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## President's Report

I recently was in Hendersonville, NC and visited with the folks at the Mineral and Lapidary
Museum of Henderson County. I recommend anyone passing through the area stop in and visit the museum. I hope everyone has made plans to attend the next quarterly meeting in Franklin, N.C. in May. The meeting will be held the same weekend as the Franklin show so come to the meeting and stay to experience one of the best shows for gem and mineral enthusiasts. The SFMS workshops have posted their class schedules. I encourage every club to publish the workshop schedule in their newsletters. The workshops are fun and informative and a great place to meet with other rock hounds. Be aware that there are scammers that are trying to contact the SFMS club treasurers pretending to be the club President asking for money transfers. Please confirm all requests for money and be wary of all suspicious emails. I was saddened to learn the passing of Betty James Past President of the SFMS and member of the Mississippi Gem & Mineral Society. I was also informed that Ida Weaver from Harrison County Gem and Mineral Society also passed in December. I am looking forward to visiting several clubs in the next coming months. I welcome any feedback and I would like to hear from all the clubs.

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**In Loving Memory**

*Ida Weaver*

Ida was a long time member who will be greatly missed. She was such a joy to be around because she brought laughter and sunshine into a room. A very creative artist with enthusiasm to think outside the box.

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**Secretary's Report**

Attached are the registration and information forms for the next Quarterly Meeting of the
SFMS. It is being held in Franklin, NC this May. If you intend to attend, make your hotel reservations early as we have a limited block of rooms assigned, and they go fast due to the Gem Shows at this time.

Please get reports to me ASAP. I am facing some significant family health issues, and will not have the time or energy to remind/harass/chase everyone to get your input or to assemble reports as last minute as I usually do. Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Jerri Heer, Secretary
Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies
419-344-9999

Committee Reports

Education

Scholarship Committee
– Dave Wayment, Chair

By now, or in the next few days, all club Treasurers will receive a packet in the mail containing drawing tickets and this explanation letter. Starting with the March Lodestar, and shortly on the website, photos of the donated prizes will be available. Please help make this program a success. Let’s see how many SFMS Workshop Scholarships we can create for 2018.

At the 2016 Annual Meeting, the SFMS replaced the stamp collecting program with a drawing to raise funds to provide full Scholarships to the SFMS Workshops. We are asking all member clubs and societies to participate in two ways.

The first way to participate is to donate an item to be a drawing prize. Each member club will receive acknowledgement if it donates a prize, or if a member of the club donates a prize. All prizes should be mailed to Dave Wayment, PO Box 780791, Sebastian, FL 23978. Each prize should be identified, include the value of the item (we request that prizes have at least a $25 value), identify who made the item if it is hand made, and who donated the item. Photographs and descriptions of all prizes will be posted on the SFMS website and published in the Loadstar.

The second way to participate is to sell the drawing tickets. Each member club is being sent 100 tickets for the drawing. The tickets are $5 each or 5 tickets for $20. We ask that each member club’s treasurer, or another member chosen by the club, be in charge of selling the tickets.
tickets, collecting the funds, and returning the ticket stubs, monies and unsold tickets to Dave Wayment at the same above address. The drawing for the prizes will be held at the Annual Meeting. We will need the ticket stubs, etc, returned no later than 3 weeks prior to the Annual Meeting. For 2017, October 1st is the date we are looking to have the items returned by.

Please remember, the scholarships to SFMS workshops are NOT prizes in the drawing. All member clubs that participate will be entered into a drawing for the scholarships as outlined in the By-Laws:

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.

If you have any questions, please contact Dave Wayment, SFMS Workshop Scholarship Committee Chair, at 772-532-6432

**Workshop Scholarship Report**

David Wayment, Chairman

By now, the Treasurer of each member club of the SFMS and received a package of drawing tickets and a letter explaining how the program works. Here is your first look at some of the prizes that have been donated for the 2017 drawing.

![Prize 2017.01](image)

Prize 2017.01 is a beautiful handmade pottery bowl. It measures about 6 inches across. The retail value is $40.
Prize 2017.03 contains 7 pair of matched cabochons suitable to be made into earrings. It has a retail value of $70.

Prize 2017.06 contains 15 pieces of purple sea glass. The retail value is $35.

Prize 2017.09 is 7 Labradorite cabs ready to be made into jewelry. It has a retail value of $45.

Prize 2017.10 is Tampa Bay Coral specimen with a retail value of $30.

Prize 2017.11 is a hand Knapped Knife made from Obsidian and Howlite. This is one of 2 knives donated. The retail value is $65.
Prize 2017.13 is a collection of handmade Deer Antler beads and pendant. The retail value is $30.

Prize 2017.14 is a Fulgurite specimen from Florida. The retail value is $35.

Prize 2017.16 is a silver Filigree Fairy Pendant. It has a retail value of $90.

Prize 2017.19 is an Amethyst specimen with a retail value of $35.

These are just some of the donated prizes. More will be shown in the next issue and will be viewable on the website shortly. If you or your club would like to donate a prize, please contact me on how to donate an item.

Wildacres 2017

Hi all, here in my part of Florida we had a mild Winter looking forward to a colorful Spring.
Thinking of the upcoming new colors reminds me of our new classes we have and new Teachers too for the three weeks booked at Wildacres.

Please help spread the word of the new week July 23 -29, please note it does start on a Sunday instead of our regular Monday.

Wire-- We have Rowan Rose -Morgan giving one of her Wire Wrap classes always a hit fills up fast with regulars so please register early to get a spot.

Beads--Gail DeLuca is great with beginners and experienced beaders so watch out another class fills up too.

Creative Jewelry Design/Fabrication-- is a new class for us. Morning Sherrod is very excited about this class, looks like she will keep everyone busy.

Metalsmithing for Juniors-- Another new class for us Dave and Leslie Wayment are teaming up, two Teachers with mega talent, to give kids 8-16 a week they will not forget, a class parents and grandparents should not pass up.

Raku Pottery-- Gary Lee has a local ceramic business and teaches regularly at Wildacres. We haven't had a Raku class in years so you know this one will fill up fast so better add a second choice on your registration form.

Chain Maille-- Roy Deere will be back teaching beginners and intermediates, another class that fills with regulars. If you take this class you will be very happy with your finished pieces.

Gem Trees--Yey another new class and Teacher for us, so happy getting Jerri Heer up to Wildacres to teach us her award wining trees.

Casting 1-- A different Casting class for us from Kim and Norm St. Jean. Has been years since Kim has been to Wildacres to teach so happy she is back. Kim has many regular students that keep an eye on where she teaches, so this class will fill up fast.

Our August 21 - 27 starts on a Monday, just like July can't get into your room till after 4pm

Gourds are coming back--was a new class last year filled up fast everyone had a great time, Pat Davis has some great new projects, fun teacher, fun class.

Metalwork Special Projects--Jeff Sheers class fills up fast with advanced students they know who they are, others can try to get in.

Casting-- I'm always happy to see Bill Harrs class. His students are so happy with their quality of work.

Boot Camp in Metals and Fire-- taught by Linda Stearcy is another new class for us and highly recommended, give this one a try.

Cold Connections 1-- Morning Sherrod is back with another new class for us Cold Connections always a hit, fun projects.
Chain Maille-- Roy Deere comes back if you could not take his class in July, he'ss Backkk, you can be a beginner or intermediate in this class.

For September 18 - 24
Silver 1--Pattie Appleby was a new silver teacher for us last year and a big hit with her students so very happy she is back and with a little different class than the basic she taught last year, looks like another winner.
Cold Connections 11-- Morning Sherrod is back with another fun class, just can't go wrong with cold connections.
Metal Folding--we are lucky to have Kay and Tom Benham back with us again teaching a favorite metals class. Just can't go wrong with their classes.
Bench Building-- I have taken this class by Danny Griffin, had soo much fun and love my bench. Highly recommend this class.
Soapstone and Wood Carving-- Mary Weinheimer is a new teacher for us comes highly recommended. SFMS has had soapstone carving classes before, Mary is adding to that with wood her teaching makes it fun and easy.

As I look through the list of classes and descriptions at sfmsworkshops.com I'm thinking it's going to be hard to pick one class each week. When you have some free time take a peek at sfmsworkshops.com You might find something that catches your fancy or see a class for someone you know might like. I hope to see a lot of new students this year. And regulars, because once we get you to take a SFMS class you always come back. Again Please spread the word to register as soon as they everyone can. We are limited on bedrooms and hate putting students on the waiting list.

Any questions about SFMS Wildacres classes please call or e-mail
Hope to see you in the mountains
Rosemary
386-479-1509
rrborzoi@yahoo.com

WILLIAM HOLLAND SFMS WEEK JUNE 11TH 2017
Join us for the 2017 SFMS week at William Holland. We have an awesome week planned for you this year with a talented group of instructors. Please follow the links below to the website, to download the registration form and Facebook page to read more about each instructor, check out the photo album of their class samples.

We are trying hard to fill all of our classes so we are asking for your help to share this information with your local clubs. Please go to the FB page and share with your local club pages. We really appreciate your help and look forward to seeing you this year for Federation week! The class descriptions and pictures are on both of these sites.

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

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If you have any questions please feel free to contact us.

Kristine Robertson, Director

info@coppertreebeads.com
Happy warm and then cold March; this is too much cold too late in the season for me. But anyway, at least we do not have 30 inches of snow in the upstate to deal with. As last month, I am in the process of cleaning out my garage. We have a 2 car garage with no car inside. So last week the first dumpster was hauled away and I now have a new empty one to start filling. It was sort of nasty last weekend and I was sort of lazy, so nothing got done.

Also, the annual first cut at the remaining leaves did not get accomplished, and that brings up this month’s safety hints. Make certain your equipment is in good working order and use the appropriate safety equipment. I enjoy watching a lot of the DIY and other home improvement programs and being critical of the folks for not wearing appropriate safety gear, mainly eye protection, seems to be the biggest issue. I do not care that you have done a particular smashing of old cabinets for 200 times, things can fly out and cause damage to your eyes. As a good note, watch the Stihl power tools commercial. These folks tend to have the appropriate safety equipment, which is a good advertisement.

Folks on the Flip the house type programs on TV when doing demolition work, seem to take safety with a grain of salt and are not good examples of proper safety approaches. I noticed even in “Big Bang Theory” the other night, the lady asked Leonard to put on safety glasses when she was running the Laser.

Back to the Stihl commercial; look at the other safety equipment that they use. They wear long pants when doing leaf blowing or weed eating. Several years ago a friend of our used her weed eater on the back of her lot and she was wearing shorts. She had a multitude of scratches from flying debris, picked up by the weed eater.

As I noted several articles ago, using your trusty GENIE can be a hazard to your eyes, On at
least 3 occasions, I have had small rock chips bounce off my safety glasses while creating sludge.

Appropriate foot wear is always required. I work for a large corporation and we have safety as one of our watch words. Several years ago, we had just celebrated 40,000,000 effort hours without a lost time accident in our office. Within 3 months of this celebration, we had 7 accidents involving slips, trips and falls. The majority of these were; inappropriate footwear, flip flops.

So be safe, consider what your work is, prepare your equipment and wear the appropriate safety equipment.

**Member Classified Advertising**

(members of affiliated clubs/societies may submit classified advertising for personal materials that are related to the goals of the Federation and its member clubs/societies).

**Fluorescent Mineral Collection for Sale**

Here is a partial listing of my fluorescent items with current retail for the lights, batteries, etc.

- 36 watt Short Wave Way Too Cool 110 volt lamp- $630
- 18 watt Short Wave Way Too Cool 12 volt lamp- $465
- 9 volt long wave/short wave 12 volt- $325
- 10 D cell battery pack w/charger. 10 amp- $135
- 10 C cell battery pack: uses the same charger- $65
- extra 9 volt LW and SW bulbs plus 18 watt SW bulb- $110

The total of the hardware comes to $1730 if purchased on the open market new.

Both the 38 and 18 watt lamps have only a few hours usage.

I have hundreds of fluorescent rocks. There are conservatively 400-500 or more pieces. I don't know the exact number or exactly what I have but some of the better pieces include a 3” chunk with about 1/3rd coverage with Esperite. There are quite a few 3 color rocks, with Hardystonite, Willemite, and calcite, and some with clinohedrite. There is quite a bit of Hyalite opal including one blue tinted botryoidal piece. Besides the pictures of my 2’ by 4’ display, I have nine 18” by 13” tomato boxes of pieces from small 2” to 6-8” pieces. A nice slab about 7-8” across with tiny 1/8” crystal clear cubic crystals of fluorite on all sides.

The majority of the minerals are from the Franklin and Sterling Hill mine areas of New Jersey.
One of the pictures is the Esperite, but my camera does not do it justice. It's a bright yellow down one side and around one corner.

Asking price of $1600 is for take all; no separation of items. Buyer must pick up in Charleston.

Contact Tim Geho at tgeho@bellsouth.net or call with questions at 843-795-3331

THINGS TO DO WHEN ATTENDING THIS YEAR’S NATIONAL SHOW!

By Jim Brace-Thompson, 2017 CFMS-AFMS Show Publicity Chair

On behalf of the Ventura Gem & Mineral Society, I’ve been issuing invitations to attend and exhibit at this year’s national AFMS Show & Convention taking place June 9-11 in Ventura, California. For those making such plans and traveling from across the country, I want to alert you to the many other things to do while in SoCal (short for Southern California)!

We have great fee digs up and down the state for rare and valuable gemstones and fossils, including giant shark teeth at Shark Tooth Hill near Bakersfield or several tourmaline mines near Pala in San Diego County. We also have world-class museums. For instance, one of the exhibits at the Show will feature minerals from the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County and another will highlight meteorites from the UCLA Meteorite Gallery. Both places are within easy driving distance of Ventura —so long as you don’t hit the freeway during morning or evening rush hours (or any time in between). In SoCal, you’ll also find the La Brea Tar Pits, the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History with great fossil and mineral displays, and more. For those looking for attractions above and beyond rocks, Ventura County is also home to the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library & Museum, some 30 minutes from the Fairgrounds.

To find out more about these and other attractions, go to the show website at http://2017CFMS-AFMSShow.com. We within the Ventura Gem & Mineral Society look forward to hosting you at the national show and convention—and to helping you enjoy your visit to Southern California!
Request for Comment Letters on Proposed Rule

We appreciate the positive response to the CFMS call to action regarding the need for comment letters on the Proposed Rule under the Paleontological Resources Preservation Act of 2009 (PRPA). (Comment period deadline is Monday, February 6, 2017.)

The intent of the original call to action appears to need clarification. CFMS member clubs and AFMS regional federations and their member clubs have been invited to sign onto a detailed comment letter prepared by Karol McQueary, President of the Southern California Paleontological Society (SCPS). The SCPS letter is being distributed for review by club boards that must vote to give their clubs' signature approval. However, some clubs are using the SCPS letter as a boilerplate or form letter to submit their own individual comment letters under their letterhead. This is very counter-productive and deeply unappreciated. It is not a boilerplate/form letter. We regret any misunderstanding on this point.

Karol McQueary, with input from members of CFMS-affiliated clubs, invested considerable effort and many hours crafting a detailed letter. The goal of distributing the SCPS letter is to get as many signatures as possible onto the SCPS letter in order to lend authority to it. We feel this is the best way to be effective with a comment letter.

We agree with Mike Hunerlach, geologist, ret., 35 years with USFS and BLM, and currently CFMS PLAC-Central Chair, who has advised us that one authority letter with many signatories is critically important. Individual form letters are counter-productive.

A proven model for an effective comment letter. The campaign seeking your support for the SCPS letter is modeled after the letter submitted to the San Bernardino County Supervisors encouraging them to deny a permit for the Soda Mountain Solar Project. It was signed by one author and had 70 scientists as signatories. Not 70 letters. One effective, well-written letter signed by many. The permit was denied. Let's learn the useful lessons of others who have been successful.

Please respect the intent of sharing the SCPS letter with you. Ask your club to sign onto this letter, don't duplicate it.

Boilerplate/form letters are unhelpful. Anyone who uses the SCPS letter as a boilerplate and then submits it separately will dilute the hard work that went into crafting it. All the letters, including Karol's original SCPS letter, will effectively negate all the hard work that went into drafting it. The effectiveness of all the variant form letters will be likewise diluted. Anyone who does not agree with this opinion should craft their own original letter.

If your write your own letter, make it original. To be clear, we do not want to discourage anyone or any group/club from submitting individual letters. A lot of letters is a good thing. Certainly, if someone does not agree with us that one authority letter with many signatories is not as effective as many letters, then by all means prepare your own separate letter written in your own words (sorry, changing a few sentences is still a form letter, and minor variations will undercut the SCPS letter).

Support SCPS, and email Karol McQueary (socalpaleo@yahoo.com) to add your club's
signature to her letter. Her effort benefits the entire community of hobby fossil collectors and rockhounds.
Please send Karol the following information:
  Club/org/school name
  Officer name and title (usually club president)
  Number of members in your club
  Club/org/school mailing address

Gem and Mineral Shows

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
LEX GEM SHOW
MARCH 25 & 26, 2017
Mineral and fossil specimens, cabbing rough, crystals,
Artisan jewelry, books, and children’s items.
Silent Auctions and Hourly Door Prizes
Free Parking

New This Year!
Educational Seminar
Mike Howard, author of “Rockhounding Arkansas” will give 1 free seminar each day on the geology of Arkansas and the minerals and crystals found in Arkansas. He was an economic geologist/mineralogist for 40 years, retired in 2013. He has authored many articles for mineral collectors as well as the scientific community. Seating is limited at the seminar. Attendance is on a first come basis.

Clarin Hotel Convention Center
1950 Newtown Pike ~ Lexington, KY ~ Exit 115 I-75

ADMISSION: $2 Adults ~ $1 children 6-17; Scouts in uniform free; Families $5
CONCESSIONS ON SITE
http://bgamc.homestead.com/

Show Hours:
Saturday
9 AM to 6 PM
Sunday
11 AM to 5 PM
Seminar Daily
11 AM
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 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

April 15, 2017; Marietta, GA
3rd Annual Rock Swap; Cobb County Gem and Mineral Society

Hours: 1000 to 1600

Location: 516 West Atlanta Street, Marietta, Ga 30060

DEALERS WANTED       E-mail Bob Hohn: ROBERT_HOHN@comcast.net

Everyone is welcome to attend and participate. This is a wonderful opportunity to get to know other members of our club and other clubs. You can deplete unwanted inventory, earn extra cash and gain new material for your collection. What more could you ask for?

Booth spaces are approximately 10’ x 10’. A fee of $20 will be charged. Setups are the responsibility of the individual. Setups must be completed by 10 a.m. and are assigned on a first come/first serve basis.

Booth renters can bring any lapidary items you wish to swap or sell. All gem and mineral club members, family and friends, dealers and the general public are welcome to rent a booth space.

You do not have to rent a booth to participate. You can bring any lapidary items you wish to swap, trade or sell. The only cost to you is what transpires between you and the person you’re negotiating with. We do ask you to keep track of the value of the swap and donate 10% at the administration desk.

Other CCGMS activities:

AUCTIONS: There will be two auctions to be held. The first one will be held at 11am the 2nd will take place at 2pm. They will be short so not to interfere with the swap too much. The material will be well worth your attendance!

Geode cracking

Hot dogs, chips & drinks for a nominal fee. Please come hungry!

*Check out our new rock hound's forum! https://www.ccgms.org/forum

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

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 Show Chair Karen Havenstein of Charleston, SC at (843) 795-2956; e-mail: fossils@comcast.net;
Web site: www.lowcountrygemandmineralsociety.org

May 12 – 14, 2017; Marietta, GA

The Georgia Mineral Society’s 49th Annual Mother's Day Weekend Gem, Mineral, Jewelry, and Fossil Show – May 12, 13, 14, 2017 – Cobb Civic Center, 548 South Marietta Pkwy., SE, Marietta, GA 30060. Show Hours: Friday – 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.; Saturday – 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.; Sunday – noon – 5 p.m. EXCITING AUCTION Saturday at 1 p.m.!!! FREE Admission! FREE Parking! Over 30 Dealers! Door Prizes! SPECIAL Door Prize for Students! Win a Great Prize for Yourself and for Your School!

Website – www.gamineral.org
Email – mayshow@gamineral.org
From left to right, Craig Hamilton 1st Vice President, Barbi Beatty Assistant Treasurer, Teresa Polly President, Jerri Herr Secretary, Reggie Bolton 2nd Vice President, Dave Wayment 1st AMFS VP, Lisa Roberts Past President.
## 2017 SFMS Officers

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