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THE SOUTHEAST FEDERATION OF MINERALOGICAL SOCIETIES, INC.

A Non-Profit, Non-Commercial, Non-Political Organization and Regional Federation of the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies

PURPOSE:

To bring about a closer association of Clubs and Societies devoted to the study of Earth Sciences and the practice of Lapidary Arts and Crafts in the Southeast part of the United States.

OBJECTIVE:

To cooperate with similar Federations to promote public interest in the Earth Sciences and the conservation of natural resources.

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President's Report

Hello Fellow Rockhounds

Can you believe it is August?
Hope everyone had a great summer!

Collis and I just returned from the American Federation meeting in Albany, Oregon.

We are getting ready for the SFMS Wildacres Workshop Aug. 22 – 28. Looking forward to seeing everybody on the mountain at Wildacres. There is still time to sign up for the SFMS September Wildacres Workshop
First Vice President's Report

Second Vice President's Report

Secretary's Report

SOUTHEAST FEDERATION OF MINERALOGICAL SOCIETIES
QUARTERLY MEETING
June 4, 2016 in Norcross, Georgia

Call to Order: 9:01 A.M.
Invocation: Buddy Shotts
Introductions
Pledge of Allegiance
Host Welcome: Shelley Stubbs, GMS President
Welcomed all and invited all attendees to join GMS at their Annual Picnic and Auction, following the meeting. Directions available.
Quorum Check – had 10, needed 7, Quorum Met
Approval of Agenda – Motion made by Dave Wayment, seconded by Craig Hamilton to approve Agenda. Motion carried.
Parliamentarian Appointment: Buddy Shotts
Minutes – Motion made by Teresa Polly, seconded by Dave Wayment to approve minutes as printed. Motion carried.
Remarks by President: Lisa Roberts – In Packet
In addition, Lisa commented that she enjoyed the Cracker Barrel last night, and felt that there was a lot of productive discussion, that resulted in good ideas to resolve and identify issues.
Officer Reports:
1st Vice President: Teresa Polly – In Packet
Teresa also indicated that the Annual Meeting Host was seeking a Guest Speaker, Travis Paris has volunteered to speak on Gold mining in the Southeast US. They were also asking if the Cracker Barrel and Editor’s Breakfast could be held at clubhouse. Answer is yes, that is up to the host club to decide.
2nd Vice President: Craig Hamilton- No Report
Secretary: Jerri Heer – In Packet
Treasurer: Mari Webb– In Packet – recommending that all CDs be cashed in when they come up for renewal and funds put in a Money Market fund for better fluidity, since we are not earning any more interest in CDs, but they limit access without penalty.
Assistant Treasurer: Charlotte Caughman– In Packet. In addition, Charlotte asked that any club that wanted a copy of the policy or Declaration's page to contact her.
Membership Secretary: Jason Hamilton– In Packet – Has additional copies of Directory available for $2.00. One copy per club and SFMS Officer has already been distributed.
Lodestar Editor: John Rasmussen- No Report
Immediate Past President: Dave Wayment- No Report.
A.F.M.S. 3rd Vice President: Mark Easterbrook– In Packet
MAYO E.F. President: Bill Waggener– In Packet. Have two applicants for scholarship: Melissa Magno from East Tennessee State University, and Samantha Peel from University of Tennessee Knoxville. Determinations will be made by July 30.
State Director Reports:
Alabama: Philip Kaiser– In Packet
Florida: Jeff Ursillo– In Packet
Florida Assistant Director: Craig Hamilton
Florida Assistant Director: Tom Mitchell
Georgia: Scott Forward– In Packet
Kentucky: Charles Oldham- No Report
Louisiana: Dr. Bridget Joubert– In Packet
Mississippi: David Hanes- No Report
North Carolina: Gail Ferguson- No Report
South Carolina: Bob Green- No Report
Tennessee: Toni Garland– In Packet
Virginia: Bill Osburn– In Packet
S.F.M.S. Committee Chair Reports:
Bulletin Editor’s Contest: Mark Easterbrook– In Packet
Constitution and Bylaws: Lisa Fitch– In Packet
Education: Danny Griffin– In Packet
Field Trip: Charles Carter- No Report
Historian: Don Monroe- No Report
Long Range Planning: - No Report
Nominations: Dave Wayment – Slate will be published 60 days before Annual Meeting, still seeking candidates for 2nd VP, Asst. Treasurer, Editor and AFMS VP.
Public Relations: Jennifer Runion- No Report
Publications: OPEN
Safety: Bob Green- No Report
Slide, Video & DVD Programs: James Webb- No Report
Stamp Program: CLOSED
Supplies: Mari Webb- No Report
2016 Annual Meeting Host: Cobb Cty GMS – Comments previously made by Teresa Polly.
Uniform Rules: Leslie Wayment- No Report
Ways & Means: Lisa Roberts - No Report  
Webmaster: Jeff Ursillo - In Packet  
Wildacres Workshop Director: Rosemary van Wandelen - In Packet  
Wildacres Workshop Registrar: Toni Garland, Linda Matvy - In Packet  
Toni added that there are 55 registered for the August session and several classes are filled.  
William Holland Workshop Director: Cindy Reed - In Packet  
Lost one teacher due to medical issues.  
William Holland Workshop Registrar: Heidi Weitzel - In Packet  
Youth Resources: OPEN  
A.F.M.S. Committee Representative Reports:  
A.F.M.S. Newsletter: OPEN  
All American: OPEN  
Boundaries: Buddy Shotts - In Packet  
Bulletin Editors' Advisory: Mark Easterbrook - In Packet  
Bulletin Editor's Hall of Fame: Mark Easterbrook - In Packet  
Club Rockhound of the Year: Marty Hart  
Collecting Sites: Charles Carter  
Conservation and Legislation: OPEN  
Endowment Fund: Jerri Heer - In Packet. Tickets available now.  
Inter-Regional Field Trip: - No Report  
Junior Program: OPEN  
Program Competition: Freda Hull - No Report  
Public Relations: Jennifer Runion - No Report  
Publications & Supplies: Mari Webb - No Report  
Safety: Bob Green - No Report  
Uniform Rules: Leslie Wayment - No Report  
Ways & Means: Lisa Roberts - No Report  
Website: Jeff Ursillo - No Report  
Website Contest: Jeff Ursillo - In Packet  
MAYO Educational Foundation Meeting:  
Meeting cancelled due to lack of quorum.  
Old Business:  
Review SFMS Asset Status Re: 60K Cap – discussion revolved around when the $60K cap applies, at any time in the year or as a snapshot at end of fiscal year. Secretary indicated that she has received three file cabinets of old records. She will look for meeting records from 2005-2009 to find exact wording of motion and Bylaws amendments which apply. We will revisit at Annual meeting, when we have that information.  
Stamp Program and it’s replacement – Dave Wayment brought up the suggestions that his committee has come up with to replace the Stamp Program. The suggestion is that we model a drawing after the AFMS Endowment Fund. We would solicit item donations valued at $25 or more, sell tickets at $5 each or 6/$20.00. Drawing would be held at Annual Meeting. Several suggestions were made as to how to distribute scholarships to clubs based on ticket sales, size of participating clubs, proportional number of chances per club based on sales etc. Please send suggestions to Dave Wayment or Buddy Shotts. They will prepare a proposal to the Bylaws Committee by Sept 20, which will be published in Lodestar prior to the
Annual Meeting.

10:05-10:20

New Business:

Review Renewal Procedures

Mari Webb will send a letter out to every club at the end of the year outlining Renewal and Insurance processes. A cover letter from Jason will go out with member renewal packets sent out in December. Renewal form will provide an “opt out” section for Insurance. Mari will send out invoices for insurance based on info returned with membership renewals.

Adjournment

Motion made by Dave Wayment and seconded by Travis Paris to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:35 AM.
Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Lisa Roberts at 9:00 A.M.

Invocation by Buddy Shotts

Introductions were made of officers and attendees

Pledge of Allegiance

Host Welcome: Joy Rushing of the Mississippi Gem and Mineral Society welcomed all to Jackson and invited everyone to come to the 57th Annual Show of MGMS, the host of this meeting. Attendance free to all attendees. She also suggested visiting the Mississippi Museum of Natural Sciences and the Mississippi Petrified Forest on Flora, MS.

Quorum Check – Secretary Jerri Heer verified that we have quorum

Approval of Agenda – Motion by Dave Wayment, seconded by Mari Webb to accept Agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Parliamentarian Appointment – Travis Paris was appointed Parliamentarian

Minutes – Minutes from the Annual Meeting held in November 2015 in Melbourne are in the packet. Motion made by Teresa Polly, seconded by Mari Webb to accept the minutes as written. Motion carried.

Remarks by President: Lisa Roberts stated that the next Quarterly meeting will be held June 3-4, 2016 in Norcross, GA, hosted by the Georgia Mineral Society. Dennis Buchanan of the GMS provided details including the Friday night Cracker Barrel and the Saturday morning Meeting at the Society headquarters, followed by lunch at the club’s Annual Picnic and Auction. The conference hotel will be the Sonesta Hotel. Rooms have been negotiated at a rate of $99 per night.

Lisa also indicated that the Annual Meeting will be hosted by the Cobb County Gem and Mineral Society in Marietta in November, more details to follow.

Officer Reports:

President: Lisa Roberts – report in the packet

1st Vice President: Teresa Polly – in the packet

2nd Vice President: Craig Hamilton – no report

Secretary: Jerri Heer – encouraged all who hold positions to provide reports for each meeting – report in the packet

Treasurer: Mari Webb – Reports in the packet. Mari deposited $12,154 of membership payments into the operating fund that does not show up in the January 31 reports.

Assistant Treasurer: Charlotte Caughman – No report. Matt Lybanon of the Memphis Archeological and Geological Society asked about Insurance certificates for clubs who need them by April 1. It is suggested that they must get forms in ASAP. Insurance is now at the rate of $2 per member. Updated forms are available on the website.

Membership Secretary: Jason Hamilton - 95% of member clubs have renewed to date. Jason has 50% of updates to directory complete. There is still some confusion about submission of contact info. Teresa Polly suggested that John Rasmussen and Jeff Ursillo also get updates and work to provide info they have to Jason.

Lodestar Editor: John Rasmussen - no report

Immediate Past President: Dave Wayment – Voiced welcome to all, reminder for clubs to contact the SFMS if they need help.

A.F.M.S. 2nd V President: Mark Easterbrook – no report
MAYO E.F. President: Bill Waggener- report in packet. Janet Steeper spoke, representing the Mayo board, reminded all that the deadline for scholarship applications is March 31. Application is on the website. The Knoxville Club has been the only club providing applicants recently.

State Director Reports:
Alabama: Philip Kaiser – in Packet
Florida: Jeff Ursillo – No Report
Florida Assistant Director: Craig Hamilton
Florida Assistant Director: Tom Mitchell
Georgia: Scott Forward – No Report
Kentucky: Charles Oldham – No Report
Louisiana: Dr. Bridget Joubert – In Packet
North Carolina: Gail Ferguson – No Report
South Carolina: Bob Green – No Report
Tennessee: Toni Garland – In Packet
Virginia: Bill Osbourne – No Report

S.F.M.S. Committee Chair Reports:
Bulletin Editor’s Contest: Mark Easterbrook – No Report
Constitution and Bylaws: Lisa Fitch – No Report
Education: Danny Griffin – In packet
Field Trip Charles Carter, New Chair – No Report
Historian: Don Monroe – No Report
Insurance Liaison: Charlotte Caughman – No Report
Junior Program: - Position Open, Need New Junior Coordinator
Long Range Planning: No Report
Nominations: Dave Wayment – Looking for suggestions for 2nd VP, Asst Treasurer, Newsletter Editor – Pat Gilly will try to apprentice.
Public Relations: - No report – Jennifer Runion - new Chair
Publications: Jason Hamilton
Safety: Bob Green – No Report
Slide, Video & DVD Programs: James Webb – SFMS Library currently housed at JGMS – Reviewing and transferring slides and VHS to DVD. Mari Webb is scanning scripts to accompany. We are open to donations to add material. Index on web and in directory.
Stamp Program: per Dave Wayment: Stamp Program is suspended and will be replaced with a Drawing. Looking for donations of hobby related items valued at $25 or more. Volume of ticket sales at each club will determine number of names in hat for scholarships, or somepercentage of membership? Still in planning stages. Buddy Shotts will assist Dave.
Supplies: No Report
Uniform Rules: Leslie Wayment – No Report
Ways & Means: Lisa Roberts – No Report
Webmaster: Jeff Ursillo - In Packet
Wildacres Workshop Director: Rosemary van Wandelen – In Packet – a reminder that we now have PayPal as a means of payment. Have 6 new teachers, 15 registrations, one class filled already.
Wildacres Workshop Registrar: Toni Garland/Linda Matvy – in packet – register early to prevent class cancellation
Wm Holland Workshop Director: Jim & Cindy Reed – In packet
Wm Holland Workshop Registrar: Heidi Weitzel – no report
Youth Resources: - OPEN
10:00 – 10:20AM

A.F.M.S. Committee Representative Reports:

A.F.M.S. Newsletter: John Rasmussen – No Report

All American: - No Report

Boundaries: Buddy Shotts – No Report

Bulletin Editors’ Advisory: Mark Easterbrook – No report

Bulletin Editor’s Hall of Fame: Mark Easterbrook – No Report

Club Rockhound of the Year: Marty Hart – No Report

Collecting Sites: No Report

Conservation and Legislation: John Wright - No Report

Endowment Fund: Jerri Heer – Tickets Available

Inter-Regional Field Trip: Charles Carter – new to position

Junior Program: OPEN

Program Competition:James Webb – Questions were asked about Program competition, submit to James, then submitted to AFMS – Deadline April 15.

Public Relations: No Report

Publications & Supplies:Mari Webb – No Report

Safety: Bob Green – No Report

Uniform Rules: Leslie Wayment – No Report

Ways & Means:

Website: Jeff Ursillo – No Report

Website Contest: Jeff Ursillo – No Report

MAYO Educational Foundation Meeting: No meeting at this time

Old Business:

Mari Webb provided the following guidelines for people and clubs who submit NSF checks:

1st offense verbal notification

2nd offense – written notification

3rd offense – money order, certified check or cash required for all future payments.

New Business:

Travis Paris announced that Knoxville Gem and Mineral Society will host the 2017 SFMS Annual Meeting, October 21-22, 2017

Matt Lybanon announced that there is a U-Tube Video on the Memphis Gem Show – The Earth Wide Open

Teresa Polly made a motion to change the operating rules to allow the Treasurer to write checks under $750 with one signature for normal operating expenses within budgets. After discussion, Teresa amended motion to allow treasurer to write single signature checks up to $350 for budgeted items. Seconded by Jerri Heer, Motion carried.

Dave Wayment made a motion to allow the Treasurer to carry a debit card to use for budgeted items under $350. Seconded by Reggie Bolton, Motion Carried.

Motion made by Reggie Bolton, seconded by Dave Hanes to research Bonding and D & O Insurer. Motion carried. Phil Kaiser will research.

Adjournment – Motion by Dave Wayment, second by Charles Carter, Motion carried, Meeting adjourned at 10:57 AM.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT:

It is hard to believe that half a year has come and gone.......My how time flies....
The 2nd Quarterly meeting is almost here and our first 2016 William Holland Workshop starts soon......

I hope the money returned to the Southeast Federation Clubs is used for workshops during Southeast Federation weeks at Wildacres or William Holland. (This money is suggested to be used for education:)

The SFMS needs greater communication with all our clubs concerning SFMS membership dues per member, liability insurance per member, and show insurance per event. It is very important that all clubs pay in a timely manner. It is the end of May and some money is still outstanding. Next year the SFMS will try to make paying SFMS membership dues, liability ins., and show liability ins. easy..... If your club does not understand the process, please feel free to contact the membership secretary Jason Hamilton, the treasurer Mari Webb or asst. treasurer Charlotte Caughman and you may also contact your State Director for help. Please contact the 2016 SFMS President Lisa Roberts with any concerns with this matter.

It has come to my attention The Catawba Club in Hickory, NC is seeking dual membership. This club is currently a member of the Eastern Federation. I look forward to their application to join the SFMS. Also we have many positions open......Do you have some extra time to volunteer to keep the SFMS going so generations to come can enjoy the lapidary arts, collecting minerals and earth sciences?

Help with our Junior Program/Youth Resources: is this position for you?

Supplies and Publications: maybe this is more for you?

Social Concerns: or maybe this position?

and if you do have a position The SFMS would love for you to send a report and attend the meetings Volunteer The SFMS needs your help!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Attend a workshop have some fun and think about how you can get involved with the SFMS.

I am waiting to hear from you! Looking forward to seeing everyone at the June 4 meeting

Lisa Roberts
2016 SFMS President
antleycreations@yahoo.com
423-494-7096

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OFFICERS REPORTS:

1st VICE PRESIDENT

I have been contact with Sarah Christensen with CCGMS about the November 19th annual meeting and banquet. She is in negotiations with the Hilton for rooms, meeting and banquet facilities. The
rooms will run $99 a night. I have asked if we can do the hot buffet breakfast and room for $109 for
the Sunday editors breakfast. She is working on a buffet with salad, rolls, meat, vegetables, and a
starch as well as dessert, iced tea, coffee and water for $25 per person. Sarah is also looking into a
speaker for the banquet.

Teresa Polly
1st Vice President SFMS

SECRETARY

Thank you to those of you who have faithfully sent in reports! It is much easier for me to put together
the meeting packet when I get prompt responses from everyone. I am not above nagging, and will
continue to do so to secure reports from everyone. Our membership deserves to know what how we
are going about federation business, what issues we face and how we are attempting to resolve
those issues. I am going to start picking on one group at a time til I get some statement/report from
EVERYONE. Please help me do my job by doing your job!

I also need to encourage ANYONE who intends to attend a meeting to send in a registration form. I
need to be prepared to verify quorum. I need to know how many packets to print, and I don’t like to
have to guess and either print too many (which is a waste!) or print too few (and have to choose who
does and doesn’t get a packet at the meeting). In addition, I always get requests from host
organizations for numbers to help them prepare for food, seating and other accommodations. It is
only fair and respectful that we be able to provide the correct information.

The last request I need to make is to solicit correct email addresses. I utilize the Directory information
to send emails with registration and meeting info attached to all Club Presidents, Officers, State
Directors and Committee Chairs about 60 days prior to any meeting. I constantly get mailed kicked
back with invalid addresses. If you hold one of these positions, and are not getting these emails,
please contact me, preferably by email, so I have written copy.

Jerri Heer

Jheerx6@aol.com
419-344-9999

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TREASURER

S F M S Treasurer's Report

June 03, 2016

Report prepared using Date as of April 30, 2016

BB&T 1 yr. CD @ 0.1%-$15,197.20
BB&T 1 ½ yr. CD @ 0.9%-$10,090.31
BB&T 2yr. CD @ 0.2%-$20,641.09

The 1 yr. CD * will mature 06/28/16 @ .1%, the 1 ½ yr. CD will mature 02/03/18 @ .9% and the 2 yr. CD will mature July 30, 2016 @ .2%. These CD’s will automatically mature at the current market interest rate if not interrupted.

*It is my recommendation that this CD be cashed in and moved to the Operating Acct to be used as operating capital.

Stamp account funds in the amount of $633.04 are co-mingled with the SFMS BB&T Operating account; however, these funds are available for Stamp Scholarships only.

Bank Expenses as of April 30, 2016: $55.80
Education expenses as of April 30, 2016: $850.00
Officers Expenses as of April 30, 2016: $1,041.51
Federation Meeting Expenses: $650.00
AFMS Federation Dues: $ 6,108.75
Federation Insurance paid as of April 30, 2016: $10,000.00  *Balance due per 5/3/16 Statement $5,299.00
Membership Rebates: $ 15,649.50 * $4262.00 cleared in April 2016  *Outstanding $11,385.50
TOTAL EXPENSES AS OF APRIL 30, 2016: $18,706.06

Education Income as of April 30, 2016: $12,070.00
Insurance Income as of April 30, 2016: 18,606.80

Attached is a Balance Sheet Year to date: as of April 30, 2016 and Profit and Loss to date: as of April 30, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,
Mari Webb
Treasurer

Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies Inc
Balance Sheet
As of April 30, 2016

ASSETS
Current Assets
Checking/Savings
   BB&T 1Yr CD
   BB&T 1 1/2 YR CD
   BB&T 2YR CD
   BB&T SFMS OPERATING ACCT
   Stamp Account
   BB&T SFMS OPERATING ACCT -Other
   Total BB&T SFMS OPERATING ACCT
   BB&T MMA ACCT
   BB&T WILDACRES WORKSHOP
   BB&T WILLIAM HOLLAND WORKSHOP
Total Checking/Savings

Accounts Receivable
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Total Accounts Receivable
Total Current Assets
Total Current Assets

TOTAL ASSETS

LIABILITIES & EQUITY
Equity
   Unrestricted Net Assets
   Opening Balance Equity
Net Income
Total Equity
Total Equity

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies Inc
Profit & Loss
January through April 2016

Income
   Membership Dues
   Interest
      Short Term CD interest
Total Interest
Wildacres
William Holland
Miscellaneous Income
  Show Insurance
  Insurance
  Total Miscellaneous Income
Total Income
Gross Profit
Expense
  Bank Service Charges
  Officer's Expenses
    Secretary
    Membership Secretary
    Treasurer
  Total Officer's Expenses
Committee Expenses
  Insurance
  Education
    William Holland Workshop
    Education – Other
  Total Education
  Federation Meetings
  Total Committee Expenses
Miscellaneous Expenses
  AFMS Dues
  Total Miscellaneous Expenses
Total Expense
Net Income

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ASSISTANT TREASURER-INSURANCE LIAISON

Quarterly Report” June 4, 2016
As of today, we have 58 clubs who are insured with this federation. We have 6928 members under liability insurance and 36 events/shows.

We are having trouble getting clubs to pay the insurance fees by the due date this year of 3/15/16. We still have a number of clubs that haven’t paid. Clubs are confusing the membership fee with the member liability and argue that they have already paid. This time consuming problem requires phone calls, emails etc to finally convince the club they haven’t paid. I suggest a notice goes out in January spelling out the dues, fees, with a fee due date no later than 2/15/2017, clarifying the difference between the membership fee and insurance fees.

Insurance:

Club requests

Some clubs requested a summarization of the general liability coverage for field trips, etc. to use as a reference guide. Our Insurance agent, Bobby Loughter, informed me last week that he is not allowed to do this. He said the brief summarization on our website should suffice; however, this reference needs much more information. Clubs have also requested copies of the policies or at least the cover sheet be sent to them. I have had no luck getting the insurance agency to provide this so I have decided to keep copies on my computer that I can share. All you need do is simply contact me with your request.

Invoices

I am working with Bobby to change the invoices he sends to me. They tend to be vague lacking much needed information to understand the invoice. Bobby defends the invoices and so far NOTHING has changed. This vagueness has led to trust issues on my end. Why can’t they send out a simple invoice that explains the “lump sum” we are asked to pay. I will have copies of some invoices so you can see what my problem is. Any advice/feedback is welcome.

We still have many folks that can’t download the insurance forms from the website. The “request for certificate” form for shows/events must be sent in by email with proper email addresses, then Bobby emails the certificates out. I often end up having to do this myself. I do always ask if there isn’t someone in the club that could help out.

Charlotte Caughman
Assistant Treasurer, Insurance Liaison
864-542-5198

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**MEMBERSHIP**

The directory has been mailed out and emailed out. Next year it will be a lot easier to submit directory information. Thank you all for your patience and I hope everyone gets good use from the directory.

Jason Hamilton

**AFMS REGIONAL 3rd VICE PRESIDENT**

There are three AFMS committees that report to me including International Relations Committee, Program Competition Committee, and Public Relations Committee. I have nothing else to report.

Mark Easterbrook

AFMS Regional Vice President

**MAYO EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION**

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William Waggener
Mayo E. F. President

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STATE DIRECTOR’S REPORTS

ALABAMA

A membership review of the Alabama clubs over a ten year period (2007 to 2016) shows a members increase in all six clubs. There has been a total increase of 38% or 200 members. The East Alabama Gem and Mineral Society of Opelika leads the way with an increase of 56 members. The year 2015 indicates a slight increase in adult membership of +4, but a decrease in junior membership of -30.

The next show is at Tannehill State Park in Birmingham hosted by the Alabama Mineral Lapidary Society on June 4th and 5th.

Of note, the Mobile club has purchased a 40 foot container placed on the clubhouse property to store rocks and minerals. The supply of rocks was substantially increased when the University of Mobile donated the Albert Dix collection to the club.

There are no significant problems to report at this time.

Phil Kaiser
Alabama State Director

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FLORIDA

Tom and Craig had nothing to report regarding their clubs in their areas. South Florida is
quiet..gearing down for summer..nothing new to report...

Jeff Ursillo
Florida State Director

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GEORGIA

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Georgia Clubs for stepping up to the plate and hosting the SFMS quarterly meeting in Norcross and also the Gem & Mineral Show in Marietta in November. It is with my sincerest appreciation I thank you for your support and active participation ensuring successful events, meetings, gatherings, and field trips. I hope to visit with all of you as the year progresses. I regret having to miss the meeting in Norcross but will look forward to getting together soon,

Scott C. Forward, P.G., CPESC
SFMS, Georgia Director

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TENNESSEE

As the 2016 Tennessee State Director I have tried to keep in contact with the 6 clubs in Tennessee. Kingsport, which was in trouble, seems to be getting more people working and volunteering. A former member returned to be the new president. The former president is now the Vice-President, treasurer and show chair. They plan to hold their annual show again in November, which I hope to attend. Memphis had a show recently that is always a good one. It is a large club that is doing well. Other clubs are doing good. More information at next meeting.

Toni Garland
Tennessee State Director

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VIRGINIA

Virginia Summer-Fall 2016 Report


The joint field trips of the GMSL & RVMGS this Winter/Spring were:

February 27th - James Madison Annual Visit to the Geology Department and Mineral Museum. Reschedule from January due to snow.

March 26, Old Faber Mine, Albemarle County VA.

With better weather more trips will be scheduled.

Both the GMSL & RVMGS take part in the Dixie Mineral Council with members attending and reporting in the newsletters when possible.
Field trips of the GMSVP this Winter/Spring were or are scheduled:

February 19-21 - GMSVP operates a booth and the Treasures of the Earth (TOTE) show in Hampton.

April 2nd - Miocene and Pliocene Fossil Collection along the James River (near Surry, VA)
April 29th-May1st - GMSVP operates a booth and the Treasures of the Earth (TOTE) show in Virginia Beach.

The RVMGS continues to schedule twice monthly Lapidary/cabochon classes thru April 2016. RVMGS dues were raised in April to $15 (family) & $10 (single). Both the RVMGS & The GMSL are invited to an April 23rd sneak peak at the Radford University almost completed new Museum of the Earth Sciences.

Membership in the GMSL remains steady at around 200 members.

Membership in the GMSVP has remained steady around 104.

In February the Commonwealth of Virginia designated Nelsonite as the state rock, effective June 1, 2016. Nelsonite was formerly mined near Piney Rock, VA for its titanium and calcium phosphate. It is mainly composed of apatite, limonite, and iron. Unakite was the other popular candidate for the VA state rock.

Newsletters for the RVMGS and GMSVP have articles describing classes and experiences at Wildacres.

Submitted by Bill & Eleanor Osburn
SFMS VA State Directors

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SFMS COMMITTEE REPORTS:

BOUNDARIES:
Nothing to report
Buddy Shotts

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BULLETIN EDITOR’S CONTEST

Regarding the Bulletin Editor’s Contest for 2016, I received entries from five clubs this year spread out over eight categories. I want to thank these hard-working clubs for all of the involvement of their members. Because the AFMS annual meeting is in July this year, my judges were able to get everything judged to meet the early April 1, 2016 AFMS deadline for their national contest. I would just ask each of you to encourage your editors to participate in next year’s contest since the deadline has passed for the 2016 contest. It is a fun way to see how to improve your bulletins and publications. It is a great learning experience.

Mark Easterbrook
2016 SFMS Bulletin Editor’s Contest Chair

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EDUCATION

The 2016 workshop season starts this upcoming week beginning with William Holland. Everything seems to be running well due to a great bunch of Directors, Registrars and Instructors. See the reports from the Directors and Registrars in this packet.

The Education Committee would like to announce the appointment of Kristine Robertson as the William Holland Workshop Director for the 2017/2018 seasons. Kristine comes highly recommended. She will have a tough act to follow, because Cindy Reed has done an excellent job directing the WH workshops for the past couple of years. But, I have no doubts that Cindy will do her best to train and assist Kristine in taking over the directorship. If you see Kristine, please thank her for volunteering to assume this great responsibility.

The new Wildacres Director (Rosemary van Wandelen 2016/2017) and Registrars (Toni Garland and Linda Matvy 2016/2017) are doing a great job and have got up to speed quickly. This also applies to the new Registrar for William Holland (Heidi Wetzel 2016/2017).

My thanks goes out to all the Directors, Registrars and instructors! On the administrative side there is such a huge amount of work that goes on behind the scenes to ensure that the workshops run smoothly. And on the instructor’s side, there is also a huge amount of work that goes into preparing for, and teaching, a week long class. If you see any past or present Directors, Registrars, or Instructors please thank them for all that they have done for SFMS education! Remember, everyone that works hard to ensure that you have access to week long workshop are all volunteers and they do it for the benefit of you as an SFMS member.

Finally, I would like to request that everyone attending this meeting to go back to their respective clubs and “talk up” the workshops. You can do this by promoting workshop attendance AND the Workshop Scholarship Program (replaced the stamp program). The Workshop Scholarship Program can be assisted in two ways. First by donating items for the auction (Lisa Roberts is collecting the items). And second, by bidding high when the auction occurs (at the annual meeting).

If you have any questions concerning SFMS Education feel free to give me a call or drop me an e-mail. Thank you!

Danny Griffin
Gcjinc@comcast.net
(865) 406-8802

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WEBMASTER

Website is as up to date as I have information to post to it....I would like to get the information about the new scholarship program from whoever is chairing the fundraiser...possible add pictures etc. when the donations start coming in for it.

Jeff Ursillo
Webmaster

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WILDACRES DIRECTOR

I just got back from Wildacres Spring Gathering week which I highly recommend if you cannot make
our SFMS weeks in August and September.

Management transition from long time Mike House to Dave Lovett is going very well.

Just wanted to thank Toni Garland and Linda Matvy they are doing a great job as Registrars for Wildacres.

We have found out our main problem is not getting students to fill classes but rooms for them. We need to get the word out if anyone is interested in one of our classes please register soon, yes to get the class you want but also to place you into a room before they are all filled up. August has only a couple of rooms left.

Roy Deere's class Fused Chainmaille is full, so is Jeff Sheers Metalwork Special Projects, as is Tom and Kay Benham's Chasing &Repousse. Rowan Rose-Morgans Beginning Wire is also full.

Pat Davis usually teaches Cabochons but this week will be teaching a full class on Gourds. If you are a beader and like to be on your own we have a space for you. This is the first time for Katie Baum, an Art Clay Master Instructor, highly recommended and still has openings in her class. Travis Paris another first time teaching for SFMS and highly recommend has a couple of openings in Mineral ID.

Clancy Smith is teaching something a little different for us, Deep Relief Wood Carving new to SFMS he is a well known wood carving teacher in Florida. With a fee of only $20-25 a class that shouldn't be passed up.

The only class we have had to cancel is Danny Griffin's Display Case. I hope to get him to relist this class in 2017.

We will put students on a waiting list as cancellation always seems to come up the last few days before our week starts, so don't hesitate to ask to be put on the list.

September is filling up fast, we are sharing the week with 4 other groups so getting extra rooms will be highly unlikely.

So again please help pass the word if someone is interested in classes get their registration in so we can place them into a room before we have to start cancelling classes because we can't house the students.

For September: Roy Deere has another Chainmaille class, very popular, Teresa Polly is back with her popular Gem ID class. Bill Harrs Casting class, Can't believe he still has openings, SFMS best casting teacher, his orchids are a must see. Michael Miller and Flint Knapping a class you don't see often. Leslie Wayment is back with her class Wire for Beaders a must class to take. Tom Mitchell great teacher for Faceting has own book, Pres of club, will enjoy this class. Pattie Appleby is back teaching silversmithing last year was her first with us and her students loved her. Debora Mauser has come back to teach the very popular Cold Connections and Enameling we are very lucky to have her back. This is a first for Rich Williams; he teaches at William Holland but I asked him to come teach Scrimshaw during our week a great teacher you will be very happy with your class projects. Tom & Kay Benham back again their classes always fill up fast. Katie Baum is teaching another Metal Clay class highly recommended.

I am gathering info on teachers for 2017. If you have a favorite or a class you would like to take at Wildacres please contact me.

Hope to see you at Wildacres soon,

Come once you will come back.
WILDACRES REGISTRAR

We have a new Director and new Co-Registrars this year and we are coming up with new, exciting ideas! So plan on coming to the North Carolina mountains and joining us in having a lot of fun and learning a new craft or expanding on a craft you love.

Rosemary, the new Director, and I met in Orlando this summer and had a good time planning, eating, visiting a super bead/tool craft warehouse and getting to know each other better. Linda and Rosemary got together at the annual meeting to plan. Good ideas and times together. Linda and I meet weekly to go over new registrations.

Wildacres registration is coming along great. August has 40 people registered plus 11 teachers and officers. Chasing and Repousse' and Chain Maille have 1 spot left in them. Advanced Metal Work, Wire Wrapping and Gourds are full. Other classes are also filling up. Mineral ID, Metal Art Clay, Deep Wood Relief Carving, Advanced Beading all have openings.

September has 20 registered, plus 11 teachers and officers. Several people are taking Chasing and Repousse' 1 and 2 and Chain Maille 1 and 2. The other classes have some registrants in them already, but there are still openings in Casting, Faceting, Flintnapping, Gem ID, Metal Art Clay, Silverersmithing, Wire for Beaders and Scrimshaw. Sign up if you haven't already.

It is keeping Linda and I busy registering, banking and mailing letters. We are looking forward to August and meeting all the people we have corresponded with. Please tell all your clubs that there are still openings and what a good bargain they are getting with room and board, delicious food, great teachers and great classes. If you need more information for your club contact me at: waregistrar2016@gmail.com.

Toni Garland, Wildacres Registrar
Linda Matvy, co-registrar Wildacres

WILLIAM HOLLAND DIRECTOR

The first workshop classes for the 2016 season begin this Sunday, June 5. We are looking forward to another great week. We began with 12 classes, but had to cancel 3 of them. One of our teachers had to cancel for medical reasons so the instructor for chain took over the wire weaving class. The cancelled classes were chain, Wire Wrap, and gem trees.

Attendance is a bit low this year. We attribute this mainly to the schedule. Normally, we have the 2nd full week of June. The new director at William Holland was not aware of this and we ended up a week earlier than usual. This week also coincides with Bead and Button. I addressed this issue last year and will be sure to make sure it is corrected for the 2017 session.

There are still spaces in some of the classes and it's only a 2 hour drive from here. Come on up and join us for the week.
We have enjoyed our 2 year tenure as William Holland Directors and will work closely with the incoming director.

Respectfully Submitted

Jim and Cindy Reed

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WILLIAM HOLLAND REGISTRAR

May 31, 2016

I have 44 people attending the workshop including Instructors, Registrars, and Directors.

Heidi Wetzel

William Holland Workshop Registrar

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A.F.M.S. COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

BULLETIN EDITOR’S ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Regarding the AFMS BEAC as SFMS Representative, I have nothing additional to add.

Mark Easterbrook

AFMS BEAC Committee – SFMS Representative

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BULLETIN EDITOR’S HALL OF FAME

Regarding the Bulletin Editor’s Hall of Fame as SFMS representative, I had an article in the Lodestar earlier this year in January discussing the purpose and how nominations are to be received. To date, I have not received any nominations. I know there are some very deserving long-time serving editors within the SFMS and other regions that should be recognized for their service. Nominations only come from other editors. This is a national recognition, not just for the SFMS. So, please encourage your club editors to submit a nomination for one of their fellow editors.

Mark Easterbrook

AFMS Bulletin Editor’s Hall of Fame – SFMS Representative

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ENDOWMENT FUND

I have drawing tickets available for $5 each or 5 for $20. This may be your last chance to purchase as the AFMS Annual Meeting is this July in Albany, Oregon.

Jerri Heer

SFMS Representative to AFMS Endowment Fund

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WEBSITE CONTEST

Website contest is in the judging stage...one set of results are in. Dan Imel reports he has a severe
shortage of judges this year and is having a hard time getting sites judged. He has no one for the California Federation and is short one judge for us and one other Federation. If anyone is able to judge, they should contact Dan at lapidry@aol.com

Jeff Ursillo
SFMS Representative to AFMS Website Contest Committee

Treasurer's Report

Committee Reports

August Education Chair Report

– Danny Griffin, Chairperson

The August session at Wildacres starts on the 22nd. It has been a very good session as far as enrollment is concerned. Almost all the classes are full and we’re completely out of rooms. The September Wildacres session appears to be on the same track.

This is a good thing for SFMS Education! It appears we are finally recovering from the poor economy that effected enrollment for so many years. If you are planning to attend a workshop next year remember to sign up quickly. We expect next years sessions (William Holland & Wildacres) to be as successful as this years. If you hesitate you might end up on a waiting list or your class may already be full.

If you are signed up / confirmed for an August or September session you will have a great time!

If you see anyone that has been responsible for managing the workshops over the past few years please thank them for all the work they have done. A huge amount of time goes into making the workshops run smoothly.

Feel free to give me a call or drop me an e-mail if you have questions.

Thanks!
Danny Griffin
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Safety Article

Bob Green, Chairperson

Greetings all, hope you hope you have had a safe summer, so far. It has been unusually hot and dry in upstate South Carolina, but we are not having global warming or something like that, Ha.

Barb and I recently took a trip to the mid-west to see family. One of the striking things about travelling is people watching and attire and their
approach to the trip.

First off, their attire; Most folks seem to have reached the stage where they are really interested in being comfortable. Some more comfortable than others, but…. We did not see the folks that show up on Facebook as the travellers from a parallel universe, but we did see some that we were certainly “comfortable”. There were some from the old school that thought you should dress up to travel including several with 4” or so heels that to me were inappropriate for travel, because I would never wear them.

Most folks were wearing appropriate foot wear, tennis shoes or tie-up shoes that appeared comfortable, There have been a number of “nice” warnings about wearing appropriate footwear while travelling by air. You never know when there is a need to swiftly move from your airplane in a state of emergency. Recently there was a crash landing of a 777 and all got off safely. That is good, I never want to be on a craft that has to crash land or has to have some sort of emergency evacuation of a plane. I do realize that wearing flip flops are great and many folks consider these appropriate at any time, So I am not here to tell you to change, but do be aware that these are not the best for emergency situations.

Reminds me of the old joke about the two (2) hikers in the back country of the Canadian north; In the middle of the night, a large grizzly knocks down their tent looking for food. The two hikers get out of their tent and start running from the bear. One guy stops to put on his shoes and the other guys says, you cannot outrun the bear, he replies, I do not need to, I only need to outrun you!.

So anyway, be prepared.

The next thing is to listen to the stewardess. On one of our legs while doing the safety overview the stewardess said, please listen or pretend you are listening to the safety briefing. I looked around and most people were still messing with their phones or other activity. I remind you the most important thing in these briefing is the location of the exits. If you do nothing else when you get on the plane determine the location of the nearest safety exit.

Be observant to your surroundings. On a trip from Puerto Rico, in 2000, the plane was climbing away from the airport and we were about 5,000 feet up when I heard the left engine quit running. The pilot very smoothly turned the plane around and we headed back to the airport. We landed and we followed down the runway by a cadre of emergency vehicles. The pilot said during the decent that we had a warning light come on and it was prudent to return to the airport. Since we were loaded with fuel, we sat away from the terminal building for several minutes to let the brakes and tires cool down. When we got back to Greenville, the wife (who worked for the airline) of on one of the guys we were travelling with said, oh, you guys had an engine fire. It was snuffed out quickly by the fire extinguishers that are built in the engines.

So be safe, have fun, enjoy your travels.
Gem and Mineral Shows

September 2 – 5, 2016, Hendersonville, NC

Henderson County Gem & Mineral Society
35th Annual Gem & Mineral Spectacular

Colorful World of Jaspers

Friday - Sunday 10:00am – 6:00pm; Monday 10:00am – 5:00pm

*Demonstrations*Exhibits*Hourly Prizes*Refreshments Available*Raffle*Grand Prizes*

Whitmire Activity Center, 301 Lily Pond Rd. Hendersonville, NC

For more info check HCGMS.com

Admission: $4.00 Adults; Children under 12 accompanied by an adult are free

$1.00 OFF ONE PAID ADMISSION WITH THIS AD

September 23 – 25, 2016; Jacksonville, FL

Jacksonville Gem and Mineral Society
28th Annual Gem, Mineral, Jewelry Show and Sale
September 23 - 25, 2016, Fri 10-6, Sat 10-6, Sun 10-5
Morocco Temple
3800 St. Johns Bluff Rd South.
Jacksonville, FL 32224

60+ dealers, 20+ displays, Continuous Jewelry Displays
Special exhibits, meteorites and a moon samples on load from NASA!!!

Made possible by Dr. Mike Reynolds
Hourly door prizes, drawings, silent auction
Scouts in uniform and kids under 12 get in free with guardian

$4 each day or $7 for the weekend. Seniors and Active Military with ID get $1 off

September 30, October 1 & 2; Dallas, NC

38th Annual Gaston Gem Mineral and Faceters Club Show

Our show is coming Sept. 30, Oct. 1 and Oct.2. It is held at Gaston County Park, Dallas, NC. Hwy 279(Dallas Cherryville Hwy) 1/2 mile from Hwy 321. Hours- Friday and Sat 9:00-6:00 Sun 9:00-5:00.

Free admission.! We have a sluice, and hourly raffles. Available are sand bags, fossils, wire wrapping, jewelry, cutting material, geodes, grab bags, makings, settings. Grand prize drawing at the end of the show on Sunday.
For information about the show, or being dealer call Connie Cole, Show Chair. 704-733-7591 or 704-864-4387.

**October 7-9, 2016, Huntsville, AL**

The 48th annual Gem, Jewelry, and Mineral Show, sponsored by the Huntsville Gem & Mineral Society will be Friday, October 7 through Sunday, October 9, 2016. This is the largest jewelry show in the region, the only rock, mineral and gem show in the region, and a great resource for the school earth science curriculum at all levels.

Location: The Jaycee Community Center at the old airport, 2180 Airport Road, Huntsville, AL 35801

Dates and Hours: Friday, October 7 10:00 am to 6:00 pm  
Saturday, October 8 10:00 am to 6:00 pm  
Sunday, October 9 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Offerings: National and International Dealers with every type and quality of gems, collector specimens, lapidary materials, fossils, finished jewelry (costume to fine), lapidary (rock and mineral) art objects, and jewelry and lapidary supplies. Lapidary and Jewelry Demonstrations and Displays. Children's “gem dig”, “gem flume”, and presentations Hourly drawings. Food service. Ample, convenient, FREE parking

Donation suggested: $3 for adults. $1 for primary & secondary students. Children under 5 FREE. $5 for adult Weekend passes

Website: www.huntsvillegms.org  
Contact: 256-534-8803

**October 14 – 16, 2016; Knoxville, TN**

26th Annual Gem & Mineral Show

Knoxville Gem and Mineral Society  
Fri. 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM  
Sat. 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM  
Sun.11:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Kerbela Temple, 315 Mimosa Ave, Knoxville, TN
Admission: $5 per person per day or 3 day pass for $8 per person
Children under 12 admitted FREE

The Gem, Mineral and Jewelry Show will have many vendors that offer great products including a wide variety of jewelry; rare fossil and mineral specimens; meteorites; gems of all colors shapes & sizes; lapidary & jewelry equipment; and much more.

For more information, contact Teresa Polly teresapolly@bellsouth.net

www.knoxrocks.org/gemshow.html

**November 12 & 13, 2016, Melbourne, FL**

Canveral Mineral & Gem Society
43rd Annual Parade of Gems
November 12 & 13 2016
10:00am to 5:00pm
Melbourne Auditorium
625 East Hibiscus Blvd.
Melbourne, FL 32901
40+ dealers displaying and selling Jewelry, Gems, Minerals, Crystals, Fossils, Tools and Rocks
Admission; $5 Donation
Contact: Don McLamb, CMGS President & Acting Show Chairman

**November 11 - 13, 2016, Pascagoula, MS**

The 27th Magnolia State Gem, Mineral, and Jewelry Show! The Mississippi Gulf Coast Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.
Friday November 11, 10:00 - 6:00
Saturday November 12, 10:00 - 6:00
Sunday November 13, 10:00 - 5:00

Jackson County Fairgrounds Civic Center, 2902 Shortcut Rd., Pascagoula, MS 39567

30 plus vendors selling gemstones, minerals, fossils, jewelry, and much more. Gold/silversmiths doing repairs, several demonstrators including flint knapping, gold panning, faceting, cutting and polishing stones, beading, and chain making. Meals and snacks available at our concessions.
Several educational exhibits. There is a raffle as well as hourly door prizes.

Admission is $3.00 for adults, children 12 & under are free with adult.
3 day ticket available for $5.00

For more information Contact Bill La Rue, (228) 229-8781, wildbill2736@gmail.com or Barbi Beatty, (228) 238-9900 mgcgms@bellsouth.net www.mgcgms.org
November 18 – 20, 2016; Columbia, SC

The Columbia, SC Gem & Mineral Society will hold its 2016 49th Annual Gem, Mineral, & Jewelry Show

Fri Nov. 18, 10:00 - 6:00;
Sat. Nov. 19, 10:00 - 6:00;
Sun. Nov. 20, 12:00 - 5:00

Jamil Temple
206 Jamil Rd.
Columbia, SC 29210

Jewelry, beads, loose stones, fossils, minerals, gold, silver, & tools for sale

Geodes sold & cut

Club member’s rock collections on exhibit & lapidary demonstrations.

South Carolina amethyst on display.

Sponsored by The Columbia Gem & Mineral Society

$5.00 for adults, Sixteen & under free with adult.

All military & their dependents free.

Sue Shrader: 803-736-9317; ashrader@mindspring.com
Dealers; Sharon Sterrett 803-356-1472; ssterrett@sc.rr.com

www.cgams.org

November 18-20, 2016; Louisville, KY

Annual show; KYANA Geological Society, Camp Crestwood ; 7206 Clore Lane; Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 12-5;
Beautiful custom jewelry, jewelry supplies, beads, gemstones, genuine Australian opals, crystals, minerals and fossils. Door Prizes, children's Activities.; contact Rick Hunter, P.O. Box 32561, Louisville, KY 40232, (502)-298-8871; e-mail: kyanageoshowchair@gmail.com; Web site: www.kyanageo.org

November 19-20, 2016, West Palm Beach, FL

Gem & Mineral Society of the Palm Beaches, Inc. Presents Our Golden Anniversary 50th Annual Gem, Mineral, Bead, Jewelry, & Fossil Show

Expo Center East South Florida Fairgrounds,
9067 Southern Blvd., West Palm Beach, Florida 33411
Over 80 dealers from all over the country offer a wide range of merchandise—fine jewelry, southwestern Indian jewelry, bead jewelry, loose beads, rocks and minerals for specimen collecting and cutting, loose precious and semi-precious gemstones, settings and findings, fossils, meteorites, tools, books, and much, much more.

The show offers a wide range of educational activities and exhibits. Visit the demonstration area where society members will be showcasing skills learned in club classes. Demonstrations will include faceting, cabochon making, chain making, and bead stringing just to name a few. Hourly door prizes awarded both days, a show Grand Prize and a Scholarship fundraising drawing will be held. We have also invited several local education based clubs to display at our show, as well as the South Florida Science Center and Aquarium. Guest speakers will present a variety of educational topics.

**November 18-20, 2016, Marietta, GA**

Cobb County Gem & Mineral Society/CCGMS invites you to join them in their 31st Annual Gem and Mineral Show as we return to our newly renovated home, Cobb County Civic Center in Marietta, GA.

Calling all collectors, artists, educators, formal/informal students of lapidary and rock hounds alike. Come immerse yourselves in a showcase of rocks, gemstones, minerals and fossils collected and sold all over the world!

**Free** admission and **Free** parking provide the option of a weekend of shopping, live lapidary and artisan demonstrations, mineral identification and instruction, the chance to buy and crack open your very own geode and much more. Be sure to listen for the hourly door prizes!

**When:**
November 18-20, 2016
Friday and Saturday 10AM—6PM, Sunday 10AM—5PM

**Where:**
Cobb County Civic Center
548 Marietta Parkway
Marietta, GA 30060

*To learn more about CCGMS visit:*
Web Site: [http://www.cobbcountymineral.org/](http://www.cobbcountymineral.org/)
Facebook: [https://www.facebook.com/cobbcountymineral/](https://www.facebook.com/cobbcountymineral/)
December 2-4, 2016; Montgomery, AL

The 46th Annual Montgomery Gem, Mineral & Jewelry Show

Garrett Coliseum
1555 Federal Drive
Montgomery, Alabama

Show Times:
Friday, December 2: 9 AM - 6 PM
Saturday, December 3: 10 AM - 6 PM
Sunday, December 4: 11 AM - 5 PM

Admission:
$2/Adults or $3 for weekend pass
Free/18 & Under with student ID and 1 paid adult

Free Parking.

Free door prize ticket with each paid adult admission.

Dealers will have beads, crystals, geodes, rough, cabochons, gem stones, finished jewelry, tools, supplies and mineral & fossil specimens. Club members will display their individual collections and will give demonstrations on gem and rock cutting, faceting, cabochon making, and knapping.

Web Site: http://montgomerygemandmineralsociety.com/mgms/
Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/MontgomeryGemClub/

January 13-15, 2017; Largo, Fl

Pinellas Geological Society Announces our Fortieth Annual Gem, Jewelry and Mineral Show and Sale. Friday and Saturday 10 AM to 5 PM; Sunday Noon to 5 PM; Largo Cultural Center, Parkside Room, 105 Central Park Drive, Largo Florida.

Turn south off East Bay Drive just one block east of Seminole Blvd.

Largo, Florida

Free admission.

Donation $1.50 for hourly drawing

Silent Auction every hour

Unique jewelry has fascinated mankind since cave days. Today that still holds true as men and women create wonderful gem and mineral ornaments from nature’s abundant rocks and minerals. Members of the Gem and Mineral Clubs in our area gather together monthly to share their hobby.
The members of the Pinellas Geological Society and other local Gem and Mineral Clubs will be showing their cut gems, silver and gold jewelry, wire wrap, beading, cabachons, and collections of rocks and minerals for your viewing pleasure and purchase at our Fortieth Show and Sale on January 13, 14 and 15, 2017 in the Parkside Room at the Largo Cultural Center, 105 Central Park, Largo, Florida, one block east of Seminole Blvd., south off East Bay Drive.

The hours of the show are Friday and Saturday, 10 AM to 5 PM and Sunday Noon to 5 PM.

This show is for everyone of all ages (or species) who are fascinated by and enjoy seeing and learning more about nature’s beauty in gems, rocks and minerals. For more information about the Show or joining the Club, call Leona at (727) 709-3236

The Pinellas Geological Society meets at the Largo Library, Central Park Drive, Largo Room C every fourth Tuesday evening, September through May at 6PM. Contact person Leona Sheffield, Co-Chairperson Phone (727) 709-3236

From Left to Right: Dave Wayment, Past President; Jason Hamilton, Membership Secretary; Mark Easterbrook, AFMS Regional 3rd Vice President; Craig Hamilton, 2nd Vice President; Lisa Roberts, President; Teresa Polly, 1st Vice President; Mari Webb, Treasurer

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