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President's Report

Hello everyone. Hope your new year is getting off to a rocking good start. I look forward to serving as your president for the coming year. My goal for this year is to make the Federation more accessible, encourage communication with and between members, and do whatever we can together to

make rockhounding more fun. You should mark your calendar now for our quarterly meeting the weekend of May 17,2019. We have reserved the Suwannee Music Park in Live Oak, FL for a Rock Swap that weekend and we will work in the usual business meetings as best we can. Look for further details as they develop. This will be a free rock swap for all our members the share,swap, and sell their treasures. I would love to see this event bring everyone together to strengthen our organization. Meanwhile, if you have any questions or suggestions for the federation please contact your state director or one of our other officers for help. Everyone can have more fun if we all work together.

Reggie Bolton

Alabama Mineral and Lapidary Society

SFMS President

Secretary's Report

– Jerri Heer

SFMS Executive Meeting Information

March 1-2, 2019

Hosted by Suncoast Gem and Mineral Society

Friday:

Gem Show – 10 am – 6 pm – Minnreg Building, 6340 126 th Avenue North, Largo, Florida

Cracker Barrel – 7 PM – Suncoast Club House, 4619 69 th Street N, St. Petersburg, Florida - Informal

Meeting

Saturday:

Executive Meeting – 10:00 AM – Registration, 10:30 AM – Meeting,

St, Petersburg North Community Library Meeting Room, 861 70 th Ave, N, St. Petersburg

Gem Show – 10 am – 6 pm – Minnreg Building, 6340 126 th Avenue North, Largo, Florida

Sunday:

Gem Show – 10 am – 5 pm – Minnreg Building, 6340 126 th Avenue North, Largo, Florida

Hotel reservations for SFMS Meeting March 1 & 2, 2019.

Red Roof Inn

4999 34 th Street N, St. Petersburg, FL 33714

Call: 1-800-733-7663 – Block Code for our Group is B866SUN031

Block of 12 rooms at \$88 for Queen Rooms



49th Annual Show Suncoast Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.

March 1, 2, 3, 2019

Minnreg Building

6340 126th Avenue North

Largo, Florida 33773

March 1st & 2nd: 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

March 3rd: 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Admission - Free Parking

Donations: \$5.00/adult good for all three days.

SAVE THE DATE!!!

1 st Annual SFMS Rockhound Roundup - May 17- 19

Spirit of the Suwanee Music Park, 3076 95 th Dr, Live Oak, Florida, 32060

More details to come – SFMS will host a Rock Swap (Nominal fee to set-up) in conjunction with our 2 nd Executive Meeting of the year. Cabins, RV Hookups and tent camping available.

Committee Reports

Education

Wildacres August 19-25 2019

sfmsworkshops.com

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| • Cold Connections | Morning Sherrod |
| • Beginning Casting | Bill Harr |
| • Wire Wrap | Rowan Rose Morgan |
| • Special Projects | Jeff Sheer |
| • Cabochons | Buddy Shotts |
| • Beg. Chain/Fusing | Roy Deere |
| • Layered Colored Pencil | Mary Karg |
| Jewelry on metal | |

Wildacres September 16-22 2019

sfmsworkshops.com

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| • Silver 1 | Pattie Appleby |
| • Gem ID | Teresa Polly |

- Adv. Casting
 - Stone Inlay
 - Beg. Chain/Fusing
 - Metal Clay
 - Cold Connections
 - Electro-etch wood inlay
- Bill Harr
Chuck Bruce
Roy Deere
Judi Talley
Morning Sherrod
Micah Kirby

We look forward to seeing you at Wildacres this coming year for our lapidary workshops.

Everyone always has a great time , so come join in on the fun!

Lisa Roberts

SFMS Education Chair/Wildacres Director



Rockhound of the Year 2018

Knoxville Gem and Mineral Society Rockhound of the Year – Linda Matvy

The members of the Knoxville Gem and Mineral Society would like to nominate **Linda Matvy** for the AFMS Rockhound of the year. Linda has been the KGMS Treasurer for many years and is an integral part of our club family. She has made sure that the club’s financial matters are in line and well in order. For the past several years she has volunteered as the Registrar for the SFMS Wildacres Retreat where her expertise has helped the retreat run smoothly and her wry sense of humor has supplied comic relief during the auctions. KGMS would like to recognize her commitment to the club and her many years of hard work.



Middle Tennessee Rockhounds Rockhound of the Year – Bob and Tina King

The Middle Tennessee Rockhounds is proud to recognize **Bob and Tina King** as our 2018 Rockhounds of the Year. They are long time members and are such a valuable asset to our club. Both are National Award winning teachers that have now retired from teaching, but it is easy to see that teaching is big part of them. At our events, they are always doing an awesome job of teaching children about rocks and geology. Watching them teach, you will see the children’s’ parents really enjoying and learning at the same time. While teaching the 4th grade, Tina went to Antarctica and shared the research with her class. Their contributions to our club and to teaching world far exceeds what can be described in a just few sentences. We are fortunate to have them as members, and thank them for all that they do.



Safety

Bob Green, Chair

Happy Thanksgiving past, Merry Christmas past and Happy New Year, today, yay!

Greetings all, this safety theme today will be preparedness. I am certain none of you have heard this from me in the past, Ha. A nearly constant theme.



Since the 15th of November, we have had many opportunities to display our preparedness or lack thereof.

My Christmas presents came early, a brand new Heat Pump after our fuel oil furnace that the service man had nursed for the 23 years we have been in this house developed a hole in the heat exchanger and dumped soot into the house. Now soot does nothing good for the interior of a house, except to highlight the cob webs. So we have been dusting and cleaning up from this for the last 4 weeks.

Then the weekend of 8 December, one year to the day after a storm in 2017, we got the pleasure of snow, sleet and some freezing rain. We lost three trees, one large pine tree dropped the top across the driveway, so my exercise for that week was dictated. We were without power for 13 hours and we were lucky, one of my work cohorts was without power for 3 days. Now, my preparedness fail was my Coleman stove sputtered and pit since the poor thing had not been challenged to work for about 10 years. So, we did get lunch and dinner fixed on the poor thing.

The week before Christmas, I had my annual January cold, what joy. Just in time for Christmas. We missed a couple of get-togethers, but did make it to the son and daughter-in-laws for Christmas dinner.

And this week, on Thursday AM, early, the water system suffered a fail. A broken water line somewhere off in the distance has about 700 customers practicing life without running water. And as with the power outage, we are camping out in the house, which is not one of my favorite things to do. However, it is raining, so we do have plenty of water to use for the toilets. And we do have a substantial quantity of bottled water as a hold-over from the hurricane threats to the area from distant bad cousin Florence and Michael. So we are doing OK, just awaiting the return of running water.

So I will be glad when 2018 fades into the past. It has not been a bad year for us and we feel for those impacted by the bad storms, snow, rain and Ice and wish all a great 2019.

I do wish for more civility, empathy for those in need and compassion for those having a difficult time.

Be safe and take care.

GEM AND MINERAL SHOWS

January 11-13, 2019, Largo FL

Pinellas Geological Society

Forty-Third Annual

Gem, Jewelry and Mineral Show and Sale

Friday and Saturday 10 AM to 5 PM

Sunday Noon to 5 PM

Central Park Performing Arts Center

Parkside Room

105 Central Park Drive

Largo, Florida

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

Free admission. Donation \$2.00 for hourly drawing. Silent Auction every hour

Unique jewelry has fascinated mankind since cave days. Today that still holds true as men and women create wonderful gem and mineral ornaments from nature's abundant rocks and minerals. Members of the Gem and Mineral Clubs in our area gather together monthly to share their hobby.

The members of the Pinellas Geological Society and other local Gem and Mineral Clubs will be showing their cut gems, silver and gold jewelry, wire wrap, beading, cabachons, and collections of rocks and minerals for your viewing pleasure and purchase.

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

Contact person: Leona Feldhausen , Co-Chairperson; (727) 709-3236



January 19 – 20, 2019; Deland, FL

Tomoka Gem & Mineral Society
48th Annual Jewelry, Gem, Mineral, Fossil Show & Sale
Saturday 10am-6pm / Sunday 10am-5pm

Volusia County Fairgrounds (Tommy Lawrence Arena)
3150 E. New York Ave
Deland, FL 32724
¼ mile east of I-4 at Exit 118A, Rt. 44

Hourly Drawings, Silent Auction, Grand Prize Drawing, Kid's Activities, Demonstrations. Slabs, beads, tools, jewelry, specimens, fossils by 40+ vendors. Free Parking.

\$4.00 Adult, 12 and under free, \$1 off coupon on website.

Contact Show Chair: Mary DeJan 386-871-6221 or
Vendor Chair: Ginger Lobb 386-986-9383
Website: www.tomokagms.org

February 2 & 3, 2019; Merritt Island, FL

Central Brevard Rock and Gem Club presents our 42 Annual Show and Sale on February 2rd & 3rd 2019 at Kiwanis Recreation Center 95I Kiwanis Island Park Rd, Merritt Island, FL 32952.

There will be over 20 vendors displaying finished jewelry, rocks, minerals, slabs, gemstones, strands of beads, pearls, and findings. We will have hourly door prizes, grand prize, & silent auction. A sluice and spinning wheel will be available for the children and the young at heart. Demonstrations of cabbing and faceting will be ongoing, as well as, club displays. Parking is free. Admission is \$5.00, children under 12 are free accompanied by an adult. There will be \$1 off coupons in Florida Today Newspaper (including digital), flyers, and on our website. We are now on Facebook as well.

(www.centralbrevardgems.org) For additional information, contact

Roz Mestre , show chairman

321 431-0159.

February 16th and 17th 2019, Vero Beach, FL

Treasure Coast Rock and Gem Society

43rd Annual show

[Vero Beach Community Center](#)

2266 14th Ave, Vero Beach, FL 32960

Downtown

February 23, 2019, Lakeland, FL

Imperial Bone Valley Gem, Mineral & Fossil Society

Location: First Presbyterian Church

175 Lake Hollingsworth Dr

Lakeland, FL 33803

Sat. 9-4:30; adults \$3, students, children and teachers free

Door prizes, Spin & Win Mineral Wheel, kids' Treasure Dig, demonstrations, educational displays, silent and Chinese auctions, more than 30 dealers, rocks, minerals, fossils, jewelry, gifts, hobby supplies, lapidary demonstrations, wire wrapping, cabochon making

Contact Kim Price, (863) 412-9156; e-mail: IBVGMFS@gmail.com

Web site: www.bonevalley.net

February 23rd and 24th 2019, Jackson MS

60th Mississippi Gem, Mineral, Fossil and Jewelry Show

Mississippi Gem and Mineral Society

Saturday, February 23, 2019 (9 am to 6 pm)

Sunday, February 24, 2019 (10am to 5pm)

Mississippi Trade Mart on the State Fairgrounds

Jackson, Mississippi

Admission:

Adults \$6 Students \$3

Scouts & Leaders in Uniform \$2

Children 5 & under—Free

MGMS website: www.missgems.org

Information email: rock2lanes@gmail.com

- Over 25 dealers of gems, fossils, minerals, jewelry, lapidary tools, beads, and more
- Demonstrations of lapidary art including flint knapping, cabochon cutting, and jewelry making
- Exhibits and educational opportunities by colleges and state organizations
- Children's activities (adults are welcomed too)
- Touch and See Table
- Displays by MGMS members of their own collections or lapidary work
- Hourly door prizes, and a "GRAND PRIZE" drawing.

March 1-2-3, 2019 St. Petersburg, FL

49th 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"](mailto:HYPERLINKmailto:SGAMSGemshow@gmail.com)

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April 27th and 28th 2019, Memphis, TN

Memphis Mineral, Fossil, Jewelry Show. Sponsored by the Memphis Archaeological and Geological Society. Agricenter, 7777 Walnut Grove Rd Memphis, TN Saturday, April 27 9-6:00 pm and Sunday, April 28 10-5pm. Over 50 Dealers and Exhibitors selling rocks, fossils, minerals, crystals, gemstones, opals, beads and jewelry. Kids Areas with gem and fossil dig, geode bowling and Rocks around the Clock. Includes the original "Memphis Rock Banquet" a full table display of rocks that look like real food. Adults \$5.00. 2- day pass \$8.00. Children 12 & under \$2.00. Scouts in uniform free, www.theearthwideopen.com, email info@theearthwideopen.com.

Contact WC McDaniel 901-490-3575

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