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## President's Report

Hello everyone,

Hello everyone, October looks to be a busy month but I hope to see many of you in Huntsville October 11-13 to take in their show and attend the SFMS annual meetings Friday evening and Saturday morning, where we will be voting on officers for the coming year. If you will participate please get your registration in as soon as possible to our secretary, Jerri Heer. You must be registered to be eligible to vote but the meeting is open to all members. And you need to let her know if you will be attending the Saturday evening banquet.

I greatly enjoyed spending a week in classes with some of you at Wildacres retreat in September. And the August session was also quite successful. Thanks to education chair Lisa Roberts, director Danny Griffin, and registrar Claudia Erwin for all their hard work. And a very special thank you to all the talented teachers who volunteered their time for these classes.

These weeks of classes offered at Wildacres and William Holland are an important benefit of your club's membership in SFMS. This membership also allows you access to youth programs, judging of competitive case displays, and the advantage of national affiliation through the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies. Our federation youth program has struggled with little support for several years but past president Craig Hamilton has stepped in to begin a comeback. His COPS program in Jacksonville has developed some excellent approaches and we encourage all clubs to share their youth successes with Craig and with each other. And take advantage of the well-developed Future Rockhounds program offered on the AFMS website. Our future depends on it. The competitive display case competition is another benefit that has been little used. These displays offer a chance for individual members to share their skills and knowledge and be recognized for excellence in a nationally judged program. The AFMS provides training for judges so that all entrants are judged consistent with uniform national standards. The exhibits can add great interest to your local show. In addition to these advantages our affiliation with the national federation provides a network of communication with rock clubs all over the country. This is facilitated by a national newsletter and an extensive website that includes our regional website. SFMS has adopted the AFMS code of ethics which guides clubs to conduct themselves in such a way that the future of rock collecting is protected. The federation itself is not involved in political conduct because of their non-profit status. But they

assisted in forming the American Lands Access Association which has joined with other groups to help present our concerns to governmental bodies, in particular the Forest Service and BLM. And if you ever find yourself looking for rock opportunities in other parts of the country there should be an affiliated club there that can help you.

Reggie Bolton  
Alabama Mineral and Lapidary Society  
2019 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](mailto: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.

Rock On,  
Lori Heinemann  
SFMS Lodestar Editor

## Secretary's Report

I look forward to seeing and meeting with those of you who will attend this years' Annual Meeting. Each year we meet to focus our efforts in support of the many clubs in our Federation. I appreciate the effort that Bill Friday and the Huntsville Club has put into organizing the meeting space for this meeting.

Lately we've been focused on producing the "10 Point Benefit" Presentation to identify and flesh out those areas that we, as an organization, can aid our member clubs. Although we started this with the intent to create a document that outlined how the SFMS currently serves its members, I've found that in developing the document, it brought up ideas of where we could expand what is currently in place.

As I have travelled across the country visiting fellow rockhounds and local clubs, one thing I've always found is the friendly welcome and willingness to help and share their knowledge. Many of our members can be resources to help each other. We just need to get them together! I would like to see the Federation develop a clearinghouse of those willing to share their knowledge to help. I would like to see our member clubs and individuals come forward to volunteer their expertise to support fellow rockhounds. We can do much when we work together.

Jerri Heer  
SFMS Secretary  
(419) 344-9999



# SOUTHEAST FEDERATION OF MINERALOGICAL SOCIETIES

## EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES

Draft Second Executive Minutes to be approved at the Annual Meeting.

May 18, 2019 – Live Oak, Florida

1. **Call to Order: 9:13 AM**
2. **Invocation – Craig Hamilton**
3. **Introductions**
4. **Pledge of Allegiance**
5. **Host Welcome: SFMS at Suwannee Park – Jerri Heer**
6. **Quorum Check–1/3 of Executive Board: (Officers, Past President, State Directors=21) 9 present.**
7. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion to accept made by Bill Waggener, second by Dave Wayment. Motion carried.
8. **Parliamentarian Appointment:** Dennis Buchanan
9. **Minutes – From March Executive Meeting - In Packet:** Motion made to accept as printed by Teresa Polly, second by Craig Hamilton. Motion carried.
10. **Remarks by President:** Reggie Bolton – In Packet. Reggie commented that transition is happening between John Rasmussen and Lori Heinemann who is assuming editor position.
11. **Officer Reports:**
  - a. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President: Jesse Griffin- In Packet
  - b. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President: Melissa Hill – Stated that Cindy Hammel from the Tarheel Club will be traveling to the North Carolina clubs seeking a candidate for State Director.
  - c. Secretary: Jerri Heer – In Packet
  - d. Treasurer: Barbi Beatty- In Packet
  - e. Asst. Treasurer: David Liles – In Packet- stated he will be working on an abbreviated list of coverage. Will be looking into D & O coverage and will send Certificates of Insurance upon request.
  - f. Membership Secretary: Jason Hamilton – In Packet
  - g. **Lodestar** Editor: John Rasmussen – In Packet – Reggie thanked John Rasmussen for his service and appointed Lori Heinemann to serve until next election.
  - h. Immediate Past President: Craig Hamilton - Currently seeking 2<sup>nd</sup> VP position for next year.
  - i. A.F.M.S. President Elect: Dave Wayment – No Report
  - j. MAYO E.F. President: William Waggener – Scholarship and Finance Reports - In Packet.
12. **State Director Reports:**
  - a. Alabama: Philip Kaiser- In Packet
  - b. Florida: Rosemary Van Wandelen – In Packet  
Florida Assistant Director: Open  
Florida Assistant Director: Tom Mitchell
  - c. Georgia: Kim Cochran - No Report
  - d. Kentucky: Open – 2 clubs
  - e. Louisiana: - All SFMS clubs in Louisiana have moved to South Central Federation – This State now removed from SFMS, no State Director needed.
  - f. Mississippi: Buddy Shotts – No Report – commented that Mississippi Gem and Mineral Society had a great show in February.

- g. North Carolina: Gail Ferguson- Resigned, position needs to be filled.
- h. South Carolina: Open – 6 clubs
- i. Tennessee: Teresa Polly- In Packet – Gave Scholarships out to ETSU and UTK , profits from Show
- j. Virginia: Open – 3 clubs – Club in Orange County, VA contacted SFMS about SFMS, were referred to EFMLS because that Federation is the official region for Virginia.

### **13. S.F.M.S. Committee Chair Reports:**

- a. Bulletin Editor's Contest: Mark Easterbrook – No Report
- b. Constitution and Bylaws: Travis Paris -No Report – Has health issues.
- c. Dixie Mineral Council – Lori Carter – In Packet
- d. Education: Lisa Roberts – In Packet
- e. Field Trip: Charles Carter – No Report
- f. Historian: Open
- g. Long Range Planning: Craig Hamilton, Teresa Polly, Lisa Roberts– No Report
- h. Nominations: Craig Hamilton – need 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Candidate for 2020
- i. Public Relations: Open
- j. Publications: Lori Heinemann – in Packet – reiterated need for submissions to fill Lodestar on a monthly basis.
- k. Safety: Bob Green- No Report- see monthly articles in Lodestar
- l. Slide, Video & DVD Programs: Jason Hamilton – In Packet – will check with AFMS about digitizing
- m. Supplies: Dave Wayment – No Report – Has T-Shirts and pins available
- n. 2019 Annual Meeting Host – Huntsville, AL – Bill Friday – In Packet
- o. Uniform Rules: Leslie Wayment – No Report – seeking competition cases for Huntsville
- p. Ways & Means: Craig Hamilton, Reggie Bolton, Barbi Beatty - No Report
- q. Webmaster: Lori Heinemann – In Packet – hoping for a smooth transition
- r. Wildacres Workshop Director: Lisa Roberts – No Report
- s. Wildacres Workshop Registrar: Claudia Erwin – No Report
- t. William Holland Workshop Director: Kristine Robertson- No Report
- u. William Holland Workshop Registrar: Warren Ratliff- No Report
- v. Workshop Scholarship Committee – Dave Wayment –No Report – Tickets available, seeking donations for the drawing.
- w. Youth Resources: Craig Hamilton – Is talking to Mary at Georgia Mineral Society – needs a conductor to stress usefulness of AFMS Junior Rockhound Program. Encourage clubs to contact him for assistance.

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

- a. A.F.M.S. Newsletter: Open
- b. All American: Open – Dave Wayment explained that this committee deals with the submission of club Scrapbooks of a year's worth of activities for entry into AFMS contest. He will put an article in the Lodestar describing the process.
- c. Boundaries: Buddy Shotts - No Report
- d. Bulletin Editors' Advisory: Mark Easterbrook – No Report
- e. Bulletin Editor's Hall of Fame: Mark Easterbrook– No Report
- 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 – He has tickets for sale.
- 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: Jeff Ursillo – No Report
- s. Website Contest: Jeff Ursillo – No Report

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#### **15. MAYO Educational Foundation Meeting:**

Immediately Following Adjournment

#### **16. Old Business:**

- a. Presentation of 10 Points – SFMS Benefits – Reviewed current revisions to 10 Points list. Lori H suggested we need to develop a list of clubs’ strengths and needs as a reference. Reggie suggested that perhaps State Directors who know clubs the best could help with this. Melissa asked if she should contact those State Directors not present for assistance with this. Phil Kaiser commented that the list is getting out and raising interest in his area. Reggie suggested that the Lodestar could feature one or two points per month. Phil Kaiser commented that the 10 points are well done and will be better when fleshed out. Lori H and Jerri H will do one per month. Reggie will coordinate with his monthly President’s message.
- b. D & O Insurance – David will work with Barbi and Jerri to complete application
- c. Bylaws Review – ongoing – There may be gaps in the current edition on Website, dated 2005. Have all revisions from 1976-2005, and from 2013 – 2019. Will publish when combined.

#### **17. New Business**

- a. Bylaws – proposed changes – Review of Publications Chair which is a Standing Committee. Need to redefine position to include social media, possibly combine Lodestar editor and webmaster as automatic members of that committee. Need to have an Ad Hoc committee to develop language for this Bylaws revision. Reggie, Travis, Lori and Jerri will assist.
- b. DMC Policies/Rules Review and Approval – Policies/Rules provided by Lori Carter were reviewed. Bill Waggener made a motion to accept, Jerri seconded. Under discussion some points were brought up. Section #1: How can small clubs participate in DMC if they can’t provide a field trip? Their members can just join a current DMC Club. Section #3: Regarding repeat trips – Reggie and Dave talked about difficulties had finding unique local sites. Reminder of rule that host clubs must submit article to Lodestar. Motion carried.
- c. Rockhound Roundup - continue or not? Suggested other locations such as the Georgia Fairgrounds. Would probably be cost prohibitive. Current site is free. Suggest looking at earlier in the year because of extreme heat. Late February or early March. Jerri will check with Park for possible dates. Discussed need to assess vendor opinion. Melissa will survey current vendors. Bill Waggener made a motion to continue the event next year, Lori Heinemann seconded. Motion carried.
- d. William Holland / Wildacres – Need to promote better attendance in order to continue. Suggested finding and adding new instructors, rather than offering same classes. Need a committee to brainstorm ideas. Cindy Reed suggested that SFMS Officers need to offer more support. Very few attend.

**18. Adjourn** – motion by Dave Wayment to adjourn, second by Bill Waggener. Motion carried.

# Committee Reports

## Safety

Greetings all, fall must be somewhere, maybe was several days ago in Montana. The Weather Channel guy noted, they may get up to 4 feet of snow in the Glacier National Park area. It is still July in the upstate South Carolina, no matter what the calendar says. That means that we still need to worry about dehydration and sunburn; though the sunburn part is getting slighter.

The leaves are falling primarily because of the drought. This means more yard work and more danger from fires. The dry leaves burn very quickly and as such be careful with outdoor fires and fireworks. And if you unfortunately have a major fire let the professionals handle it. About 20 years ago, over Easter weekend, a neighbor had a campfire on Saturday evening and failed to properly extinguish the fire, the wind came up on Sunday morning and the remnants of the previous night ended up burning about 20 acres of land, including about 5 of ours. The local fire department and the Forest Service fought the blaze and quickly controlled the fire.

Also, fall and winter brings on the dangers of over exertion, from dealing with the leaves and the frozen stuff, either snow or ice. I still have a rather large pine tree that needs to be reduced in size, it blocked our driveway during the snow and ice earlier this year and I need to get some of it further removed from the driveway. Again, with the hot weather, I do not want to get overheated or over exert myself (since I attended my high school 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary reunion this past weekend). And one of my long term friends asked me how I developed a larger waist band.

The holiday season will be here before the fall, based on the present weather forecasts. We went to a Walmart in North Carolina over the weekend to pick up an urn for my mother and fathers grave marker. Seems someone preferred the ones we had to their own. The Christmas decorations were already being placed in the shelves. Wow, what a short year. Somehow, I slept through Halloween and Thanksgiving.

OK, with the holidays, comes family get together, too much food and unfortunately in some cases folks that do not see eye to eye. In many cases, some of the kin are toxic to the others and if you are one of the victims, learning to deal with these toxic folks can be extremely difficult. So as an early encouragement, do not let these folks knock you off your good times and good feelings.

OK, a wandering report and be safe, always be aware of your surroundings and be aware of the potential dangers of your activities. And be extremely careful while driving. Seems the hot weather or something is annoying many upstate drivers. Maybe it is because other drivers do like their tendency to drive with their left side tires on the yellow lines, I wonder why.?

Bob Green  
SFMS Safety Committee Chair





## 2019 SFMS Workshop Scholarship Drawing

This is the 3rd year of the SFMS Workshop Scholarship Drawing, which will be held at the 2019 SFMS Annual Meeting. This is the fund raising program of the SFMS that replaced the stamp collecting program. The purpose is to raise funds to provide scholarships to the SFMS Workshops held at William Holland and Wildacres each year. The scholarships are won by member clubs of the SFMS, and it is up to the winning clubs how to award the scholarship certificates. The certificates may only be used at SFMS workshops, not the regular sessions held at William Holland. The first year of the scholarship drawing we were able to award 8 scholarships, and in the second year we awarded 2 scholarships. To raise the funds for the scholarships we ask the member clubs and individual members to help in two ways. First, we need prizes for the drawing. We ask that the donated prizes have a value of at least \$25 and be hobby related. It could be a mineral specimen, a finished piece of jewelry, a new book about some aspect of the hobby, a new tool or just about anything you can think of. All prizes should be mailed to Dave Wayment, PO Box 780791, Sebastian, FL 23978. Each member club will receive acknowledgement if it donates a prize, or if a member of that club donates a prize. Each prize should be identified, include the value of the item, identify who made the item if it is hand made, and who donated the item. Photographs and descriptions of all prizes will be posted on the SFMS website and published in the Loadstar. Second, we need to sell tickets for the drawing. THE DRAWING IS FOR THE DONATED PRIZES NOT SCHOLARSHIPS. Each Treasurer of the club has been provided with drawing tickets. They do not have a drawing date on the tickets so we can use the same batch of tickets every year without having to reprint them. The tickets are \$5 each or 5 tickets for \$20. Each club's treasurer, or another member chosen by the club, should be in charge of selling the tickets, collecting the funds, and returning the ticket stubs and monies to Dave Wayment at the same above address. The drawing for the prizes

will be held at the Annual Meeting this October before the banquet. We will need the ticket stubs, etc, returned no later than 2 weeks prior to the Annual Meeting. If you have any questions, please contact Dave Wayment, SFMS Workshop Scholarship Committee Chairman, at (772) 532-6432.

Donations provided by Teresa Polly of the Knoxville Gem and Mineral Society, see attached pictures.

## 2019 SFMS Annual Meeting Information

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



# 2019 SFMS Annual Meeting - Exhibit Form

Please find the Exhibit Form for the 2019 SFMS Annual Meeting at the Huntsville Show:

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

## APPLICATION TO EXHIBIT

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

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE (    ) \_\_\_\_\_ CLUB AFFILIATION \_\_\_\_\_

DIVISION \_\_\_\_\_ EXHIBIT CLASS \_\_\_\_\_ If non-competitive, check here \_\_\_\_\_

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

If Junior, give date of birth \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
(society name, no abbreviations please)

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Office Held ) \_\_\_\_\_

Case Size    Length \_\_\_\_\_ Depth \_\_\_\_\_ Height \_\_\_\_\_

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Application form must be postmarked by September 15, 2019

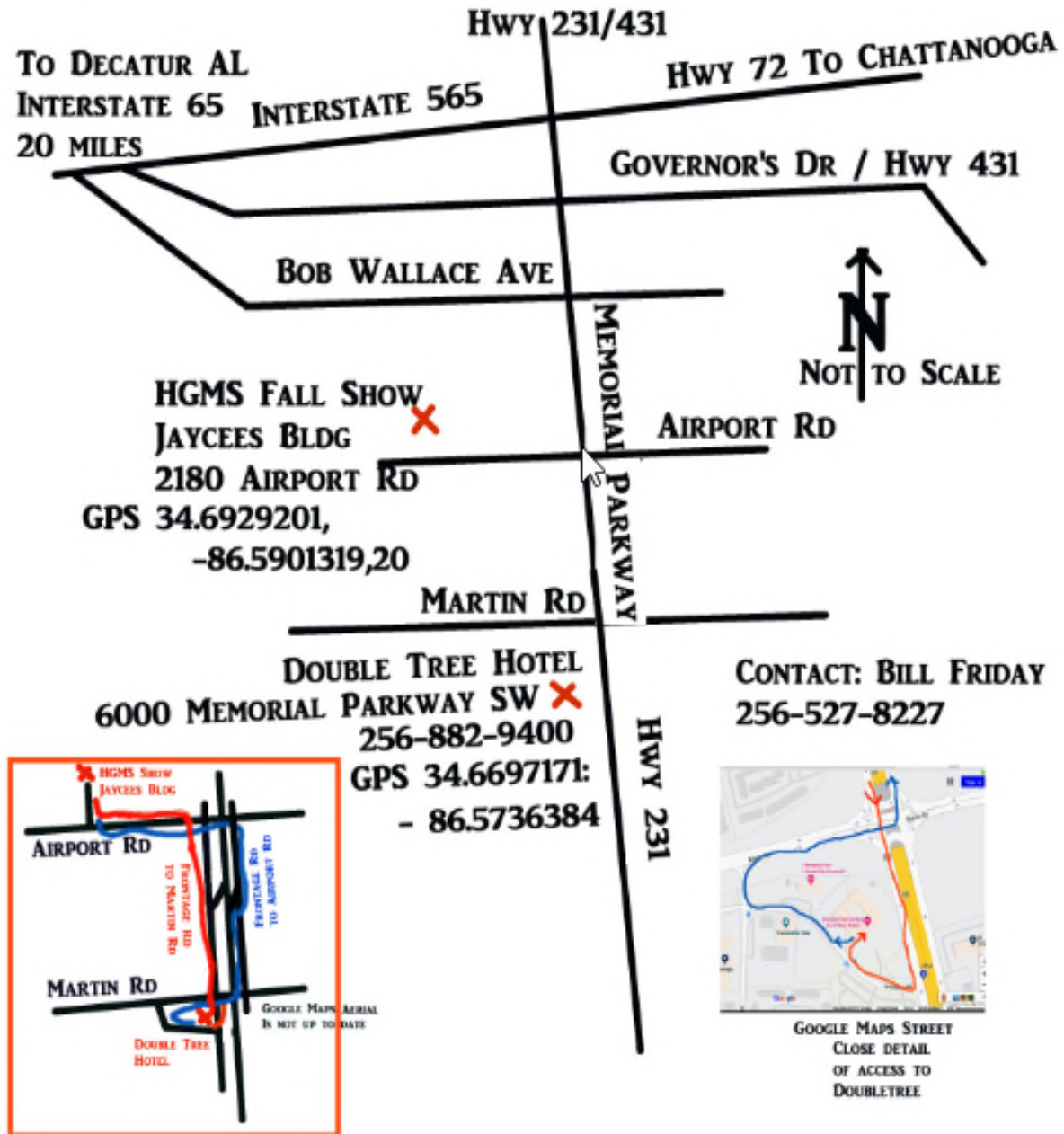
Mail Application To:  
Huntsville Gem & Mineral Society  
131 Oakland Trace, Madison AL 35758  
Attn: Les Bartel,  
or email to [lester.bartel@gmail.com](mailto:lester.bartel@gmail.com)

QUESTIONS on Division, Class or Group  
Contact Leslie Wayment  
[aastainedglass@bellsouth.net](mailto:aastainedglass@bellsouth.net)

This form may be duplicated as needed

# 2019 SFMS Annual Meeting Map of Area

Please find a map of the area where the 2019 SFMS Annual Meeting will be held:



# DMC Field Trip Report

## Field Trip Information

Dixie Mineral Council (DMC) will share more after the September 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.

Please reply by e-mail to:

[sfms-dmc@amfed.org](mailto:sfms-dmc@amfed.org)

World Wide Web site for the DMC is:

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

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



## Dixie Mineral Council Field Trips

The Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies, Inc



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

## Second Annual Rockhound Roundup News!

Those of you who joined us the past May for our First Annual Rockhound Roundup, will be happy to know that plans are underway for the next event. Feedback so far has been highly positive, so we are moving forward with next year. As with any new venture, there are always glitches and areas for improvement. Melissa Hill, your 2nd VP, went around and surveyed participants for ideas, suggestions for improvements etc. Based on her information and observations by our leaders and visitors, we are making some changes.

Firstly, it was too hot! Hello – Florida in the summer! While the venue, The Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park is a great space, with cooperative management, we decided to try for earlier in the year when the temps are not quite so blistering. Working with the schedule at the park, the best weekend we were able

to arrange was March 6-8; 2020, with setup on March 5. We hope there will not be too many conflicts with this date, but we realize that with 75 clubs in the Federation, any date will conflict somewhere. We apologize if this date is a problem for your group.

Secondly, it was quite obvious that participation in the Roundup and attendance at the Executive meetings were in direct conflict. Therefore, we will be setting the meeting time for Saturday evening, after the Roundup. We would also like to hold a Friday night social since one of the primary reasons for hold this event is to promote inter-club connections and networking. More on that as we work out details.

Finally, the vendor spaces, while quite large, contributed the vast amount of walking necessary to see it all. We'll be working on the layout to bring things closer together, so that our visitors do not have to exhaust themselves to see everything. Of course, lower temperatures will help as well.

More information will be available as we firm up our plans. If you are interested in participating as a tail-gater/vendor or helping with the planning, preparation and setup, please contact:

Jerri Heer  
SFMS Secretary  
[jheerx6@aol.com](mailto:jheerx6@aol.com)  
419-344-9999

## SFMS 10 Points Benefits of Belonging

The 10 Points Benefits of Belonging to the SFMS started last year at the Cracker Barrel session of the 2018 Annual Meeting. The efforts of the 10 points were further discussed at the 1<sup>st</sup> quarterly meeting of 2019, then a presentation was provided at the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarterly meeting. Since then we have been providing some updates and elaborating on some of the points here in the newsletter editions.

For more information, please be sure to read the President's Message provided by Reggie Bolton!

An updated 10 point presentation will be released at the SFMS annual meeting next month. This document will be provided to Reggie Bolton and Wayne Dodd, of which both initiated the 10 points presentation.

Together Reggie Bolton, Wayne Dodd, Jerri Heer, and I will continue to update, expand on, and provide as much information on all of the 10 points. We plan to reveal the next presentation at the 2019 Annual Meeting in Huntsville, AL. However all may contribute to this project!  
For a listing of the 10 points, please see the last page of this newsletter.

# GEM AND MINERAL SHOWS

Please submit your Gem and Mineral Show information, to see your show listed here, in the Lodestar.

Submit to: [sfms.lodestar@gmail.com](mailto:sfms.lodestar@gmail.com)

Subscribe to receive the lodestar, send an email request to: [sfms.lodestar@gmail.com](mailto:sfms.lodestar@gmail.com)

**October 4, 5, & 6, 2019; Dallas, NC.**

Gaston Gem, Mineral, and Faceters  
Club Presents

## ANNUAL GEM & MINERAL SHOW

Oct. 4-6  
Fri 9-6  
Sat 9-6  
Sun 10-4



Dallas Park  
1303 Dallas  
Cherryville Hwy  
Dallas, NC 28034

Working sluice with \$3,  
\$5, & \$10 buckets, gems,  
minerals, fossils, jewelry,  
and raffle prizes.  
Fun for the whole family!

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

Huntsville Gem & Mineral Society  
Gem, Jewelry, and Mineral Show

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

## Show Dates/Hours:

Friday, October 11th: 10 am to 6 pm

Saturday, October 12th: 10 am to 6 pm

Sunday, October 13th: Noon to 5 pm

## Venue Location:

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

There will be many dealers offering a wide variety of minerals, crystals, jewelry, lapidary, rock-hunting supplies and more for sale! The show will also feature Displays of gems, minerals, and jewelry; Demonstrations of lapidary and related arts; a Mining Flume for all to enjoy; and a Fluorescent Room to explore. Your children won't want to miss the Dinosaur Dig and kids' activities based on our [Pebble Pups](#) program. Plus we'll have an hourly drawing for Door Prizes and Raffle Prizes!

Donations of \$3.00 each are requested at the door, with children under 5 free, and there will be weekend passes available for \$5.00. We had a great turnout last year, and we're looking forward to another Big Show this year. So spread the word to all your friends, and come join us for a fun weekend this Fall! To learn more, visit [www.Huntsvillegms.org](http://www.Huntsvillegms.org), or contact 256-534-8803.

## **October 18, 19, & 20, 2019; Knoxville, TN**

October 18-20, 2019; Knoxville, TN

Knoxville Gem & Mineral Society's  
29th Annual Gem, Mineral & Jewelry Show

Location: Rothchild Conference Center  
8807 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, TN  
Convenient to I-40/I-75

Admission: \$6.00/day or \$10.00 run-of-show pass

Children under 12 free

Hours: Friday & Saturday: 10am-6 pm;

Sunday: 11 am-5 pm

20+ Dealers selling minerals, fossils, gemstones,  
meteorites, slabs, gem trees, jewelry, supplies,  
and more

Free fossil replica casting for the kids, hourly door  
prizes, show grand prize, educational displays

## **November 2 & 3, 2019; Birmingham, AL**

NEW SHOW NOVEMBER 2&3 BIRMINGHAM,ALABAMA

Alabama Mineral and Lapidary Society is adding a new show to their schedule. It will be held in Oak Mountain State Park (near Birmingham to the south) on Saturday and Sunday November 2&3.

This is an outdoor show. Vendor spaces approximately 12 x 20 are available for \$75 each as an introductory offer. We will maintain this price for future shows near this date if possible . We will emphasize lapidary vendors but quality craftspeople from other areas will be considered to help make this a good holiday shopping opportunity. For information contact:events4amls@gmail.com . Show application form:<https://form.jotform.com/92285981375167>.



## November 2 & 3, 2019; Tampa, FL

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

**Tampa Bay Mineral & Science Club Presents:**

**Hot Rocks, Cool Gems and  
Fabulous Jewelry**

**Plant City Strawberry Festival  
Expo Hall—303 N Lemon St.**

**Nov. 2—3, 2019**

**10 a.m. - 5 p.m.**

**[www.tampabayrockclub.com](http://www.tampabayrockclub.com)**

**COUPON**

**\$1.00 off Admission—up to 4 people**

## November 9 & 10, 2019; Melbourne, FL

46th Annual Parade of Gems

Canaveral Mineral & Gem Society

45 Dealers displaying & selling Jewelry, gems, minerals, crystals, fossils, tools, rocks, slabs. Demonstrations; hourly prizes; grand prize, Children's Mineral Discoveries

Melbourne Auditorium

625 East Hibiscus Blvd.

Melbourne, FL 32901

More info: [www.canaveral-mgs.com](http://www.canaveral-mgs.com)

Show Chairman,

Don McLamb

570 Seabreeze Drive

Indialantic, FL 32903

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

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

52nd Annual Gem, Mineral, & Jewelry Show

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

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

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

Jamil Temple

206 Jamil Rd.

Columbia, SC 29210

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

Geodes sold & cut

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

Educational for the whole family.

South Carolina amethyst on display.

Sponsored by The Columbia Gem & Mineral Society

\$5.00 for adults, Sixteen & under free.

All military & their dependents free.

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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

Show chairman, Walter Triche 561-585-2080 email: [wtriche@gmail.com](mailto:wtriche@gmail.com)

## **November 29 – December 1, 2019; Mobile, AL**

**November 29 - December 1, 2019**

**Mobile, AL**

**25th Annual Mobile Rock & Gem Society Show**

Friday, November 29: 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM

Saturday, November 30: 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM

Sunday, December 1: 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Friday & Saturday FREE admission after 5PM

ABBA Shrine Center, 7701 Hitt Rd, Mobile, AL 36695

Many Wonderful Door Prizes

Admission: \$4.00

Children 12 and under FREE with Adult

Raffle tickets \$1.00, You do not have to be present to win

Drawing on Sunday 12/1/2019, 4:00 PM

30+ Vendors

Rocks, Gems, Minerals, Fossils and

Jewelry from around the World

Silent Auction, bid, bid again, WIN, New Auction every hour.

See our website: [mobilerockandgem.com](http://mobilerockandgem.com)

FREE PARKING

## **December 6, 7, & 8, 2019; Hudson, FL**

Withlacoochee RockHounds

45<sup>th</sup> Annual Gem Show

Our Annual Gem Show is held at the Veterans Memorial Park in Hudson, Florida during the first weekend of December, from 9:00 AM until 5:00 PM, with setup for vendors on December 5th. It is a beautiful venue with a large indoor facility and loads of parking.

The building houses a gymnasium with double basketball courts and several adjacent rooms, including a full kitchen. All vendors will be set up in the gymnasium, there will be no outside vendors or tailgating.

## December 14 & 15, 2019; Franklin, TN

DEC 14 AND 15, 2019 (SAT& SUN) FRANKLIN, TN EARTH TREASURES SHOW

2nd weekend each December Gem, Jewelry, Mineral, Fossil Show & Sale

Mid-Tennessee Gem & Mineral Society Saturday: 9 AM TO 6 PM Sunday 10 AM TO 5 PM

Williamson County Ag Expo Park 4215 Long Lane Franklin, TN., 37064

Exit I-64 at exit 61 (20 miles south of Nashville) and turn east onto Peytonsville Road.

Drive ¼ mile and turn left onto Long Ln. and then right into AgExpo Park's parking lot.

ADMISSION: Adults \$5 (2-day pass \$7), Students 18 and under \$1.00, Children under 12 with adult free

Over 30 Dealers plus classes, speakers, exhibits, demonstrations, silent auction, and door prizes hourly. Show features handmade silver, stone, and Native American jewelry, lapidary and faceting rough, slabs, fossils and mineral specimens, supplies, tools, and more.

For additional information and maps visit [www.MTGMS.org/show.htm](http://www.MTGMS.org/show.htm) Show contacts: Linda Cartwright, Show Chair (show@MTGMS.org) or Steve Henegar, Dealer Chair (show@MTGMS.org) Email: [show@MTGMS.org](mailto:show@MTGMS.org)

Classes at the show: All classes are on Saturday 12/14 and start at 10:00 AM until 4:00 PM

Class information will be updated closer to the show.

For more information on the classes send email to: [classes@mtgms.org](mailto:classes@mtgms.org)

## January, 10 - 12, 2020; Largo, FL

### Pinellas Geological Society, Inc.

Presents the:

### 44th Annual Gem, Mineral and Jewelry Show & Sale

Join Us at the

Central Park Performing Arts Center

105 Central Park Drive, Largo, FL

Jan. 10—12, 2020

Fri. & Sat. ~ 10 a.m. –to– 5 p.m.

Sunday ~ 12 Noon –to– 5 p.m.

**\$2.00 ADMISSION**

AGES 12 AND UP

**Fun for All Ages**

**March 6 – 8, 2020; Live Oak, FL**

## **SFMS ROCKHOUND ROUND-UP - 2020**

**Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies (SFMS)  
2nd 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 6th, 7th, and 8th, 2020.  
Save the Date.**

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



**How Much:** **For Buyers Only:** the only cost is the Admission Fee for the Park.  
If you have a few rocks in your pockets, you may be able to 'Swap' also.  
**Buying is open to the general public, and all are welcome to shop.**

**For Sellers:** \$25.00 for a 10' x 20' 'booth' to be a Vendor, plus the Park Admission.  
The \$25.00 is for the 10 foot by 20 foot vendor booth, for all three days.  
Place your reservation with the SFMS Contact. Separate email sent with Application.  
**Vendors MUST submit Application and Payment by a deadline to be established.**

- Bring rocks you might want to swap with, remember this is a Rock-Swap!
- Bring Cash, etc. (The Campground does have 2 ATMs on the premises.)
- Vendors may or may not accept credit / debit cards, and may or may not have service.
- Bring flyers for your shows in the Spring or for the next season!
- Learn more about us, and the Benefits of Belonging to the SFMS!
- Rock and Roll with us all weekend!

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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### SFMS—Your Regional Rockhound Connection

Bringing at least 10 States together...





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### SFMS—Your Regional Rockhound Connection

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



**Rock On!**

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

## The SFMS is your link to resources and connections!



The association with SFMS spans:

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

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

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

### *10 point benefits of SFMS:*

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



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



### **SFMS—Benefits of Belonging**

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

SFMS—Your regional Rock Club Association.

**Rock On!**