Newsletter

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President's Report

From the May Newsletter Bulletin:

Hello All,

I hope everyone is keeping well during this trying time.

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

Looking forward, I believe there may be 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.

I've requested the Board Members, Committee Members, and the State Representatives contribute to the SFMS monthly bulletin. The request was posted in the quarterly and annual committee reports. In mid May, I've sent a request to our Secretary to get the word out further. We are looking forward to more submissions from our BOD, Committees, and State Representatives, for your reading pleasure in future months.

I notice some Clubs are able to able to continue with their shows. For all future shows, please check with the Club to ensure their show is able to open. Future shows may have restrictions for a while, depending on their local area guidelines – please plan accordingly. Things can and will continue to change in 2020. We all look forward to the time when this pandemic is in the past and the shows go on as scheduled.

Some clubs have held their meetings via Zoom (virtual meeting on the internet) as early as April. Other clubs have suspended meetings. Some clubs have a small percentage of opportunities open in their club-houses. The limited space available for keeping the required distancing will delay the activities, rock-hounding, and fellowship fun.

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

Please stay healthy, busy, and at home... and, masks are not just a suggestion in most places.

Be patient, Stay cautious and help prevent a second wave of this virus.

Keep washing your hands...

Rock On, Lori Heinemann SFMS Lodestar Editor

Secretary's Report

It's clear that world as we know it has changed. This pandemic is kicking the pants of most clubs out there. Meeting for classes and work sessions, for those clubs with facilities, has been cut drastically if not eliminated. Income streams from club Shows have dwindled to nothing. Our SFMS meetings have been cancelled, making it a challenge to move forward with even the most basic services and decisions.

Our bylaws require meetings, elections and more, and yet, under the current conditions, it's clear that is NOT going to happen. Most bylaws just weren't written with this kind of world changing scenario in mind. We ask for your patience and understanding as the Executive Board struggles to work as closely as we can within the confines of the Bylaws, while dealing with the very real restrictions placed upon us by the Pandemic.

Stay safe out there!

Sincerely,

Jerri Heer SFMS Secretary (419) 344-9999

Committee Reports

Education

2020, year of Covid-19 continues to

Cancel our SFMS Workshop schedule and other rock hound activities including Gem and Mineral Shows hosted by member clubs of the Southeast Federation.

It is with sad heart that I have to announce,

Both the August and September workshops

At Wildacres have been cancelled.

Good Health to everyone.......

Hope to see everyone back at the SFMS Workshops in 2021.

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

UPDATE - Due to COVID-19 - the 2020 Classes scheduled for WildAcres are Canceled

Lisa Roberts Education Chair and William Holland Director SFMS Week <u>antleycreations@yahoo.com</u> thank you to Cindy Reed Regristrar <u>2020sfms.wh@gmail.com</u>

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Safety

This article will deal with some issues which have impacted Barb and I over the past several months. All married folks or those with long term significant others maybe can learn from these somewhat unpleasant situations.

First off, Barb was hospitalized at the end of July and is now in a rehab facility and she is doing much better. Not only was the trauma of her condition completely time consuming; the additional stress arose because I now had to pay some bills. I indicate some, because as soon as we were married 35 plus years ago, Barb took over paying the bills and she is a masterful money manager. She is actually too efficient. She had signed up for a number of bills come to her on-line. Now, I was not on the program to pay these bills nor did I even have a hard copy as reference. Fortunately from her hospital bed, she paid a number of bills; including power, confirming house payments, etc. I paid about 4 by check, and then was faced with re-ordering checks. Me being somewhat computer literate tried to order on-line. Intuit did not recognize my office computer and I failed. This failure consumed the better part of 3 hours. And I was so happy!, NOT. Later, I called the 800 number and talked to a real person that got the checks ordered and now I have plenty.

So, folks, if your partner, is doing the bill paying and you are not on the computer as an alternate or copayer, please do so, otherwise if something takes this person out of day to day association with you, in a worst case, you may not even know what bills are out there.

So this month's safety article is a bit askew from the abnormal of our times, but hopefully will help folks in those times when you ask yourself, "what the heck?"

Anyway, another, "wth" story. We had our bathroom redone about 10 years ago and had the tub replaced with a walk in shower. That was really needed after I ruptured my Achilles tendon doing something stupid. Well, when Barb gets back home she will need a handicap assist attached to the toilet. We had this lovely low flow toilet installed back then and it had the seat attached with screws into an insert in the frame. Well, one screw came out and the other screw did not loosen from the inset, but the insert did loosen from the frame. So today, I will be the proud owner of a new toilet. So 2020 has been a strange year. It is good if you have avoided the virus.

Ok, back to our abnormal. I am very concerned with the amount of misinformation that is constantly spewed from whatever talking head is on radio, internet or tv. The recent flip-flop of the CDC about testing, makes one wonder if any responsible adult is in charge. And as we are already getting over-whelmed by political ads which even the lowest intelligent life form can see through the baloney and misinformation. Anyway, only about 10 weeks to go. I do caution everyone to be diligent in their pursuit of the real facts. There are fact checkers around and I urge folks to use Reuters or the BBC as more reliable sources of information. Sorry, talking heads with agendas are most unreliable.

So enough grousing and do plan your work activities and be cognizant of the issues that may arise. Back to my harping, wear your mask, wash your hands and avoid crowds. Until next month, I wish all a safe and an unpleasant incident free month.

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:

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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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.

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 – anything can change in 2020.

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

20 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

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September 12, 2020; Mobile, AL

Annual Auction and Annual Picnic

Location: Walter's Park, ATC Coast Guard Base on Tanner Williams Rd.

Date / Times: Saturday, September 12 - 8:00 am - 3:00 pm

Purpose: We need to get together as a Club for information updates, food, fun, and fellowship.

Solution: We are inviting all the surrounding Clubs to participate.

10:20 am to 2:00 pm

Events: There are lots of picnic tables under a large pavilion, swings, playground equipment, rest rooms, and large open spaces. If you have any favorite yard games please bring them.

Out of town guests please RSVP with a phone number in case there are some last minute changes to the schedule.

Hand sanitizer and masks will be provide to conform with whatever mandate is in place at that time. This is a large facility, with a huge pavilion, so social distancing will be easy.

Pls have people text RSVPs to 251-510-8527 to Jim Patterson

October 9 - 11, 2020; Huntsville, AL



November 7 – 8, 2020; Plant City, FL

61st 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. 7—8, 2020

10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

www.tampabayrockelub.org

November 14 – 15, 2020; Melbourne, FL

Canaveral Mineral & Gem Society 47th Annual Parade of Gems Show & Sales

40+ Dealers displaying & selling Jewelry, Gems, minerals, Fossils, Tools, Rocks, Slabs. Demonstrations; Hourly Prises: Grand Prise. Children's Mineral discoveries.

Melbourne Auditorium, 625 East hibiscus Blvd., Melbourne, FL 32901

More Info; www.canaveral-mgs.com

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January 8 - 10, 2021; Largo, FL

Pinellas Geological Society, Inc.

Presents the:

45th Annual Gem, Mineral and Jewelry Show & Sale

Join Us at the

Central Park Performing Arts Center

105 Central Park Drive, Largo, FL

Jan. 8—10, 2021

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

February 27, 2021; Lakeland, FL

2021Annual show;

Imperial Bone Valley Gem, Mineral & Fossil Society;

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

adults \$3, students, children and teachers free; door prizes, Spin & Win Mineral Wheel, kids' Treasure Dig, demonstrations, educational displays, silent and Chinese auctions, dealers with rocks, minerals, fossils, jewelry, gifts, hobby supplies, lapidary demonstrations, wire wrapping, cabochon making; contact Kim Price, (863) 412-9156; e-mail: IBVGMFS@gmail.com; Web site: www.bonevalley.net





SFMS

SFMS (Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies, Inc.)

The Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies, Inc. was organized in 1976 to bring about a closer association of Clubs and Societies devoted to the study of Earth Sciences and the practice of Lapidary Arts and Crafts in the Southeastern part of the United States. The Southeast Federation includes approximately 74+ clubs and societies mostly in the region east of the Mississippi River and South of a line following the northern boarders of Tennessee and North Carolina. **There are a few clubs outside of this area due to historical affiliation. The Southeast Federation is a member of the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies.



AFMS

AFMS (American Federation of Mineralogical Societies, Inc.)

To promote popular interest and education in the various Earth Sciences, and in particular the subjects of Geology, Mineralogy, Paleontology, Lapidary and other related subjects, and to sponsor and provide means of coordinating the work and efforts of all persons and groups interested therein; to sponsor and encourage the formation and international development of Societies and Regional Federations and by and through such means to strive toward greater international good will and fellowship.



Information on belonging to the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies?



AFMS Code of Ethics

(http://www.amfed.org/ethics.htm)



I will respect both private and public property and will do no collecting on privately owned land without the owner's permission.

I will keep informed on all laws, regulations of rules governing collecting on public lands and will observe them.

I will to the best of my ability, ascertain the boundary lines of property on which I plan to collect.

I will use no firearms or blasting material in collecting areas.

I will cause no willful damage to property of any kind - fences, signs, buildings.

I will leave all gates as found.

I will build fires in designated or safe places only and will be certain they are completely extinguished before leaving the area.

I will discard no burning material - matches, cigarettes, etc.

I will fill all excavation holes which may be dangerous to livestock.

I will not contaminate wells, creeks or other water supply.

I will cause no willful damage to collecting material and will take home only what I can reasonably use.

I will practice conservation and undertake to utilize fully and well the materials I have collected and will recycle my surplus for the pleasure and benefit of others.

I will support the rockhound project H.E.L.P. (Help Eliminate Litter Please) and will leave all collecting areas devoid of litter, regardless of how found.

I will cooperate with field trip leaders and those in designated authority in all collecting areas.

I will report to my club or Federation officers, Bureau of Land management or other authorities, any deposit of petrified wood or other materials on public lands which should be protected for the enjoyment of future generations for public educational and scientific purposes.

I will appreciate and protect our heritage of natural resources.

I will observe the "Golden Rule", will use "Good Outdoor Manners" and will at all times conduct myself in a manner which will add to the stature and Public "Image" of Rockhounds everywhere.

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Over 8,800 Rockhounds belong, in our SFMS region...



Who are the Officers and Directors for the Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies?



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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...



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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:

- 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.

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