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President's Report

Dear Fellow Rockhounds

This is my last Presidents message………I have had a great time serving as SFMS President.

I wish Teresa Polly all the best as she takes the SFMS President position for 2017. We need more club support this year for the SFMS Workshops. The attendance has slowly been Increasing at Wildacres and William Holland SFMS Workshops. Please sign up early and attend SFMS Workshops.

I would like to thank everyone on the SFMS Team for making 2016 such a great year. Team work and a volunteer spirit is the key to SFMS Organization.

Thank you

Lisa Roberts

2016 SFMS President

Secretary's Report

Quarterly Meeting, June 2016 Minutes

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
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.

<BREAK> 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.

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OFFICER REPORTS
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1st Vice President – Teresa Polly

The first quarterly meeting of the SFMS will be hosted by the Pinellas Geological Society to coincide with their Fortieth Annual Gem, Jewelry and Mineral Show and Sale. The dates of the meeting will be January 13 and 14, 2017 in Largo, Florida. The location for the second quarterly meeting has yet to be determined but I have approached a club to see if we can hold our meeting before their annual rock swap. If things go as planned we will have our annual meeting in Knoxville, Tennessee on October 21, 2017. Thank you for letting me serve as your 1st Vice President.

Teresa Polly
1st VP SFMS

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2nd Vice President – Craig Hamilton - SFMS State Director Report – 2016

As second VP of SFMS I am to contact each State Director and find out if they have any issues that need attention. I have called each State Director and had a few responses. Not many folks can attend the Annual meeting. Some I left phone messages, but no replies.

Mr. Bob Morgan from Kingsport, Tenn. Has been nominated for State Director for Tenn. I called all the Clubs in Tenn. And each President said that they were happy with that decision. So I asked each club to take a vote and also ask if anyone from their club would be interested. This is the most positive thing that has happened in the search for State Directors.

I had understood that Mrs. Charlotte Caughman had indicated that she would like to become State Director for South Carolina. I called and emailed her over several months time with no response. No returned calls, etc. Need not to say she wasted my time. I did contact each club in S.C., but no result for State Director. I asked them to find anyone in their club who may want to be State Director. So far no replies.

I understand that Georgia and Mississippi may also need State Directors.

I spoke with Jim Marlen, for Dr. Bridget Joubert. They don't seem to have any problems at moment. This is the Louisiana club located in New Orleans.

I will continue to work to find State Directors for these vacancies.
Secretary Report

I continue to struggle with gathering reports for our meetings. As I will continue to state; our membership has the right to know what we are doing on their behalf. Even a quick paragraph will help keep everyone informed. In an ideal world, I would get a report from EVERYONE who holds and Office or Chair. I’d settle for half, and I’ll let you know when I reach that goal!

Respectfully,
Jerri Heer

SFMS Treasurer’s Report

November 7, 2016

Report prepared using Date as of October 31, 2016

BB&T 1 ½ yr. CD @ 0.9%-$10,090.31

The 1 yr. CD matured 06/28/16 @ .1%, the funds were transferred to the Money Market Account. The 1 ½ yr. CD will mature 02/03/18 @ .9% The 2 yr. CD matured @ .2%, the funds were transferred to the Money Market Account.

The 1 1/2 Yr. CD’s will automatically mature at the current market interest rate if not interrupted.

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 October 31, 2016: $390.55
Education expenses as of October 31, 2016: $56,787.05
Officers Expenses as of October 31, 2016: $1,753.93
Federation Meeting Expenses: $850.00
AFMS Federation Dues: $6,108.75
Officer Travel, AFMS: $2,168.36
Federation Insurance paid as of October 31, 2016: $21,658.00
*Membership Rebates: $15,649.50 * Outstanding $226.00

TOTAL EXPENSES AS OF OCTOBER 31, 2016: $89,716.64

Education Income as of October 31, 2016: $51,022.00
Insurance Income as of October 31, 2016: $23,023.50
Miscellaneous Income as of October, 31: $475.00
Donations as of October 31, 2016: $1,482.34
Membership Dues as of October 31, 2016: * $1,101.50
Interest income as of October 31, 2016: $152.87

TOTAL INCOME AS OF OCTOBER 31, 2016: $77,257321

NET INCOME AS OF OCTOBER 31, 2016: <$12,459.43>

Attached is a Balance Sheet Year to date: as of October 31, 2016, and Profit and Loss to date: as of October 31, 2016,
Respectfully submitted,

Mari Webb
SFMS Treasurer

AFMS Regional Second Vice President

There are four AFMS committees that report to me for the AFMS including Uniform Rules Committee, Financial Investment Committee, Boundaries Committee, and Conservation and Legislation Committee. I will be asking for updates from these committees prior to the AFMS annual meeting in June 2017. I have nothing else to report.

Mark Easterbrook

MAYO E.F. President William Waggener

Monthly Financial Statement
Mayo Educational Foundation, Inc.
Third Quarter, 2016

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Opening Balance: $10,008.81

Revenue:
- Interest: 7/29/2016 $2.01
- Interest: 8/31/2016 $2.17
- Interest: 9/30/2016 $2.13
- Ameriprise Transfer: 7/13/2016 $298.00
- Ameriprise Transfer: 8/3/2016 $298.00
- Ameriprise Transfer: 9/13/2016 $298.00
- CD interest (From ILCD 06740AA25): 8/1/2016 $1,542.00
- CD Interest (From ILCD 06740AA25): 8/29/2016 $632.00

Sub Total Rev.: $3,074.31
Expenses:

| Sub Total Expenses: | $0.00 |

Scholarship Grants:

| Sub Total Grants | $0.00 |
| Closing Balance | $13,083.12 |

Donations:

| Knoxville GMS | $700.00 |
| Cobb County GMS | 8/11/2016 | $500.00 |
| Total Donations | $1,200.00 |

Endowment Assets

<p>| Building Fund (Certs. of Deposit) | |
| Currently no Bank CD's | |
| Shinhan Money Market: Endowment | |
| Opening Balance | $174,603.10 |
| Shinhan Bank MM Fund deposits | $1,200.00 |
| Shinhan Bank MM Fund Interest | $154.77 |
| Shinhan Bank MM Withdrawals | |
| Shinhan MM Closing Balance | $175,957.87 |
| ILCD, Barclays Bank Del. (06740AA25) Start Val. | |
| Income | $1,542.00 |
| Transfer to Shinhan Checking | -$1,542.00 |
| Ending Value | $25,650.00 |
| ILCD, Barclays Bank Del. (06740FAJ7) Start Val. | |
| Income | $632.00 |
| Transfer to Shinhan Checking | -$632.00 |
| Ending Value | $24,550.00 |</p>
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| Total Assets | 9/30/2016 | $279,525.34 |

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**STATE DIRECTOR REPORTS**

**Alabama**

There are no major problems facing the six Alabama clubs.

Five of the clubs have annual shows with Dothan, Birmingham, and Huntsville completed earlier in 2016. Dothan and Huntsville were especially successful. The Birmingham show at Tannehill Park is outdoors and this year traffic suffered due to poor weather conditions. Mobile and Montgomery shows are scheduled for November and December at the same venues as last year. The East Alabama Club continues to have interest in developing their own show, perhaps combining with the Indian Artifacts group of Alabama.

Both Montgomery and East Alabama have reorganized volunteer committees and positions this year in an effort to put more members to work and to ease some of the burden of running a show or a club.

There are still calls for a central speakers list for club meetings from SFMS. There is also the need to convert centralized VHF programs to DVD.

Membership is healthy in all clubs but there is continuing concern regarding developing the Junior programs and attracting younger members.

Phil Kaiser

Alabama State Director

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Florida

Florida clubs were invited to submit a brief “State of the Club” message for the annual report. Below are the clubs who replied.

Overall Florida clubs are doing well. Growth overall is slow, with some clubs growing very quickly. Club shows seem to be well attended and making dealers happy.

The Canaveral Mineral & Gem Society is doing very well again this year. Our membership is over 165 and our regular monthly meetings are attended by around 50 members plus several guests. Our finances are in good order and our shops are busy with classes and open shop participation. We had several members teaching and others attending William Holland and Wild Acres. We have again donated 4 scholarships to Fla International University Students in Geological related programs as well as SFMS class scholarships for 2 of our members. Our plans for our 43rd Parade of Gems Show the second weekend in November are progressing on schedule with more than 45 Dealers.

Don McLamb, CMGS President

The Tomoka Faceters Guild is still going strong and growing slowly.

Tom Mitchell, President

Pinellas Geological Society. Our club is doing very well. We look forward to hosting the quarterly meeting in January. We will have our Christmas party in December and always have interesting programs and meetings.

Leona Sheffield, President

This last year for FCGCMS has been busy one, we lost our sweet heart deal with Graves Lapidary and all shop space, and had to move the shop and all club rough. The 1st space we found was perfect but after 3months at that location we were asked to move due to a sale of the building. After a long and frustrating hunt for a new space for the shop, I found a space in a strip center owned by a friend of the club. Needless to say he worked something out for the club and we are back teaching cabochon cutting, faceting classes and the newest class we are offering, wire wrapping.

Having a shop that the club supports (paying rent) is new to us, as we always had a sweet heart deal for our shop space. Making rent each month can be challenging, but the support of our members and new members taking classes helps us make our goal.

We now have a new website, (FGCGMS.com) built by professionals, and managed by the club for full control of our website. We are on Meet-up.com, where a lot of new members have found us. We are also have a Facebook page, which is managed by one of our out of town members. Our membership continues to grow with more and more professionals seeking us out.

Sean Branigan, President, Florida Gold Coast GMS

The Tampa Bay Mineral and Science Club has had a very successful year. Our Show in October enjoyed a 25% increase in attendance, and increased our membership by over 60 new members. We continue to add more classes and volunteer teaching staff.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Ursillo SFMS Florida State Director
Tom Mitchell, Craig Hamilton, Assistant State Directors

Georgia

I want to commend the Georgia Clubs on their newsletters and bulletins. They are very well constructed, designed
professionally, look great, and are very informative. I want to encourage you to continue to put out as much information as you can so that our clubs continue to grow.

This year I did not visit many clubs as I would have liked because I found myself teaching more than I had anticipated for a variety of reasons (illness, family reasons and previous comments for the most part) I really enjoy teaching enjoy teaching at the William Holland School of Lapidary Arts; however, due to the intensity of my schedule this year I wasn’t able to travel as much. I hope to visit all of you next year.

I will continue to work with the Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies (SFMS) to resolve any issues or concerns you may have and I encourage you to contact me for any assistance.

Scott Forward
Georgia State Director

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SFMS TENNESSEE STATE DIRECTOR'S REPORT, 2016

This is my last report as State Director. Bob Morgan of the Kingsport Club is up for election as the new director. I know Bob personally and he will do a good job for you. He is a member of two clubs, Kingsport and Knoxville, he has served as several officers in one club, he and his wife are jewelry makers and dealers at two shows in East Tennessee plus others across the state and they travel to many other shows buying and selling. Bob is personable and reliable. He will be more than able to visit the different clubs and get to know everyone. I have enjoyed my time as State Director and meeting the other directors. I am sorry if I have not gotten to know everyone. I know there are several good clubs in Tennessee who are doing well. There may be a few who are struggling and I hope they can be more successful this year. I have enjoyed attending some of your shows this past year and hope I can attend the ones coming up in November and December. Please vote for and welcome Bob when you meet him and his wife Rowan.

Sincerely,
Toni Garland, Tennessee State Director 2016

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Virginia: Summer-Winter 2016 Report


The joint field trips of the GMSL & RVMGS this Summer & Fall were:
April 23, Nelson County Rutile quarry


June 25, Boxley’s Piney River Quarry, Piney River,

July 16, An on your own trip to the 2nd annual dinosaur walk (dino tracks) at Luck Stone Quarry in Culpeper, VA. A public event organized thru the Museum of Culpeper History [http://culpepermuseum.com/]

Aug 27, A walk in the woods to see what we can find.

Sep 24, Annual Willis Mt Kyanite Mine.

Oct 15, Virginia Techs annual Geo Fair in Blacksburg VA

Oct 15, Grand Opening of the Radford University Museum of Earth Sciences

Oct 15, The RVMGS had it annual Fall Apple Festival fund raising event in Amherst, VA.

Nov 25-27, Annual RVMGS Mineral and Gem Show, Salem VA

Field trips of the GMSVP this Winter/Spring were or are scheduled:

April & Oct Pipsico fossil dig along the James River. A MAGMA sponsored event

Jul 15-17, - GMSVP operates a booth and the Treasures of the Earth (TOTE) show in Virginia Beach.

Sep 24, Joined the Annual Willis Mt Kyanite Mine.

Oct 14-16, - GMSVP operates a booth and the Treasures of the Earth (TOTE) show in Virginia Beach.

Dec, A members only trip to the Seay Gold Mine in Buckingham County, VA

The RVMGS continues to schedule twice monthly Lapidary/cabochon classes thru April 2016. RVMGS dues were raised in April to $15(family) & $10 (single).

Membership in the GMSL remains steady at around 200 members.
Membership in the GMSVP has remained steady around 104.

Submitted by Bill & Eleanor Osburn
SFMS VA State Directors

SFMS COMMITTEE REPORTS

2016 Bulletin Editor’s Contest

Regarding the Bulletin Editor’s Contest for 2016, certificates and trophies have been made for the 39 entries in eight
categories from five clubs. I want to thank these hard-working writers and editors for all that they do for their clubs. The contest for 2017 will have an earlier deadline for club editors, probably January 31, 2017. The AFMS annual meeting is June 8-11, 2017 in Ventura, CA. I would just ask each of you to encourage your editors to participate in the 2017 contest. It is a fun way and a great learning experience to see how to improve your bulletins and publications.

Mark Easterbrook

Constitution and Bylaws Committee

This is the proposed change to the By-Laws to replace the Stamp Committee with an alternative form of fund raising for scholarships to the SFMS workshops. It will be voted on at this Annual Meeting. Wording to be removed is indicated by Strike-through and wording to be inserted indicated by BOLD CAPS.

ARTICLE IX
COMMITTEES

Section 6. STANDING COMMITTEES: The Standing Committees of the Federation shall be: A. Bulletin Editors' Contest; B. Constitution and By-Laws; C. Education; D. Historian; E. Insurance Liaison; F. Long Range Planning and Advisory; G. Nominating; H. Publications; I. Safety; J. Slide Programs; K. Supplies; L. Uniform Rules; M. Ways and Means; N. CANCELLED STAMPS; O. Youth Resources; P. Committees to the AFMS; Q. Social Actions Committee; R. Field Trip Committee.

N. STAMP COMMITTEE SFMS WORKSHOP SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE:

1. The Stamp SFMS WORKSHOP SCHOLARSHIP Committee Chairman will be appointed by the President for a one year tenure, to be renewed each year by the incoming President, if so desired. This committee will be composed of the Committee Chair, SFMS Treasurer, and SFMS Assistant Treasurer.

2. All stamps will be forwarded from Federation members to the Stamp Committee Chairman, who will have sole responsibility for the determination of stamp values and the most profitable use of these stamps. The Chairman will also have the authority to discard any stamps not considered of value. THE COMMITTEE CHAIR SHALL SOLICIT DONATIONS OF ITEMS RELATED TO THE HOBBY FROM INDIVIDUALS OR MEMBER CLUBS, WHICH SHALL SERVE AS PRIZES FOR THE SFMS WORKSHOP SCHOLARSHIP DRAWING.

TICKETS WILL BE SOLD BY THE COMMITTEE AND MEMBER CLUBS AND MEMBERS.

3. Any profits realized by this voluntary action of Federation members and the Stamp SFMS WORKSHOP SCHOLARSHIP Committee Chairman will be transferred from that Committee to the SFMS Treasurer. This transfer will be by check, money order, or by any method which will provide a paper trail for audit. These funds will be used exclusively for scholarships to attend SFMS Workshops.

4. Winners of scholarships must be active members from SFMS member Clubs. Clubs must contribute stamps DONATE ITEMS AS PRIZES AND/OR SELL DRAWING TICKETS to the program to participate. INDIVIDUALS DONATING PRIZE ITEMS WILL IDENTIFY THEIR CLUB AFFILIATION TO COUNT TOWARDS THE CLUBS PARTICIPATION. Clubs which participate in the program will have their club name entered in the drawing in accordance with the procedure outlined in par. 5. (D). Winners will be selected YEARLY at the Annual Meeting the following year. The number of winners each year will be determined by the amount of money received from the sale of stamps DRAWING TICKETS.

5. The SFMS Stamp WORKSHOP SCHOLARSHIP Committee shall:

A. When the stamps PRIZE ITEMS are received, weigh them and log in the date, STATED VALUE amount and sender AND CLUB AFFILIATION.

B. Trim off any excess paper and discard any unusable stamps, weigh them again and change the recorded weight if necessary. PHOTOGRAPH THE PRIZE ITEMS AND WRITE UP A SHORT DESCRIPTION OF THE ITEM, NOTING THE DOLLAR VALUATION. THIS INFORMATION SHALL BE FORWARDED TO BOTH THE WEBMASTER AND LODESTAR EDITOR FOR PUBLICATION.

C. Annually after September 1st, total each club weight donated during the last 12 months and total donations. Obtain each clubs percentage of the total. Record the club with the highest percent and calculate the average percent. CHAIRMAN WILL SEND TICKETS TO EACH MEMBER CLUB’S TREASURER FOR THE MEMBER CLUBS TO

D. On or about 30 days prior to the SEMS Annual Meeting each participating club will be notified of the number of times their club will be submitted into the drawing for a scholarship (the club with the highest percent, 4 times; the above average clubs, 3 times; the below average clubs, 2 times). FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP DRAWING, EACH MEMBER CLUB WILL HAVE 1 CHANCE IN THE DRAWING FOR EACH PRIZE ITEM DONATED FROM THE CLUB. FOR THE DRAWING TICKETS SOLD, EACH MEMBER CLUB WILL RECEIVE CHANCES IN THE DRAWING BASED UPON THE NUMBER OF TICKETS SOLD DIVIDED BY THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS, AS REPORTED TO THE MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY THAT YEAR. IF THIS PERCENTAGE IS LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO 0.25 THEY WILL RECEIVE 1 CHANCE IN THE DRAWING. FOR PERCENTAGES GREATER THAN 0.25 BUT LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO 0.5 THEY WILL RECEIVE 2 CHANCES IN THE DRAWING. FOR PERCENTAGES GREATER THAN 0.5 BUT LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO 0.75 THEY WILL RECEIVE 3 CHANCES IN THE DRAWING. FOR PERCENTAGES GREATER THAN 0.75 BUT LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO 1.0 THEY WILL RECEIVE 4 CHANCES IN THE DRAWING. FOR PERCENTAGES GREATER THAN 1.0 THEY WILL RECEIVE 5 CHANCES IN THE DRAWING.

NOTE: See other side of this page.

6. The Stamp WORKSHOP SCHOLARSHIP Committee Chairman will include all results of this work in report form to the Annual Meeting TREASURER FOR THE TREASURER'S ANNUAL AUDIT.

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Education Chair Report

This year’s workshops have been very successful (see the Ed Chair reports in the Lodestar for details). The numbers are up and we expect them to be even better next year. William Holland has unofficially agreed to move our workshop date so that it does not coincide with the national Bead and Button show. This should boost attendance because we will no longer have a conflict of dates. We will know officially that the date has been changed when we receive our contract for 2017 from William Holland. I expect to receive that soon.

We have also learned that a week at Wildacres may be available that would coincide with the annual Gem and Mineral Show in Spruce Pines NC. We are making an inquiry to see if we could swap one of our weeks to that available week. We will see if that come to fruition. I believe changing to that week would drastically boost attendance.

Both Directors are actively seeking instructors and may have their schedules ready very soon. As soon as the schedules are firm the workshop website will be updated to reflect the new schedules. However, if the schedule(s) are posted before the required January 1st 2017 deadline, we will not be taking applications before that date. As always, if anyone has questions about the workshops or anything education related feel free to give me a call or drop me an e-mail.

Danny Griffin, Education Chair
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gcjinc@comcast.net

Field Trip
There were no Glendon Quarry Field trips for 2016. I am in discussion with the Quarry manager to try to arrange for 2017. Will announce if it can be arranged.

Charles Carter

2017 1st Quarterly Meeting Host – Pinellas Geological Society – Leona Sheffield

All SFMS Events will be held at the Holiday Inn Express, 210 Seminole Blvd, Largo, which is only a few blocks from the Annual Show facility at the Largo Cultural Center, 105 Central Park Dr, Largo. The club’s Show is Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Schedule: January 13 – 15, 2017
   Friday 10 AM – 5 PM – Show – Largo Cultural Center
   6 PM - 9 PM - Cracker Barrel – Holiday Inn
   Saturday 9 AM – 12 PM -SFMS Quarterly Executive Meeting – Holiday Inn
   10 AM – 5 PM – Show – Largo Cultural Center
   Sunday 12 PM – 5 PM – Show – Largo Cultural Center

The Uniform Rules Committee of the AFMS met in July, 2016. The only business was the new Division J for Meteorites. This new division will become effective January 1, 2017.

There will be a 2 day Judging seminar preceding the AFMS show in June 2017 in Ventura, CA. All are welcome to attend. The next Uniform Rules Committee meeting will also be at the Ventura, CA AFMS show.

Respectfully submitted,
Leslie Wayment
Uniform Rules Committee Chair

26.0 DIVISION J – METEORITES

Please read all of Section I.

RULES FOR DIVISION J

Rule 26.1 Labeling

(a) Each meteorite specimen shall have a label showing the following information:

1. The official meteorite name in CAPITALS.
2. The type, class, group and Fall or Find
3. The Location and date of Fall or Find
4. Characteristics, i.e. etch patterns, ablation features, (regmaglypts, flow lines, rollover lip, and hybrids) and chondrules.

* Note: A single group label may be used to show information common to all specimens or groups.

(b) Deductions for labeling errors (illegibility, incorrect spelling, information or identification or lack of required information) shall be two points for each error, not to exceed the total points allowed for labeling.

CONSISTENT ERRORS shall only be penalized the number of points for a single error for each instance of each consistent
error up to a limit of one-half of the points allowed for labeling. Lack of diacritical marks SHALL NOT constitute an error.

(c) Judges shall consider factors such as neatness, size of label, etc. under Showmanship.

(d) Meteorites exhibiting the Widmanstätten pattern need to be identified as fine or coarse.

(e) Grouping of one material needs only one label.

(f) The use of numbers with a corresponding list or legend will be allowed for Class J-2.

(g) Locality is required for all specimens.

(h) Name and type must be capitalized; upper and lower case for all other label information.

**Rule 26.2 Showmanship** shall refer to the ability of the exhibitor to use the material exhibited, the background material, lighting, arrangement, and labeling features (such as size and neatness) to create a display which will attract and hold the interest of the viewer.

**Rule 26.3 Number of Specimens** refers to meteorites which have three classes as Stony, Stony-Irons, and Irons. There are a minimum of three specimens and no more than twenty-four specimens. The exhibitor can use smaller multiple specimens to show characteristics of a meteorite.

J-1-2016

**Rule 26.4 Specimen Preparation** refers to the process of preparing the meteorites for exhibiting or identifying to classify and type the specimen.

**Rule 26.5 Classes** The meteorites are restricted to two classes of exhibits. The two classes are: **J-1** - Mixed meteorites, and: **J-2** - One Type Classification Unit. Mixed meteorites include varieties of stony, stony-irons, and iron meteorites. Specimens in class J-1 must be composed of at least two of the three varieties. Specimens in Class J-2 shall have only one of the three varieties exhibited.

**Rule 26.6 Quality Defined** refers to the quality in a meteorite as it relates to the condition of the type of meteorite, its preparation, skill of presentation, and preservation.

**Rule 26.7 Workmanship** refers to the ability of the exhibitor to display the intended material with the least amount of distraction from the central point of interest.

**Rule 26.8 Special Features** shall refer to the chondrules of a chondrite, identified minerals seen without the aid of magnification, the type of Widmanstätten pattern, identified as coarse or fine, Neumann Lines, and organic material identified on a carbonaceous chondrite.

**Rule 26.9 References** These reference books and website as listed below:


5. Use the website [www.lpi.usra.edu/meteor/metbull.php](http://www.lpi.usra.edu/meteor/metbull.php)
JUDGING POINTS FOR DIVISION J (See Section II, Page S-II-2-2016):

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CLASSES FOR DIVISION J

**J-1 Mixed Meteorites**  Mixed meteorites include varieties of stony, stony-irons, and iron meteorites. (U)(2)(T14)

**J-2 One Type Classification Unit** J-2 specimens means only one of the three varieties shall be exhibited. (U)(2)(T14)

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Website Annual report 2016

Website contest entries have been judged, results sent to AFMS and the AFMS results have been distributed. The results of the SFMS contest will be given out at the Editor’s Breakfast 11/20.

We only had 4 entries this year, down from eight last year despite numerous emails to webmasters to enter. Please urge your club webmaster’s to enter in 2017.

Jeff Ursillo, SFMS Webmaster

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Wildacres Director’s Report

Thanks every one for coming to this 2006 SFMS meeting
And thanks to the Cobb County Gem and Mineral club for sponsoring our meeting during their show weekend hope everyone can support the show after the meeting and Sunday too.

Want to thank Toni Garland and Linda Matvy for doing a great job as new registrars for Wildacres this year, hugs to them. With 2016 under our belts We hope 2017 will be even better.

Once we know the weeks we have in August and September info on classes will be available on our website and Lodestar so keep checking.

Once again the staff at Wildacres did their very best in taking care of all our needs and has given us hope of more rooms for next year.

But because both sessions filled up so fast please help to get this info out that registrations need to be sent in as early as possible because even if we do get more rooms this year (cross our fingers) they will fill up fast.

Also some classes fill up right away so Toni real needs 2nd and 3rd choices in classes too.

Do hope you can join us during one of our sessions, once up at Wildacres you always come back, so hope to see you soon.

Any questions on teachers or classes please contact me.

Rosemary van Wandelen
Director Wildacres
386-479-1509
rborzoi@yahoo.com
SFMS WILDACRES 2016 REGISTRAR'S ANNUAL REPORT

The Wildacres sessions for 2016 were a great success. In August we had over 60 people and 50 in September. We filled every room and had to ask for more. I hope we are able to get more rooms next year because of this need. All this despite the gas shortage due to a burst gas line, though it created quite a stir among students driving in.

The classes in August and in September were very successful. Almost all classes were full and more people were wanting in. We had new classes that filled up quickly. I feel the new classes and many of the new students were due in part to our new director personally spreading the word when she attended classes elsewhere during the year.

We made more money at the auctions which helped our budget. There were quite a few nice items donated by the participants which encouraged better sales. We started having optional mini classes this year during the free afternoon and evening. People enjoyed having the choice of a short class in order to try their hand at a new craft. They paid the teacher for supplies only, under $10.00. This year we had Viking Knit, wood carving of a "comfort bird" or a spoon and beading a pair of earrings. Teachers volunteered their services. We feel we had a successful year with all the new things going on.

We had two family groups who could not come due to unexpected events, but we were able to fill their rooms. One couple in GA had a tree fall on their house from the storms earlier this fall. Another family of 3 girls had to cancel due to one of the daughter's husband being in the hospital in a coma. We sent cards to both families. I have since heard the daughter's husband passed away and we will be sending a card.

It was hot in August but some better in September. We were able to have a bonfire one night, at which we had a strange visitor. "Someone" planned a surprise for us! A "mountain woman" in baggy clothes, hat and boots came in and started an argument with one of our officers. We were on "her" mountain, making TOO much noise and the smoke was killing her plants! After eating a roasted marshmallow, she left us with a warning to not do this ever again! No one knew she was a planned part of the evening until later. We had a good laugh over the wild mountain woman of Wildacres!

We are looking forward to next year, more new classes, new participants and more fun times. We all love coming to Wildacres. It's our week away from the real world at our own mountain top hide-a-way.

See you next year,
Toni Garland, Wildacres Registrar

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AFMS COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

AFMS Bulletin Editor's Advisory Committee as SFMS Representative

Regarding the AFMS BEAC as SFMS Representative, I received deadlines from BEAC Chair Mark Nelson for the 2017 AFMS contest. The AFMS annual meeting is a month earlier than for 2016. This year the meeting is in Ventura, CA June 8-11, 2017.

Mark Easterbrook

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AFMS 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 2016 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.

Annual Meeting 2016 Minutes

Call to order 0912

- Invocation – Craig Hamilton
- Introductions
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Host Welcome: Cobb Cty Gem & Mineral
- Quorum Check – 21/20 required
- Approval of Agenda – Motion to accept by Teresa Polly, 2nd by Bill Waggoner, Motion carried
- Parliamentarian Appointment – Buddy Shotts
- Minutes from June Quarterly Meeting – In Packet – Motion to accept as printed by Teresa Polly, 2nd by Dave Wayment, Motion carried.
- Remarks by President: Lisa Roberts indicated that she enjoyed the Cracker Barrel Friday night, felt that a lot of good information and suggestions were exchanged, thanked AFMS President Ron Carmen for his participation.

- Officers Reports:
  - 1st Vice President: Teresa Polly - In Packet
  - 2nd Vice President: Craig Hamilton – in Packet
  - Secretary: Jerri Heer – In Packet
  - Treasurer: Mari Webb – In Packet
  - Assistant Treasurer:
    - Membership Secretary: Jason Hamilton – Application submitted to accept Catawba Valley Gem and Mineral Club into the SFMS, currently in the EFMS, they intend to maintain dual membership. Motion made by Jerri Heer to accept for membership, 2nd by Bill Waggoner, motion carried.
  - Lodestar Editor: John Rasmussen – No Report
  - Immediate Past President: Dave Wayment – Dave has tickets available for the AFMS Endowment Fund. Tickets are $5 each or 5 for $20.
  - A.F.M.S. 2nd Vice President: Mark Easterbrook - In Packet
  - MAYO E.F. President: Bill Waggener – Finance Report - In Packet. Bill indicated that two scholarships were awarded, to Melissa Anne Magno, East Tennessee State University and Samantha Peel of University of Tennessee. Also received a thank you from previous recipient: Michael P. Lucas, University of Tennessee. MEFI intends to make more direct contact with Geology Departments in the southeast. Student interest is there, but there is very little club involvement. Deadline for 2017 Scholarships is March 31, 2017.

- 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 – No Report
  - Mississippi: Open
  - North Carolina: Gail Ferguson – No Report
  - South Carolina: Open
• 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: Proposed Bylaws Change: In Packet – Proposed Bylaws changes were published in the Lodestar, read aloud by Secretary Jerri Heer. Motion to accept as published and read by Reggie Bolton(AMLS), 2nd by Barbi Beatty(MGMS). Discussion followed; Barbi Beatty asked for clarification of Article 1X, Section 5D, Dave Wayment gave explanation. Also indicated that tickets would be distributed to Treasurer of each club. Vote taken, motion carried.
  • Education: Danny Griffin – In Packet
  • Field Trip: Charles Carter – In Packet
  • Historian: Open
  • Long Range Planning: Open
  • Nominations: Dave Wayment – No Report
  • Public Relations: Jennifer Runion – No Report
  • Publications: Mari Webb – No Report
  • Safety: Bob Green – No Report
  • Slide, Video & DVD Programs: James Webb – Please use the service, videos and DVD’s available, list in Directory and on website.
  • Supplies: Dave Wayment – 40th Anniversary T-Shirts and Pins available
  • 2017 1st Quarterly Meeting Host: In Packet
  • Uniform Rules: Leslie Wayment – In Packet
  • Ways & Means: Lisa Roberts – No Report
  • Webmaster: Jeff Ursillo – In Packet
  • Wildacres Workshop Director: Rosemary van Wandelen – In Packet
  • Wildacres Workshop Registrar: Toni Garland – In packet
  • William Holland Workshop Director: Jim Reed – No Report
  • William Holland Workshop Registrar: Heidi Weitzel – No Report
  • Youth Resources: Open

• A.F.M.S. Committee Representative Reports:
  • A.F.M.S. Newsletter: Beryl Ferguson
  • All American:
    • Boundaries: Buddy Shotts
  • Bulletin Editors’ Advisory: Mark Easterbrook – In Packet
  • Bulletin Editor’s Hall of Fame: Mark Easterbrook – In Packet
  • Club Rockhound of the Year: Marty Hart – no Report
  • Collecting Sites: - No Report
  • Conservation and Legislation: Reported that the Jade Act has been repealed, you can now trade and sell Burmese Rubies.
  • Endowment Fund: Dave Wayment has tickets.
  • Inter-Regional Field Trip: - Open
  • Junior Program: Open
  • Program Competition: Freda Hull – No Report
  • Public Relations: Jennifer Runion – No Report
  • Publications & Supplies: Dave Wayment – No Report
  • Safety: Bob Green – No Report
  • Uniform Rules: Leslie Wayment – provided copies of the approved Uniform Rules regarding Meteorites.
Ron Carmen (AFMS President) indicated that this version is not the final one, corrected version will be included in published packet. Takes effect January 1, 2017.

- Ways & Means: No Report
- Website: Jeff Ursillo
- Website Contest: Jeff Ursillo

**MAYO Educational Foundation Meeting:**
Immediately Following Adjournment

**Old Business:**

**New Business:**

- Election of 2017 SFMS Executive Officers:
  
  ***Proposed Slate:***
  
  President: Teresa Polly
  1st VP: Craig Hamilton
  2nd VP: Reggie Bolton
  Secretary: Jerri Heer
  Asst Treasurer: Barbi Beatty
  Editor: John Rasmussen
  AFMS 1st VP: David Wayment

Lisa Roberts asked twice for nominations from the floor, there being none, nominations were declared closed, slate complete. Bill Waggoner made a motion to accept the slate by acclamation, Phil Kaiser 2nd, Motion carried.

- Leslie Wayment announced nominations for Mayo Educational Foundation Board of Directors:
  
  - Bill Waggoner
  - Wayne Dodd
  - Janet Steeper
  - Charlotte Mayo Bryant
  - Jerri Heer

  Nominations from the floor were requested, there being no further nominations, Nominations were closed. Motion made to accept by acclamation, seconded by Buddy Shotts, motion carried.

- Budget request made by Leslie Wayment for the SFMS to fund $2500 in travel expense to Uniform Rules meeting in California in 2017. Motion made by Barbi Beatty to allow a one time expense/line item for 2017 budget for the actual amount not to exceed cap of the $2500 requested amount. 2nd by Shelly Stubbs. Discussion: Wayne Dodd (CCGMS), budget is still uncertain, not the time to add an additional expense. Bill Waggoner – Sets a precedence; can we do it? Yes. Should we do it? No. Requires a Bylaws change to expand authorized travel expense. Phil Kaiser – not a good practice to start exceptions to past practice and Bylaws. Vote taken 4 in favor, 12 opposed. Motion failed.

- 2017 Budget discussion tabled til January meeting. Way and Means Committee will bring budget proposal at that time.

- Break – 10:05 – 10:23AM

- Regarding remaining Stamp Program funds – about $600 per Treasurer Mari Webb – Reggie Bolton made a motion to roll any remaining funds to the new Scholarship Drawing. 2nd by Dave Wayment, motion carried.

- Regarding Annual dues which will affect preparation of new budget – Bill Waggoner made a motion to adjust dues from $1.75 down to $1.50 for 2017. 2nd by Wayne Dodd. Discussion followed regarding prevention of building up SFMS funds beyond recommended levels. Vote taken: 14 for motion, 5 against. Motion carried.

- Travis Paris submitted a letter from Knoxville Gem and Mineral Society offering to host the 2017 Annual Meeting during their Oct 20-22 Show. Motion made by Bill Waggoner, 2nd by Sarah Spence (MGMS) to accept the offer. Motion carried. Bill commended the Knoxville Gem & Mineral Society for volunteering.

- Wayne Dodd requested that meeting packets be emailed to registrants prior to meeting, so they have better chance to review and familiarize themselves with material. Secretary Jerri Heer acknowledged and agreed to do this.

- Travis Paris (KGMS) thanked Lisa Roberts for her year of service.

**Adjournment:** 11:15 AM
January 2017 SFMS 1st Quarterly Meeting Information

Hosted by Pinellas Geological Society, Largo, Florida

The Pinellas Geological Society invites all Officers and members of the Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies, Inc., to join us for our 41st Annual Gem and Mineral Show held at the Largo Cultural Center, 105 Central Park Dr., Largo, January 13-15, 2017.

We have reserved a meeting room as well as a block of hotel rooms at the Holiday Inn Express, 210 Seminole Blvd., Largo Florida, 33770. The hotel is only a few blocks from the Show.

King and Queen rooms are available at $89/night. Call the hotel at 727-581-3900 to make reservations, asking for the Pinellas Geological Society block. Complimentary hot breakfast is provided, and Microwaves and Minifridges are in all rooms. There is a heated swimming pool.

SFMS Events:

Friday 7 PM – “Cracker Barrel” at Holiday Inn Express
Saturday 8AM – Registration, 9AM Executive Meeting at Holiday Inn Express

RSaturday, 6 PM – Club Dinner at a local restaurant TBA (Usually Golden Corral)
Sunday 12 – 5PM, Show at Largo Cultural Center

Rockhounds of the Year

Knoxville Gem and Mineral Society Rockhound of the Year – David Liles

The Knoxville Gem and Mineral Society would like to nominate David Liles as Rockhound of the Year. David’s excitement on field trips is contagious. David is always first to volunteer to help KGMS in any way. He helps with set up and tear down at our annual show and works the admissions desk welcoming attendees. He has recently volunteered to become the club Membership Director and his enthusiasm for this new position is an inspiration to all. The Knoxville Club wishes to thank David for everything he does contribute to our club.

Submitted by

Knoxville Gem and Mineral Society
Mississippi Gem and Mineral Society Rockhound of the Year – Horace Pezant

Horace Pezant of Summit, Mississippi was selected as the Mississippi Gem and Mineral Society (MGMS) 2016 Rockhound of the Year. In 2016, Horace served as President, Show Advisor, and Lapidary School Manager.

Horace has been a leader of MGMS during his many years as a member. He was instrumental in establishing and building the MGMS Lapidary School. He tirelessly gives his time and shares his vast knowledge of lapidary arts and wire work, teaching classes for beginners and advanced jewelry makers.

Thank you, Horace, for caring about MGMS and its success.

Submitted by
Rosina Echols and Carol Ishee

Mississippi Gem and Mineral Society
Committee Reports

Safety Article

– Bob Green, Safety Chairperson

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year:

Winter has arrived and prior to this cold snap we had rain in the upstate of South Carolina. Our thoughts and prayers go out to those suffering through the aftermath of the deadly fires in Gatlinburg, TN.

As noted last month, fire is a great friend and comforter, however when unleashed and driven by high winds terrible things can happen.

This month we will look at Christmas hazards, at a very high level.

Children’s toys are a delight and joy at this time if the year and we are inundated on some TV channels with what every kid really needs and wants, not necessarily in that order. The toy makers; with governmental assistance has issued warnings for the small pieces that are easily consumed along with the Christmas goodies. These hazards need to be carefully watched, particularly in families with multiple kids. The pretty colors in many cases look just like the candy being consumed. Small batteries can be a particular hazard, so care in the control of these should be a high priority.

Adult toys, and this includes older kids and older folks behaving like older kids can also be hazardous. When I was growing up, every boy wanted a BB gun. Now, these can be fun when used properly. And later, every older kid wanted a .22 rifle. The key to the use of either of these is to be properly trained Gun safety whether a BB or a .22 is key. I remember a particularly poignant moment when I was about 5, my father and his brother had returned from hunting and my brother and I were playing in the back yard and I wanted to hold the .22 rifle my father had been using. I pointed the gun at my younger brother and my father quickly taught me one of the primary lessons, never point a gun at anything you do not intend to shoot. As I remember my brother was being extremely annoying, but my behind got substantially warmer as a bonus to the lecture.

The first key to gun safety as all know is to make certain the weapon is unloaded. The user must know how to use the weapon. We used to watch “Preppers” on TV. In one show a guy was demonstrating his prepper skills and his gun jammed. In clearing the jam the gun discharged and removed part of his thumb. National Geographic the folks filming these had a safety crew on hand and the gentleman was rushed to the hospital. The closing evaluation was critical of his not knowing how to use his weapon.

So be careful with your new toys. These can be fun and also hazardous. So, have a safe holiday and we’ll talk in January.
2016 Website Contest Results

Here are the results for the 2016 SFMS website contest.

1st Place: Patti Bennet, Aiken Gem, Mineral and Fossil Society 99.5
2nd place: Tim Smeggil, Jacksonville Gem & Mineral Society 86
3rd place: Eliot Huffman, Augusta Gem & Mineral Society 83.5
4th place: Barbi Beatty, Mississippi Gulf Coast Gem & Mineral Society 82.5

Our top 2 websites went on to the AFMS contest and placed as follows:

2nd place Timothy Smeggil Jacksonville Gem and Mineral Society SFMS www.jaxgemandmineral.org
6th place Patti Bennett Aiken Gem, Mineral and Fossil Society SFMS www.aikengmfs.org

Please urge your webmasters to enter next years contest. The input from the judges is invaluable!

Jeff Ursillo
SFMS Webmaster

Education Chair Report

Christmas is just around the corner and I hope all of you have finished your holiday shopping. I have not even come close! The Directors for William Holland and Wildacres Workshops have been very busy finalizing their schedules for the 2017 season. In fact, you may find tentative schedules posted in this issue. The final schedules will be published in the January Lodestar and also posted to the SFMS Workshops website in January. We had a very successful season last year and expect it to be better in 2017. With that being said, I encourage you to look at the upcoming schedules and signup quickly. We have limited space in each class and I expect them to fill quickly.

In order to have a concentrated focus on each workshop I have asked Lisa Roberts to assist me in 2017. Lisa (our current SFMS President) has extensive workshop experience as an instructor at William Holland and Wildacres, Registrar at William Holland, Director at Wildacres, and currently on the SFMS Education Committee. She has a passion to ensure that the workshops are enjoyable and successful. Please join me in welcoming Lisa to the Education staff.

I hope each and every one of you have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Danny Griffin
Education; William Holland Courses and Instructors 2017

We are working hard to bring you some exciting classes for the 2017 SFMS workshop for William Holland the week of June 11. We have brought in new classes and new instructors to William Holland just for our members. You can check out their bios, class descriptions and pictures on our Facebook page Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies, just follow this link…

https://www.facebook.com/Southeast-Federation-of-Mineralogical-Societies-317959434999844/

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We encourage you to sign up early as we know these classes will fill up quickly. Heidi Wetzel is our registrar and will be happy to get you signed up. To register for one of the exciting classes at William Holland SFMS week June 11th-17th, please fill out the 2017 SFMS Workshop Registration Form. Be sure to use legible print handwriting to prevent any errors. Please fill out all information required. Send your registration form and your payment to:

Heidi Wetzel
William Holland Registrar
10B Gridley Street
Greenville, SC 29609

We can accept credit cards through square register; however, the small processing fee occurred will be added to the tuition total. After I receive your application and payment, I will email you a confirmation letter confirming your class enrollment. Please contact Heidi by phone: 864-328-5868 or email: SFMS.wh@gmail.com if you have questions.

We look forward to a fun and successful workshop and if you have any comments, suggestions or questions please feel free to contact us anytime.

Kristine Robertson
Director SFMS William Holland
Kristine@coppertreebeads.com

Heidi Wetzel
William Holland Registrar

2016 BULLETIN EDITOR’S CONTEST WINNERS
Mark Easterbrook, SFMS Bulletin Editor’s Contest Chair

The following are the results of the 2016 SFMS Bulletin Editor’s Contest as announced at the 20 November 2016 SFMS Editor’s Breakfast in Marietta, Georgia in conjunction with the SFMS Annual Meeting. I want to thank all of the entrants this year. There were more entries this year than last year in more categories. However, there were single entries four of the categories. I hope to see more SFMS club participation for the 2017 contest. It is very easy to enter. Please visit the SFMS website for all of the information:
http://www.amfed.org/sfms/bulletin_contest.html

NEW EDITORS

First Place – Nancy Roberts: The Nugget, October 2015; North Mississippi Gem and Mineral Society, Inc.

MINI BULLETINS

First Place – Barbi Beatty: Snoopy Gems, October 2015; Mississippi Gulf Coast Gem and Mineral Society, Inc.

SMALL BULLETINS – No Entries

LARGE BULLETINS
First Place – Matthew Lybanon: *MAGS Rockhound News*, May 2015; Memphis Archaeological and Geological Society

**JUNIOR ARTICLES 12 TO 17** – No Entries

**JUNIOR ARTICLES UNDER 12** – No Entries

**ADULT POETRY** – No Entries

**JUNIOR POETRY** – No Entries

**SPECIAL PUBLICATIONS**

First Place – Sherri and Mike Baldwin: *Don’t Pick Up a Stick if it Moves*, September 2015; Memphis Archaeological and Geological Society

Second Place – Matthew Lybanon: *Tule Springs*, January 2015; Memphis Archaeological and Geological Society

Third Place – Barbi Beatty: *Magnolia State Gem Show Program*, November 2015; Mississippi Gulf Coast Gem and Mineral Society, Inc.

Honorable Mention – Bob Cooper: *One Member’s Approach to Climbing*, November 2015; Memphis Archaeological and Geological Society

**ORIGINAL ADULT ARTICLES**

First Place – Mike Baldwin: *Fluorescent Minerals: Trick or Treat?* – *MAGS Rockhound News*, November 2015; Memphis Archaeological and Geological Society


Third Place – Amber Dunn: *Plastiglomerates from the Anthropocene* – *MAGS Rockhound News*, March 2015; Memphis Archaeological and Geological Society


Fifth Place – Shellie T. Newell: *Prying an Ancient Whale Skull out of the Ashley River* – *The Hound’s Howl*, October 2015; Aiken Gem, Mineral, and Fossil Society


Tenth Place – Carol Lybanon: Tools for Safe Rockhounding – *MAGS Rockhound News*, October 2015; Memphis Archaeological and Geological Society


Honorable Mention – Nancy Roberts: Let’s Have Another Workshop – *The Nugget*, January 2015; North Mississippi Gem and Mineral Society

Honorable Mention – Bill Gilbert: Collecting Pyrite at Navajun – *MAGS Rockhound News*, January 2015; Memphis Archaeological and Geological Society


Honorable Mention – Chris Glass: Getting the Show on the Road – *The Hound’s Howl*, February 2015; Aiken Gem, Mineral, and Fossil Society


**ORIGINAL ADULT ARTICLES ADVANCED**

First Place – Dr. Dion Stewart: A Photo Tour of Garnets… Now in Every Color – *Cobb-L-Stones*, March 2015; Cobb County Gem and Mineral Society, Inc.


Third Place – Alan Schaeffer, M.D.: The Necessity of Eye Protection – *MAGS Rockhound News*, November 2015; Memphis Archaeological and Geological Society

Fourth Place – Walt Kubilius: Haile Gold Mine with Reid Mobley – *The Hound’s Howl*, February 2015; Aiken Gem, Mineral, and Fossil Society

**DRAWN FEATURES**

First Place – C. R. Munson: “Rocky Rockhound Field Trip Safety Tips” – *Cobb-L-Stones*, May 2015; Cobb County Gem and Mineral Society
WRITTEN FEATURES


Fourth Place – Susan Thompson: New Window – *MAGS Rockhound News*, March 2015; Memphis Archaeological and Geological Society

Fifth Place – Kim Hill: Just A Little ‘bout Jonesboro – *MAGS Rockhound News*, January 2015; Memphis Archaeological and Geological Society

Sixth Place – Brittani Lambert: November 21, 2015 Rockheads Meeting – *The Nugget*, December 2015; North Mississippi Gem and Mineral Society


Ninth Place – Robert Shively: Bob’s Web (Cabochons) – *Cobb-L-Stones*, November 2015; Cobb County Gem and Mineral Society

Tenth Place – Nikki Kenney: Metalsmithing Tips – *The Nugget*, October 2015; North Mississippi Gem and Mineral Society

Honorable Mention – Debbie Schaeffer: Drinks All Around – *MAGS Rockhound News*, March 2015; Memphis Archaeological and Geological Society


Honorable Mention – Matthew Lybanon: Floods and Archaeology in Tennessee – *MAGS Rockhound News*, December 2015; Memphis Archaeological and Geological Society


Honorable Mention – Mike Schuchs: Safety is a State of Mind and Should be First in any of Our Plans – *The Nugget*, December 2015; North Mississippi Gem and Mineral Society
Honorable Mention – Konrad Armstrong: My Science Project – The Nugget, April 2015; North Mississippi Gem and Mineral Society

2017 BULLETIN EDITOR’S CONTEST

By Mark Easterbrook, SFMS Bulletin Editor’s Contest Chair

Next year’s contest has been announced. The deadline for article and bulletin submissions to me is January 28, 2017. Yeah, it’s early this year, but the AFMS annual meeting is earlier. Remember, all of your submissions must have been published specifically for your bulletin/newsletter in 2016 to be eligible for the 2017 contest. There is one permanent rule change beginning with the 2017 contest that involves the number of submissions allowed per club per category at four entries. The only categories this rule change does not apply to are the individual bulletin categories including ‘New Editor’, ‘Mini Bulletin’, ‘Small Bulletin’, and ‘Large Bulletin’. The bulletin categories will remain at one single entry per club for one of the four categories.

There is a temporary rule change for the 2017 contest that involves the Written Features and Drawn Features categories. The AFMS rules were not specific regarding allowing first place winners from submitting an entry the following year for the Written Features and Drawn Features categories. So, the SFMS will follow the AFMS in the recommendation only for the 2017 contest. There WILL NOT be a restriction on people who won the first place award in 2015 or 2016 from entering the 2017 contest. I will have more specific details in the January 2017 Lodestar.

Articles

AFMS Annual Meeting 2017 Information

By Jim Brace-Thompson, 2017 Show Publicity Chair

Members of the Ventura Gem & Mineral Society are honored to invite rockhounds from across America to our hometown of Ventura, California to participate in the 2017 National AFMS-CFMS Show & Convention taking place June 9-11. At the 2016 California Federation Fall Directors Meeting, we performed a “Surfin’ USA” skit to kick off show promotions, and we distributed packets filled with info about the Show and about Ventura—how to get here, hotels and RV parks, basic show info, and things to do and see beyond the Show while on the southern California coast.

Rockhounds in all seven regional federations can get this info and more! To get the Advance Registration Form, competitive and noncompetitive Exhibitor Application Forms, and everything else that was included in the packet, please direct your members to our Show Website: http://2017CFMS-AFMSShow.com. You and your members can also contact VGMS directly at (805) 312-VGMS (8467) or at info@vgms.org. We invite and encourage newsletter editors of each and every AFMS-affiliated club and society to help us spread the word with a brief article directing your club’s members to the website and inviting their participation. The National Show comes but once every seven years to
California. Here’s an opportunity to compete at the national level with an exhibit, to meet fellow rockhounds from all across the USA, and—in general—to have fun in the California sun! See you in June!

**Seeking Lapidary & Jewelry-Making Articles for Rock & Gem Magazine**

By Jim Brace-Thompson, R&G Contributing Author

Lynn Varon, Managing Editor of *Rock & Gem*, needs your assistance! *Rock & Gem* is the officially endorsed hobby magazine of the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies. That means it’s *our* magazine! In order to better serve their lapidary readers, *Rock & Gem* intends to increase the number of articles devoted to the lapidary arts and jewelry making.

Members of AFMS-affiliated clubs may wish to share their expertise in cabochon cutting and polishing, gemstone carving, soapstone carving, rock sculpture in general, beading of all kinds, intarsia, inlay and mosaics, sphere making, bead making and drilling, flat-lapping, scrimshaw, wirewrapping, chainmaille, fused glass, polymer clay and PMC, silver- and goldsmithing, lost wax casting, faceting, and other techniques that are of interest to today’s lapidary hobbyist. Lynn would value article submissions and/or recommendations of experts whom she could approach to contribute articles.

To read *Rock & Gem*’s writers’ guidelines, visit www.rockngem.com/wp-content/uploads/2010/10/2017-RG-guidelines.pdf. For further info about contributing, contact Lynn directly at editor@rockngem.com.

**Gem and Mineral Shows**

**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

Larco Cultural Center, Parkside room, 105 Central Park Drive, Largo, FL

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

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.

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.

January 21 & 22, 2017; Deland, FL
TOMOKA GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY’S
46th ANNUAL JEWELRY, GEM, MINERAL AND FOSSIL SHOW AND SALE

40 Venders/150 Tables: Gems, Minerals, Fossils, Demos, Classes, Supplies, Fine Jewelry, Lapidary Arts

January 21th & 22nd, 2017

Saturday 10am – 6pm; Sunday 10am – 5pm

At the Volusia County Fairgrounds, Tommy Lawrence Arena, 3150 East New York Ave. (S.R. 44), Deland, FL (Take Exit 118 off I-4)
$4.00 Entrance Donation. Children 12 & under FREE.
FREE Daily Drawings. FREE Parking.
http://www.tomokagms.org

February 4 & 5, 2017, Merritt Island FL
Rock, Gem and Mineral Show
Central Brevard Rock and Gem Club
Sat & Sun Feb 4 & 5 10am-5pm each day
Kiwanis Recreation Center
951 Kiwanis Island Park Rd
Merritt Island, Fl. 32952
Exit 520 off I95 and turn East onto SR520 until you see the sign for Park Entrance
Grand Prize drawing and 2 draws /hour for door prizes
There will be a sluice for the young at heart, club demos and displays
Silent Auction with grab and go items (priced to sell).
We expect about 25 vendors.

February 25-26, 2017, Jackson, MS
58th Annual Gem, Mineral, Fossil and Jewelry Show
Mississippi Gem and Mineral Society (MGMS)
Saturday, February 25, 2017 – 9 am to 6 pm
Sunday, February 26, 2017 – 10 am to 5 pm
Mississippi Trade Mart on the State Fairgrounds, Jackson, Mississippi
Admission: Adults $6.00; Students; $3.00; Scouts and Leaders in Uniform - $2.00; Children 5 and under – free

- Over 25 dealers selling gems, fossils, minerals, lapidary supplies, jewelry, beads, and more
- Demonstrations of lapidary art including flint knapping, jewelry making and cabochon cutting
- Exhibits and education opportunities by colleges and state organizations
- Children’s activities (adults are welcomed too)
- Touch and See table
- Displays by MGMS members of some of the own collections or lapidary work
- Hourly door prizes, and a grand prize drawing

Additional information: rock2lanes@gmail.com
Club website: www.missgems.org

March 3 – 5, 2017; Saint Petersburg, FL

47th 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 Hall
6340 126th Ave. N., Largo, FL 33773

GRAND DRAWING AT END OF SHOW!
$1.50 GRAB BAGS, FREE PARKING

- 12+ Dealers
- Planned demonstration on Beading, Wire Wrapping, Cabbing, Faceting, Metal Work.

Silent Auctions all day long, Gem Mining flume inside.
Club display cases and exhibits.

Refreshments available.

Show contact: Bill Schmidt, Show Chair, 727 822-8279
Email contact: HYPERLINK "mailto:SGAMSgemshow@gmail.com"
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HYPERLINK "http://www.sgams.com/Shows/show.html"
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March 3,4 & 5, 2017; Largo FL

The Suncoast Gem and Mineral Society www.SGAMS.com

47th Annual Gem, Mineral, & Jewelry Show and Sale
Friday & Saturday, 10 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Minnreg Hall 6340, iLargo, FL 33773

At Our Show This Year:

Gem Mining
Silent Auction
Grand Prize Drawing
and much more

=DIAMONDS =EMERALD =RUBIES =14K GOLD JEWELRY =EXHIBITS =BEADS =DOOR 
PRIZES AND MUCH MORE ....

FREE PARKING

Admission: Donations: $5.00/adult good for all three days.
Children under 6 FREE. Students w/ parent/ID, Military ID $4.00
$1.00 off adult admission with this ad. Limit one per person.

WE ARE A LOCAL NON-PROFIT CLUB

March 18 and 19, 2017; Dothan, AL

Gem and Mineral Show
Dothan Gem and Mineral Club
Sat: 10 am to 5 pm; Sun: 9 am to 4 pm
Houston County Farm Center
1701 East Cottonwood Road, Dothan, AL

Show features minerals, gems, fossils, lapidary rough, beads, and 
handcrafted items, such as, jewelry and knapped knives. This is a 
family friendly event, which includes hourly door prizes and a silent auction. Free admission 
and parking.

For more information contact Jeff De Roche, show chair, 334-673-3554
E-mail contact: arlambert@comcast.net
Visit our website: http://www.wiregrassrockhounds.com

March 24-26, 2017; Hickory, NC

Annual show; Catawba Valley Gem and Mineral Club Show, Hickory Metro Convention 
Center, 1960 13th Ave Dr SE, Hickory NC 28602; Fri. 9-6; Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-5; School, 
scout, youth, retirement home groups and law enforcement officers/military admitted free;
$5.00 admission; Children under 12 free; Hourly and grand door prizes, 20+ vendors with 
gems, minerals, fossils, jewelry; Theme- "Meteorites + Dinosaurs=Extinction?"; Programs for 
school groups, children, and adults; Displays of meteorites, dinosaur bones, Guinness Record 
sapphire, 112 lb. ruby corundum, educational displays, mini-mine, faceting, cocooning,
specimen identification by geologists; Contact: Dean Russell, show chm, (828) 303-1448 or cvgmcsecretary@aol.com. Complete show info on web page: www.cvgmc.com

March 25-26, 2017, Lexington, KY

Lexington Rock Gem & Jewelry Show (Annual Show)
Sponsored by Blue Grass Gem & Mineral Club
Clarion Hotel, 1950 Newtown Pike, Lexington, KY. Near Exit 115 off I-75/I-64.

A 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, Allen Ferrell - kyrock2010kentucky@yahoo.com, or www.bggamc.homestead.com.

April 22 – 23, 2017; 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 22 9-6:00 and Sunday, April 23 10-5,

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

Dealers, Exhibits, Demonstrations, Grand and Hourly door prizes. Kids Area with Rockzone featuring Gem and Fossil Dig, Geode Bowling, and Rocks Around the Clock. Includes “The MAGS Rock Banquet” a table full table of rocks that look like real food. Developed and maintained by the club since 1980

web: www.TheEarthWideOpen.com, email info@theearthwideopen.com.
Show Chair James Butchko 901 743-0058
Dealer Chair WC McDaniel 901-274-7706, 901-490-3575
April 8, 2017; Madison, TN

Middle Tennessee Rockhounds Presents
The 4th Annual
Dig It Music City

A fun family exploration of the Earth’s rocks, minerals, fossils and gems

Amqui Station
303 Madison Street
Madison, TN

Saturday, April 8th 2017 . . . . 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Free Admission + Free Parking
Everyone is Welcome!

Activities
Kids - Gem Mining, Scavenger Hunt, Guessing Game, Spin to Win, Geode Cracking (Fee)
Adults - Mineral Identification, Fossil Identification, Mineral Display
Presentations - By guest speakers

Rocks, Minerals, Fossils, Slabs, Rough & Gem Vendors
www.rockhound.org/swap www.amquistation.org

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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