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President's Report

I hope everyone is keeping well.

I think the SFMS has had an interesting, but productive start to 2020.

I look forward to continuing the great discussions started at the Rock-hound Round-up when we can all meet up again.

As I'm certain everyone is already aware, the covid-19 virus continues to cause issues across the country and I want to stress that I value the health and safety of our members above all else.

That being said: as of right now, we are looking forward to our next meeting being held in conjunction with William Holland in June. It is still too early to predict if the virus will interfere with that meeting, so I remain optimistic.

Stay safe,

Jesse Griffin
Knoxville Gem and Mineral Society
2020 SFMS president
Editor's Note

Hello rockhounds!

Well this isn't your typical newsletter, and unfortunately there are no April Fools jokes...

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.

Everyone should be well aware of the current world-wide pandemic – COVID-19.

I'm including some information and resources for your reference and convenience during this time of unrest. And, please stay healthy, busy, and at home... Don't forget to wash your hands!

I've had the following assist in providing websites for states outside of Florida:

Alabama - Reggie Bolton:

Georgia - Robin & Jennifer Findley:
The official state site for general info: = https://dph.georgia.gov/novelcoronavirus

Mississippi - Reba and Buddy Shotts:
https://www.msdh.ms.gov/msdhsite/-static/14,0,420.html

North Carolina - John Rasmussen:
www.ncdhhs.gov

South Carolina- Tom Figg:

Virginia - Steve Gordon:
http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/

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From Marty Hart:  
https://www.wkrn.com/community/health/coronavirus/doctor-shares-useful-tips-for-how-to-properly-clean-your-groceries/

To the above contributors, Thank you for sharing.

And for Florida, I have the following:

Florida Department of Health COVID-19 Call Center is Available 24/7  
Call: 1 (866) 779-6121 Email: COVID-19@FLHealth.gov  
For additional information and helpful links regarding COVID-19, please visit the Florida Department of Health COVID-19 website at FloridaHealth.gov/COVID-19.  
http://www.floridahealth.gov/  
http://www.floridahealth.gov/covid-19  

Here are the links to CDC COVID-19 material:  
https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/hcp/clinical-criteria.html#foot5

The WHO (World Health Organization) is a major source of information, along with providing the preferred Hand Washing Techniques.  
World Health Organization (WHO):  
https://www.who.int/news-room/q-a-detail/q-a-coronaviruses  
https://www.who.int/health-topics/coronavirus#tab=tab_1  
WHO Handwashing technique:  
https://www.who.int/gpsc/5may/How_To_HandWash_Poster.pdf?ua=1

Your local County Emergency Management continues to monitor and communicate updates, check locally.
Unfortunately, I received notification yesterday that a website is imitating the Johns Hopkins University website, and search is bringing up the malicious website. The result is AZOR trojan penetrating your computer, stealing your information, and spreading to others.

Please be careful both in person and on the world-wide web.

The information and statistics for this COVID-19 changes so quickly.

There is an article from the New Yorker attached.

I received the below information on COVID-19 on surfaces, please read.

How long does the COVID-19 virus survive on different surfaces?

- Up to three hours in the air;
- Up to four hours on copper;
- Up to 24 hours on cardboard; and
- Up to two-to-three days on plastic and stainless steel.

"Our results indicate the aerosol and fomite transmission of [the new coronavirus] is plausible, as the virus can remain viable in aerosols for multiple hours and on surfaces for days,” the researchers wrote. According to the MIT Technology Review, the findings indicate that hospital equipment could possibly be a vector for disease.

However, scientists do not have "definitive proof" the virus can spread through inanimate objects, the MIT Technology Review reports.


Please stay busy everyone!

Apologies on the length of the editorial comments, but we want you to be informed.
WE BELONG—TOGETHER
The Sun will rise tomorrow (whether you can see it, or not).

The current status is only physical distancing; we are still social.
We have telephones, emails, social websites, and hope.
(Be careful on the Internet!)

Whether you are able to get out and about, if you feel (or are) isolated or quarantined...
We are all in this world together. In peace and with time, this will pass.
We look forward to spending time with you, once this distancing pandemic is behind us.

Stay Safe until we meet again!

CREATE TO CALM
At this time of UnRest... Work Your thoughts out, find some Peace...

What are you doing to shed any negative thoughts?

Be Productive...
Hammer/Chisel – Your Anger Out,
Cast – Your Worries Away,
Slab – Your Fears Away,
Cab – You Patience,
Facet – Your Kindness,
Set – Your Strength,
Bezel – Your Sanity,
Solder – Your Thoughts,
Wrap – Your Heart, while providing compassion...

Create – with Love and Care
inventory – Your Hope for the Future
Clean – Your Tools, and keep Washing Your Hands

Don’t forget, Laugh at your mistakes.
Cry – to Release what you can’t hold.
Laugh – to bring your Spirits Up.

What are your goals? – Set them, embrace them, and live them...

Submitted By:  Lori Heinemann, PGS President, PGS Outcroppings Newsletter Editor

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.

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 rock-hounds 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 with Paul Roberts
Fly Tying with Jeff Heer
Seed Beading with Broken China with Jerri Heer
Loop-n-loop chain with Chuck Bruce
Flame Painting on metal with Janet Pace (waiting list)
Casting with Bill Harr
Silverware Jewelry with Jan & Keith Stephens
Silver 1 with Patti Appleby
Silver 2 Fusing with silver, Keum-boo gold and Mixed Metals with Dale Koebnick
Metal Mania - Air Chasing, Wire Weaving and Spinner Rings with Cindy Moore
Intarsia with Bill Boggs
Wire with Gene Sheridan
Hydraulic Press making your own die with Vicki Prillaman
Faceting with Linda Searcy

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Special Projects  Adv. Silver with Jeff Sheer  
Wire with Rowan Rose-Morgan  
Silver 1 & 2 with Patti Appleby  
Enamel with Ruth Prince  
Methods of Stone Setting Metal Clay with Judi Talley  
Metal Mania - Air Chasing, Wire Weaving and Spinner Rings with Cindy Moore  
Southwest Jewelry with Morning Sherrod  
Seed Beading with Gail DeLuca  
Bench Making with Danny Griffin  
Cabochons with Buddy Shotts  

Silver 1 & 2 with Patti Appleby  
Loop-n-loop with Chuck Bruce  
Electro-etching with Micah Kirby  
Southwest Jewelry with Morning Sherrod  
Metal Mania - Air Chasing, Wire Weaving and Spinner Rings with Cindy Moore  
Casting with Bill Harr  
Begin Chain with Marilou Hillanbrand  
Tangible Moments, Capturing the Beauty of Nature in Metal Clay with Judi Talley  
Gem ID 1 with Teresa Pauly  

For more info  sfmsworkshops.org  

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

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Education Chair  

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Safety

COVID-19
Wash your hands, with 20 seconds of soaping, then rinse. Do not touch your face, unless you have properly washed your hands or used hand sanitizer. If you are in a building, and touch the doors, walls, counters, etc. You need to immediately wash your hands, again properly. Control your coughs and sneezes as the CDC and other responsible folks show.

Be considerate, don’t be a magpier. That is Australian for a hoarder.

This disease can be extremely hazardous to your health and already a serious impactor of our finances. I find it interesting to watch the various responses to this threat. Barb was in a meeting with a guy that had taught a class which had one person, later diagnosed with the virus. Barb was notified of this potential issue on Thursday the 19th. The exposer was in a dance on the 10th. Her 14 day isolation time is up tomorrow. Her demeanor changed instantly and I agree that this can be a traumatic bit of notification. Even before this thing arrived closer to home, she had always maintained good hand washing techniques and the appropriate use of hand sanitizer. Now she upped it a notch along with the dread associated with the possibilities. As of this morning, she did not have any symptoms.

It is troubling to see the blaise attitude of so many folks.

Our office has gone to “work at home”; I had to go into the office today to try to get set up with the Companies work practice. I think I got it, but like an arrogant twit, I did not follow directions and then had to backstep. I ignored the guide to do this next, so I went from step 5 to 7 and ignored 6, Oh well.

So back to our number 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 top topics for this week. COVID-19.

The isolation, appropriate hand washing, social separations and a conscious effort to watch everything we do is required to “flatten the curve” as the doctors put it. In the office today, it was very quiet and at lunch, there were about 20 people in the cafeteria, which was only taking orders, no two folks were closer than 6 feet. Just as they should. I also found it to very quiet, sort of like attending a funeral.

This virus, in spite of some folks claim that we have it under control is not under control and is an extreme hazard. If you listen to those that have suffered through it, even the middle aged folks in great shape, non-smokers etc, Note the thing causes substantial pain, high temperature and extreme shortness of breath. So, if you are not in the great shape category and do have some underlying condition and laziness and procrastination do not fall in this category, do all that you can to avoid the virus. It should be noted that this thing will have to die out. There is no magic bullet to kill it at this time and as the real folks say, we are a year away or more for a vaccine for this. So it has to die out, otherwise we are in for this pain for quite some time.

Be safe and follow responsible folk’s admonitions.
Dixie Mineral Council

Dixie Mineral Council (DMC) will share after their field trips.

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 that are 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:
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World Wide Web site for the DMC is:
http://www.amfed.org/sfms/_dmc/dmc.htm
DMC is a program of the Field Trip Committee of the Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies, Inc. Copyright © All rights reserved.
"Earth first...we'll collect on the other planets later."
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 shr 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**

All future Shows we received notification of are listed.

**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](http://www.TheEarthWideOpen.com)  
email info@theearthwideopen.com.  
Show Chair James Butchko 901-692-7518  
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**May 8 – 10, 2020; Marietta, GA**

52nd Annual 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](http://www.gamineral.org)  
Email – mayshow@gamineral.org
May 8 – 10, 2020; Franklin, NC

DATES: May 8,9,10, 2020
SHOW: Mothers Day Gemboree
CLUB: Gem & Mineral Society of Franklin, North Carolina
TIMES: Friday 10-5, Saturday 10-5, & Sunday 10 - 4
ADDRESS: 1288 Georgia Road (US441)
SHOW INFO: Free admission, silent auction, finished jewelry, gemstones, rough & slabs, and demonstrations.
CONTACT: Norm Holbert, 828 634-0350 or 828 421-7776cell

June 6, 2020; Greensboro, NC

Greensboro Gem Show and Sale listing for SFMS website Events
For the website:

8th Annual Piedmont Outdoor Gem, Mineral & Jewelry Show and Sale
Saturday, June 6th 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Piedmont Triad Farmers Market, 2914 Sandy Ridge Road, Colfax, NC
Hosted by Greensboro Gem & Mineral Club --always on the first Saturday of June

Fun for the young, the no-so-young, the curious and the collector.

Vendors contact KB Montgomery, ggmc.rocks[at]gmail.com or 336-706-0061. More info and application and flyer on www.ggmc-rockhounds.com
June 20 – 21, 2020; Gastonia, NC

Gaston Gem, Mineral and Faceters Club Presents:
2020 Summer Gemboree
Saturday, June 20 and Sunday, June 21, 2020
Johan Newcombe Event Center
Habitat For Humanity Restore Bldg.
1840 E. Franklin Blvd.
Gastonia, NC 28054

New Year, New Decade, New Venue! "Rock" our 42nd annual show, now at the Johan Newcombe Event Center in the Habitat for Humanity Restore building. We are in town and inside, celebrating and sharing the club’s love and appreciation of gems, minerals and jewelry. Vendors will be showing their offerings in mineral specimens, crystals, geodes, fossils, jewelry, and more!
On-site sluices, treasure buckets, grab bags, prize drawings- all for family fun!
ADMISSION IS FREE!!

For additional information, please contact the club’s show chair via our Facebook page.
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IV. Interclub Connections
V. Federation Sponsored Club Insurance
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VIII. Lapidary Education
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