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President's Report

From the May Newsletter Bulletin:

Hello All,

I hope everyone is keeping well during this trying time.

The next SFMS meeting that was to be held at William Holland, last I had heard, has been cancelled for the safety of our membership.

Looking forward, I believe there may be effect ways to hold our final meeting of the year over a digital platform. I will update everyone if that becomes a viable option.

I want to stress that keeping everyone safe and healthy is my top priority.

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you,

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.

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.

I've requested the Board Members, Committee Members, and the State Representatives contribute to the SFMS monthly bulletin. The request was posted in the quarterly and annual committee reports. In mid May, I've sent a request to our Secretary to get the word out further. We are looking forward to more submissions from our BOD, Committees, and State Representatives, for your reading pleasure in future months.

As Gem and Mineral Show information is submitted to the editor email address, we include in our SFMS monthly newsletter bulletin. We appreciate your support in listing the SFMS Annual and Quarterly meetings in your local area, as SFMS meetings approach.

The next SFMS meeting is tentatively scheduled at and in conjunction with the Knoxville annual show. The Knoxville Gem & Mineral Society has agreed to host both the SPMS and AFMS Annual Meetings for 2020. I have the dates of: October 18, 19, and 20 2020. We don't have the submission for the newsletter yet, but once we do it will be listed with the upcoming Gem and Shows!

For all future shows, please check with the Club to ensure their show is able to open. Future shows may have restrictions for a while, depending on their local area guidelines. We all look forward to the time when this pandemic is in the past and the shows go on as scheduled.

Please stay healthy, busy, and at home... and, masks are not just a suggestion in some places.

Hurricane season is here for most of us in the Southeast Federation region. I hope all have at minimum the basic hurricane supplies. How this year has gone so far, we have found preparation is important before a time of need,

Some things are opening up, while some counties are restricting in their local areas (where the COVID-19 cases are on the rise), please take caution. Your health and the health of your loved ones is more important than material items in the stores. While we have missed some gathering opportunities, celebrating the holidays may also present risks, take precautionary measures when go go somewhere or gather. Be patient, Stay cautious and help prevent a second wave of this virus.

Keep washing your hands...

Rock On,
Lori Heinemann
SFMS Lodestar Editor
Second Vice President's Report

State Directors Election

Ballots were sent to all clubs in Florida and North Carolina. Due to the Covid-19 some clubs could not meet, however the returned ballots received were positive for the candidates. Therefore as 2nd Vice President I declare that Craig Hamilton is now the State Director for the State of Florida and Cyndy Hummel is now State Director for the State of North Carolina.

I contacted the clubs in Virginia and Kentucky but there was no interest to be a State Director. I will be sending information to the clubs in Alabama very soon. Since Phillip W. Kaiser, Jr. resigned, we need to elect a new State Director for Alabama.

Dennis Buchanan
SFMS 2nd Vice President

Secretary's Report

Greetings from my home to yours!

I hope this letter finds you all safe and sound. The face of our world has changed significantly in the last four months or so. Most of America is facing a new reality in terms of work, family, entertainment and any form of personal contact. The use of masks, gloves, hand sanitizer has become a daily requirement. As we move forward in this new reality, most, if not all of our clubs have been forced to close temporarily. The SFMS summer meeting was cancelled as well as all classes at William Holland.

As many of you are "sheltering at home", I find myself doing the same. I'm getting a lot done, but can't deny being concerned with how this will all play out in terms of our jobs, lives, loved ones and our clubs.

All over the United States, we are slowly re-opening businesses, entertainment venues and many of our clubhouses. When we do re-open, it is to reduced schedules, reduced numbers and new safety protocols. I've checked in with several clubs and found that each is moving forward in their own way. It may be helpful to share new policies and protocols that your club has put in place to keep your members safe.

Because of the limitations out there for meeting in groups, communication is critical for keeping our members active in our clubs. Our newsletters, emails, Facebook pages are all ways on keeping in contact with our fellow rockhounds. My Tampa Club is publishing pictures of work our members have accomplished at home. We have done the same on our Facebook page. For the SFMS, I’d like to see something similar happen.
The SFMS Newsletter, The Lodestar, is a great method of keeping our clubs aware of what’s going on in our respective clubs. We encourage submissions from any club or member to share across our Federation. If you've got a great article to share, a picture of a newly cut stone, silver pendant, mineral specimen, fossil or any related item, SHARE IT! We have some fantastically talented people within our organizations, and we’d love to be able to inspire each other. Many of us have a lot more time on our hands. What a great opportunity we have to perfect our art and share with others in our Rockhound community.

PLEASE CONSIDER SHARING WITH OUR LODESTAR EDITOR AND/OR FACEBOOK PAGE!

Send your submissions to Lori Heinemann at sfms.lodestar@gmail.com.

Please keep in touch and feel free to contact me at anytime,

Sincerely,

Jerri Heer
SFMS Secretary
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Committee Reports

Education

UPDATE – Due to COVID-19 - the June 2020 Classes scheduled for William Holland are Canceled

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 0n 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

WILDACRES August 17-13    2020    registrarwildacres@gmail.com  Claudia Erwin  Registrar

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

WILDACRES September 14-20   2020   registrarwildacres@gmail.com  Claudia Erwin  Registrar

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

Lisa Roberts  
Education Chair

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thank you to Cindy Reed Registrar  2020sfms.wh@gmail.com
Safety

This month, I suggest we look at personal safety in today's abnormal society and then hit some summer topics.

As we all know, or I presume know, the pandemic is still swirling and depending on who your favorite “talking head” is; it is either over-blown and a hoax or a real issue, particularly for those with a “pre-existing” condition.

I am going to pretend that the virus is a real hazard to folks, particularly over 60, note, it used to be 65 and as the medical folks know more, the age tends to drop. Incidentally, one talking head noted that the recent increases in Covid-19 cases had indicated more folks under 60 were now listed under the new cases tally.

So, practice the CDC guidelines. And as the recent examples indicate, avoid large crowds and the definition of large crowds varies from state to state. So individuals need to decide what is safe for them. If as an example there are going to be young adults included in a gathering and they just returned from the beach in a state experiencing an increase in cases, I would suggest that you skip that event. Particularly if it is indoors. Now, remembering that free speech is one of our rights under the Constitution, the decision is yours and yours only to make.

Next, there seems to be at least for some folks who catch Covid-19; exhibit long lasting and troublesome effects of the virus on critical parts of the body; head, heart, lungs, etc. And some of this includes younger folks.

Carrying on; wear your mask. This is becoming increasingly obvious to most folks that this helps contain the virus. I got a glimpse of a person raving that the mask is a killer, it traps stuff and you get sicker than if you get the virus. Again, in the land of the free, everybody has an opinion and in this case, my opinion, she is wrong.

Wash your hands and use hand sanitizer if water is not available. It was noted that several people died and several seriously ill when they drank hand sanitizer containing methanol. OK, in college, we had one guy that swore he filtered the alcohol from the Sterno and drank that and he survived. Not sure what happened to him, probably run over, while trying to push a peanut across a busy interstate with his nose.

Be aware of your surroundings. The new abnormal seems to have brought out the worst in some folks and the best in most of the rest. Be pleasant, particularly to those serving in the stores, restaurants, post offices, and any other place you visit. They are risking their lives to keep us going. And first responders are the best of the best. Be thankful for their service. I find it amazing that health care workers in a minimally affected location volunteer in the worst affected areas. Bless these folks.

Now, it is summer time, so be careful with your outside work and watch for harmful insects. We have had 2 nests of the Japanese Hornets. We in the south have the lovely yellow jackets. These things get up in a
bad mood and any interruptions of their schedule or invasion of their space makes for a bad day. So watch for these.

Wear sunscreen, and we that have not spent much time outside this winter can easily get sunburned. So wear proper clothing and sunscreen and do not over-do it, work in moderation and having a cold brew does not help much before you are finished your chores.

Well, a bit long winded, and be safe, and avoid harmful situations and as we are all free, we do have obligations to protect others, no matter how annoying they are.

Be safe and follow responsible folk’s admonitions.

Bob Green
SFMS Safety Committee Chair

2020 SFMS Workshop Scholarship Drawing

This is the 4th year of the SFMS Workshop Scholarship Drawing, which will be held at the 2020 SFMS Annual Meeting. This drawing is to raise funds to provide scholarships to the SFMS Workshops held at William Holland and Wildacres each year. The scholarships are won by member clubs of the SFMS, and it is up to the winning clubs to decide how to award the scholarship certificates. The certificates may only be used at SFMS workshops, not the regular sessions held at William Holland.

To raise the funds for the scholarships we ask the member clubs and individual members to help in two ways. First, we need prizes for the drawing. We ask that the donated prizes have a value of at least $25 and be hobby related. It could be a mineral specimen, a finished piece of jewelry, a new book about some aspect of the hobby, a new tool or just about anything you can think of.

All prizes should be mailed to Dave Wayment, PO Box 780791, Sebastian, FL 23978. Each member club will receive acknowledgement if it donates a prize, or if a member of that club donates a prize. Each prize should be identified, including the value of the item, who made the item if it is hand made, and who donated the item and their club membership. Photographs and descriptions of all prizes will be posted on the SFMS website and published in the Loadstar.

Second, we need to sell tickets for the drawing. THE DRAWING IS FOR THE DONATED PRIZES NOT SCHOLARSHIPS. Each Treasurer of the club has been provided with drawing tickets. They do not have a drawing date on the tickets so we can use the same batch of tickets every year without having to reprint them. The tickets are $5 each or 5 tickets to one person for $20. If any Treasurer needs more tickets, please call Dave. In the past we mailed tickets to each club, but only about 20 clubs have chosen to participate in selling the drawing tickets.
Each club's treasurer, or another member chosen by the club, should be in charge of selling the tickets, collecting the funds, and returning the ticket stubs and monies to Dave Wayment at the same above address. The drawing for the prizes will be held at the Annual Meeting this October before the banquet. We will need the ticket stubs, etc., returned no later than September 30, 2020.

If you have any questions, please contact Dave Wayment, SFMS Workshop Scholarship Committee Chairman, at 772*532*6432

David Wayment
Workshop Scholarship Chairman

DMC Field Trip Report

Field Trip Information

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

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 she 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

Note – Due to COVID-19

Many shows may be canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic, please check with the local club, and/or check their website, before you plan to attend – as most all shows are canceled.
September 11 – 13, 2020; Winston-Salem, NC

The Forsyth Gem & Mineral Club, Inc. presents
The 49th Annual Jewelry, Gem, Mineral, & Fossil Show and Sale

Theme: Gems & Minerals of Brazil
Presentations daily at 1:30 PM - on Amethyst, Tourmaline, & the Beryls of Brazil by Richard Godbee, Retired Nuclear Engineer and avid mineral collector.

Location: Educational Building Winston-Salem Fairgrounds, Winston-Salem, NC
Show hours: Sept. 11th & 12th - 10am to 7pm, Sept 13 - 12 noon to 5pm
28 dealers, geode sawing, educational exhibits, and demonstrations
Admission: Adults $3.00; Children thru grade 12 – free with accompanying adult
Adult tickets include hourly drawing for a $20.00 gift certificate good at any dealer in the show!

For any updates please check our website:
www.forsythgemclub.com

November 14 – 15, 2020; Melbourne, FL

Canaveral Mineral & Gem Society 47th Annual Parade of Gems Show & Sales

40+ Dealers displaying & selling Jewelry, Gems, minerals, Fossils, Tools, Rocks, Slabs.
Demonstrations; Hourly Prizes: Grand Prize.
Children’s Mineral discoveries.

Melbourne Auditorium
625 East hibiscus Blvd.
Melbourne, FL 32901

More Info; www.canaveral-mgs.com

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AFMS Code of Ethics
(http://www.amfed.org/ethics.htm)

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 H.E.L.P. (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.
Who are the Officers and Directors for the Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies?

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SFMS—Your Regional Rockhound Connection

Would you like to become involved, please contact us…

Rock On!
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The association with SFMS spans:
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◊ to the regional level
◊ and even expands nationally!

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III. Club Development
IV. Interclub Connections
V. Federation Sponsored Club Insurance
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VIII. Lapidary Education
IX. Competitive Cases and Judges
X. National Affiliation

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