President's Report

- Reggie Bolton

There is a very simple and yet powerful phrase in English that is not used nearly enough and that is “Thank you!” Think about how good it makes you feel to hear those seemingly insubstantial words. Even if you aren’t expecting any reward for a kind deed, hearing a simple “Thank you” can make it seem worthwhile. In a volunteer organization such as our federation, where there is no financial compensation, an expression of gratitude may be the only reward. So please don’t take the people who make our organizations function for granted. Help keep them motivated by offering a word of kindness or thanks from
time to time. But don’t let mere words be your only contribution. Do what you can to make their jobs easier whenever you can. Be a participant. Submit write ups and photos to the newsletter and the website. Help plan activities and show up to produce them. Scout locations for field trips. Share your skills and knowledge by teaching classes or giving programs. You will find that your own enjoyment will be enhanced by being an active participant and you will have the satisfaction of seeing others enjoy what you have helped to make possible.

Secretary's Report

Minutes, March 2019 Executive Meeting
SOUTHEAST FEDERATION OF MINERALOGOCAL SOCIETIES
EXECUTIVE MEETING AGENDA
March 2, 2019, St. Petersburg, Florida

Call to Order: 10:31AM
Invocation - Craig Hamilton
Introductions
Pledge of Allegiance
Host Welcome: Suncoast Gem and Mineral Society - Jerri Heer - Welcome to all, and noted Show Passes Available

Quorum Check-1/3 of Executive Board: (Officers, Past President, State Directors) (22/3) = 8, 11 Executive members present

Approval of Agenda: Dave Wayment requested that we add ALAA to New Business. Motion made to accent Agenda as amended by Dave Wayment, second by Barbi Beatty. Motion carried.

Parliamentarian Appointment: Buddy Shotts

Minutes - From September2018 Annual Meeting - In Packet. Motion to accept made by Dave Wayment, second by Phil Kaiser. Motion carried.

Remarks by 1st Vice President - Jesse extended welcome, explained President Reggie Bolton’s absence, and hope for his improved health. Asked for patience as he learned his job.

Officer Reports:
1st Vice President: Jesse Griffin- In Packet
2nd Vice President: Melissa Hill – In Packet
Secretary: Jerri Heer – In Packet
Treasurer: Barbi Beatty- In Packet. In addition, Barbi indicated that she needs to collect receipts and documentation from Workshop Directors to be prepared for taxes. She also pointed out that the workshops operated in the negative in 2018.
She indicated that although it is not a problem now, continued negative years would not be advisable. Dave Wayment clarified how William Holland and Wildacres operated.

Barbi also introduced a potential CD opportunity to vote on under new business.

Asst. Treasurer – David Liles – In Packet
Membership Secretary: Jason Hamilton – In Packet

**Lodestar** Editor: John Rasmussen – No Report
Immediate Past President: Craig Hamilton - No Report
A.F.M.S. President Elect: Dave Wayment – No Report

State Director Reports:
Alabama: Philip Kaiser- In Packet
Florida: Rosemary Van Wandelen – In Packet
Florida Assistant Director: Eric Terry
Florida Assistant Director: Tom Mitchell
Georgia: Kim Cochran – In Packet
Kentucky: Open
Louisiana: Open
Mississippi: Buddy Shotts – In Packet
North Carolina: Gail Ferguson- No Report
South Carolina: Open
Tennessee: Teresa Polly – In Packet
Virginia: Open

S.F.M.S. Committee Chair Reports:
Bulletin Editor’s Contest: Mark Easterbrook – In Packet

Constitution and Bylaws: Travis Paris -No Report – Travis indicated that he and Danny Griffin are working on digitizing the 19th revision, which replaced the Stamp Program. Secretary needs to research and confirm passage in 2017.

Dixie Mineral Council – Lori Carter – In Packet

Education: Lisa Roberts - In Packet
Field Trip: Charles Carter – No Report
Historian: Don Monroe – No Report

Long Range Planning: Teresa Polly, Craig Hamilton – No Report
Nominations: Craig Hamilton – No Report
Public Relations: Open
Publications: Open
Safety: Bob Green - No Report
Slide, Video & DVD Programs: Jason Hamilton - In packet
Supplies: Dave Wayment - No Report - Dave indicated that he had T-Shirts and Pins available for sale.
2019 Annual Meeting Host - Huntsville - In Packet
Uniform Rules: Leslie Wayment - No Report
Ways & Means: Jesse Griffin - No Report
Webmaster: Jeff Ursillo - No Report
Wildacres Workshop Director: Gail DeLuca - No Report - It was indicated that Gail stepped down and either Lisa Roberts or Danny Griffin will step in for those duties.
Wildacres Workshop Registrar: Claudia Erwin - No Report
William Holland Workshop Director: Kristine Robertson - In Packet
William Holland Workshop Registrar: Teddy Ratliff - No Report
Workshop Scholarship Committee - Dave Wayment - No Report - Dave has more tickets if needed, and requested donations for prizes.
Youth Resources: Craig Hamilton - In Packet
A.F.M.S. Committee Representative Reports:
A.F.M.S. Newsletter: Open
All American: Open
Boundaries: Buddy Shotts - No Report - Buddy commented that he just spoke to the President of the New Orleans club who indicated that their club would probably not renew with SFMS but maintain their Membership with the SCFMS. As they are the only Louisiana club in our Federation, we will no longer have to fill a Louisiana State Director.
Bulletin Editors’ Advisory: Mark Easterbrook - In Packet
Bulletin Editor’s Hall of Fame: Mark Easterbrook - In Packet
Club Rockhound of the Year: Marty Hart - In Packet
Collecting Sites: Open
Conservation and Legislation: Open
Endowment Fund: Dave Wayment - No Report - Last chance to buy tickets. Drawing will be at AFMS Annual mtg in Iowa later this month.
Inter-Regional Field Trip: Charles Carter - No Report
Junior Program: Open
Program Competition: Jason Hamilton - No Report
Public Relations: Jennifer Runion - No Report
Publications & Supplies: Dave Wayment - No Report
Safety: Bob Green- No Report
Uniform Rules: Leslie Wayment -No Report
Ways & Means: Jesse Griffin – No Report
Website: Jeff Ursillo – No Report
Website Contest: Jeff Ursillo – No Report

Old Business:

Progress on Plan to create and distribute 10 point “Benefits of SFMS” to Clubs – originally presented by Reggie Bolton, Wayne Dodd. It was suggested that a committee be developed for each area. The Secretary read the ten Categories:

- Programs and Archives
- Mayo Educational Foundation
- Club Development
- Interclub Connections
- Federation Sponsored Club Insurance
- Field Trips
- Youth Program and Support
- Lapidary Education
- Competitive Cases and Judges
- National Affiliation

Phil Kaiser suggested that we produce a dramatic flyer that includes the list and could be distributed to all clubs, and at the Rockhound Roundup. Could be produced with our marketing budget. As each was reviewed, some volunteered to help in some areas. It was further suggested that the list be published in the Lodestar to appeal for additional assistance throughout the membership.

Rockhound Roundup- Organizational work has already begun. In order for the SFMS to assume leadership of the event, Dennis Buchannan made a motion that the SFMS Host the event. Second by Lori Heinemann. Motion carried. Discussed the plan to make the Roundup an annual event to promote interclub and SFMS interaction. Jerri described the venue and available space to fill with vendor sites. She indicated that based on her discussions with the site manager, we should be able to fit a minimum of 50 spaces, perhaps as many as 100. After some discussion about setting the vendor fee, Dennis Buchannan made a motion to charge in introductory rate of $20, with the possibility of increasing in future years to expand the event. More discussion was followed by a vote, 7 for, 14 against. Motion failed. It was suggested that paying $220 for show Insurance, printing banners, preparing for the event might cost more. We don’t want the event to run in the red. Motion by Lori Heinemann to charge $25, Dave Wayment, seconded, vote was 14 for, 7 against. Motion carried. Additional discussion followed with suggestions for terms and information to be included in the application. Jerri will
get the information to Jeff Ursillo who has planned a separate page of information for the event within the next few days. Jerri ended the topic with the suggestion that if the event is successful, and grows, we might, in the future, be able to use this revenue stream to fund travel stipends to State Directors and Officers to support SFMS business without being a burden to clubs.

Brainstorm possible people to fill vacant positions. Need many to fill openings. Discussed the open State Director Positions and Committee positions. Buddy Shotts discussed the process to elect a new State Director. Melissa Hill will be working on this. In reviewing the Committee positions, it was suggested the Publications Chair is an obsolete position, because all publications are now digital. Motion made by Dave Wayment, second by Jason Hamilton to drop the Publications position. Motion carried.

Dave also suggestion that due to Don Monroe’s ill health, we should be looking to fill that position as well. Travis Paris indicated after looking over the Bylaws, since Publications was a Standing Committee, it could only be removed by an amendment to the Bylaws. Therefore, Dave made a motion and Jason seconded to rescind his previous motion. This carried, with recognition that we need to pursue that amendment.

It was suggested that vacant positions with descriptions, be published in the Lodestar to try to solicit volunteers to fill them. Motion made by Phil Kaiser to table the issue, second by Barbi Beatty. Motion carried.

New Business
ALAA – Dave Wayment announced he is now the Southeast Director. He described their mission and purpose to help protect right to collect and access public lands for that purpose. He encouraged everyone to consider joining and supporting the organization. Individual membership is just $25 per year. Dennis Buchannan and Travis Paris also spoke in support.

Barbi Beatty repeated the proposal to invest $10,000 in a CD with Wells Fargo with a term of 19 months at an APR of 2.6%, to continue at rollover at 2.57%. Jerri Heer made a motion to purchase the CD as described. Reba Shotts seconded. Motion carried.

The announcement of a new SFMS Workshop website was discussed. There was some confusion as to who started it and under what circumstances. Teresa will investigate.

Travis Paris brought up the Dixie Mineral Council. He was concerned that he had heard some confusion as to whether SFMS members could attend fieldtrips without membership in a DMC participating club. It was restated that the DMC rules had always maintained that only members of DMC participating clubs can attend DMC Field trips. Then it was suggested that the DMC should send out an article to the Lodestar to restate the rules.
Adjourn - Dave Wayment made a motion to adjourn, Reba Shotts seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 12:50 PM

SFMS Executive Meeting Information
May 17-19, 2019
Suwannee River Music Park
3076 95th Drive, Live Oak, FL 32060

Schedule of events:

Friday, May 17
8 - 10 am - Rockhound Roundup Setup
10 am – 5 pm Rockhound Roundup
7 PM – Cracker Barrel – Pickin’ Shed, in the Park
    Informal meet and greet social

Saturday, May 18
8 - 10 am - Rockhound Roundup Setup
8:30 am – Registration and checkin for Executive meeting
    Pickin’ Shed
9:00 am – Executive Meeting
10:00 am – 5 pm Rockhound Roundup

Sunday, May 19
8 - 10 am - Rockhound Roundup Setup
10 am – 5 pm Rockhound Roundup

The Park has cabins, RV sites and Camping sites. If you want to stay there, call Carol Walker at (386)365-0700 for reservations, leave a message if necessary. Identify your self as with the SFMS Roundup. You may also reserve online at www.musicliveshere.com or by calling the main line (386)364-1683.

There are also hotels in the area, listed on the “Directions” page of the Park website. We are trying to secure a block of rooms at the Days Inn and will post that information as it becomes available.
Committee Reports

Education

2019 SFMS WORKSHOPS

William Holland/Wild Acres

www.sfmsworkshops.org

Visit our new website for class descriptions, pictures, workshop dates and fees, registration form and online deposit payments. We have some exciting classes planned throughout the year at both locations...we look forward to seeing you!

For questions please contact kristine@kmarella.com 863-640-2887

Safety

Bob Green, Chairperson

Greetings all, hope you have had a good March. April is just around the corner and it seems that winter still wants to make a statement. We are in Young Harris, GA this weekend and the projected low on Monday is 26 degrees F, Much better than a minus number, no doubt.

As noted last month, being inside and out of shape makes catching up with the transplanting and mowing a bit more exercise than watching the basketball games. We moved several shrubs around and now have to get the garden cleaned, so watching the games takes a backseat..
All of this exercise of course leaves me a bit sore the next morning. So, if I had spent some of my nap times getting exercise, I would have done better, well maybe next year.

Spring is better than shoveling snow as far as harmful exercise, but even moderate exercise needs to be planned. Sedentary folks do not seem to live as along, since the 12 oz curls or 6 oz curls consume far fewer calories than cutting the grass or trimming the hedges.

Whatever you do, do it in moderation. When we lived in New Jersey, a neighborhood lady ran the super long marathons, like 125 miles or something like that. This lady had tag team running partners for her training, so multiple 26.2 mile marathoners would tag team to help her train. A friend of ours noted, he would take up running if and when he saw a runner with a smile on their face. He never took up running. I am not a runner, because I do not have the patience.

Safety this month looks at TV programs. For those who watch everything from Barnwood Builders or Rehab Addict or other DIY fixer up programs, please note that most of these do not show the proper Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). Barnwood Builders and Rehab Addict do a pretty good job of addressing these issues. But, me being employed by a very large Engineering and Construction firm we look for the slightest chink in the PPE used by these folks on TV.

Hammering a nail without gloves or safety glasses is a definite no-no. Demolition of walls, concrete slabs without the proper PPE can leave you doing less in the very near future. Some may remember, my less than successful attempt to use a saws-all single handed and my finger got in the way. A substantial fail in the safety area; and I did not mention this during our safety topics we use at the start of our meetings. And to make matters worse, I was not wearing gloves.

Several of us went to a plant site this past week and based on the Company’s safety charter, we requested hard hats. This particular tank fabrication did not require hard hats in the production area. So, we were required by the fabricator to have wrap around safety glasses, steel toed shoes and hearing protection, so they did well in protecting their employees. Their safety record was also quite good. In selling construction on a large project the safety records become a major selling point; since good safety records save money.

In the year 2001, I was in the midst of a 16 month stay in Puerto Rico. For whatever reason, we had three lost time accidents in one day on the island. Two (2) were on our job site. One was a fall, because of an improperly covered opening. The other was an individual got his hand into a blower and nipped the end of a finger. The fall victim was lucky, he fell 15 feet and landed in such a ways as to not break any bones, he went to the emergency room and was back to work the next day. He did office work for a couple of days, just as a safety measure. The other guy was disciplined, because he disobeyed the warning signs on the equipment.

So, as always, look at your tasks and ask what can go wrong. Then take appropriate safety PPE and be careful.

Be safe and take care.
Website Contest
2019 WEBMASTERS CONTEST RESULTS

WE had five entries this year, which is a great jump from the two last year!

The results are as follows:

1st place Gem & Mineral Society/Virginia Peninsula Holly Worsham 94.25
2nd place N. Mississippi GMS Paul Gunther 92.50
3rd place Mobile Rock & Gem Society Michael Peterson 91.00
4th place Mississippi Gulf Coast Barbie Beatty 88.75
5th place Canaveral GMS Sharon Jones 86.00

The top two websites were sent to the AFMS national contest to compete with the top two finishers from the other six Federations. Holly's 1st place plaque has been sent to the editor of her club's newsletter to be presented to her at thier March meeting. Holly has consistently placed in the top 3 every time she has entered the contest, and her hard work has paid off!

Since this article will be published after the AFMS annual convention, I am pleased to announce that Holly Worsham from the GMS of the Virginia Peninsula won 1st place in the AFMS Contest! I would like to wish Holly my sincere congratulations on a job well done!

Jeff Ursillo
SFMS Webmaster

Dixie Mineral Council Field Trip Report

January 2019 DMC Field Trip Report
Hosted by the Forsyth Gem and Mineral Club
By Charles Whicker

On January 19th, 2019 the Forsyth Gem and Mineral Club hosted a field trip to a lake in Tennessee for the DMC. In spite of the gloomy forecast, around twenty
hardy individuals from clubs in Georgia, Tennessee and North Carolina gathered at the marina that morning to hunt for “diamonds” i.e. double terminated quartz crystals. The water level was down about twenty five feet from full pond, exposing lots of lake bed to search. The weather was mild with occasional light rain showers.

The overcast skies made the small clear crystals difficult to find without the typical sparkle that sunshine produces, but many people found crystals anyway. Most were larger and milkier than what is normally seen at this site, with many crystals showing dark inclusions.
The small “brain” shaped geodes were plentiful, along with portions of geodes with a sugar coating of quartz crystals. By mid-afternoon most collectors decided to call it a day and head home. Lake levels are lowered from December to the end of February. Best collecting is on days with mild weather and sunshine. Thanks to all who braved the weather and attended the “dig”.

From left: Banded chert, geodes, crystal lined geode portions, quartz crystals and fossilized claw on far right

AFMS JUNIORS ACTIVITIES
By Jim Brace-Thompson, CFMS & AFMS Juniors Chair

Spotlighting Your Best & Brightest Kids in Rock & Gem

As many of you know, I write articles for the Kids’ Page section of Rock & Gem magazine (the “official” hobby magazine of the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies). Within this section, I have occasionally run articles about outstanding juniors in an informal series called “Spotlight on Juniors.” In the past few years, I’ve spotlighted seven kids, in particular, but I would like to spotlight many, many more. For this, I need your help!

The intent of my “Spotlight on Juniors” series is to highlight interests and accomplishments of kids, both to honor those who deserve special recognition and to provide role models for other kids. Do you have a pebble pup or junior member (up to age 18) in your society who is completely “rock crazy” and gung ho about our hobby? If so, please contact me with names and details about kids whom you believe deserve special recognition, along with a photo or two. I’ll be happy to do a write-up on them for publication in Rock & Gem Kids.
As a start, consider kids that your club has nominated for Junior Rockhound of the Year within the regional and AFMS recognition program. I know that many such kids have been honored in this way in recent years. Please contact me (jbraceth@roadrunner.com, 805-659-3577) and we will get the ball rolling on an article honoring and sharing the unique and individual fun and joy each child brings to our hobby!

GEM AND MINERAL SHOWS

April 27th and 28th 2019, Memphis, TN

Memphis Mineral, Fossil, Jewelry Show. Sponsored by the Memphis Archaeological and Geological Society. Agricenter, 7777 Walnut Grove Rd Memphis, TN Saturday, April 27 9-6:00 pm and Sunday, April 28 10-5pm. Over 50 Dealers and Exhibitors selling rocks, fossils, minerals, crystals, gemstones, opals, beads and jewelry. Kids Areas with gem and fossil dig, geode bowling and Rocks around the Clock. Includes the original “Memphis Rock Banquet” a full table display of rocks that look like real food. Adults $5.00. 2- day pass $8.00. Children 12 & under $2.00. Scouts in uniform free, www.theearthwideopen.com, email info@theearthwideopen.com.

Contact WC McDaniel 901-490-3575

May 10 – 12, 2019; Marietta, GA

The Georgia Mineral Society’s 51st Annual Mother’s Day Weekend Gem, Mineral, Jewelry, and Fossil Show – May 10, 11, 12, 2019 – 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
Email – mayshow@gamineral.org

May 18 & 19, 2019, Biloxi, MS
Harrison County
PRESENTS
40th Annual Gem & Jewelry
May 18 & 19, 2019
Saturday
9 – 5pm
Adults - $5.00 / Kids age 10 & under - Free
* * * Door Prizes Hourly * * *
Sunday
9 – 4pm
Joppa Shrine Temple
13280 Shriners Blvd. Biloxi, Ms.
North of I-10 / Woolmarket Exit # 41
Jewelry * Rocks * Gems * Beads * Fossils * Minerals
Displays
Exhibits
Kids Corner
Stump the Expert!
Demonstrations
Bring Flyer for $1.00 Off
Gem & Mineral Society
**June 1 & 2, 2019; Alabama**

A fun, family, outdoor show at Tannehill Ironworks State Park

The show is FREE with paid admission to the park. So pack a lunch and take I-20/59 to Exit #100 or I-459 to Exit #1 and follow the signs.

For more information contact Cathy Kellogg at tannehillgemshow@gmail.com or see our show pages on the web at https://lapidaryclub.com. The AMLS meets the 2nd Friday of each month at the Cahaba Heights United Methodist Church, Cahaba Heights, AL at 6:30 p.m.

Visitors Welcome

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**November 9 & 10, 2019; Melbourne, FL**

46th Annual Parade of Gems

Canaveral Mineral & Gem Society

45 Dealers displaying & selling Jewelry, gems, minerals, crystals, 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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**November 24 & 25, 2019; West Palm Beach, FL**

November 23-24, 2019, West Palm Beach, Florida

53rd annual gem, mineral, jewelry, bead and fossil show

Gem & Mineral Society of the Palm Beaches

Saturday (Nov. 23rd) 9am-6pm, Sunday (Nov. 24th) 10am-5pm.
South Florida Fairgrounds Expo Center East, 9067 Southern Blvd., West Palm Beach Florida 33411.

Over 80 dealers, Door prizes, hourly and other prize drawings, Fossil Dig, Gem Mining, Geode Cracking, Displays, Demonstrations, Speakers

Admission $9, children under 12 free. Visit website for $1 off coupon. 2 day admission $14. Free Parking

Show chairman, Walter Triche 561-585-2080

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website: http://www.

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Member Classified Advertising

(members of affiliated clubs/societies may submit classified advertising for personal materials that are related to the goals of the Federation and its member clubs/societies).

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