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**OBJECTIVE:**

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



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## President's Report

Membership renewal for clubs in the SFMS was due by January 31<sup>st</sup>. So far about 63 out of 75 clubs have renewed. A final quote from our insurance company for the liability insurance and show insurance is delayed pending an accurate membership count. As soon as we have the final figures we will get the information out.



Have you looked at the schedules for Wildacres and William Holland SFMS Workshops yet? Check them out at <http://sfmsworkshops.com/> The \$370 for room, board and instruction is a good value. I recently attended a 2 day class that I quite enjoyed. But the class was \$180, another \$150 for the hotel and then I had to get my meals on top of that. Start making your plans now to attend one of our workshops.

The next quarterly SFMS meeting is being hosted by the Alabama Mineral & Lapidary Society on June 6, 2015. It is the Saturday before the William Holland SFMS Workshop. The Friday night gathering and the Saturday meeting will be held at Tannehill Furnace State Historical Park near McCalla, Alabama. Tentative plans include a barbeque Friday evening (for a small fee) before the gathering (formerly referred to as the Cracker Barrel meeting). Make your plans now; full information will be published soon.

## **Treasurer's Report**

### **Assistant Treasurer's Report**

#### **Insurance Liaison Information**

- Charlotte Caughman, Assistant Treasurer

GOOD NEWS Our new 2015 liability insurance/member and liability insurance/show rates are now established at the new \$2 Million rate and are as follows:

Liability Insurance costs per club member: \$1.90 Each

If you have 50 members @ 1.90 = \$90.00 due to SFMS

Liability insurance cost per club per show/event: \$220.00 flat fee

2 events per year would be \$440.00

The year being April 1, 2015 – March 31, 2016

The Insurance Renewal Form will be available on the web in a FEW DAYS

Your payment is expected as soon as possible to avoid last minute processing. This year we are doing things a little different but hope, in the long run, to simplify the process for you. You will need to download the form from the web site, print or type, and mail to me with your enclosed check. Your next step would be about thirty days or so prior to your scheduled show, download from the website the fillable Request for certificate form, complete it and save it on your computer, and then email it to \_\_\_\_\_ me. Our insurance company and I will get the certificate of liability show insurance to you and your vendor.

To help with confusion - Remember, you have membership liability insurance based on your number of members and, if you have a show or shows, you have a separate liability insurance fee to cover each show.

If you do not have liability insurance through us, your fees will probably run much higher than our group rate. We will need to know the name of your carrier.

Please feel free to contact me directly with any questions/concerns/guidance, I will be happy to assist.

## Secretary's Report

- Jerri Heer

As the Secretary of your Federation, I expect to start publishing minutes from our Quarterly and Annual Meetings in an effort to keep all of you better informed of the proceedings of your governing body. Our federation exists to support our member clubs. Take a few minutes to check out our website and see what we have to offer! I encourage suggestions and constructive criticism as I learn the many facets of my new position. I prefer email or snail mail contact to maintain written record of issues.

I firmly believe that your Federation is a positive resource for your club. I encourage you to contact your State Representatives for more information about what your federation can do for you.



## January 2015 Quarterly Meeting Minutes

### SOUTHEAST FEDERATION OF MINEROLOGICAL SOCIETIES QUARTERLY MEETING MINUTES

January 24, 2015 in Panama City, Florida

(Note: The Agenda and Reports packet are included as part of the official minutes and contain those reports submitted in advance of the meeting. Additional remarks are noted in the minutes by their number/letter designation as listed in the Agenda))

- **Call to Order:** 9:05 am by Dave Wayment
- **Invocation** by Craig Hamilton
- **Introductions** were made of Executive Board: Dave Wayment, Jason Hamilton, Mari Webb, Jerri Heer, Lisa Roberts, Teresa Polly, James Darnell, Bill Waggener and Phil Kaiser, followed by introductions of all attendees.
- **Pledge of Allegiance** led by Dave Wayment.
- **Host Welcome:** None
- **Quorum Check** : Sec. Jerri Heer verified that quorum is present for purposes of conducting official business.
- **Approval of Agenda:** Bill Waggener made a motion to accept the Agenda as presented. James Darnell seconded, motion carried.

- Danny Griffin accepted appointment as Parliamentarian, Bill Waggener will serve as back up.
- **Minutes** of previous meeting: Minutes reported by Beryl Ferguson as filed, no copies available.
- **President's Remarks** – Dave requested that a list be compiled of Lodestar recipients, list was circulated.
- **Officer reports:**
  - b. 2<sup>nd</sup> VP-Teresa Polly – She is currently contact people, seeking a replacement for her former position as State Director for Tennessee.
  - c. Secretary Jerri Heer – request patience as she learns new position. Request that reports be sent in timely fashion, and indicated that she can accept reports for inclusion up to a few days before a given meeting.
  - d. Treasurer – Bill Waggener indicated that the Board mandates a \$60,000 cap in assets. He suggests moving funds from CD which matures 7/9/2015 to Operating funds. He noted that the Treasurer has the authority to take such actions without specific approval from the Board. The 60K cap can be adjusted by the Board by simple motion. It's purpose is to avoid excessive accumulation of funds.
  - i. A.F.M.S. 4<sup>th</sup> VP- Ann Monroe requested that everyone please read her report.
  - j. Mayo E F President -Bill Waggener reviewed the Mayo finance report. He noted that only income is available for scholarships, not principal, and there is finally some income available. He also noted that there will not be a Mayo meeting following the SFMS Meeting.

## 12. State Director Reports:

- a. Alabama - Phil Kaiser: brought up Show date change problem with some Alabama/Georgia Shows. Suggested a clearinghouse of dates to prevent future conflicts. Discussion from floor acknowledged that sometimes changes can't be helped because of venue availability issues. Mari Webb suggested sharing dealer info so that clubs could more easily find replacement dealers in the event a conflict causes regular dealers to drop one show over another.

## 13. S.F.M.S. Committee Chair Reports:

- a. Bulletin Editor Contest Mark Easterbrook reminded everyone that the April 15 is the Bulletin Editor's Contest deadline.
- c. Education - Danny Griffin stated that the new schedules are out for William Holland and Wildacres. It is important to encourage clubs to inform members to support the SFMS weeks at these facilities. John Wright commented that these schools are a good value.
- g. Nominations – James Darnell is looking for a 2<sup>nd</sup> VP for next year, Mari Webb has agreed to continue as Treasurer.
- l. Stamp Program – will be discussed as part of Old Business
- o. Uniform Rules - Leslie Wayment – wants to encourage clubs to offer competitive judging of display cases at their shows. There is a workshop March 14-15 in Jacksonville on Uniform Rules. She is offering to arrange workshops in other locations. If clubs wish to have competitive cases, she will arrange for judges.
- t. William Holland Workshops – Jim and Cindy Reed – an addition to the SFMS

Workshop schedule: Sandra Bergquist will offer a Junior Rockhounds course in Wire and Chains.

u. Wm Holland Registrar – Rosemary van Wadelen – Keep an eye out in Lodesatr for class updates. She will also be posting in Craigslist in 10 states, and will be nagging clubs to inform members about Wm Holland opportunities. We have now been cut down to only one week at Wm Holland, lost our October week, because we weren't filling it. Paypal has been added as a payment method, which should make it easier to register. Clubs who provide scholarships should encourage use of SFMS week.

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#### **14. A.F.M.S. Committee Representative Reports:**

h. Conservation and Legislation: John Wright – Described ALAA as an advisory group that keep track of safe places to collect, places to avoid. Membership is \$50/year for clubs, \$25/year for individuals.

i. Endowment Fund – Jerri Heer - This fund provides for educational efforts including the Junior badge program, drawing will be at the S.F.M.S. Annual Convention in Austin, TX. She has tickets available for sale.

**15. MAYO Foundation** – there is no quorum, so there will not be a meeting following the SFMS meeting.

#### **16. Old Business:**

a. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Lisa Roberts and Secretary Jerri Heer were sworn in by Immediate Past President James Darnell.

b. Stamp Program – Program is obsolete, but is currently part of Bylaws, we need to review this program as part of Bylaws review and change recommendations. Motion made and carried to suspend the Stamp Program.

#### **17. New Business:**

a. We need to provide a replacement for the Stamp Program as a source for Scholarship funds. A proposal was made for a SFMS Drawing with donated prizes and tickets to be sold to raise funds. President Dave Wayment is establishing a committee to bring recommendations for this new program and to bring Bylaws changes to the Annual Meeting. We need to get word out immediately that the Stamp Program is suspended, so that deliveries of stamps stop.

b. A recommendation was made by Bill Waggener to cash in 1 ½ year CD, valued at \$20,341.17. Purchase a new CD for \$10,000, and move \$10,341.17 balance to Operating checking account.

Bill restated that the Treasurer has the authority to do this without Board action.

c. Banking issues – discussion made about difficulties with BB & T bank with getting signature cards and authorizations established with leadership changes. Possibility of changing banks discussed, but general consensus was that these problems have been worked out, no need to change now. It is too difficult to find a bank that operates in all of the states that the SFMS does.

d. Liability Insurance- We should have a Director's and Officers Policy as well as a Treasurer Bond for Mari Webb. This should be investigated and put in place ASAP as part of our Operating Expense.

e. Committee to Review Bylaws – Dave has appointed a committee of at least three people including Patt Gilly, Lisa Fitch and Travis Paris.

**18. Motion to adjourn** made by John Wright, seconded by Don Burger, Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:06am.

## State Reports

### **SFMS Virginia Summer-Fall 2014 Report**

Submitted by Bill & Eleanor Osburn, SFMS VA State Directors

The two Virginia SFMS affiliated clubs, the *Roanoke Valley Mineral and Gem Society* (RVMGS) in Roanoke, and the *Gem and Mineral Society of Lynchburg, VA* (GMSL) were very active during the last half of 2014.

The RVMGS held its annual Gem & Mineral show at the Salem, VA Civic Center November 28-30. Their paid attendance over the period was over 3,000. The GMSL set up a fluorescent mineral show at the same show.

The joint field trips of the GMSL & RVMGS this summer/fall were:

June 28TH 2014: The Enterprise Manganese Mines, Appomattox, County, Va.

July 26, 2014: Boxley Aggregates, Piney River Quarry, Amherst County, VA.

September 27: Willis Mountain Kyanite Mine, Farmville, VA

October 25: Morefield Mine, Amelia, VA

November 22: Private Unakite collecting site, Rockbridge County, VA

Both clubs take part in the Dixie Mineral Council with members attending and reporting in the newsletters when possible.

**RVMGS events:** An auction at its July meeting with the proceeds going toward 2 scholarships to Wildacres. The GMSL also has scholarships to Wildacres. A club picnic in August and a December pot luck dinner were held. Cabbing classes are held twice a month for members. New officers are to be installed in January, 2015. Meetings are held the 2nd Thursday of every month at the *O. Winston Link Museum (lower level), 101 Shenandoah Ave. NE, Roanoke, VA* [www.rvmgs.com](http://www.rvmgs.com)

**GMSL events:** Monthly lapidary workshops for members.

In June the club set up a display with a sluice table, geodes to crack, and gem & mineral tables for Uncle Billys Day a 1 day event.

In October the club set up a sluice table, geodes to crack, and gem & mineral tables at the 2 day Apple Harvest Festival in Amherst, VA. In December the club held a pot-luck Christmas

party. New officers are to be installed in January, 2015. Meetings are held the 3rd Wednesday of every month at the Fairview Center 3621 Campbell Ave. Lynchburg, VA  
[www.lynchburgrockclub.org](http://www.lynchburgrockclub.org)

## Committee Reports

### **2015 Bulletin Editor's Contest**

- Mark Easterbrook, SFMS Bulletin Editor's Contest Chair

Greetings Fellow Editors,

The 2015 Bulletin Editor's Contest has begun for 2015. All of the details are found at the SFMS website. Please use the following link to access forms and instructions:

[www.amfed.org/sfms/bulletin\\_contest.html](http://www.amfed.org/sfms/bulletin_contest.html)

The deadline for submittal is **April 15** this year. Remember, to qualify for the 2015 contest your entry must have been published exclusively for your club newsletter or bulletin during 2014 ending December 31. Please send in your submissions to the following address:

Bulletin Editor's Contest  
c/o Mark Easterbrook  
6701 Dorchester Road, Apt. 1007  
North Charleston, SC 29418

Email: [asgardsgc@earthlink.net](mailto:asgardsgc@earthlink.net)  
Cell: 843-276-4016

I look forward to your submissions this year,

### **Bulletin Editors' Hall of Fame**

- Mark Easterbrook, SFMS Bulletin Editor's Contest Chair

The Bulletin Editors' Hall of Fame was created in 1995 when Shirley Leeson suggested the AFMS recognize those editors and special people who have made an impact on other editors. Each regional federation has a representative on the selection committee, and even editors in other countries have been honored.

Nominations come ONLY from other editors, and are not accepted if made by editors for themselves or by clubs for their own editor. As this is a NATIONAL recognition, bulletins should have distribution outside their own state/region. Winning awards or trophies does NOT automatically qualify an editor for the Hall of Fame, nor does longtime service as editor. These are considerations of course, but personal commitment, effort, involvement, dedication, and consistent quality are even more important. These intangibles are evident in the bulletin.



If you know of an editor (past or present) from any region or federation, who should be considered, submit your nomination to me. Thanks!

Mark Easterbrook

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## Youth Scholarship for 2015 SFMS Workshop

- Annette Gibney, Youth Resources Chair

The President of each SFMS club is encouraged to nominate a Junior Rockhound for a youth scholarship to the June 7 - 13th Workshop at William Holland School of Lapidary Arts.

\* The President of the sponsoring adult club submits the junior's name with an explanation of the club's qualifications considered in recommending this youth.

\* The youth submits a short essay explaining his or her interest in the hobby and reason for wanting to attend a workshop.

\* Deadline for applying for the scholarship is March 31, 2015.

\* Send recommendations to:

SFMS Youth Resources

Annette Gibney

atgib@aol.com

When attending the SFMS workshop:

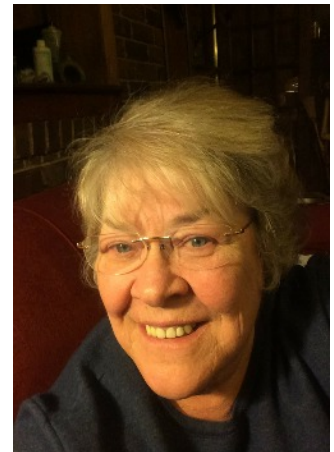
\* Permission must be obtained from the workshop director and the class teacher. Usually, this is not a problem.

\* Responsible adult must accompany the youth to the workshop.

FOLLOWING THE SFMS WORKSHOP:

\*\*After attending the workshop of choice, the scholarship recipient is encouraged to write a Loadstar article about the experience.

**DON'T LET YOUR JUNIOR ROCKHOUND MISS OUT** The deadline for your chance to honor your club's Jr. Rockhound of the year has been extended to March 31st. All your club



president needs to do is submit a nomination with a short note listing the reasons the nominee deserves recognition to Annette Gibney, Youth Chair, at [atgib@aol.com](mailto:atgib@aol.com). We will then send you a certificate for you to present to your chosen Junior Rockhound at your next meeting.

Please take a minute to recognize a valuable member and the future of your club TODAY.

## **Safety Article**

Bob Green, Safety Chairperson

Well, January is past and here on 12 February we are awaiting another blast of arctic air. So as a repeat from January, be very careful about hypothermia. Check on your neighbors, parents, children, pets etc. We feel for our friends and neighbors in the Boston area. Dealing with the overwhelming snow falls as they have. Makes our cases of a few inches of snow and some ice seem very small in comparison. Also, one of the hazards of snow is that shoveling snow is exertion. There was a blip on TV about a guy in New England that was rushed to the hospital for heart attack symptoms and then later the same day was out resuming shoveling.



So after the cold disappears, February is the month that most folks replant trees and start cleaning up after the winter. I know I have a lot to clean up. My wife and I had a sickly January, so no outside work at all. I have not cleaned up all of the leaves from last fall, but with oak trees, these guys tend to extend your “leafing” season. This is the introduction to not overdo the outside activities this month. Shoveling snow is not the only way to overdo it. When you have been a “couch potato” as I have the last several weeks can lead to issues, such as sprains, muscle soreness and in my case 3 years ago, a ruptured Achilles tendon when I did something really stupid. The muscles said yes and the tendon said no way. So pace yourself and the world was not built in one day, so have a reasonable schedule of objectives.

If you enjoy skiing, I hope you can still get in several good days on the slopes. But be safe. A very close friend used to spend about 10 days in the Crested Butte area of Colorado, until he fractured his ankle and had to have about a half dozen screws installed to tie all of the bones back into place. After that he watched his very athletic sons ski while he enjoyed the warmth of the lodge fireplace. I will admit, I am not a skier, my best effort was enjoying the beautiful blue sky. But at least the snow was soft and I did not run off the slope. It is difficult to get off the slope when you are constantly on your back.

So enjoy the departure of the cold weather, if and when it finally decides to go away. Now, it will soon be spring bad weather season and I will repeat part of last month’s article about being prepared. Storms and bad weather can lead to power outages and situations that are hazardous to your health. Downed power lines, fallen trees, etc are hazards. If you have not used a chain saw since the last tree fell on your property, be careful. Use proper personnel

protection, gloves, proper foot-ware, goggles and safety glasses, sturdy clothes and always, always be careful about how and where you are cutting. I have seen sawed branches snap back, because they were pinned or bent by the weight of the tree or the way the branch was pressed against another object. Getting your saw blade trapped because the weight shifted when the tree moved is somewhat embarrassing, but can be extremely dangerous.

So, be prepared and be safe. Always have water available and some appropriate non-perishable food. I remind you that I am a fan of Les Stroud and his ability to survive with minimal provisions. I am not Les Stroud so we always try to have provisions for several days without power. Cold pork'n beans may not be your normal fare, but it can provide sustenance.

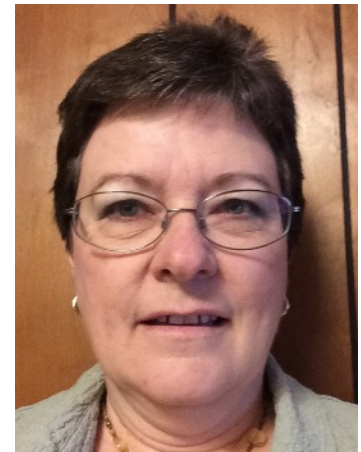
So, be careful and enjoy the season, it can present some beautiful sights. One good thing is you do not have to get up early to see the sun rise.

## **A.F.M.S. Endowment Fund News**

- Jerri Heer, Endowment Fund Representative

The AFMS Endowment Fund is rapidly collecting prizes for their next drawing which will be held at the Annual Convention in Austin, Texas this October 2015. Some of the prizes donated so far include:

- A large Withlacoochee Coral Head - \$75
- A Tampa Bay Coral Pair - \$50
- A *Diplomystus fish and willow leaf* fossil, Greene River formation - \$125
- An Agate Bolo tie - \$50
- A Calcite and Celestine Specimen from La Mojina Mine, Mexico - \$60
- Pair of Jade fruit carvings - \$75
- Sterling and Variscite pendant - \$100
- Owl etching on Verdite, from Namibia - \$75
- Stellerite Specimen from Kazakhstan \$75



This fund provides for AFMS Educational programs including the Junior Badge Program which is free to all Federation clubs. Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20. Donations valued at \$50 or more are also cheerfully accepted. To purchase tickets or make donations, please contact me.

Jerri Heer

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# January 2015 Quarterly Meeting Agenda and Reports

## SOUTHEAST FEDERATION OF MINERALOGICAL SOCIETIES

### QUARTERLY MEETING

January 24, 2015 in Panama City, Florida

- **Call to Order: 9:00 A.M.**
  - **Invocation**
  - **Inroductions**
  - **Pledge of Allegiance**
  - **Host Welcome:**
  - **Quorum Check**
  - **Approval of Agenda**
  - **Parliamentarian Appointment**
  - **Minutes**
  - **Remarks by President:** Dave Wayment
  - **Officer Reports:**
    1. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President: Lisa Roberts
    2. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President: Teresa Polly
    3. Secretary: Jerri Heer
    4. Treasurer: Mari Webb
    5. Assistant Treasurer: Charlotte Caughman
    6. Membership Secretary: Jason Hamilton
    7. **Lodestar** Editor: John Rasmussen
    8. Immediate Past President: James Darnell
    9. A.F.M.S. 4<sup>th</sup> President: Ann Monroe
    10. MAYO E.F. President: Bill Waggener
  - **State Director Reports:**
    1. Alabama: Philip Kaiser
    2. Florida: Jeff Ursillo  
Florida Assistant Director: Craig Hamilton  
Florida Assistant Director: Tom Mitchell
    3. Georgia: Scott Forward
    4. Kentucky: Charles Oldham
    5. Louisiana: Dr. Bridget Joubert
    6. Mississippi: David Hanes
    7. North Carolina: Gail Ferguson
    8. South Carolina: Bob Green
    9. Tennessee: OPEN
    10. Virginia: Bill Osburn
  - **S.F.M.S. Committee Chair Reports:**
    1. Bulletin Editor's Contest: Mark Easterbrook
    2. Constitution and Bylaws
  - 3. Education: Danny Griffin
  - 4. Field Trip:
  - 5. Historian: Don Monroe
  - 6. Long Range Planning:
  - 7. Nominations: James Darnell
  - 8. Public Relations:
  - 9. Publications: Beryl Ferguson
  - 10. Safety: Bob Green
  - 11. Slide, Video & DVD Programs: Freda Hull
  - 12. Stamp Program: Carolyn Grothaus
  - 13. Supplies: Barabar Green
  - 14. 2015 Annual Meeting Host: Don McLamb
  - 15. Uniform Rules: Leslie Wayment
  - 16. Ways & Means: Lisa Roberts
  - 17. Webmaster: Jeff Ursillo
  - 18. Wildacres Workshop Director: Lisa Roberts
  - 19. Wildacres Workshop Registrar: Paula Griffin
  - 20. William Holland Workshop Director: Jim Reed
  - 21. William Holland Workshop Registrar: Rosemary van Wandelen
  - 22. Youth Resources: Annette Gibney
- <BREAK>
- **A.F.M.S. Committee Representative Reports:**
    1. A.F.M.S. Newsletter: Beryl Ferguson
    2. All American:
    3. Boundaries: Buddy Shotts
    4. Bulletin Editors' Advisory: Mark Easterbrook
    5. Bulletin Editor's Hall of Fame: Mark Easterbrook
    6. Club Rockhound of the Year: Marty Hart
    7. Collecting Sites:
    8. Conservation and Legislation: John Wright
    9. Endowment Fund: Jerri Heer
    10. Inter-Regional Field Trip:
    11. Junior Program: Annette Gibney
    12. Program Competition: Freda Hull
    13. Public Relations:
    14. Publications & Supplies: Barbara Green
    15. Safety: Bob Green
    16. Uniform Rules: Leslie Wayment

- 17. Ways & Means: Lisa Riberts
- 18. Website: Jeff Ursillo
- 19. Website Contest: Jeff Ursillo
- **MAYO Educational Foundation Meeting:**  
Immediately Following Adjournment
- **Old Business:**

- **New Business:**
- **Adjournment**

**OFFICER’S REPORTS:**

**Report from SFMS 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President**

No Report

No Dates for 2016 meetings.

I want to wish Teresa all the best as she takes my place as the Second Vice President. I hope she will continue to promote the SFMS Workshops to all the State Directors. Good Luck.

I enjoyed serving as Second Vice President

Lisa Roberts

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**Secretary’s report**

I wish to appeal to everyone for patience as I learn all facets of this position. I welcome suggestions and constructive criticism.

As this first meeting came very quickly at the start of the new year, and I had only a couple of weeks to pull things together, I sent initial requests for reports from S.F.M.S. officers, committee chairs, A.F.M.S. representatives, Mayo E.F., etc., by email, and followed up with snail mail requests. I did the same to notify club presidents of meeting particulars. My thought process was that since time was short, and email is free, I could get information and requests out more quickly by email, and then subsequently comply with Bylaws requirements of US Mail notification.

I would encourage the Bylaws Review Committee to consider a recommendation to allow email notification to be included as an acceptable method of meeting the official notification requirements. In this 21<sup>st</sup> century, it is a more common method of communication and is fast becoming the norm. The cost savings in not only paper and postage, but also time and effort would be significant.

Regardless of the method I am to use for notification, it is critical that the S.F.M.S. receive updates from clubs as leadership and their corresponding contact information changes.

I wish to thank Beryl Ferguson and Dave Wayment for assisting me with the forms and

information I needed to prepare for this first meeting.

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### **Treasurer's Report:**

January 24, 2015 Panama City, FL

Report prepared using date as of December 31, 2014

BB& T 1 yr CD @ 0.10%-\$15,182.22

BB& T 1 ½ yr CD @ 0.20%-\$20,341.17

BB& T 2 yr CD @ 0.20%-\$20,599.89

The 1 yr CD will mature 07/09/15 @ .10%, the 1 ½ yr CD will mature 01/30/15 @ .20% and the 2 yr CD will mature 07/30/16 @ .20%. These 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.

Editor expenses for the Lodestar in 2014 were \$1,168.76.

Education expenses to date: \$57,222.86 Education income to date: \$57,349.00.

Secretary's expenses, (includes last year's expenses of 1,850.47) \$3,546.71.

The annual audit's for 2012 and 2013 have been conducted by David Wayment (1<sup>st</sup> VP) and Jason Hamilton (Membership Secretary).

Attached is a FY2014 Balance Sheet year to date; Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual, January through December, 2014 and Profit & Loss to date as prepared by Quick Books.

Respectfully submitted,

Mari Webb  
SFMS Treasurer

## Assistant Treasurer's Report

Hello everyone, my name is Charlotte Caughman (pronounced Kaufman). I am the new SFMS Assistant Treasurer-Insurance Liaison and I live in Inman, SC.

We are waiting for the club membership totals and dues to come in by the end of January, 2015. The Insurance rate negotiations are based on our total membership so the costs for the **liability and show** insurance will change and will be posted soon after. Some **show** venues now require \$2 million liability coverage and it was voted on at the 2014 Annual Meeting to increase our coverage from \$1 million to \$2 million. Both insurance payments are not due until March 31, 2015. Please encourage your clubs to get the **membership** totals and fees in by the due date.

Thank you,

Charlotte

## Membership Secretary Report:

Applications have been coming in but not as many as I would have liked. Thank you for those that have sent them in, but I will be making phone calls to remind others of the deadline.

There was a bit of confusion with an initial mail out with a listing showing \$2 per member, but that was corrected with a second mail out. Thank you to those who called in to find out.

Respectfully, Jason Hamilton

Silver-rocks@comcast.net

904-294-4744

## AFMS 4<sup>th</sup> Regional VP Report

January, 2015

Many of you are probably wondering what the AFMS Regional VP does. To help you better understand I am listing the duties as taken from the AFMS Bylaws.

- Regional Vice Presidents may serve for two years then allow another person to serve.
- Shall attend all meetings of the Board.
- Shall perform all duties as may be prescribed by the President.
- Represent the Federation to the public, clubs and interested persons.
- Furnish the President and Long Range Planning Committee suggestions from the Regional Federation as well as suggestions for the betterment of the Federation.
- Work closely with the secretary and editor of your Regional Federation to keep the Central Office advised of changes in the mailing addresses of Regional Officers, Regional Chairpersons, and Club Officers as needed by the Central Office for the Newsletter mailing.
- Maintain a list of exceptional chairpersons and/or committee people within your Regional

- Federation .Advise the President of persons available to fill vacant positions at the AFMS level.
- Serve as an active contributing, but non-voting member of the AFMS committee you are appointed to by the President.
  - Submit a report of activities and any recommendations to the Central Office, no later than 60 days prior to the Annual, with copies to the President and President- Elect.
  - Submit to the President-Elect, no later than 60 days prior to the Annual Meeting a record of all expenses incurred in the performance of the duties during the year.
  - Submit to the President-Elect, no later than 60 days prior to the Annual Meeting, a budget request for this office for the following year.
  - Turn over to the successor all pertinent correspondence and reports or committee activities plus recommendations for future action.

Referencing #8: The committees I have been assigned to by the AFMS President for this year are All American, A.F.M. Club; Rockhound of the Year; Commemorative Stamps; Regional Field Trips; Publications; Website/Webmaster  
Ann Monroe, AFMS 4<sup>th</sup> Regional VP

## **STATE DIRECTOR'S REPORTS:**

### **Alabama State Director Report:**

All six Alabama clubs are healthy and strong, maintaining or increasing club membership.

Five of the six clubs produced shows and are rescheduling for 2015. New venues have worked well in Dothan and Huntsville. Mobile and Birmingham are stable.

The Montgomery Show is in transition, and this year will leave the Shrine Temple returning to the Coliseum. The move is due to a scheduling conflict at the Shrine. The show is further impacted because the Marietta, Georgia club has moved their show to the same weekend. Regular Montgomery dealers are conflicted because of the same-date scheduling. Montgomery will lose eight dealers to the larger Georgia show. They are actively pursuing substitute dealers and solicit suggestions.

Clubs are developing youth programs. The Mobile Club is showing the way with fifty members in their Junior program. Emphasis will be placed on recruiting young members in 2015.

Phil Kaiser

### **Florida State Director Report:**

We are awaiting the new membership information, so we can contact the new officers of the Florida clubs. Not much has changed since our last report at the November meeting in Mississippi.....



Jeff Ursillo

### **Tennessee State Director Report**

I am on the hunt for my replacement for Tennessee State Director. I visited the lovely folks in Middle Tennessee for their show in December. I had a good time talking with the fine folks and little did I know that John would put me to work at the silent auction table. The show seemed every bit as busy as last year. While I was there I talked to Bob and Rowan Morgan from the Kingsport club. The Kingsport club is on hiatus until they return from Quartzite and Tuscan in March. The Knoxville club hosted the December Dixie Mineral Council Field Trip. On Saturday Dr. Michael Whitelaw gave a history and a behind the scenes tour of the Gray Fossil Site followed by a tour of Bristol Caverns. On Sunday Daniel Miller the Field Trip Chairman for KGMS led many hardy souls to Douglas Dam to look for "Douglas Diamonds" and Mosheim, TN to look for Graptolites. The Chattanooga Club had their Christmas party and Patty Perlaky gave the January lecture on Coal Mining on Aetna Mountain. The Memphis Club went to Hedger Aggregate in Jonesboro, Arkansas in December and are having two field trips in January the first to Pickwick State Park and the second to the Twin Creek Crystal Mine. They are also gearing up for their show in March.

Teresa Polly

### **Louisiana State Report:**

There are 8 Gem and Mineral Clubs in Louisiana, one of which belongs to the Southeast G. M. Federation and the others are affiliated with the South Central G.M. Federation.

All of these Clubs have communicated their activities to me and appear to be doing as well as one can do for the economic times. Most are having regularly monthly meetings, field days, some are reporting increasing membership while others are reporting decrease members due to aging of the members. It has really been a difficult time getting younger adults and kids away from their electronic toys and into the world of field trips and rock meetings. Four clubs currently have annual club rock and gem shows scheduled for the 2015 year [DeRidder (May), Baton Rouge (August), Bossier/Shreveport (August), and New Orleans (October)].

The New Orleans Club appears to be doing better with membership. I have been receiving their monthly newsletter and they have been having a hard time getting a full time newsletter editor. Anyone in New Orleans volunteer? Now that all the problems of getting an annual show re-started are resolved, this is going to make four Rock and Gem show in LA and should greatly increase the public's appreciation of the lapidary arts. The Club meets monthly and field trips to Mississippi and Alabama for fossils, agate, and arrowheads are scheduled bi-annually. We attended the New Orleans show as dealers in September of 2012 at the Double Tree Hotel and had a great time with the Club members. The Club moved the show venue to a different hotel and the 2013, 2014 shows were much better. They look forward to continued success at this new hotel venue.

The City of Baton Rouge recreation department, in conjunction with the Barton Rouge and New

Orleans clubs, is sponsoring its 4th annual “Rockn’ in the Swamp” day in the Spring. It was a resounding success each year! This will certainly increase the Public’s awareness of the lapidary arts in two high population areas!

The traditional Louisiana Rockhound’s Round-up died out but now there is renewed interest in getting it started again. Perhaps we will have it back up and running in the year to come. Our big problem is that there are very limited places open anymore to do a field trip so only a weekend get-together seems possible. Both the New Orleans and Baton Rouge clubs are working to get this up and running so wish them luck!

As a dealer, it has been very evident that there is no economic recovery for most areas despite the State and Federal upbeat announcements. We sell only the lower end items and little of the gold/precious gems. The economics has hampered the membership drives in some clubs and there has been resistance by dealers to attend some shows due to high cost, low attendance, and sales. We can only hope that 2015 will see an upturn for the LA clubs.

Respectfully submitted by:

Dr. Bridget M. Joubert  
La State Representative  
Southeast Fed. Gem and Min Soc.

### **Virginia Summer-Fall 2014 State Report**

The two Virginia SFMS affiliated clubs, the *Roanoke Valley Mineral and Gem Society* (RVMGS) in Roanoke, and the *Gem and Mineral Society of Lynchburg, VA* (GMSL) were very active during the last half of 2014.

The RVMGS held its annual Gem & Mineral show at the Salem, VA Civic Center November 28-30. Their paid attendance over the period was over 3,000. The GMSL set up a fluorescent mineral show at the same show.

The joint field trips of the GMSL & RVMGS this summer/fall were:

June 28TH 2014: The Enterprise Manganese Mines, Appomattox, County, Va

July 26, 2014: Boxley Aggregates, Piney River Quarry, Amherst County, VA.

September 27: Willis Mountain Kyanite Mine, Farmville, VA

October 25: Morefield Mine, Amelia, VA

November 22: Private Unakite collecting site, Rockbridge County, VA

Both clubs take part in the Dixie Mineral Council with members attending and reporting in the newsletters when possible.

**RVMGS events:** An auction at its July meeting with the proceeds going toward 2 scholarships to

Wildacres. The GMSL also has scholarships to Wildacres. A club picnic in August and a December pot luck dinner were held. Cabbing classes are held twice a month for members. New officers are to be installed in January, 2015.

Meetings are held the 2nd Thursday of every month at the *O. Winston Link Museum (lower level), 101 Shenandoah Ave. NE, Roanoke, VA [www.rvmgs.com](http://www.rvmgs.com)*

**GMSL events:** Monthly lapidary workshops for members. In June the club set up a display with a sluice table, geodes to crack, and gem & mineral tables for Uncle Billy's Day a 1 day event. In October the club set up a sluice table, geodes to crack, and gem & mineral tables at the 2 day Apple Harvest Festival in Amherst,

VA. In December the club held a pot-luck Christmas party. New officers are to be installed in January, 2015. Meetings are held the 3rd Wednesday of every month at the *Fairview Center 3621 Campbell Ave. Lynchburg, VA [www.lyncburgrockclub.org](http://www.lyncburgrockclub.org)*

Submitted by Bill & Eleanor Osburn  
SFMS VA State Directors!

## **S.F.M.S. COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS:**

### **Bulletin Editor Contest Report:**

Greetings, I am anxiously awaiting entries for the 2015 bulletin editor's contest. The bulletin contest page on the SFMS website has been updated back in December. There are essentially no changes from last year's contest other than the forms no longer refer to "2011". The deadline for this year's contest is April 15 so I can get my team together and get everything judged with the top finishers sent to the AFMS for their contest. The February Lodestar will have more details as I receive them from the AFMS.

Regards,

Mark Easterbrook

2015 SFMS Bulletin Editor's Contest Chair

### **Field Trip Committee Report for Spring 2015**

The SFMS field trip sharing program (DMC) will conduct many field trips during 2015.

There was not a DMC field trip during the month of January.

Western South Carolina G & MS of Greenville, SC will lead the February 28<sup>th</sup> field trip to Amos Cunningham Farm outside of Due West, SC for beryl crystals, amethyst and smoky quartz. A second dig on the following day will be to the Diamond Hill Mine for skeletal and smoky quartz crystals. These are both fee field trips!

The second DMC field trip for 2015 will be hosted on March 7<sup>th</sup> by the Mid-Georgia Gem & Mineral

Society of Macon, GA. This dig will be to the Vulcan Bartow Quarry in Cartersville, GA for Blue Quartz in Granite.

During April of 2015 there will be an open SFMS field trip to the Spring Rock Swap and Dig at Graves's Mountain, GA.

The SFMS Field Trip Committee field trip sharing program (DMC) has a current membership roster of thirty-two (32) member clubs in eight SFMS states.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Flora, Field Trip Committee Chairman  
POB 605, Hiawassee, GA 30546

**Historian:**

No Report  
Don Monroe

**S.F.M.S. Publications:**

2015 club renewal and insurance information, following initial processing by Membership Chair and Treasurer, is scheduled to be sent to me and added to updated S.F.M.S. officer, committee chair and A.F.M.S. representative information, Mayo data, and the Slide, Video and DVD category listings for publication. Given that clubs renew on time and their information is forwarded to me, we should have our 2015 S.F.M.S. Directory published and distributed early this spring.

Beryl F. Ferguson  
S.F.M.S. Publications Chair

**Stamp Program Report:**

Stamps, covers, post cards and other ephemera are being sold on eBay. If you would like to see what is on offer, just go to eBay and type in SFMS. It is really too big a job for one person. I feel that each state should have an individual who would undertake to sell for that state. I would be happy to work with anyone who would undertake this.

Most of the money that has been made this year has been sales of covers, post cards and ephemera. I have been able to send three checks to the treasurer total of \$55.10. If the club could develop a paypal account into which I could transfer funds, it would simplify the process.

I continue to trim and sort stamps. If they arrived trimmed and sorted, I would not have to spend so much time on this.

Most of what has sold this year was donated by Bob Green from WESCAGEM

Carolyn Grothaus

### **2015 Annual Meeting Host:**

I have requested an outline of the expectations for CMGS in hosting the 2015 Annual Meeting.

Not much productive can be initiated without a plan. Plan cannot be developed without your SFMS requirements. The first action will be recruiting a Chairman to develop the plan.

F. Donald J. McLamb, President  
CMGS

### **Ways and Means:**

No Report  
Lisa Roberts

### **Webmaster Report:**

The website competition deadline is April 1st, 2015. The new forms are up on the website. I have been asked by Dam Imel to be a judge for the 2015 website contest and I accepted.

Dave Wayment and I are working on fine tuning the website and clarifying some of the information that is out of date.

Jeff Ursillo

### **SFMS Wildacres Director**

2014 went by so fast I think I missed part of it. On to 2015 SFMS Workshops

Aug and Sept in the mountains with fellow rock-hound's what a great life hope to see you there

Aug Classes These are not final , a work in progress

Silver Filigree  
Stakes and Hammers  
Special Metal Projects  
Wire 1  
Gem ID  
Chain  
Beg. Flint Napping

My goal this year is to increase attendance to the Federation Workshops. The attendance in 2014 is up from previous years. We are slowly moving in the right direction. I long for the good ole days when the Southeast Federation Workshops were full and had a waiting list for classes.

Lisa Roberts

## Wildacres Registrar – 2015

Paula Griffin

There is nothing to report at this time. Registrations will begin following publication of the Workshop schedule.

### William Holland Workshop Director:

#### Quarterly Report

Since we're new to the director position this year, we'd like to give you a little introduction. We've been members of the Imperial Bone Valley Gem, Mineral & Fossil Society, Inc. since 2005. Cindy is Editor and 1<sup>st</sup> VP and spent 4 years as President. She has taught Lampwork at William Holland since 2008. Jim has a Masters in Geology and has been working at the lapidary arts since he was 12. He is the club's shop manager and has a position on the board.

Even though we are down to one week at William Holland, it's going to be great. We have 13 classes lined up with something for everyone. Among the first time classes are Wire for Beaders and Tool Time with Tom. We are also bringing back Jr. Rockhounds.

We ask everyone to spread the word about the workshops. In the past few years, I've heard from multiple club members that they've never seen a list of classes and don't know where to find them. We've already lost one week and we're going to fight hard to save the one we have remaining. A list of classes is below.

Respectfully Submitted

Jim and Cindy Reed

<u>Class</u>	<u>Instructor</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Instructor</u>
Beading	Barbara Green	Jr. Rockhounds	Scott & Denise Forward
Casting	Bill Harr	Opals	Sarah Lee Boyce
Cabbing	Pat Davis	Silver I	Nancy English
Chain	Kathy Morris	Tool Making	Kay & Tom Benham
Channel	Dave Wayment	Wire for Beaders	Leslie Wayment
Faceting	Bill Roberts	Wire Wrap	Rowan Rose-Morgan
Fusing	Rich & Linda Dillon	Jr. Rockhounds Wire and Chain	Sandra Bergquist

JUNIOR RESOURCES

The two yearly Junior awards are: Junior of the Year and the Junior Scholarship.

The Junior of the Year is nominated by the individual club President using criteria decided upon by the club. The President then sends the nomination to the Junior Programs chairperson and a certificate is returned to the club for presentation to the Junior of the Year. Each club is allowed one nomination and every nominee is awarded a certificate.

The Junior Scholarship: Each club nominates one Junior for this award using criteria decided upon by the individual club. The club President sends the nomination along with a letter from the Junior nominated stating why they would like to receive the scholarship, their interest in the hobby and reasons for wanting to attend the workshop. The nominations are submitted to the committee chair and then turned in to the Federation President. One award is given each year. The deadline for submission is March 31, 2015.

Due to circumstances just discovered, the information on the website concerning these two awards is wrong. I have contacted Jeff and I'm sure the information will be corrected by the time of this meeting. I will put a notification of an extension of the deadline for the Junior of the Year and correction on the deadline stated for the Jr. Scholarship in the Lodestar so that interested clubs can nominate their Juniors for these Awards.

Annette Gibney

Junior Resources

January 2015

#### **A.F.M.S. COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:**

##### **A.F.M.S. Newsletter:**

As soon as renewal information is received from the 2015 Membership Chair, the A.F.M.S. Newsletter mailing list will be assembled and forwarded to the A.F.M.S. Publications Chair. Updates concerning information for club officers and S.F.M.S. personnel designated to receive the A.F.M.S. Newsletter will continue to be forwarded to the A.F.M.S. Publication Chair as I receive them.

Beryl F. Ferguson  
A.F.M.S. Newsletter Representative

##### **Endowment Fund:**

Donations are being accepted and tickets are for sale for the 2015 A.F.M.S. Endowment Fund Raffle which will be held at the Annual AFMS Convention being hosted in Austin, Texas, October 24-25. I will be sending out informational letters to all S.F.M.S. Club Presidents as soon as that list is updated.

Anyone wishing to purchase tickets or make item donations to support the raffle may contact me. Tickets are \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00.

Jerri Heer  
Jheerx6@aol.com

### **Boundaries:**

Nothing to report, at this time.

Buddy Shotts

### **Uniform Rules Committee:**

The Uniform Rules Committee meeting is scheduled for the evening of July 9<sup>th</sup> at the AFMS Annual meeting in Tulsa Oklahoma. I will be in attendance. At this time I have not received any requests for changes to the Uniform Rules. Requests for changes in the rules must be presented to the chairman of the committee 60 days prior to the meeting. Any member of the SFMS wishing to have the rules changed should contact me no later than April 1, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,  
Leslie Wayment

### **Website Contest:**

The website competition deadline is April 1st, 2015. The new forms are up on the website. I have been asked by Dam Imel to be a judge for the 2015 website contest and I accepted.

Jeff Ursillo

## **Gem and Mineral Shows**

### **February 21-22, 2015 Vero Beach, FL**

Gem and Jewelry Show

Treasure Coast Rock & Gem Society

Saturday 10AM to 5PM, Sunday 10AM to 4PM

Vero Beach Community Center

2266 14<sup>th</sup> Ave, Vero Beach,  
32960

\$5 Donation at the door, 20





vendors, hourly door prizes

Email contact [tcrandgs@bellsouth.net](mailto:tcrandgs@bellsouth.net)

## **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](http://www.bonevalley.net)

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

45<sup>th</sup> Annual Gem, Jewelry & Mineral Show and Sale Jerri Heer

7301 N Howard Av

Tampa, FL 33604-5224

419-344-9999

[jheerx6@aol.com](mailto:jheerx6@aol.com)

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

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

### **March 13-15, 2015, Augusta, GA**

27<sup>th</sup> Annual Aiken-Augusta Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show; sponsored by the Aiken Gem, Mineral and Fossil Society and the Augusta Gem and Mineral Society's

Friday and Saturday 1000 to 1900, Sunday 1100 to 1700

Julian Smith Casino, 2200 Broad Street, Augusta, GA

Admission: \$3 per adult or \$5 weekend pass; children under 12 Free with an adult

Exhibits – Lapidary Demonstrations – Educational Resources – Grab Bags – Hourly Door Prizes – Treasure Dig – Geode Cutting – Mineral Panning

[www.aikengmfs.org](http://www.aikengmfs.org) and <http://augustagemandmineralsociety.org>



### **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](mailto:lexgemshow@outlook.com) or [www.bggamc.homestead.com](http://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](http://www.TheEarthWideOpen.com)

email [info@theearthwideopen.com](mailto:info@theearthwideopen.com).

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

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

## **May 2 & 3, 2015, North Charleston, SC**

Lowcountry Gem & Mineral Society Annual Jewelry, Gem, Mineral, and Fossil Show, "Art by Nature".

Location: Charleston Area Convention Center; Exhibit Hall A.

Location Address: 5000 Coliseum Drive, North Charleston, SC 29418

Hours: Sat. & Sun 10-5.



Directions: I-26 East to I-526 West. Take Exit 16 (first exit), stay in right lane, and turn left onto International Blvd. Turn right at the second stop light and you will be facing the convention center. Follow the road to the left to the parking lot.

FREE admission and FREE parking; hourly door prizes, club hospitality table, demonstrations, fossil dig, geode cracking.

Contact Karen Havenstein of Charleston, SC at (843) 795-2956; e-mail: [fossils@comcast.net](mailto:fossils@comcast.net);  
Web site: [www.lowcountrygemandmineralsociety.org](http://www.lowcountrygemandmineralsociety.org)

## **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 Jurgens Court, Norcross, GA. We will also be celebrating our 80th birthday with an open house at our club house. Contact person: Shelley Stubbs; email address: [mayshow@gameneral.org](mailto:mayshow@gameneral.org); Web site: [www.gameneral.org](http://www.gameneral.org).

SEE FLYER BELOW

## **May 8, 9, & 10, 2015, Franklin, NC**

Retail Club Show: Gem & Mineral Society of Franklin, NC

Fri. & Sat., May 8th & 9th, 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM, Sun., May 10th, 10:00 AM - 4:00PM  
Location: Carpenter Community Center, 1288 Georgia Rd. (US441), Franklin, NC  
No admission charge, rough and finished gemstones and jewelry, minerals and local crafts.  
Contact: Norm Holbert, [828 634-0350](tel:8286340350), [normholbert@comcast.net](mailto:normholbert@comcast.net)

## **June 6 & 7, 2015, McCalla, AL**

Alabama Mineral & Lapidary Society 42nd annual Tannehill Historical Park Gem, Mineral, Fossil, & Jewelry 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The show is FREE with paid admission to the park. The show is held in the Tannehill Historical Ironworks State Park where three counties meet. They are Jefferson, Bibb, and Tuscaloosa. The address is : 12632 Confederate Parkway Mc Calla, AL. 35111. So pack a lunch and take I-459/20 to exit #100 or I-459 to exit #1 and follow the signs. <http://lapidaryclub.com>

## **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:7706065700)

Email contact: [maryv@tellusmuseum.org](mailto:maryv@tellusmuseum.org)

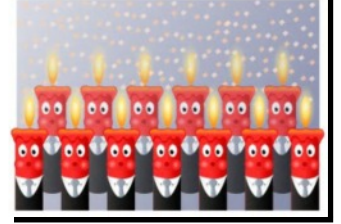
**October 23 – 25, 2015, Austin, TX**

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



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Sunday	May 10	Noon – 5 PM

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