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President's Report
Aug 4, 2018

“Completely Done”

Volunteering for any organization affords many opportunities of service. SFMS is a multi faceted organization which is governed by a board of directors and many many chairman positions. Without these un-paid volunteers the society would NOT be able to function.

Not done until you are completely finished. We are not done, the work continues. With that in mind. SFMS work is never done. Something like a
living thing, just keeps growing. The work of SFMS differs nothing from any other business.

At SFMS we rely on dedicated people who are service minded individuals with a heart to serve others. That is the core value from which we function and operate. It is not a difficult job, but one that takes perseverance and tenacity. Like any task to be accomplished, just keep working until the JOB IS COMPLETELY DONE.

Along the way you may encounter a ruff spot or pothole. You take it in stride and keep moving straight ahead. These are just a few notes about getting the JOB DONE. To accomplish the desired results you only need to stay with it and soon much work will have been realized.

Within the SFMS organization we STILL NEED a 2nd VP, and an assistant Treasurer. You can be of a GREAT HELP by mentioning these positions on the Board that must be filled. Thank you for reading and passing on this information to your Club members.

Come to Florida for the Sept. 22nd SFMS meeting being help in Jacksonville, Florida. The business meeting is at 9:00 a.m. Located at JGMS Shop, 3733 Crown Point Road, Jacksonville, Florida 32257. The “Fall Rock Show” is located at the Morocco Temple, 3800 St.Johns Bluff Road, Jacksonville, Florida 32224. Sept. 21-23, 10-6 F, 10-6 S, and 10-5 S. Check for SFMS registration info and make your plans.

The JGMS is hosting SandFest. Both the “Rock Show” and Sandfest are located at the same address.

You can come and get your toes in the sand in FLORIDA - - - - WE HAVE LOT'S OF SAND - - - -

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Committee Reports

Safety

Bob Green, Chair

I hope all have been safe so far this summer. As noted last month it has been a somewhat strange summer. Weeks of rain, a short dry spell, very humid and those of us with allergies, mold loves us.

There was a short news story on Atlanta TV last weekend about the impact of the rain on the various crops. Certain areas of Georgia have had so much rain the peach crop was estimated to have lost over 50%. In the upstate region of South Carolina and the foot hills of North Carolina, the rain has led to many landslides and road closures. The ground is unstable due to the rain. And as usual, we have been very lucky compared to what the northeast has gone through. So be safe and do not try to drive through flood waters.

Another issue with the storms is lightning. Even though not a lot of people are killed by Lightning each year, it is a danger and a very random danger if you are close to a storm. One article stated it very clearly, “if you hear the thunder you are in the danger zone and take shelter immediately”. The article also noted that lightning can strike even 20 to 30 minutes after the main part of the storm has past. Again, be careful and be safe. Several years ago, my wife and I were sitting on the porch watching a storm approaching. The storm appeared to be a couple of miles away, and suddenly a flash-bang which meant the lightning was very close to us, we immediately went inside.

Another issue this summer has been the number of instances of the terrible “flesh eating bacteria”. One survivor noted that he had a minor scratch on his arm and went into a lake and contracted this bacteria, he had already had several operations and he was lucky, since it was caught early enough so that he sustained minimal damage to his arm.

And for whatever reason, the world is getting warmer, not sure it is getting close to the mid-term elections or what, however, the increased warmth, does seem to cause storms and things like the “red tide” in Florida to be worse, or maybe we have more folks gathering news.
So enjoy the summer. Using weed killer to get rid of Wisteria or Kudzu can be hazardous to your health, so be careful. You do recognize Kudzu should be the state “vines” in many parts of the south.

Be careful, be safe and protect yourself and family. Also the drivers, some of whom may be reading this have let their common sense depart, so be alert on the roads.

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**June DMC Field Trip Report**

Hosted by the Middle Tennessee Rockhounds  
By Shawn Seibold

Saturday, June 23rd, the Middle Tennessee Rockhounds sponsored a DMC field trip to McNairy County in Tennessee to collect marine invertebrate remains in Coon Creek. Collecting was open to the first 35 individuals to register whose clubs make up the DMC field trip sharing program of the Southeast Federation of mineral clubs. Representatives from just about every state in the Southeast attended. Shawn Seibold and Gerald Richmond served as fieldtrip leaders for the Middle Tennessee Rockhounds. Here is a capsulation of the day’s events.

Upon arrival, participants were let into the building on site that served as both a classroom and mini-museum where a history of the Coon Creek formation was explained. Particular attention is paid to the preservation of the specimens recovered, since the material found for the most part is extremely fragile. Suggestions included wrapping the specimens in aluminum and coating them in floor wax to prevent breakage. Upon completion of the proper methods to clean and preserve your finds, registrants were led down to the creek to put their newly learned techniques to practice.

Everyone took time to sit down and have a lunch. Afterwards everyone was taken to some large tarps with material that had also come out of the creek. The instructors there are very knowledgeable and helpful and are all too willing to help identify specimens or answer questions. Everyone I spoke to was extremely pleased with their finds and seemed to have had a wonderful time. I, myself, have been to Coon Creek probably 15 to 20 times and if and when I win the lottery, I have a good idea of what one of my first purchases will be!

Your friend in fossils,  
Shawn Seibold

Coon Creek classroom and mini-museum where a history of the Coon Creek formation was explained.
A little rain can’t stop intrepid collectors.

DMC field trip attendees had a chance to mingle.

All of the remains of the Upper Cretaceous (70 plus million years old) marine invertebrates found are the original material!

After lunch, everyone was taken to some large tarps with material that had also come out of the creek.

Probably the most noticeable feature to this site is that everything found comes out of clay, not rock.
So much to see!

Morning Sherrod (from the Knoxville Gem and Mineral Club) and Shawn Seibold are all smiles

[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]
GEM AND MINERAL SHOWS

October 19 – 21, 2018; Knoxville, TN

28th Annual Gem and Mineral Show
Rothchild Conference Center, 8807 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, TN 37923
Friday and Saturday 0900 to 1800; Sunday 1000 to 1700
Admission: Adults, $6 per day or show pass $10; children under 12 FREE
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November 3 & 4, 2018, Plant City, FL

59th Annual Gem, Jewelry and Lapidary Arts Show
Host: Tampa Bay Mineral and Science Club
Location: Plant City Strawberry Festival Expo Center
          303 N. Lemon Street
          Plant City, Florida
Hours: 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Admission: Adults $5; Military $4; Youth & Students $4; Under 12 free (with parent)
Parking: FREE
Directions: Visit our website at www.tampabayrockclub.com for directions.
Discounts: Visit our website at www.tampabayrockclub.com for admission discount coupon.
The show is a great experience for rock hounds and jewelry crafters of all ages! Vendors will exhibit and sell rough stones, slabs, mineral specimens, gemstones, beads and finished jewelry. Club members will showcase their talents selling handcrafted, one-of-a-kind jewelry, gem trees, and cabochons. There will be live demonstrations including cabochon cutting, faceting, wire wrapping, gem trees, chainmaille and more. Patrons can bid for bargains at our silent auction and win door prizes throughout the day. Kids can explore the touch table, and prospect for treasure at our sluice box, or purchase a grab bag full of surprises. This is the perfect opportunity to shop for that special gift for the holidays.
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November 10 & 11, 2018; Melbourne, FL
Canaveral Mineral & Gem Society
50 Dealers displaying & selling Jewelry, gems, minerals, crystals, fossils, tools, rocks, slabs.
Demonstrations; hourly prizes; grand prize
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November 16 – 18, 2018, Columbia, SC

52nd annual gem, mineral, jewelry, bead and fossil show
Gem & Mineral Society of the Palm Beaches
Saturday (Nov. 17th) 9am-6pm, Sunday (Nov. 18th) 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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January 11-13, 2019, Largo FL
Pinellas Geological Society
Forty-Third Annual
Gem, Jewelry and Mineral Show and Sale
Friday and Saturday 10 AM to 5 PM
Sunday Noon to 5 PM
Central Park Performing Arts Center
Parkside Room
105 Central Park Drive
Largo, Florida
Turn south off East Bay Drive just one block east of Seminole Blvd.

Free admission. Donation $2.00 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.

This show is for everyone of all ages (free rock bags for children) who are fascinated by and enjoy seeing and learning more about nature’s beauty in gems, rocks and minerals.

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