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President's Report

Hello All,

I hope everyone is keeping well during this trying time.

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

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

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

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you,

Jesse Griffin
Knoxville Gem and Mineral Society
2020 SFMS president



Editor's Note

Hello rockhounds!

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

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

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

To curb the urge to get out by staying busy with our rocks and gems. Your show vendors should have an abundance materials/supplies and/or finished products to sell at your future clubs when we get through this.

Unfortunately the sooner we all continue to stay put, the better chance we wont have a second wave of this virus. Be patient.

Keep washing your hands...

Rock On,
Lori Heinemann
SFMS Lodestar Editor

Committee Reports

Education

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

Class list for 2020 June workshop at William Holland school of Lapidary Arts Young Harris Georgia. I am very excited for next year not only will we be enjoying lapidary classes we will all be getting together for the 2nd meeting for the Southeast Federation for 2020. I expect a big turn out for a week of lapidary

classes and end the week with an informative SFMS meeting. I hope everyone will take advantage of this opportunity for a week long class in the lapidary arts followed by a SFMS meeting. I look forward to seeing you On June 7 2020 for a week of fun..... Please don't miss out on getting together with rock-hounds from all over the Southeast coming together at one place to share our love for the Lapidary Arts..... Education and Interclub Connections and Club Development, Programs, Youth Support are 5 of the 10 point benefits of the SFMS that can be achieved by attending this and other workshops. All you have to do is attend a workshop and meet people from other clubs, enjoy and learn in your class, then return home to your club and share your experience with adults and youth alike. You along could be responsible for many others attending a Southeast Federation Workshop and continuing the lapidary arts for the Southeast Federation. Please attend a workshop sfmsworkshop.org

Pass on what you learn at a SFMS Workshop.....

sfmsworkshops.org Check website for Instructor and class, along with registration form

WILDACRES August 17-13 2020 registrarwildacres@gmail.com Claudia Erwin Registrar

Special Projects Adv. Silver with Jeff Sheer
Wire with Rowan Rose-Morgan
Silver 1 & 2 with Patti Appleby
Enamel with Ruth Prince
Methods of Stone Setting Metal Clay with Judi Talley
Metal Mania - Air Chasing, Wire Weaving and Spinner Rings with Cindy Moore
Southwest Jewelry with Morning Sherrod
Seed Beading with Gail DeLuca
Bench Making with Danny Griffin
Cabochons with Buddy Shotts

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Silver 1 & 2 with Patti Appleby
Loop-n-loop with Chuck Bruce
Electro-etching with Micah Kirby
Southwest Jewelry with Morning Sherrod
Metal Mania - Air Chasing, Wire Weaving and Spinner Rings with Cindy Moore
Casting with Bill Harr
Begin Chain with Marilou Hillanbrand
Tangible Moments, Capturing the Beauty of Nature in Metal Clay with Judi Talley
Gem ID 1 with Teresa Pauly

For more info sfmsworkshops.org

Please register early to ensure a spot in the class of your choice..... \$50.00 Deposit required

Lisa Roberts
Education Chair

thank you

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Safety

COVID-19, unfortunately similar to April.

Wash your hands, with 20 seconds of soaping, then rinse. Do not touch your face, unless you have properly washed your hands or used hand sanitizer. If you are in a building, and touch the doors, walls, counters, etc. You need to immediately wash your hands, again properly. Control your coughs and sneezes as the CDC and other responsible folks show. And wear your mask, in spite of back and forths early on it is now agreed, at least by responsible folks to wear your mask.

I repeat this from last month, be considerate, don't be a magpier. That is Australian for a hoarder.

Well, here in the upstate of SC and the north Georgia mountains; life resumes in a somewhat organized manner. Ingles and The Home Depot are doing a good job of working to the CDC requirements, The Home Depot limits customers in the store at any one time and for the most part, folks are considerate. So good for these guys. Most folks in the Ingles I visit are wearing their masks and for the most part, the patrons tend to be middle to elderly and the workers tend to be very helpful. Good for these guys also.

Now, SC and Georgia are opening up certain shops as they try to return to a new abnormal as a senior military guy on TV noted just a few minutes ago. Many folks are resisting running back into the fray. Too

many horror stories coming from the hospitals. We as a country seemed to have messed up a bit on preparedness for this pandemic and we are trying to catch up. Doctor Birx noted today (26-Apr-2020) that she expects to have social distancing through the summer. It should also be noted that my wife had predicted this about 6 weeks ago. She tends to be a realist and many folks had rather hear the optimist.

For all folks, this virus is mean. It consumes the host and in many cases, the virus beats the host. It is true the virus wants to live, and when he kills his meal train he also loses. But this is like many episodes in the past where folks gave their lives for their causes. As noted many times by responsible folks we are in a war. Some less responsible also use this term, unfortunately diminishing its impact.

There are many folks protesting the “lock-downs” we have been enduring. My view, the lock-down has been helpful in slowing the spread of the virus and we know that until there is a vaccine to kill the thing it will be hiding somewhere and we need to be cautious.

Early on there was talk and there is still talk that the warmer weather will diminish the virus. We were in Australia in January and the virus was just beginning to hit Australia in their summertime. So, not sure where that leaves us.

Nations like New Zealand which was locked down and sealed their borders have done well. New Zealand is a great place and a population of about 5 million; and they are surrounded by the ocean. We are a much different country and many different views. Somehow, we need a more unified approach to fighting this virus.

I just learned that the company I work for has made the decision for the employees to work remotely until 1 June 2020 except for a few folks to keep the building safely operating. We have to have a document signed by our supervisor and the safety lead to enter the building.

I wish all a safe and virus free May and we will hopefully be back next month. So; follow CDC guidelines and be cautious. As noted many times, always be aware of your surroundings and be safe

Be safe and follow responsible folk's admonitions.

Bob Green
SFMS Safety Committee Chair



2020 SFMS Workshop Scholarship Drawing

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

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

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

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

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

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

David Wayment
Workshop Scholarship Chairman

DMC Field Trip Report

Field Trip Information

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

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

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

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

Please reply by e-mail to:

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World Wide Web site for the DMC is:

<http://www.amfed.org/sfms/dmc/dmc.htm>

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

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



Dixie Mineral Council Field Trips

The Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies, Inc



The Friendly Federation - Founded in 1976 to serve
DMC Program of the SFMS Field Trip Committee
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SFMS Rockhound Round-Up

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

Suggestions and requests for improvements have already been in discussion.

If you have any questions:

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

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SFMS Benefits of Belonging

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

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

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

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

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

2020-2021 Club and Show Insurance

Club Officers / Insurance Liaisons,

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

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

Thank You,

David Liles

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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.

May 8 – 10, 2020; Marietta, GA

52nd Annual Annual Mother's Day Weekend Gem, Mineral, Jewelry, and Fossil Show
The Georgia Mineral Society

Fri: 10:00 AM to 6PM; Sat: 10AM-6PM; Sun: Noon-5PM – **CONFIRMED SHOW CANCELLATION**

The Georgia Mineral Society's 52nd Annual Mother's Day Weekend Gem, Mineral, Jewelry, and Fossil Show – May 8, 9, and 10, 2020 – 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 – www.gamineral.org

Email – mayshow@gamineral.org

May 8 – 10, 2020; Franklin, NC

DATES: May 8,9,&10, 2020

SHOW: Mothers Day Gemboree

CLUB: Gem & Mineral Society of Franklin, North Carolina

TIMES: Friday 10-5, Saturday 10-5, & Sunday 10 - 4

ADDRESS: 1288 Georgia Road (US441)

SHOW INFO: Free admission, silent auction, finished jewelry, gemstones, rough & slabs, and demonstrations.

CONTACT: Norm Holbert, 828 634-0350 or 828 421-7776cell

June 6, 2020; Greensboro, NC

Greensboro Gem & Mineral Club presents:

8th Annual Piedmont Outdoor Gem, Mineral & Jewelry Show and Sale

Saturday, June 6th 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Piedmont Triad Farmers Market, 2914 Sandy Ridge Road, Colfax, NC
Hosted by Greensboro Gem & Mineral Club --always on the first Saturday of June

Gemstones, minerals, fossils, geologic collectibles, slabs, cabachons, hand crafted jewelry, demos, books. Free mini-geode cut for kids 12 and under. Gem mining wagon. Door prizes and Grand Prize raffle. Concessions. Free parking and free admission. 32+ vendors, 2000+ attendees. Fun for the young, the no-so-young, the curious and the collector.

Vendors contact KB Montgomery, [ggmc.rocks\[at\]gmail.com](mailto:ggmc.rocks[at]gmail.com) or 336-706-0061. More info and application and flyer on www.ggmc-rockhounds.com

June 20 – 21, 2020; Gastonia, NC

Gaston Gem, Mineral and Faceters Club Presents: - Cancelled, due to COVID-19
2020 Summer Gemboree
Saturday, June 20 and Sunday, June 21, 2020
Johan Newcombe Event Center
Habitat For Humanity Restore Bldg.
1840 E. Franklin Blvd.
Gastonia, NC 28054

New Year, New Decade, New Venue! "Rock" our 42nd annual show, now at the Johan Newcombe Event Center in the Habitat for Humanity Restore building. We are in town and inside, celebrating and sharing the club's love and appreciation of gems, minerals and jewelry. Vendors will be showing their offerings in mineral specimens, crystals, geodes, fossils, jewelry, and more!
On-site sluices, treasure buckets, grab bags, prize drawings- all for family fun!
ADMISSION IS FREE!!

For additional information, please contact the club's show chair via our Facebook page.
Show Chair: Robert Winstanley 704-577-3391
www.facebook.com/groups/gastongems
www.gastongemclub.weebly.com

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

The Forsyth Gem & Mineral Club, Inc. presents

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

Theme: Gems & Minerals of Brazil

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

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

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

28 dealers, geode sawing, educational exhibits, and demonstrations

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

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

For any updates please check our website:

www.forsythgemclub.com



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!

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2020 Annual Meeting Host: Knoxville Gem and Mineral Society - _____, 2020 More details to follow in the coming months.

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Bringing at least 10 States together...



Rock On!

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SFMS—Your Regional Rockhound Connection

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



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

The SFMS is your link to resources and connections!



The association with SFMS spans:

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

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

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

10 point benefits of SFMS:

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



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



SFMS—Benefits of Belonging

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