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President's Report

SFMS,

I cannot express the excitement I feel heading into 2020. This has already proven to be an interesting year for the SFMS and I hope this year has big things in store. Thank you everyone for the hard work you’ve already invested in us this year.

Big news: the SFMS Rockhound Roundup is coming up in March. The dates are 6, 7, and 9 with our executive meeting being at 6pm on Saturday and a social 7pm on Friday. If you can, we’d greatly appreciate your assistance setting up on the 5th. Information should already be circulating for the event, but if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

I would like to take this opportunity to recognize Roy Deere. Mr. Deere has put in countless hours for the SFMS and truly enriched this organization. He was well respected Mr. Deere passed away very recently. We should honor him by valuing the time we get to spend together.

I look forward to spending the rest of the year serving with all of you. As always, feel free to contact me by call or text at 865-963-7982. If I do not answer, please leave a name and number and I will get back to you as soon as my schedule allows. If you send me an email, please be sure to flag it as important or it gets lost in a sea of spam emails. Thank you so much and have a wonderful February.

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.

I’ve found a couple of emails were in the spam folder for January, this information is included in this issue.
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.

We have some updates to the SFMS officers listed in this newsletter. And Thank you to all of our SFMS Volunteers, for all you will do throughout the year! Thank you Danny Griffin for the updates!

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

Rock On,
Lori Heinemann
SFMS Lodestar Editor

Secretary's Report

Happy New Year Everyone!

Hope your Holidays were enjoyable. Once again, it is time to prepare for our next Executive Meeting. As per popular request, this meeting is scheduled in March, for cooler weather to hold the 2nd Annual Rockhound Roundup. We’re changing up things this year, with a Friday night Social - not a Cracker Barrell (No meeting, just fun!) The Executive meeting will be held Saturday evening instead of morning, so that there is no conflict between the Roundup and the meeting.

Please make reservations quickly, as space is limited. I’ve already reserved my cabin! The Days Inn will increase my block if needed, but only within a certain time frame.

Please send your reports ASAP, so I can meld them into the packet. Because I’m also organizing the Round-up, my plate is pretty full.

If you have any Questions, please call or email me,

Jerri Heer
SFMS Secretary
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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 achived 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

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Safety

Wow, January is already gone as is our vacation. We were fortunate to get to spend some time with our son and his family in Australia. This is summer in the southern hemisphere and many parts of Australia have been suffering through a 3 year drought. One of our favorite places was having water trucked in because their reservoir was down to about 20% full and their usage rate was such that going too much lower was not practical. Barb and I were there in 2007 and the reservoir was at about the same water level. Of course stringent water restrictions were in place.

The drought on southeastern Australia and the severe heat caused by an anomaly in the western Indian Ocean helped create catastrophic fires. The fires were a lot worse than shown on American TV. And the fact that Australia is about 80% the size of the lower 48 states and has a population less than 10% of the USA population means many areas with very low population density and very little access ways to fight these fires. The Eucalyptus tree leaves contain a substantial level of oils which also contributes to the infernos. As a result, extreme losses. Our thoughts, prayers and financial support is needed.

OK, so out of this, going back to many times, be prepared. Now, there is little one can do when facing a wall of flames, some 10 miles or more wide and 50 feet high moving at 20 miles per hour. One issue that was a continual stumbling block for the fire fighters was communication. Many times, they were out of range of the towers for cell phones and many times the massive fires destroyed the telephone and power lines. So for those of us living in a "densely" populated country in comparison to Australia, this type of communication issue is rare. Now our ice storms do create havoc, I am not ignoring this, but it seems to me that
“camping out” in your house is much better than having everything you own destroyed, not unlike several fire situations here in the states.

At one time just after New Year’s Day, a major fire trapped several hundred holiday folks on a beach and they ultimately were rescued by the Australian Navy. Leaving their car, camper and all the stuff they could not carry on the beach and hoping for the best. They did get rescued and would after it was safe go back and pick up what was left.

So, do have a “bug-out” plan and ways to tell your family where you are going. OK, back to being prepared. Catastrophic fires such as these are rare in the southeast USA, thankfully. However, be prepared to evacuate if notified. Those living along the coast and relatively close inland are on constant vigil about hurricanes and tornadoes. More tornadoes in the heartland, but occasionally we do get hit. The monstrous floods we get are probably the most hazardous mother-nature issues and again, be prepared and listen to the authorities. It should be noted that the Rural Fire Service (RFS) in Australia did a marvelous job of updating folks on the status of the fires. And the political leaders were also on the forefront of providing ongoing information.

Be prepared, take the advice of local authorities and as constantly warned by the highway patrol and others, "don’t drown, turn around". Also as noted last month 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 coming year, learn a new skill or volunteer to help one of the many helpful organizations.

Bob Green
SFMS Safety Committee Chair

DMC Field Trip Reports

December 2019 DMC Field Trip Report
Hosted by the Emerald City Rock and Gem Club
Report and Photos by Marf Shopmyer

It was a perfect day! Lovely sunshine, still air, very little mud leftover from rain in the past week. Mr. Cunningham is always so helpful. He shows us exactly what to look for and how best to go about it. About 14 or 15 of us showed up. Despite my clear instructions that we were to meet at the white building next to his house, some people went straight to the site. They must have been there before. They were just waiting,
not digging. He dragged them back to the building to sign waivers. Oh well. The best laid plans of Marfs and men...

I think people had better luck finding things on the surface and digging in the piles than in the pit. There were some nice finds. I had a very nice thank-you email from one participant and thanks in person from some others.

[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]

January 2020 DMC Field Trip Report
Hosted by the Tampa Bay Mineral and Science Club
Report and Photos by Marlin Swikert

The day was a bit warm (80), but breezy & overcast...a perfect day for pickin’ fossils in a limestone pit! About 11 DMC members were in the pit. A big thanks to the quarry company and employees who allowed us in that day!

There were some very nice Clypeaster rogersi sand dollars found by some of the first timers. Also, some nice crab carapaces. There was of course a myriad of Rhyncolampus gouldii echinoids and a few Gagaria mossomi sea urchins to boot. I personally had fun just chatting with all the new folks, while collecting. The mineral collectors had fun collecting their chert. The young ones... they had fun just exploring and beating on rocks!

Examples of fossils to look for

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Dixie Mineral Council (DMC) shares 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.

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.”

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 2020-2021 Club and Show Insurance

Club Officers / Insurance Liaisons,

My name is David Liles. I am serving as the Southeast Federation of Mineral Societies (SFMS) Assistant Treasurer and am the Insurance Liaison for 2020. SFMS makes available liability insurance to SFMS member Clubs and Societies. Participation is optional. The insurance covers activities such as field trips and shows. As liaison I am responsible for organizing and coordinating the purchase of insurance by participating clubs with the Federation’s insurance carrier. The insurance form for 2020 will soon be on the SFMS Website, and I have attached the updated 2020 form as an attachment to this email message should your club opt in for insurance and want to get the application done now.

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The deadline for completion of the forms and the remittance of payment is March 1, 2020. The address for remitting forms and payments is on the forms. Clubs who participated last year are currently covered until April 1, 2020. If you are new or did not participate last year and would like coverage, please contact me. If you participated last year and are not participating this year please contact me as well. If this email needs to go to someone else in your club please forward it & CC me on the forward.

Thank You,
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2019 Rockhound of the Year Winners

Marty Har, SFMS Representative to the AFMS Club Rockhound of the Year

2019 Cobb County Gem & Mineral Society Rockhound of the Year – Ray Borders

The Cobb County Gem & Mineral Society is proud to nominate Ray Borders as our 2019 Rockhound of the Year. Ray is concluding his 3rd and final year as our club’s President. During that time, he has provided leadership with a “down home” feel.

Ray has been a rock collector all of his life. He constantly helps members, including our juniors with mineral identification. He semiannually hosts a field trip in conjunction with a friend who has property rich in jasper and agate. Ray works to ensure that the ground is “plowed” to bring up new material so the trip is successful for all. Not only does Ray host the trip, but he provides a barbeque lunch for those attending.

2019 has been an extremely difficult year for Ray and his family. While others might have delegated their Presidential duties to others in trying times, not Ray. He continued to provide club leadership throughout the difficult period.

The CCGMS has been fortunate that we have had Ray Borders as our president and glad that he will continue to bring value to the club in the future. We are honored to name him as our 2019 Rockhound of the year.

Respectfully submitted by,
Wayne Dodd
Treasurer CCGMS
2019 Georgia Mineral Society Rockhound of the Year - Dennis Buchanan

At our annual banquet Dennis Buchanan was recognized as the 2019 Member of the Year. For the last three years he has represented GMS as the SFMS representative and during his tenure has attended all SFMS meetings. He volunteered to help to get the SFMS rockhound swap at Live Oak, FL in March 2020 established.

One of Dennis’s passions is fluorescent minerals and he has given lectures at the general meeting, as well as hosting the Junior section and the Mineral section at his house. During these meetings he educated the members on various types of UV lights and the effects of different wave lengths on the appearance of the minerals, followed by a demonstration and tour of his extensive collection.

This year Dennis has been appointed Equipment manager and in this capacity has spent many hours repairing, rebuilding and painting a variety of lapidary equipment such as saws and cabbing units. While doing so, he is training other members. These repairs encourage extended use of the shop by GMS members.

Congratulations to Dennis Buchanan

Submitted by
Juergen Poppelreuter
Georgia Mineral Society Awards Chair

GEM AND MINERAL SHOWS

February 1 – 2, 2020; Merritt Island, FL

Central Brevard Rock and Gem Club presents our 43rd Annual Show and Sale on February 1st & 2nd 2020 at Kiwanis Recreation Center, 951 Kiwanis Island Park Rd, Merritt Island, FL 32952. There will be over 20 vendors displaying finished jewelry, rocks, minerals, geodes, slabs, gemstones, strands of beads, pearls, and findings. We will have hourly door prizes, grand prize, & silent auction. A sluice and spinning wheel will be available for the children and the young at heart. Demonstrations of cabbing will be ongoing, as well as club displays. Parking is free. Admission is $5.00, children under 12 are free accompanied by an adult. There will be $1 off coupons in Florida Today Newspaper (including digital), flyers, and on our website. We are now on Facebook as well.
Website: www.centralbrevardgems.org. For additional information, contact Roz Mestre, show chairman 321-431-0159.
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.

February 23, 2020; The Villages, FL

February 23, 2020  The Villages, FL
2020 Artisan Show
The Villages Gem & Mineral Society
Sunday 10 AM – 4 PM
Seabreeze Recreation Center
2384 Buena Vista Blvd
The Villages, Florida 32162

50+ vendors
Gems, minerals, slabs, many forms of jewelry, chains, charms, yoga pillows, drums and more. Come see all the talent and enter for a chance to win 1 of 3 prize baskets!
Raffles held every 1/2 hour
Show Chair - Diane Davis
(248) 770-2409
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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. 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
e-mail info@theearthwideopen.com.
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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!

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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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**Rock On!**