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President's Report

Hello Everyone,

I appreciate the large push of 2019 to bring more effectiveness on modernization to the SFMS. I am truly honored to have the opportunity to support and guide the organization during 2020. I've rarely seen so much dedication from a group of volunteers doing what they love. I have a few suggestions for capitalizing on the momentum generated during Reggie Bolton's term that will carry that progress into the future.

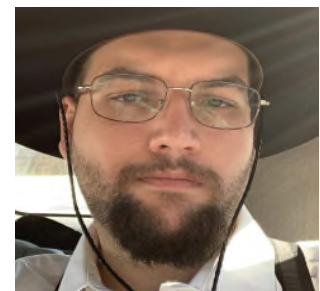
More than anything in this message, I would like to thank each person for their time, effort, and contributions to the SFMS. My name is Jesse Griffin, and I've been a member of the Knoxville Gem and Mineral Society for as long as I can remember. All my favorite memories involve having a chunk of rock in my hand, but it had never crossed my mind that I would have the chance to serve as president of the SFMS. Thank you.

We have a great opportunity in 2020 to utilize a staggering wealth of technology and resources to invite others into our local clubs and the SFMS. Insuring others can enjoy an organization that educates in the lapidary arts and earth sciences long into the future is challenging, but worthwhile opportunity.

I cannot wait to serve with each of you, and if you would like to volunteer for the first time, or in any greater capacity, please feel free to reach my personal phone at (865) 963-7982.

Happy holidays and a new year of success to you all,

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 look for the change in your SFMS officers listed in this newsletter. And Thank you to all of our SFMS Volunteers, for all you will do throughout the year!

The Knoxville Gem & Mineral Society has agreed to host both the SFMS and AFMS Annual Meetings for 2020. The dates will be released after Knoxville has their January meeting.

Note on our SFMS Website:

Thank you all for your patience while the webmaster changed hands, and we are almost done with the glitches and hiccups during this transition! Broken Links should be up and running soon!

Rock On,
Lori Heinemann
SFMS Lodestar Editor



Committee Reports

Education

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 rockhounds 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

WILLIAM HOLLAND June 7-13 2020 2020sfms.wh@gmail.com Registrar Cindy Reed

Cabochons	Silverware Jewelry
Fly Tying	Silver 1
Seed Beading with Broken China	Silver 2
Loop-n-loop chain	Intarsia
Electro-etching	Wire
Flame Painting on metal	Hydraulic Press making your own die
Opals	Faceting
Casting	

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

Special Projects Adv. Silver	
Wire	Southwest Jewelry
Silver 1	Seed Beading
Enamel	Bench Making
Colored Pencil	Cabochons

WILDACRES September 14-20 2020

Silver 1	Begin Chain
Loop-n-loop	Metal Clay
Electro-etching	Gem ID 1
Southwest Jewelry	
Casting	

For more info sfmsworkshops.org

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

sfmsworkshops.org for info on 2020 classes, any maybe a few more will be added, I have had some requests

thank you

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thank you to Cindy Reed Registrar 2020sfms.wh@gmail.com

Safety

Wow, 2019 is behind us and maybe with the year 2020, we will have the views to match the desired eye-sight value equal to the year.

Hope all had a wonderful and safe holiday season. Hope all lived up to their New Year's Resolutions from last year. That may not be a realistic expectation, as many of us over 40 and I am substantially over that, long ago gave up on New Year's resolutions, in favor of just trying to do better this year than last. I failed in expanding my skills outside of work, except to improve my pond pump replacement skills. I did expand the work skills because of multiple shortcomings by several suppliers. So maybe that is OK.

I may have told this happening, but anyway, earlier this year, an employee that gleefully retired about 3 years ago, returned to celebrate another employee that was retiring. The guy that had retired 3 years ago, came up to me and said, he was glad to see I was still working. His comment was followed by a statement somewhat like this. "I retired and without the mental stimulation of work, my body went to heck." So, I still work. I do encourage all to keep learning. When I had my annual physical earlier in 2019, my doctor was very blunt. You brain is a "muscle", if you do not exercise it, you lose it.

This year I plan on taking a couple of courses at William Holland. This to expand my skill levels in a couple of areas. Now, the school in many ways is a definite retreat from normal office work and completely immerses you in a class and this does refresh the view of the world.

One of the comments I heard from a comedian, was that as you get older, your brain only has the capacity for so much, so when you get new input, you have to throw out other stuff, to make room for the new stuff. As he later noted, some folks throw out a lot more than they take in.

It is now winter, as noted by seeing the snow up north and it is creeping into the south. So, be prepared. Get enough exercise so that shoveling snow does not make you a statistic. As they say, everyone is an example; some good and some bad. Dress in layers and do not over exert yourself. Also, this time of the year, you also have a "honey do" list that you did not complete. So be careful, your chain saw is not a friend to your knee or foot. I noted last year that my finger argued with a "saws-all" and we know who won that argument. My finger still has a numb spot on the tip.

We did find a snow shovel at a garage sale this year, so hopefully that good omen will mean that we will not receive much snow. I like snow as long as I do not have to get out in it, and as noted previously, snow and ice brings out many vacuous drivers who think they have to really hurry to get home before it gets worse. So, pay attention to the weather experts and do not end up in the next snowy parking lot on I-285 around Atlanta.

Be prepared, take the advice of the highway patrol and others, have an emergency kit in your vehicle. Food, water and warm clothes or sleeping bag make being stuck in the parking lot a lot better. And keep your vehicle filled with gas. And keep your vehicle fit for the occasion.

Be safe, and look forward to the New Year.

Bob Green
SFMS Safety Committee Chair



DMC Field Trip Report - December

Field Trip Information

Dixie Mineral Council (DMC) will share more after the 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



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

Welcome all SFMS Clubs to the 2020 Rockhound Roundup!

The next SFMS Rockhound Roundup will be held in the same location, the Suwannee River Music Park in Live Oak, Florida. The dates are March 6-8, 2020. We are fortunate that the venue allows us to use their overflow field for free! Based on our observations and recommendations from participants at the 2019 event, we've made some changes.

1. To counter the extreme heat, we've moved the date to March 6-8th. Our date options were limited because of the venue's schedule, and we did our best to avoid conflicts with any SFMS club level events. We are, unfortunately, conflicting with the Suncoast Club Show, for which we apologize. With 72 clubs in the Federation, it was inevitable that we would have some issue.
2. Because we are holding the SFMS Executive Meeting during the event, we will be holding it Saturday Evening so that participants won't have to choose between the Roundup or the Meeting.
3. We will be holding a SFMS Social Friday evening to foster the Interclub connections for which this event was originally organized.

We hope that all clubs will distribute this information to their members to encourage even more people to setup their own tailgates at this event. Please print copies of the information and/or distribute it by email to your entire membership. Last year we had participants from at least five of our states. We want this to be an annual event that grows each year. Please encourage your members to join us if possible. We found that with the minimal fee of \$25 per booth, we were able to cover all costs for the necessary amenities at the venue. Those who came last year expressed very positive comments about the Roundup. Please join us next year!

If you have any questions,

Please don't hesitate to contact me by phone, text or email. You may have to leave a message, but I 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.

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

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 Bulletin Editor's Contest

With the AFMS contest occurring in October 2020 in conjunction with the SFMS Annual Meeting and Convention in Knoxville, TN, it is time to set a deadline for bulletin editor contest submissions for the 2020 contest. The deadline for submittal to the **2020 SFMS contest is January 3, 2020**. This date has been dictated by the AFMS and their submittal schedule. The deadline will allow SFMS editors to consider entries from each month in 2019. I realize this notice is tight, but it is the best that we can do to meet the AFMS submittal deadlines given the upcoming Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons. As such, the SFMS 2020 contest will consider November and December 2018 (the 2019 contest only considered through October 2018) and January 2019 through December 2019 entries. Confusing, I know. You are not the only one who was confused. Please visit the SFMS web site link for the bulletin editor's contest for much information and rules (http://www.amfed.org/sfms/bulletin_contest.html).

Remember, to qualify for the 2020 contest, your entry must have been published exclusively for your club newsletter or bulletin during November or December 2018 through December 2019. I look forward to receiving your entries. Please send in your submissions to the following address:

SFMS Bulletin Editor's Contest
c/o Mark Easterbrook
6701 Dorchester Road, Apt. 1007
North Charleston, SC 29418

Email: asgardsgc@earthlink.net

Cell: 843-276-4016

Bulletin Editors' Hall of Fame

Mark Easterbrook, SFMS Bulletin Editor's Contest Chair

The Bulletin Editors' Hall of Fame was created in 1995 when Shirley Leeson suggested the AFMS recognize those editors and special people who have made an impact on other editors. Each regional federation has a representative on the selection committee, and even editors in other countries have been honored.

Nominations come ONLY from other editors, and are not accepted if made by editors for themselves or by clubs for their own editor. As this is a NATIONAL recognition, bulletins should have distribution outside their own state/region. Winning awards or trophies does NOT automatically qualify an editor for the Hall of Fame, nor does longtime service as editor. These are considerations of course, but personal commitment, effort, involvement, dedication, and consistent quality are even more important. These intangibles are evident in the bulletin. If you know of an editor (past or present) from any region or federation, who should be considered, submit your nomination to me. Thanks!

Editor's Hall of Fame

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2019 Bulletin Editor's Contest Winners

Mark Easterbrook, SFMS Bulletin Editor's Contest Chair

The following are the results of the 2019 SFMS Bulletin Editor's Contest as announced at the 13 October SFMS Editor's Breakfast in Huntsville, Alabama in conjunction with the SFMS Annual Meeting. I want to thank all of the entrants. There were fewer entries for 2019 than the year before in similar categories due mainly to the very early deadline for submittal. Please visit the SFMS website for more information:

http://www.amfed.org/sfms/bulletin_contest.html. The following is a list of all of the winners in the 2019 contest. Honorable Mention winners are shown in no particular order. You are all winners. Congratulations and well done!

NEW EDITORS – No Entries

MINI BULLETINS – No Entries

SMALL BULLETINS

First Place – Nancy Roberts, Editor: *The Nugget*, October 2018; North Mississippi Gem and Mineral Society

LARGE BULLETINS

First Place – Rosina Echols, Editor: *Rocky Echoes*, March 2018; Mississippi Gem and Mineral Society

JUNIOR ARTICLES 12 to 17 – No Entries

JUNIOR ARTICLES Under 12

First Place – Sophie Gunther, Age 7: Believe it or not, I Found Shark Teeth – *The Nugget*, September 2018; North Mississippi Gem and Mineral Society

Second Place – Walter Atkinson, Age 7: My Day at the Museum – *The Nugget*, May 2018; North Mississippi Gem and Mineral Society

ADULT POETRY – No Entries

JUNIOR POETRY – No Entries

SPECIAL PUBLICATIONS

First Place – Beverly Pettigrew Kraft: MGMS 59th Annual Show is February 24-25, February 2018; Mississippi Gem and Mineral Society

ORIGINAL ADULT ARTICLES

First Place – Nancy Roberts: Safety: Be Prepared – *The Nugget*, April 2018; North Mississippi Gem and Mineral Society

Second Place – Nikki Kenney: Credit Cards, Void Them and Save Them – *The Nugget*, October 2018; North Mississippi Gem and Mineral Society

Third Place – Paul Gunther: A Week at William Holland – *The Nugget*, September 2018; North Mississippi Gem and Mineral Society

ORIGINAL ADULT ARTICLES ADVANCED – No Entries

DRAWN FEATURES – No Entries

WRITTEN FEATURES

First Place – Nikki Kenney: Easy Peasy Ear Wires – *The Nugget*, June 2018; North Mississippi Gem and Mineral Society

Second Place – Clarice Turner: Copper Etching is Fun and Fetching – *The Nugget*, February 2018; North Mississippi Gem and Mineral Society

Third Place – Bob Jarrett: Gleams from the World of Gold – *Tips and Trips*, February 2018; Georgia Mineral Society

Fourth Place – Toy Cosper: Show Volunteers were Outstanding – *Rocky Echoes*, March 2018; Mississippi Gem and Mineral Society

Fifth Place – Nancy Roberts: Notes from the President's Desk – *The Nugget*, March 2018; North Mississippi Gem and Mineral Society

Sixth Place – Kellie Atkinson: Meeting Program Review: NMGMS Meeting Program – *The Nugget*, March 2018; North Mississippi Gem and Mineral Society

Seventh Place – Greg Britt: Silversmith Class at William Holland – *Rocky Echoes*, July 2018; Mississippi Gem and Mineral Society

Eighth Place – Rosina Echols: Volunteering at the Show – *Rocky Echoes*, January 2018; Mississippi Gem and Mineral Society

Ninth Place – Lori Carter: April Field Trip Report – *Tips and Trips*, August 2018, Georgia Mineral Society

Tenth Place – Tom Tumbri: Chasing the Rainbow! – *Tips and Trips*, June 2018, Georgia Mineral Society

Honorable Mention – Dion Stewart: Mineral, Gem, and Rock Crossword Puzzle – *Tips and Trips*, March 2018; Georgia Mineral Society

Honorable Mention – Derrall Moore: Evening Cabbing Classes – *Rocky Echoes*, July 2018; Mississippi Gem and Mineral Society

GEM AND MINERAL SHOWS

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

January 18 – 19, 2020; Deland, FL

Tomoka Gem & Mineral Society
45th Annual Jewelry, Gem, Mineral, and Fossil, Show & Sale
Saturday 10am-6pm / Sunday 10am-5pm
Volusia County Fairgrounds (Tommy Lawrence Arena)

3150 E. New York Ave
Deland, FL 32724

¼ mile east of I-4 at Exit 118A, Rt. 44

Hourly Drawings, Silent Auction, Grand Prize Drawing, Coquina Kid's Table, Demonstrations. Slabs, beads, tools, jewelry, specimens, fossils by 50+ vendors. Free Parking.

\$4.00 Adult, 12 and under free, \$1 off coupon on website.

Contact Show Chair: Mary DeJan 386-871-6221 or tomokagmsvendor@gmail.com.

Website: www.tomokagms.org

February 22 – 23, 2020; Jackson, MS

Mississippi Gem and Mineral Society
61st Gem, Mineral, Fossil and Jewelry Show
Mississippi Trade Mart on the State Fairgrounds
Jackson, Mississippi
Saturday, February 22, 2020 (9 am to 6 pm)
Sunday, February 23, 2020 (10 am to 5 pm)

Admission:
Adults \$6 Students \$3
Scouts & Leaders in Uniform \$2
Children 5 & under—Free
MGMS website: www.missgems.org

- ★ Over 25 dealers of gems, fossils, minerals, jewelry, lapidary tools, beads, and more
- ★ Demonstrations of lapidary art including flint knapping, cabochon cutting, and jewelry making
- ★ Exhibits and educational opportunities by colleges and state organizations
- ★ Children's activities (adults are welcomed too)
- ★ Touch and See Table
- ★ Displays by MGMS members of their own collections or lapidary work
- ★ Hourly door prizes, and a “GRAND PRIZE” drawing.

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

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 No club affiliation needed.

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.

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

All buying is open to the general public.

March 6 – 8, 2020; St. Petersburg, FL

50th Annual Gem, Jewelry & Mineral Show and Sale

THE SUNCOAST GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY

Fri: 1 PM to 6PM; Sat: 10AM-6PM; Sun: 10am-5PM

Donations Adults \$5.00, Students with parents or ID \$4.00, under 6 free. Good for all three days. Website flier, Tampa Bay Times ad, Military ID \$1 off adults.

NEW LOCATION

Banquet Masters 13355 49th St N, Clearwater, FL 33762

GRAND DRAWING AT END OF SHOW!

\$1.50 GRAB BAGS, FREE PARKING

12+ Dealers

Assorted gems, rocks & minerals, jewelry, tools & equipment for sale by vendors and SGAMS.

Silent Auctions all day long.

Club display cases and exhibits.

Refreshments available.

Show contact: Bill Schmidt, Show Chair, 727 822-8279

Email contact: SGAMSGemshow@gmail.com

Club web page: <http://www.sgams.com/Shows/show.html>

April 25 – 26, 2020; Memphis, TN

April 25-26, 2020

Memphis, TN.

Memphis Mineral, Fossil, Jewelry Show

“The Earth Wide Open”

Memphis Archaeological and Geological Society

Memphis International Agricenter, 7777 Walnut Grove Rd. Memphis, TN

Saturday, April 25 9-6:00 and Sunday, April 26 10-5,

Adults \$5.00, 2 day pass \$8.00, Children 12 and under \$2.00. Scouts in uniform free

Dealers, Exhibits, Demonstrations, Grand and Hourly door prizes. Kids Area with Rockzone featuring Gem and Fossil Dig, Geode Bowling, and Rocks Around the Clock. Includes “The MAGS Rock Banquet” a table full of rocks that looks like real food. Developed and maintained by the club since 1980

web: www.TheEarthWideOpen.com

email info@theearthwideopen.com.

Show Chair James Butchko 901-692-7518

Dealer Chair WC McDaniel 901-274-7706, 901-490-3575

May 8 – 10, 2020; Marietta, GA

52nd 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

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



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...



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



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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:

- 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.

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