

More Prizes for the  
2006 AFMS ENDOWMENT  
FUND DRAWING 3/15/06



8. Pottery Bowl



9. Texas Agate Cabochons



10. Dino Bolo Tie



11. Lost Wax Gold Ring



12. Frog Carving

## AFMS 2006 Raffle Prize List

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T8. A beautiful original pottery bowl made by the drape method, designed, decorated and fired by Mississippi Gem & Mineral Society member, Bob Summers ("Bob the artist"). The bowl measures three and one-half inches high and seven inches wide. Bob works in pottery by several methods, and paints in all mediums. He has quite a large local following but has just recently started selling on the internet. His decorations on the inside of the bowl are interesting, don't you think? Because he did not glaze the inside, which would have detracted from the pattern, it probably is not suitable for food but Betty James, SFMS Secretary and MGMS member, suggests that it would make a wonderful display and cache pot for all those odds and ends we toss here and there or just to decorate a table in the foyer. Actually, Betty says she would like to be the lucky winner! Conservatively appraised at \$120. (SFMS)

T9. Collection of four agate cabochons cut from material collected in the Calamity Creek area, south of Alpine Texas. Included are Texas Plume and Moss agates and an Owyhee jasper. Sizes of the three larger cabs are 40mm x 52mm, and the fourth measures 30mm x 40mm. The uniquely beautiful cabochons are just a small sample of the superb lapidary work done by the late Carl Childers, well known lapidarist, cabbing instructor and author, of Lubbock, TX. His wife Mary has graciously donated this set to the AFMS to be used as one of the 2006 raffle prizes in tribute to Carl's dedication to our organization and its objectives. The set is most conservatively valued at \$200. (SCFMS)

T10. A real Texas Treasure of a Bolo Tie, also created by Carl Childers, of Lubbock, TX. The cabochon was cut from rare White Dino and polished by Carl, then mounted in a sterling setting designed by metalsmith Ron Simons, of Lubbock, Texas. The cabochon circle measures 2" in diameter and overall dimensions of the piece are 2 1/4' high by 2 3/4' wide. Included with the tie is a handsome tarnish-resistant velcro-closed pouch designed and made by Carl's wife, Mary. A real value at \$200. (SCFMS)

T11. Lady's 14k gold lost wax cast ring. This stunning beauty was created for the 2006 raffle by Bural LaRue, CFMS Second Vice-President, who is well-known for his outstanding craftsmanship, metalsmith teaching, and his generous contributions over the past three years to our AFMS raffles. The striking and unusual design of the ring features a slightly left-offset 8 x10 mm laser-cut oval blue topaz. The spectacular stone is entwined in a golden wreath, with a spray of six golden stems placed to the right. The ring is size 7, but if that is not your size, Bural assures us that it can be easily resized by a competent jeweler. The value of the boxed ring is \$250. CFMS.

T12. Carving - Virgil Keltz, master carver, created this minutely detailed frog, sitting on a leaf, from Lake Wenatchee, WA soapstone, which is tan in color with a tinge of rose. Virgil is a four-time winner of AFMS trophies for his carvings; most recently in the 2004 AFMS competition, and we are pleased and honored that he created and donated this beautiful piece especially for the 2006 Endowment Fund Raffle. The stylized leaf is approximately 5"x9" and the colorful frog measures 3". A self-styled "semi-professional" carver, Virgil is a member of Skagit Rock & Gem Club, NFMS, and is a Past NFMS Rules Chairman. The magnificent piece is valued at \$550. (NFMS)

And we are still expecting More Prizes To Come . . .