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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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Quarterly Meeting January 2015

Jan 23-24 2015 at **Quality Inn & Conference Center**

1013 E. 23rd St., Panama City, FL, US, 32405

Phone: (850) 769-6969

Room rate \$61.99 +tax

For reservations call above number and mention SFMS

Reservation should be made for Friday night (Jan. 23, 2015)

Friday Evening Cracker Barrel 7:00-9:00 PM at the Quality Inn & Conference Center

Saturday Morning check in 8:00. Meeting 8:30 – 12:00 noon at the Quality Inn & Conference

Center

There is a show in Panama City that weekend

January 24 – 25, 2015, Panama City, FL

The annual Panama City Gem and Mineral Show will be Saturday, January 24th from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

at the Bay County Fairgrounds.

2230 East 15th Street, Panama City, FL 32405

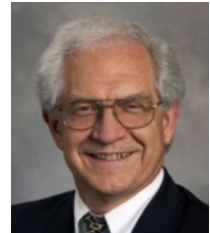
(850) 769-2645

Admission and parking is FREE.

Traffic and Driver Safety

Bob Green, Safety Chairperson

Special Note: Again a traffic reminder about shorter days and some shorter temps. Again as noted last month, when you drive, you may be able to see, but can others see you? Also, remember the issue of your headlights on Auto- the tail lights are probably not on.



This month's article is also about driving.

The holiday season is upon us and as it always seems, folks get into the holiday spirit early and some get into the holiday spirits also. So drive carefully and defensively. Barb and I drove to the Gem Club meeting this past Monday and in a couple of intersections, and witnessed 5 cars run the red light. The definition of running the reds light from a Greenville Traffic Policeman several years ago was if the light turns red before the rear wheels of your car crosses the white line at the intersection, you have run the light. Also, one day this week a Greenville "Greenlink" bus ran a light, it was about 50 feet from the white line when the light turned red and it motored right along. And this intersection has a long yellow.

Now, traffic in the malls is already extremely heavy and today, Friday, 12 December, an unusually heavy amount of traffic was encountered. Thankfully the South Carolina Highway Patrol was also out and had one car stopped. As with heavy traffic, be careful and watch for those drivers making right hand turns from the far left lane. One day this past week an out of state car made a mad dash from the far right lane to the left turn lanes. This particular road has three lanes in each direction with left turn lanes. Another issue is folks forget where they are going and stop in the thru traffic lanes to make left hand turns, hoping that another pilgrim will let them in the left turn lane while cars behind this individual just continue to be backed up. So, we wish all of our fellow drivers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New year and we hope all have to have their licenses renewed in the coming year and the failure rate is higher

than normal. Anyway, my license is up for renewal this year and I will study for the test.

We do wish all a safe and happy holiday season and be extra cautious not only on the roads, but also around the house. With the hustle and bustle of the holiday, some short-cuts on safety may take place. This can lead to injuries not only to your body but to your ego. Do not singe your eye-brows trying to light all of the candles. Use the personal protective gear to safely do your activities, especially protective goggles or safety glasses.

I would say, I hope all of your wishes come true, but you do have to be careful about what you wish for, it may come true and not the way you want it. A recent GEICO commercial about the guy that rubs the lamp and the genie comes out and the guy wishes for a “million bucks” and gets a substantial quantity of antlered deer.

So, be safe, careful and joyful. More next year.

2014 BULLETIN EDITOR’S CONTEST WINNERS

Mark Easterbrook, SFMS Bulletin Editor’s Contest Chair

The following are the results of the 2014 SFMS Bulletin Editor’s Contest as announced at the 9 November 2014 SFMS Editor’s Breakfast in Pascagoula, Mississippi in conjunction with the Annual Meeting:

New Editors

No Entries

Mini Bulletins (just one qualified entry)

There was were no First Place Winners (Note: for First Place, an entry must score 90 or better)

Second Place - Carl Ross: *The Emerald News* – Gaston Gem, Mineral, & Faceters Club
(Third Place in AFMS Contest)

Small Bulletins (just two qualified entries)

First Place – Linda Behr: *The Mountain Gem* – The Gem & Mineral Society of Franklin, NC
(Third Place in AFMS Contest)

Second Place – Dana Jones: *The Nugget* – North Mississippi Gem & Mineral Society
(Honorable Mention in AFMS Contest)

Large Bulletins (just two qualified entries)

First Place – Dylan Porter: *Tips and Trips* – Georgia Mineral Society (Ninth Place in AFMS Contest)

Second Place – Matthew Lybanon: *MAGS Rockhound News* – Memphis Archaeological & Geological Society (Honorable Mention in AFMS Contest)

Junior Articles

No Qualified Entries

Junior Poetry

No Qualified Entries

Adult Poetry

No Qualified Entries

Special Publications

Original Adult Articles (just two qualified entries)

First Place – Matthew Lybanon: Extinction Events: New Evidence – *MAGS Rockhound News*
– Memphis Archaeological and Geological Society (Sixth Place in AFMS Contest)

Second Place – Fred Plesner: Barite or Baryte? – *The Mountain Gem* – Gem & Mineral
Society of Franklin, NC (Honorable Mention in AFMS Contest)

Original Adult Articles Advanced (just one qualified entry)

First Place – Dr. David Babulski: Spectral Analysis of Woodbury, Tennessee Fluorescent
Calcite Geodes – *Tips and Trips* – Georgia Mineral Society (Second Place in AFMS Contest)

Drawn Features

No Qualified Entries

Written Features

First Place – John Byzet: Woodworking Enhances Rock Collecting – *The Nugget* – North
Mississippi Gem and Mineral Society (Ninth Place in AFMS Contest)

Second Place (Tie) – Carol Lybanon: Discovery Park of America, a Major Attraction in
Tennessee – *MAGS Rockhound News* – Memphis Archaeological and Geological Society
(Honorable Mention in AFMS Contest)

Second Place (Tie) – Clarice Turner: Wire Wrapping Workshop in West Point... It's a Wrap –
The Nugget – North Mississippi Gem and Mineral Society (Honorable Mention in AFMS
Contest)

Fourth Place – Nancy Roberts: Notes from the President's Desk – *The Nugget* – North
Mississippi Gem and Mineral Society

Fifth Place – Jake Carr (seven years old): My Trip to the Hardware Store – *The Nugget* –
North Mississippi Gem and Mineral Society

Sixth Place (Tie) – Justin Hobart: My Experience with the Hawkins – *The Nugget* – North
Mississippi Gem and Mineral Society

Sixth Place (Tie) – Rex Larkin: Program Report – *The Mountain Gem* – Gem & Mineral Society of Franklin, NC

I want to thank all of the entrants this year. There was a very short notification and deadline, hence the fewer number of qualified entries. Next year's contest has been announced. The deadline for article and bulletin submissions to me is **APRIL 15, 2015**. Remember, all of your submissions must have been published specifically for your bulletin/newsletter in **2014** to be eligible for the 2015 contest. There are no rule changes for the 2015 contest. I will have more specific details with updated links to the forms in the January 2015 *Lodestar*.

Gem and Mineral Shows

January 17-18, 2015 Deland, FL

Tomoka Gem & Mineral Society Presents our 44th Annual
Jewelry, Gem, Minerals & Fossils Show and Sale

Times: Saturday 10am-6pm, Sunday 10am-5pm

Door Prize, Classes, Demos, Silent Auctions, Exhibits and lots of fun

Vendors with Rocks, Gems, Fossils, Minerals, Jewelry & Supplies from around our world

Location: Volusia County Fairgrounds, Tommy Lawrence Building, State Route 44,

Deland, FL (1/2 mile east off of I-4, Exit 118) Free parking

Admission: \$4:00, Children 12 & under free, Print Gem show page for \$1 off admission

See our website: Tomokagms.org

For more info: Rosemary van Wandelen 386-860-5586 / rrborzoi@yahoo.com

January 24 – 25, 2015, Panama City, FL

The annual Panama City Gem and Mineral Show will be Saturday, January 24th from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Bay County Fairgrounds. The show will feature 18 Vendors the largest to date offering exhibits, minerals, fossils, cabochons, gems, crystals, wire wrapping, lapidary arts, jewelry, beads and silent auction to include 1 Grand Prize and 3 individual door prizes. Admission and parking is FREE. For details please contact Steve Shipton at [850-867-0586](tel:850-867-0586) or email him at shipton3@comcast.net.

February 7-8, 2015, Merritt Island, FL

Central Brevard Rock and Gem Club presents A Symphony of Gemstones on Feb. 7th & 8th (Sat. & Sun.) 2015, from 10AM to 5 PM each day. We will have 23 vendors displaying handcrafted jewelry, slabs, rocks, minerals, fossils, fine jewelry, gem trees, tools and lapidary supplies. There will be a sluice and activity table for the kids. Club members will be demonstrating faceting and cabbing and there will be a display of finished jewelry pieces from individual club members. Admission is \$5.00, \$1 off with newspaper ad or printed form from our website: www.centralbrevardgems.org There is a raffle each hour and a wonderful grand prize.

Kiwanis Island Recreation Center

951 Kiwanis Island Park Road

Merritt Island, FL 32952

February 28, 2015, Lakeland, FL

Annual Show and Sale

Bone Valley Gem, Mineral & Fossil Society

Saturday 9:30am - 4:30pm

175 Lake Hollingsworth Dr., Lakeland, FL 33801

Hourly door prizes, Spin & Win Mineral Wheel, Kids Treasure Dig, demonstrations and educational displays, Silent and Chinese auctions and over 30 dealers of rocks, minerals, fossils, jewelry, gifts and hobby supplies.

Show Contact: Kim Price, Show chair, at [\(863\) 412-9156](tel:8634129156)

Email contact: [ibvgmfs at gmail.com](mailto:ibvgmfs@gmail.com).

Facebook: Bone Valley Gem, Mineral & Fossil Society

Website: www.bonevalley.net

March 6-7-8, 2015 St. Petersburg, FL

45th Annual Gem, Jewelry & Mineral Show and Sale

THE SUNCOAST GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY

Fri: 10 AM to 6PM; Sat: 10AM-6PM; Sun: 10am-5PM

The Minnreg Building

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Refreshments available.

Show contact: Bill Schmidt, Show Chair, [727 822-8279](tel:7278228279)

Email contact: SGAMSgemshow@gmail.com

Website: <http://www.sgams.com/Shows/show.html>

March 28-29, 2015; Lexington, KY

Lexington Rock, Gem & Jewelry Show

Clarion Hotel, 1950 Newton Pike, Lexington, KY. Near Exit 115 of I-75/I-64.

Hours: Sat March 28 10AM-6PM, Sun March 29 11AM-5PM.

Show includes minerals, jewelry, equipment dealers, exhibits, KY Agate, fluorescent displays, hourly prizes.

Admission: \$2 Adults, \$1 Children, \$5 Max Family. Scouts in uniform free.

Info Jane Volk, lexgemshow@outlook.com or www.bggamc.homestead.com.

April 25-26, 2015, Memphis, TN

Memphis Mineral, Fossil, Jewelry Show

"The Earth Wide Open"

Memphis Archaeological and Geological Society

Memphis International Agricenter, 7777 Walnut Grove Rd. Memphis, TN

Saturday, April 25 9-6:00 and Sunday, April 26 10-5,

Dealers, Exhibits, Demonstrations, Grand and hourly door prizes. Kids Area with Rockzone featuring Gem Dig, Geode Bowling, and Rocks Around the Clock.

Adults \$5.00, 2 day pass \$8.00, Children 12 and under \$2.00. Scouts in uniform Free

web: www.TheEarthWideOpen.com

email info@theearthwideopen.com.

Show Chair James Butchko [901 743-0058](tel:9017430058)

Dealer Chair WC McDaniel [901-274-7706](tel:9012747706)

May 8-10, 2015, Norcross, GA

The Georgia Mineral Society's 47th Annual Mother's Day Weekend Gem, Mineral, Jewelry and Fossil Show, at a new location, North Atlanta Trade Center, 1700 Jeurgens Court, Norcross, GA, May 8-10,

2015. We will also be celebrating our 80th birthday with an open house at our club house. Contact

person: Shelley Stubbs; email address: mayshow@gamineral.org; Web site: www.gamineral.org.

SEE FLYER BELOW

June 13 - 14, 2015 Cartersville, GA

Gem and Mineral Show and Sale

Tellus Science Museum

Saturday 10 AM – 5 PM; Sunday 10 AM – 5 PM

Tellus Science Museum

I-75 at exit 293, directly behind the Clarion Inn

Calling all rock hounds, jewelry collectors, families and everyone fascinated by the Earth's treasures! RockFest returns to Tellus for two full days that will delight the whole family. Mark this indoor/outdoor event as a summer "must-do" on your calendar.

Dealers from all over the country will bring their wares for you to browse. Some will feature rare and exotic jewelry, while others will showcase ancient fossils or colorful specimens. You will have an opportunity to purchase a one-of-a-kind find at this unique festival of merchants. And what's even better? Most **dealers** will also honor the Tellus member discount – that means members save 10% off your purchase! **Dealers** will be set up outside on the back lawn and inside the Museum in the Banquet Rooms.

- Hourly door prizes
- Free mineral specimens for the first 200 guests each day
- Bring your mystery mineral specimen for free mineral or fossil identification
- Kid's activities

Show contact: Mary Vinson, Event Coordinator, [\(770\) 606-5700 ext 402](tel:(770)606-5700)

Email contact: maryv@tellusmuseum.org

October 23 – 25, 2015, Austin, TX

AFMS Convention and Show, hosted by the South Central Federation. More details to come.



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 Jewelry!!!



Celebrating our
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The Georgia Mineral Society's
 47th Annual Mother's Day Weekend
 Gem, Mineral, Jewelry, and Fossil Show

Friday	May 8	10 AM – 6 PM
Saturday	May 9	10 AM – 6 PM
Sunday	May 10	Noon – 5 PM

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