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President's Report

Hello Everyone! And Yippee! It's finally time for the First Annual SFMS Rockhound Roundup. Be there Friday, Saturday and Sunday May 17-19 at the Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park in Live Oak, Florida. For complete information go to our website www.amfed.org/sfms/ and click on the red letter announcement at the top of the contents page. Our mid-year business meeting will be held during this event so please come to the meeting and stay for the swap. We have at least twenty vendor spaces signed up but it is not too late to add more if anyone is interested. But don't let the \$25 vendor fee scare you off. Feel free to bring a bag or a bucket of whatever you may have to trade. Our main objective is to encourage region-wide fellowship. This is designed to become an annual event. Please share this with your fellow club members and help make it a huge success.

A special welcome goes out to our member clubs in Kentucky and Virginia. We appreciate you in SFMS even though your states are technically in the territory of the Eastern federation. We have lost our state directors in both states so I would be pleased to find volunteers for these positions. If you or someone in your club might be a candidate please contact SFMS 2nd VP Melissa Hill, myself, or another officer. Our director positions for both North and South Carolina are also open with some prospects but nothing definite at this time. Please help. We are counting heavily on state directors to help our efforts to improve communication with and within the federation.

See you at the Roundup, Reggie Bolton Alabama Mineral and Lapidary Society 2019 SFMS president

Secretary's Report



Southeast Federation Mineralogical Societies, Inc. Rockhound Roundup Application May 17 -19, 2019 Suwannee River Music Park, Live Oak, FL

We hope this will be the first 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.

Address:	

Phone:	Ce	ell:	
Email:			
SFMS Club Affiliation:			
Vehicle Make/Model:		Plate#:	
Will you have a tent? Yes	No		
Applicant Signature			
Date			
Your signature indicates acceptance document.	of the terms and c	conditions outlined	in this two-page
Send Application	and check made	out to SFMS to:	
	SFMS Secretary Jerri Heer 9016 122 nd Av npa, FL 33637-53	21	
	_for office use		
only			
Date form was received: \$	By:	Check # _	Check
Space assignment: Row:	Space:		

SFMS First Annual Rockhound Roundup

Set-up Friday- Sunday, May 17-19, 2019 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.
- 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 one or more food trucks, 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 setup.

We ask that you please be understanding that as this will be our first 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 Jheerx6@aol.com.

Editor's Note

I have submitted my resignation as Editor to President Bolton. I am working with a replacement to take over the Editorship. I am getting older and wish to pass the baton to a younger editor. This will allow a smooth transition over the next several months. Submit all articles and notices to sfms.lodestar@gmail.com as usual.

Committee Reports

Education

William Holland Federation Week Workshop June 9 - 14, 2019

Don't miss out...it's not too late to sign up.

We have a great lineup of classes and a fun filled week planned. Please contact Kristine at (863) 640-2887 or email kristine@kmarella.com if you have any questions.

We have a new website this year that is loaded with information on all classes, teachers, registration and information on other 2019 Workshops...

http://www.sfmsworkshops.org





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Silver II, Loop-N-Loop
Chuck Bruce
Silver II, Fusing
Cold Connections
Wire II, Bracelets
Cene Sheridan
Cilver Ween I S. H.

Silver-Wear I & II Jan & Keith Stephens

Electro Etching Micah Kirby

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Safety

Bob Green, Chair

Greetings all, we welcome the warmer weather and the arrival of vast quantities of pollen. The drug makers and pharmacies; I am sure, love this time of the year. It is the allergy seasons "Black Friday". Ha.

This month we will look at the safety of our eyes.

As noted in last month's article, the DIY tv programs are not good examples of personal protection. I caught a couple of shows with the intent of looking at how they viewed safety. A couple of the shows were scary with the lack of personal protective equipment (PPE). And several were doing demolition of walls and removing layers of old flooring and were not wearing eye protection. Now, Norm Abrams, the host of the New Yankee Workshop did the best job of cautions and what is needed to protect your personal health assets.

Let's look at our lapidary hobbies for all the ways we can go wrong.

I have on several occasions noted that as a cabachoner; I have gotten chips of the harder more brittle rock bounce off my glasses or face. Without the safety glasses, which my doctor insists that I wear, I would have had an eye injury. Now, as I get older, my eyes have changed, I now heed my glasses to see anything closer than 18 inches.

As we love to go on "digs" we must remember that when we hit a rock with a hammer, the projectiles go parallel to the face of the hammer and your neighbor may get the splattered material that you just generated. So if you have a neighbor also using a hammer or sledge you need safety glasses with side shields.

Of course, every ones knows to use safety glasses while soldering or using a torch for any activity. Several years ago, we had a demonstration by a very good lamp work bead artist. At the start of her presentation, she noted the importance of using safety glasses; then started her demonstration with her safety glasses laying on the table. She was very nice about the incident saying "do as I say, not as I do", all laughed.

I am a marginal silver melter; and as such my production rate is quite slow, and as such I do keep my day job. Several years ago, in my first class, the instructor

was more concerned about her upcoming show and making some new pieces so I did not really learn to solder. I did observe the hazards of not being careful with the torch and the pickle pot. I did not burn too many things around me, nor did I damage anything beyond repair. And as noted earlier, my pieces produced were certainly not placed on a high alter, they do provide a quantity of recycle material.

The most important factor in your safety is you, so look at what you are doing and ask yourself, what could go wrong. Be safe and enjoy allergy season.

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 my 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

April 2019 DMC Field Trip Report

Hosted by the Georgia Mineral Society Photos and Report by Lori Carter

GMS Field trip chair Charles Carter could not decide between two locations, so he scheduled both. The first trip was on Saturday, April 6th to a quarry in Bartow County, GA to collect the oldest rocks quarried in Georgia – 1.2 billion year old porphyroblastic granite gneiss. Because of unstable material where we usually collect, quarry personnel took us

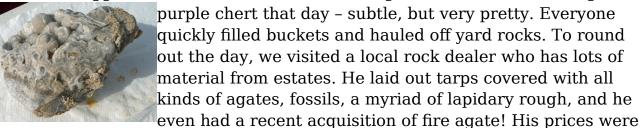


to a different part of the quarry. The blue quartz we hoped to find was not as

abundant there, but everyone found some good samples of blue quartz, and one boulder had more blue than we had ever seen. We also found garnet, pyrite, iridescent hematite, possibly some fluorite, and some slickenside, i.e. a smooth area on a rock caused by friction from movement along a fault. So cool! Quarry personnel were incredibly helpful and everyone said they had a

great time.

Trip 2 was on Sunday, April 7th to Chattooga County, GA for chert with lace agate. It rained the night before, so the ground was a little mushy and that limited the area we could search, but it also revealed agate everywhere! It was like Easter eggs for rockhounds! In addition to agate, there was a lot of light

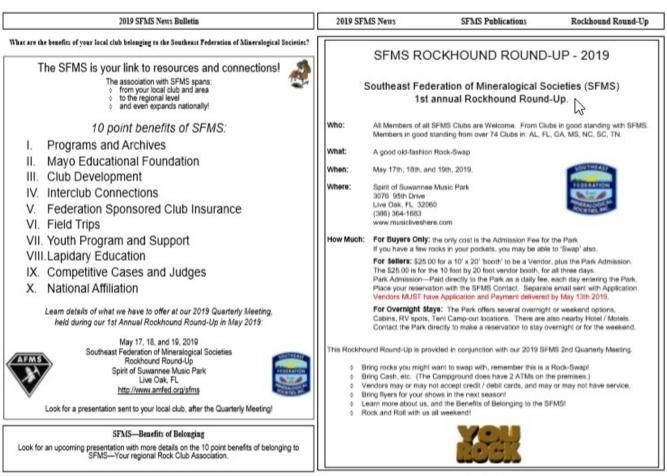


so good, I think almost everyone went home with at least a little extra treasure.

Many thanks to the property owners for allowing us to collect and for keeping us safe. Also, thanks to our rock dealer friend for inviting us to his rock sale, and thank you to Charles Carter and other GMS members for helping GMS host an excellent DMC weekend!

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

SFMS 10 Point Benefits Flyer & Rockhound Round-Up



Rock On! Rock On!



GEM AND MINERAL SHOWS

May 10 - 12, 2019; Marietta, GA

The Georgia Mineral Society's 51st Annual Mother's Day Weekend Gem, Mineral, Jewelry, and Fossil Show – May 10, 11, 12, 2019 – Cobb Civic Center, 548 South Marietta Pkwy., SE, Marietta, GA 30060. Show Hours: Friday – 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.; Saturday – 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.; Sunday – noon – 5 p.m. EXCITING AUCTION Saturday at 1 p.m.!!! FREE Admission! FREE Parking! Over 30 Dealers! Door Prizes! SPECIAL Door Prize for Students! Win a Great Prize for Yourself and for Your School!

Website - <u>www.gamineral.org</u> Email - <u>mayshow@gamineral.org</u>

May 18 & 19, 2019, Biloxi, MS



May 18 & 19, 2019

Saturday 9 –5pm

Adults - \$5.00 / Kids age 10 & under - Free

Sunday

* * * Poor Prizes Hourly * * *

9 -4pm



Joppa Shrine Temple

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June 21 - 23, 2019, Gastonia, NC

Show Dates: June 21st, 22nd and 23rd (Friday, Saturday and Sunday)

Show Times: Friday and Saturday: 09-00am - 6-00pm, Sunday 09-00am to 4-00

pm

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Vendors, please contact Bob Winstanley, Show Chairman, for information:

Phone 704-577-3391

E-mail <u>machine66man@gmail.com</u>

August 12, 2019, Greenville, SC

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(WESTERN CAROLINA GEM AND MINERAL SOCIETY)

2ND ANNUAL GEM AND MINERAL

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AUGUST 12, 2019 VIEWING: 7PM AUCTION: 7:30PM TILL...

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More info: www.canaveral-mgs.com

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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

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