Rockhounds are traditionally a most generous group of folks, and during the past year, you have come forward again and again to respond to a number of worthy causes. We are proud to recognize the special giving of time and money to support the 2005 hurricane relief efforts, and, of course, that of our own AFMS Scholarship bailout during the past year. What a great group of caring and giving folks you are!

Now it is payback time. This is your opportunity to make a gift which will be 100% going back to yourself. Your purchase money for tickets for the Endowment Fund raffle will all go directly to the Fund which produces interest - and that interest goes exclusively to fund the programs and services to benefit us - the Rockhounds of AFMS! And, in addition, some fourteen special winners will be rewarded for their donations by receiving one of the spectacular and valuable prizes being offered in this year’s raffle. Last year, your ticket purchases added about $2,700 to the Endowment Fund totals - we hope to equal or exceed that amount this year.

Some exciting new prizes, donated by some wonderful Rockhounds, have already begun to arrive for the 2006 AFMS Endowment Fund Raffle, and our dedicated regional committee members are ready to go with pictures and details of the latest offerings. They will have tickets available for purchase for only $5 each, or 5 tickets for $20, at your regional meetings and conventions, or you can purchase directly by mail from me at:

Joy Bourne, Chair
AFMS Endowment Fund
RR #1, Box 159A
Towanda, PA 18848-9739
(570) 265-6454
csprings@epix.net

I think you will agree that we have some real treasures for you again - even bigger and better, if that is possible, than last year’s. New prizes are arriving regularly, and webmaster Marty Hart says he is ready to post pictures in full color - with descriptions and details on the AFMs website at www.amfed.org, as soon as he receives them. Take a look and see for yourself.
FROM THE PRESIDENT

Jim Robinson, AFMS President

The monthly president’s message in your club bulletin is one of the most important functions the president has. It is most likely the most difficult one to do.

Each month you need a message that is informative and of a general interest to the overall membership. This can be a challenge, especially when it is not known who and how many people are reading it.

This can be a real problem with an organization a large and diverse as the AFMS since we are spread out over the entire United States and the president has little opportunity to meet and talk with most of the general membership. We attend the meetings of the member Federations, but even if we attend all seven meetings, we are only able to talk with just a few of the people who belong to clubs in each of the regional federations.

I have an idea that will make the job easier and informative for everyone. It will require the help of the editors throughout the AFMS. If they will just run the messages from the officers and committee chairs of the AFMS each month in their own publications, this will get the word out to the membership at large. I am sure this will come as no surprise when I say there are literally hundreds of our members out there who have no idea of the many things the AFMS has to offer. This is sad indeed, especially since we have all the tools to keep everyone informed. "The Bulletin and Newsletter Editors".

I would like to take communication one-step further, for the next few months I would like to use the president’s column as a forum to speak. I am inviting anyone who has a concern or anything they would like to address to write, call or E-mail me. We will address it in the presidents’ messages over the next few months. Don’t hesitate to ask me direct questions about the AFMS. I am there for you - please don’t be afraid. You can expect a response and a very small segment of the public. We generally hold our shows in a fairgrounds, a convention hall, or another location that has inexpensive rent. Advertising brings in the public to this remote location for only those people who are familiar with Gem and Mineral Shows, but not a lot of other people.

The AFMS, like your club, is an educational organization - our tax exempt status is based upon it. What we really need to do is reach that very large segment of the population that doesn’t know that we exist. The point of this message is that at our annual shows, we display to each other and a very small segment of the public. We generally hold our shows in a fairgrounds, a convention hall, or another location that has inexpensive rent. Advertising brings in the public to this remote location for only those people who are familiar with Gem and Mineral Shows, but not a lot of other people.

Think of the types of things we display in gem and mineral shows and where else the public might see them:

- Minerals - Museums perhaps
- Faceted stones - Jewelry stores
- Lapidary - Some jewelry stores, novelty and souvenir shops
- Gemstone carvings - Museums
- Petrified materials - Specialty museums
- Petrified materials - Specialty museums
- Educational - Libraries perhaps
- Fossilio - Museums, some libraries
- Petrolium materials - Museums, novelty and souvenir shops
- Ultraviolet materials - Specialty museums

As you can see, unless people frequent museums, jewelry stores, or gem and mineral shows, they won’t benefit from the legacy of skill and dedication that we provide.

Consider displaying to a larger segment of the population.
The 2005 AFMS Scholarship Recipients
From Dee Holland, Scholarship Foundation President

The AFMS Scholarship Foundation is pleased to announce the names of the recipients of Scholarships for 2005. These grants are made possible from the interest generated on the interest garnered from your donations to the fund over the past years. Please continue to be generous - our students are most grateful for the help they receive.

California Federation
Honorees: Ernie Kartenbein, Reno, NV
Students: ROLF SWAINSTON, Masters in Mining Engineering, Mackay School of Mines, University of Nevada, Reno
STEVEN DeYOUNG, Masters in Geology, Mackay School of Mines, University of Nevada, Reno

Eastern Federation
Honorees: Michael Hawkins, New York State Museum, Albany, NY
Students: COURTNEY LUGERT, Secondary Education Program, College of St. Rose, Albany, NY (completed Graduate work in Geology)
BREAN SLATER, Masters in collaboration between the Museum of University, State University of New York, Albany, NY

Midwest Federation
Honorees: David J. Lowrie, Wayne State University, Detroit, MI
Students: DAWN NEIDERMILLER, Masters in Geology, Department of Geology, Wayne State University, Detroit, MI
JASON ZWEDA, Masters in Geology, Depart of Geology, Wayne State University, Detroit, MI

Northwest Federation
Honorees: Dr. Roger Neilsen, Oregon State University, Corvallis, OR
Students: JEREMIAH OXFORD, Masters in Geology, (Petroleum and Geochemistry), Department of Geosciences, Oregon State University, Corvallis, OR
CRISTINA M. DARR, Masters in Petrology and Geochemistry, Department of Geosciences, Oregon State University, Corvallis, OR.

Rocky Mountain Federation
Honorees: Howell Whiting, Roswell, NM
Students: FREDERICK PARTEY, Ph.D. in Geochemistry, Department of Earth and Environmental Science, New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology, Socorro, New Mexico
CHRISTINE KIMBALL, Masters in Geology, New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology, Socorro, New Mexico.

South Central Federation
Honorees: Dr. Judith A. Schiebout, Louisiana State, Department of Geology and Geophysics, Baton Rouge, LA
Students: GRANT BOARDMAN, Geology & Geophysics, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA
JULIE L. HILL, Masters in Geology, (Petrology and Geochemistry), Department of Geosciences, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA

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Five-inch diameter Amethyst Geode, Las Choyas Mine, Chihuahua, Mexico. Includes custom cherry wood display stand. Cut and polished by donor, Ken Anderson of the So. Appalachin Mineral Society and SFMS Treasurer, who also fashioned the stand. Value is $65.00. SFMS

Tanzanite pendant. Created and donated to the Endowment Fund by master faceter and teacher, Reivan Zeleznik, Past President of EFMLS, and longtime Wildacres faceting instructor. The stone measures 6mm x 9mm, and weighs 1.38 carats. Value conservatively estimated at $500. EFMLS

Intarsia pendant on 16" ss chain, entitled "Red Mountain." Created and donated by multiple-AFMS Award-Winning artist and author, Rocky McCall, current AFMS 5th Regional Vice President. Accompanied by a signed descriptive certificate of authenticity, and the black leatherette case. Set in stamped sterling silver, the 1-5/16" x 1-3/4" Montana agate cabochon is inset with the 1-3/16" x 1" intarsia "picture" of Red Mountain. Its retail value is set at $400. NFMS

We are ready and eagerly waiting to hear from you.

Upcoming Regional Federation Shows
by Mary Trammell, AFMS Show Coordinator

California Federation
June 9-11
Angel's Camp, California

Eastern Federation
November 17-19
West Palm Beach, Florida

Midwest / AFMS
May 9-21
Southgate, MI

Northwest
July 14-16
Kelso, Washington

Rocky Mountain
June 9-11
Stillwater, Oklahoma

South Central
August 18-20
Bossier City, LA

Southeast - AFMS
August 14 - 20
Nashville, TN

Information on the Southeast - AFMS Convention can be found on page 5 of this issue and via a link on the AFMS website <www.amfed.org>.
ROCKIN' IN MUSIC CITY
From Lewis Elrod, Convention Chair

Annual Convention of the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies
and the Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies
Hosted by the Middle Tennessee Gem & Mineral Society
P. O. Box 1256
Murfreesboro, TN 37133-1256

Host Hotel
Hotel Preston
733 Briley Parkway
Nashville, Tennessee 37151

Toll Free Phone: 1-877-361-5500

You must state you are with the AFMS Convention to get the special rate for rooms.

AFMS special rate is $82.00 per night for a king or double room. These rates apply from Monday, August 14th through Saturday, August 19th. We have 60 rooms blocked for us. The deadline for making your reservations is July 15th. After this date any rooms not taken will be released. There are, at this time, many other rooms not being held for us. This is a very busy time for Nashville and a lot of hotels are nearly closed for this time for tourists. Make your reservations early and you will be sure of getting a room at the host hotel.

A list of other area hotels, motels and campgrounds can be found on the show website (www.mtgms.org/show2006/).

SCHEDULE OF PLANNED ACTIVITIES

Monday, August 14
Noon  Registration table at Host Hotel

Tuesday, August 15
7:30  Registration table at Host Hotel
8:00 am  Rules Committee Meeting
7:30 pm  Cracker Barrel
Open  Field trip for fossils being planned

Wednesday, August 16
8:00 am  Registration table at Host Hotel
9:00 am  AFMS Annual Convention meeting-host hotel
AFMS Scholarship Board meeting immediately follows AFMS meeting
Open  Field trip being planned for Tennessee quartz geodes and to visit the new Gem, mineral and fossil museum in Murfreesboro at the Middle Tenn. State Univ.

Thursday, August 17
8:00 am  Registration table at Host Hotel
Noon  Dealer and exhibitor setup
Creative Arts Building,
Tennessee State Fairgrounds
Open  Field Trip to Donelson workshop of the Middle Tennessee Gem & Mineral Society
8:00 pm  Show Building closes
Open  Dinner Cruise on General Jackson Showboat being planned

Friday, August 18
8:00 am  Registration table at Host Hotel
9:00 am  Registration at Tenn. State Fairgrounds
9:00 am  Show opens
Tennessee State Fairgrounds
9:00 am  Website seminar-host hotel
12:00 noon  All Officers luncheon-everyone invited to attend
2:00 pm  Editor's seminar-host hotel (tentative)
6:00 pm  Show closes
Open  Grand Old Opry show being planned

Saturday August 19, 2006
8:00 am  Registration table at Host Hotel
9:00 am  Registration at Tenn. State Fairgrounds
9:00 am  Show opens
9:00 am  Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies meeting-host hotel
6:00 pm  Show closes
7:00 pm  Awards Banquet-host hotel

Visit the Convention Show Site at www.mtgms.org/show2006/ for more information

The Hermitage, home of Andrew Jackson - one of the many things to see and do while in Nashville. Photo: S. Weinberger

The Parthenon, another Nashville attraction

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CAPTURING OUR HOBBY WITH ART

you to try some different ways of crafting. I have thought about simple tools and encouraged some of the "old ways" to be excellent. The beauty of hammering (malleting), wood planes and punches. Rock maple and dogwood make great tools includ... such as brass, bronze, aluminum, pewter and even lead that are often employed. If you do not know what alloy we are using, we are guessing... You might also make casts by pressing real fossils into clay to make a mold and then pouring plaster. When it hardens, how kids paint the costs the colors... Activity 3: Field Art. Memory is a fickle friend. Thus it's always useful to sketch an area or outcrop where you collected minerals or fossils to show the association of rock types, significant landmarks, specific horizons where fossils or minerals were collected, etc. Such a sketch serves as a handy reminder the next time you visit the locality or as a useful reference tool for others who may wish to visit it. Teach this to your club's kids!

Activity 4: Maps. It's important to document self-collected material and to supplement labels for individual specimens with maps of where you've found your material, and maps are an art form unto themselves. At the simplest level, they consist of lines, arrows, and print to indicate names of roads, distance markers, etc., but they can also be illustrated to provide visual supplements showing significant landmarks, illustrating what's to be found and where, or showing schematic of the layers of rock at a deposit and which layers hold significant minerals or fossils. With activities like these, let's help develop the budding artist residing within each child and show them how to put their inherent artistic inclinations to good work while—always—having fun!
AFMS Rockhound of the Year

California Federation

Fossils For Fun is pleased to nominate Don Padlock as our AFMS Club Rockhound of the Year for 2005. Almost from his first meeting, Don has been actively involved in all our activities. He brings refreshments to every meeting and is known as the "cookie man." As our Vice President, Don has been responsible for arranging some really good speakers and other types of programs. He's always there when we need him. He hosts our Board meetings, and twice—when we could not hold our educational meetings of our regular site—Don had the entire club meet at his house. Don displays his wonderful fossils at several of our local shows, and is usually seen at any local rockhound event supporting other local clubs. We are very lucky to have such an active member as Don and want to acknowledge and thank him for all his hard work.

South Central Federation

We would like to nominate Owen Hopkins for AFMS Club Rockhound of the Year. Owen has been a faithful worker in the Gulf Coast Gem and Mineral Society for many years. Owen has held several positions within the Club and is currently the Secretary. Owen works very hard with the youngsters, both within the Club and those who wish they could be in the Club. He has been in charge of our Wheel, for the younger ones, for several years. He also goes to the schools and presents a fine program, geared for the younger minds. He never fails to have some kind of reward for them, when he gives a program. Owen also volunteers to give programs at our meetings and they are very interesting. His work, before he retired, was in the line of geology and locating oil deposits. Owen is a very good rockhound, as his collection will tell you and he is willing to share with others. He truly is a Rockhound of the Year.

The South Bay Lapidary Gem and Mineral Club wishes to nominate Victor de la Cruz as our AFMS Rockhound of the Year. Larry and Leslie Haskinson have worked side by side since 1994. The positions they have filled are as follows: Vice Presidents, Program chairman for 1994, 1995, 1996, 1999, 2002 and 2004, Show chairman for 1998, 1999, 2000. They also have done the donate and display numerous times. They have given talks and programs about opals to other clubs. For our show Larry managed the used book table in 1995, 1996, and 1999 and inside rocks slabs in 2001-2005, Leslie handled the sign-up sheet from 1995 to 1997, drawing and donations from 1999, working demonstrations 2001 to 2003. P.A. announcer 2004, 2005, ugly rocks and donation awards in 2005. Leslie has scouted and arranged the installation dinners numerous times. Anytime there is a position to be filled you can depend on Larry or Leslie to do it. I know I have missed something along the way. Larry and Leslie are a great asset to our club.

The Carmichael Gem & Mineral Society is pleased to nominate Victor de la Cruz as our AFMS Club Rockhound of the Year for 2005. Victor is one of those quiet members who just helps out all around. Setting up for and cleaning up after meetings, attending Board meetings, helping with our rummage sale, etc. Every year, Victor invites the club to his home for our annual summer picnic. He generously shares his garden bounty, and everybody always has a really good time. Victor is a talented lapidary artist and has done some wonderful carvings. We hope some day to convince him to enter them in competition. We are very lucky to have a club member like Victor and want to thank him for all he does.

AFMS Core of Ethics

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 HELP. (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.
Summer Camps Await

Four of our Regional Federations sponsor workshops for their members. Although priority is given to members of clubs within the regional federation sponsoring the workshop, members of clubs outside the area are usually accepted on a “space available” basis. Here is some information on the workshops for 2006. We encourage you to take advantage of one or more of these unique educational and fun experiences this year.

The Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies (SFMS) will offer five week-long workshops during 2006 at the William Holland School of Lapidary Arts in Georgia and at the Wildacres Retreat in North Carolina. The following schedule has been announced:

Session 1, Wildacres -- April 13-20, 2006
Session 2, William Holland -- June 11-17, 2006
Session 3, Wildacres -- Aug. 21-27, 2006
Session 4, Wildacres -- Sep. 18-24, 2006
Session 5, William Holland -- Oct. 8-14, 2006

The total number of available bedrooms has been expanded significantly during the past season and the Southeast Federation is pleased to invite members of other Federations to attend the workshops. Southeast Federation registration will start on January 17, 2006 and members of other federations may submit registration forms on or after March 17th. The postmark date determines priority in classes with limited enrollment. Of course, out of federation AFMS members who are also SFMS club members may register in January.

The SFMS Workshops offer a wide variety of classes in both lapidary and jewelry-making crafts. In general, students will spend four and a half days in class with an optional half-day off in midweek. Registration is the afternoon before classes start and departure is after breakfast on the day following the last class. Workshops are open from 9 to 5 each day with a break for lunch. Evenings and the free afternoon are devoted to extra curricular activities that may include guest speakers, demonstrations, field trips, and an auction. The week concludes with show-and-tell. Anyone may tailor the week when classes are not in session during the last half of the week.

Lodge accommodations including meals are $310 per person, double occupancy. A limited number of single rooms are available for $470. There will be lab fees and charges for supplies and materials. The expected cost is published in class descriptions in the Lodestar, the monthly newsletter of the SFMS. Electronic copies of the Lodestar, as well as detailed workshop and course descriptions, are available on the Internet at the following URL: www.amfed.org/sfms/. A special supplement to the Lodestar is published in the November issue with all of the workshop details for the following year.

The California Federation offers 3 weeks of workshops at Camp Paradise and Zzyzx. Both facilities offer rustic sleeping facilities, but attendees may bring their RV’s if they prefer. All meals are included plus a variety of hands-on classes and field trips. The dates for 2006 are:

Zzyzx - March 19 - 26
Camp Paradise - September 3 - 9
September 10 - 16

Cost for the workshops is approximately $250 per person plus materials fees for classes. For more information, visit the CFMS website <www.cfmsinc.org>.

The Northwest Federation began its workshop endeavor in 2005 at OMSI, Camp Hancock, which is located in the John Day Fossil Bed area of Oregon. Although dates, cost and details for 2006 have not yet been announced, you can obtain information from NFMS President Frank Posthumus. See the Northwest Federation website for details <www.amfed.org/nfms>.

The Eastern Federation sponsors two one-week workshops at the Wildacres Workshop facility in Little Switzerland, NC (near Asheville). The facility is first class with modern rooms, all with private bath, well equipped classroom/lab, a beautiful, restful private campus.

Each week features an “expert-in-residence” who presents illustrated talks on his or her specialty, a variety of hands-on classes, plus lots of other activities including tail-gating, an auction and a fun night evening. Dates for 2006 are:

May 22 - 28
September 11 - 17

There were only 2 pages of changes made to the Uniform Rules at the AFMS Convention in St. Louis last August. In addition, it was discovered that some copies of circulating books were missing a previously approved change to page F-2-2000.

These updates are now available from your Regional Supplies Chair. The updated Uniform Rules may also be downloadable from the AFMS Website by visiting <www.amfed.org/rules/rules.htm>.

The Wildacres Facility where both the Eastern and Southeast Federations hold workshops.

Postage stamp development is an interesting field with many opportunities for the participation of mineralogists. The Postal Service regularly comments on stamps used with postal rates. One of the latest examples was the release of the 6724-stamp on January 8th. The stamp features the Navajo Jewelry stamp. A very attractive stamp, it features turquoise in a silver stylized squash blossom style. Also notice the new $0.39 snowflake stamps planned for issue later this year. (Yes ice is a mineral!) In addition to your local Post Office, stamps may be ordered online at <www.usps.com> or by calling 1 800 782 4724. These stamps did not come about as a result of activity of the AFMS Commemorative Stamp Committee, which continues to be active, but from other appeals. Our message is the same. Support Gems on stamps. To Espouse the cause, write with your reasons why YOU would like gems on stamps.

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Wendell C. Mohr, Chairman, Commemorative Stamp Committee

UNIFORM RULES UPDATES AVAILABLE
from Jay Bowman, Publications Chair

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