expect to have over 20 vendors selling rocks, minerals, specimens, finished jewelry and lapidary supplies. We will have door prizes, as well as, grand prize drawing.

Admission is \$4.00 for adults, kids under 12 are free with an adult.

There will be a sluice and spinning wheel for the kids as well.

Contact Roz Mestre at roz.mestre@att.net or 321 431-0159 for more information.

February 27, 2021; Lakeland, FL

2021 Annual show;

Imperial Bone Valley Gem, Mineral & Fossil Society;

First Presbyterian Church; 175 Lake Hollingsworth Dr.; Sat. 9-4:30;

adults \$3, students, children and teachers free; door prizes, Spin & Win Mineral Wheel, kids' Treasure Dig, demonstrations, educational displays, silent and Chinese auctions, dealers with rocks, minerals, fossils, jewelry, gifts, hobby supplies, lapidary demonstrations, wire wrapping, cabochon making;

contact Kim Price, (863) 412-9156; e-mail: IBVGMFS@gmail.com; Web site: www.bonevalley.net

March 12 – 14, 2021; Live Oak, FL

SFMS ROCKHOUND ROUND-UP - 2021

Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies (SFMS)
3rd annual Rockhound Round-Up.

Who: All Members of all SFMS Clubs are Welcome. From Clubs in good standing with SFMS.
Members in good standing from over 74 Clubs in: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, TN.

What: A good old-fashion Rock-Swap.

When: March 12th, 13th, and 14th, 2020.
Save the Date.

Where: Spirit of Suwannee Music Park
3076 95th Drive, Live Oak, FL 32060
(386) 364-1683 www.musicliveshere.com

More details to follow...

All buying is open to the general public.



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...



Rock On!

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



2020 SFMS Committee Chairs

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

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

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- 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



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