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President's Report

Hello everyone,

We're getting close to our annual meeting October 11&12 to be held in Huntsville, Alabama. So please mark your calendar now and make plans to attend. You can find all the necessary details in the July Lodestar (available under "What's new?" at <http://www.amfed.org/sfms/>). We haven't had a meeting in this vicinity in quite a while so I look forward to seeing some new faces.

Looking further ahead, next year's SFMS Rockhound Roundup is currently planned for

March 6-8, 2020 at Spirit of Suwannee Music Park in Live Oak, Florida where we had the 2019 event.

Jerri Heer (our already overworked secretary) has agreed to coordinate this for us and definite details will be forthcoming on our website. We had a great event on the first try so the next one should be even bigger and better.

One thing on our annual meeting agenda will be out 10 Points Benefits plan. Two of the items included there will be field trips and club insurance. We will occasionally plan SFMS regional field trips but monthly field trips are offered through the Dixie Mineral Council (DMC). DMC is composed of about thirty SFMS member clubs who choose to participate. These clubs host monthly digs on a rotating basis and are open to all DMC member clubs. (If your club is not a DMC member you can still participate by joining one that is, no problem belonging to more than one club). DMC membership requires insurance coverage through SFMS (or proof of other equivalent coverage) and a commitment to host a dig when your turn comes around. So this makes it possible for you to go on a dig somewhere in the southeast almost every month. See the website for details and required forms.

The SFMS membership benefit of primary concern to most clubs is our group insurance plans. All SFMS member clubs are eligible and can obtain coverage by paying a per capita annual premium (currently \$2 per adult member). This provides you with some club liability insurance and especially with coverage for field trips against damages to the property owner. The federation negotiates the policy with the insurance carrier so your club just needs to report membership numbers and pay accordingly each year. An additional policy is available to provide your club with show insurance (currently \$220 per event). The carrier will provide a certificate of insurance if needed for your venue. Again, the federation does all the paperwork and your club just has to pay the premium. For further details you may consult with David Liles, our assistant treasurer and insurance liason.

I look forward to seeing many of you in Huntsville in October. I think you will enjoy the club show as I have for years. I always find some good Paint Rock agate. And if you haven't seen the U.S. Space and Rocket Center this is your big chance.

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.

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

Need information on the SFMS Annual Meetings? ... Here is the information on both 2019 and 2020!

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

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

Don't forget to look for SFMS information and updates online also:

www.amfed.org/sfms/

<https://www.facebook.com/Southeast-Federation-of-Mineralogical-Societies-317959434999844/>

Rock On,
Lori Heinemann
SFMS Lodestar Editor

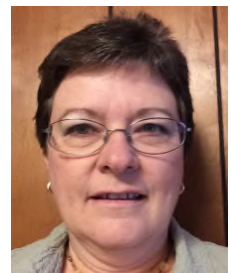
Secretary's Report

The Annual Meeting packets will go out to the clubs mid-August. Please be sure to check your email for the information and details and forms to register for the Banquet, meetings and show admission will be sent out to all clubs and be posted to the SFMS Website and Lodestar early August.

The 2019 SFMS Annual Meeting information is located in the Gem Show section, October 11-13, in Huntsville, AL, see below.

Also in the 2019 Annual Meeting section below is the application for those who wish to enter a competitive exhibit.

Jerri Heer
SFMS Secretary



Committee Reports

Safety

Greetings all, hope you are surviving the heat; several parts of the world are having it a lot worse than we in Upstate SC. In the June Lodestar, a sheet from the CDC was included highlighting the issues with the various heat related conditions. I suggest this be re-read and if possible print it and keep it close at hand, that is unless you are similar to myself and avoid being outside when it is hot. Ha, that is good except getting out to the car after work and then waiting for 20 minutes for the car to cool down. My car is 15 years old, nearly as old in car years as I in human years.

We worked the G&LW show in Franklin this past weekend and the weather was really good. No rain and not too hot. And I did not over-eat on the BBQ, as I usually do. The show was not as well attended after Thursday as it has been on previous years. That is somewhat of a disappointment since the show has a lot of great vendors and a lot of really good material, both finished and as parts.

Being at the show, reminded me that I had forgotten my sunglasses and as a result, ended up with a headache due to eye strain from the sunlight. Again, reminded of prior messages to protect your eyes. Sunglasses are particularly needed by those of us in our advancing years.

This time of year the yellow jackets (not the GA Tech football team) are building their nest, as are all of the stinging critters. I got nailed on the ankle a couple of weeks ago by one of the stinging things. They had built a nest under our porch swing. I just happened to nudge the swing and these humorless critters decided I needed to be punished. So watch for yellow jackets in particular since they are now borrowing in the yard, under bushes and in debris piles. And these guys really are humorless. For those with severe reactions to bee stings, be careful and if needed obtain an EPIPEN for emergencies. The mosquitos are also having a very good year as far as reproduction is concerned and be sure to protect yourself from these little guys. Many states in the south have mosquitos infected with the West Nile Virus. That and the increasing expansion of tick borne viruses, means you have to be careful when you are outside. Wear proper clothing; even if it is hot, getting a good suntan, while feeding the mosquitos or ticks is not a good idea. And wear a hat.

I get dinged for forgetting my hat and only one time this year have I ended up with my balding white hair covering my red head. Makes combing what is left up there a bit painful.

So, to highlight this wandering, protect yourself, watch your surroundings; looking out for congregations of bees and other critters that may impact your good times.

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

Bob Green
SFMS Safety Committee Chair



2019 SFMS Workshop Scholarship Drawing

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

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



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

QUESTIONS on Division, Class or Group
Contact Leslie Wayment
aastainedglass@bellsouth.net

This form may be duplicated as needed



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



DMC Field Trip Report

Welcome new DMC Club
New Field Trip Information

Please welcome the North Mississippi Gem and Mineral Society, Tupelo, MS to the SFMS DMC Field Trip Sharing Program! They will host their first DMC field trip in May, 2023.

Lori Carter
DMC Coordinator
sfms-dmc@amfed.org
dmc@gamineral.org

August 2019 DMC Field Trip Information:

No August 2019 Field Trip

Unfortunately, there will not be a DMC field trip for August 2019. Please remember that when it is time for your club to host a DMC field trip, your field trip notice must be submitted by the 1st of the month before the month of the trip. Also, once your trip is complete, please remember that to renew DMC membership, your club must choose an open month from the range provided by the DMC Coordinator.

Many thanks to all of the clubs that have contributed to the success of the DMC by providing so many excellent field trips! The DMC Field Trip Sharing program is an important benefit of the SFMS and your participation is sincerely appreciated.

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 (click [here](#) to read them), 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

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

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DMC Program of the SFMS Field Trip Committee
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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 1st quarterly meeting of 2019, then a presentation was provided at the 2nd 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!

During the month of August I'll be compiling the information presented to date, in an updated 10 point presentation. 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.

Future 10 Points Benefits of Belonging – the values will eventually find a place on our website, for ease of reference.

Stay tuned and feel free to contribute any benefits you know of!

Lori Heinemann
SFMS Lodestar Editor



GEM AND MINERAL SHOWS

August 12, 2019; Greenville, SC

WESCAGEM

(WESTERN CAROLINA GEM AND MINERAL SOCIETY)

2ND ANNUAL GEM AND MINERAL

<<< SILENT AUCTION >>>

**AUGUST 12, 2019 VIEWING: 7PM AUCTION: 7:30PM TILL...
NORTHSIDE UNITED METHODIST (435 SUMMIT DR., GRNVL.)**

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

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

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

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

Show Dates/Hours:

Friday, October 11th: 10 am to 6 pm

Saturday, October 12th: 10 am to 6 pm

Sunday, October 13th: Noon to 5 pm

Venue Location:

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

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

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

Tampa Bay Mineral & Science Club Presents:

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

Plant City Strawberry Festival

Expo Hall—303 N Lemon St.

Nov. 2—3, 2019

10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

www.tampabayrockclub.com

COUPON

\$1.00 off Admission—up to 4 people

November 9 & 10, 2019; Melbourne, FL

46th Annual Parade of Gems

Canaveral Mineral & Gem Society

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

Melbourne Auditorium

625 East Hibiscus Blvd.

Melbourne, FL 32901

More info: www.canaveral-mgs.com

Show Chairman,

Don McLamb

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Indialantic, FL 32903

321-723-2592

fdjmc@aol.com

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

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

52nd Annual Gem, Mineral, & Jewelry Show

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

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

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

Jamil Temple

206 Jamil Rd.

Columbia, SC 29210

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

Geodes sold & cut

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

Educational for the whole family.

South Carolina amethyst on display.

Sponsored by The Columbia Gem & Mineral Society

\$5.00 for adults, Sixteen & under free.

All military & their dependents free.

803-736-9317

Sue Shrader ashrader@mindspring.com

Sharon Sterrett...Dealers...803- 356-1472 ssterrett@sc.rr.com

www.cgms.rocks

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

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

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

Gem & Mineral Society of the Palm Beaches

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

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

West Palm Beach Florida 33411.

Over 80 dealers, Door prizes, hourly and other prize drawings, Fossil Dig, Gem Mining, Geode Cracking,

Displays, Demonstrations, Speakers

Admission \$9, children under 12 free. Visit website for \$1 off coupon. 2 day admission \$14. Free Parking

Show chairman, Walter Triche 561-585-2080

email: wtriche@gmail.com

website: <http://www>.

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 Show contacts: Linda Cartwright, Show Chair (show@MTGMS.org) or Steve Henegar, Dealer Chair (show@MTGMS.org) Email: show@MT-GMS.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

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

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...



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



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Bringing at least 10 States together...



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- IV. Interclub Connections
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- VI. Field Trips
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