The 2014 Endowment Fund Drawing took place in Tulsa, Oklahoma. We had some very nice donations for prizes, and a lot of people stepped up and bought tickets to support the AFMS Endowment Fund. Thank you for your support. And thank you to those who picked up prizes to deliver at the banquet in Tulsa. That helped save the cost of mailing the items.

We have received the following donations for the 2015 Endowment Fund Drawing, which will be held on October 24, 2015, at the awards banquet in Austin, Texas.

1. Copper piece and stock certificate donated by Pam Hecht. Estimated value is $65. MWF

2. Howelite and onyx agate necklace and earrings. Donated by Sharon Rogow, crafted by Betsy Oberheim. Estimated value is $75. CFMS
3. A large agatized coral head donated by the Suncoast Gem and Mineral Society. It was from an old collection of Withlacoochee River coral donated by a member who passed some years ago. The value is estimated to be at least $100. SFMS (This one is larger than the one given last year.)

4. *Phareodus encaustus* (fossil fish) from the Eocene Period, Green River formation, Kemmerer, Wyoming. This was donated by J.C. and Donna Moore with an approximate value of $65. MWF

#5 - is a Tampa Bay Coral pair donated by Barbara Sky, MWF Uniform Rules Chairman. The pair is about six inches long and two and a half inches wide. The estimated value is $50. (MWF)
#6 – is a framed Diplomystus fish and a willow leaf fossil from the Green River formation in Lincoln County, Wyoming. It is of the Eocene Epoch. It is donated by Richard Jaeger and valued at $125. (RMFMS)

#7 - an agate bola made by the late Lydia Czapek and donated by Cynthia Payne. Estimated value $50. (EFMLS)

#8 - a calcite with celestine specimen from La Mojina mine, Gallegos, Sonora, Mexico. Donated by Steve & Carolyn Weinberger, it has an estimated value of $60. (EFMLS)
#9 - a pair of jade fruits with jade leaves. Donated by Cynthia Payne, the pair has an estimated value of $75. (EFMLS)

#10 - a sterling silver necklace with variscite pendant. Crafted by the late Lyndia Czapek and donated by Cynthia Payne, it has an estimated value of $100. (EFMLS)

#11 - an owl etched on verdite from Namibia. Donated by Cynthia Payne it has an estimated value is $75. (EFMLS)
#12 - a stellerite specimen from Sarbayskaya quarry, nr. Rudniy, Kustani Oblast, Kazakhstan. Donated by Steve & Carolyn Weinberger, it has an estimated value of $75. (EFMLS)

#13 – a gold brachiated red jasper pendant set in silver has been donated by Betty Cain from the Lake George Gem & Mineral Club in Lake George, Colorado. The approximate value is $75. (RMFMS)

#14 - a trio of Ocean Jasper eggs donated by Jean and Matt Charsky. The estimated value is $75. (EFMLS)
#15. Doris Keane has fashioned a pendant from gold-filled wire wrapped around a cabochon of dendritic quartz. The approximate value is $65. MWF

#16. Doris Keane has donated a second pendant fashioned from gold-filled wire around a dichroic glass disc made by Julie Whitlatch. The approximate value of this pendant is $70. MWF

#17. Matt and Jean Charsky have donated a Mookite Carving from Madagascar. It has an approximate value of $150. EFMLS
#18. K.C. Foster has donated a Herkimer “Diamond” pendant with an Argentium silver handmade chain. It has an estimated value of $200. (EFMLS)

#19. A metal nail trilobite donated by John T. Benedict of Some Distant World. This iron sculpture is about 9” long. Estimated value is $35. RMFMS

#20. A green and purple fluorite carving has been donated by Sandy Fuller and Martha Miss of Rock Biz. It is about 4” tall. This item has an approximate value of $65. MWF
#21. Calico onyx from Barstow, California, necklace and earrings from Mary Hicks of Contra Costa Gems. Estimated value is $50. CFMS.

#22. A beautiful heart shaped opal fashioned by and donated by Steven Shimatzki, Toledo Gem & Mineral Club. Estimated value for this cabochon is $200. MWF

#23. Agate slab with stand donated by the Charlotte Gem & Mineral Club. Approximate value $125. SFMS
#24  An 11 pound piece of Sodalite with an approximate value of $60. Donated by the Tampa Bay Mineral and Science Club. SFMS

#25  A 22 pound piece of African Bloodstone. Donated by the Tampa Bay Mineral and Science Club. Approximate value is $135. SFMS.
#26 Amethyst Spruce Gem Tree crafted and donated by Jerri Heer, Approximate value is $50. SFMS

#27 Dogwood Blossom Gem Tree crafted and donated by Jerri Heer. Approximate value is $50. SFMS
Prize donations should be related to our hobby as a specimen, a lapidary item, handcrafted jewelry, or other item. We ask for items that have an estimated value of at least $50. And, items that aren’t too heavy would be really nice. I hate to have to spend a lot of money mailing prizes after the convention. That eats into the profits from selling tickets. To see examples of prizes that have been donated in the past, go to http://www.amfed.org/endow2013.htm

Anyone who has an item to donate can mail it to me at Donna Moore, 25235 N. State Route 97, Cuba, IL 61427, or you may contact the sales representative from your federation. Questions can be directed to my e-mail at mwfsecretarygmail.com or my phone 309-231-2116.

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