The Lodestar is the newsletter of the Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies, Inc. and is published electronically every month.

THE SOUTHEAST FEDERATION OF MINERALOGICAL SOCIETIES, INC.
A Non-Profit, Non-Commercial, Non-Political Organization and Regional Federation of the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies

PURPOSE:
To bring about a closer association of Clubs and Societies devoted to the study of Earth Sciences and the practice of Lapidary Arts and Crafts in the Southeast part of the United States.

OBJECTIVE:
To cooperate with similar Federations to promote public interest in the Earth Sciences and the conservation of natural resources.
Dear Fellow Rock Hounds

Hope everyone is having a great year. We are almost at the half-way mark. June will be here in a couple weeks. I look forward to seeing everyone at the June 4 meeting in Georgia. The Georgia Mineral Society will be hosting the meeting. After the meeting will be a picnic and auction (lots of rocks and lapidary equipment), so bring a big appetite and plenty of money. It will be nice to spend time with fellow Southeast Federation Members and talk rocks. See you there.

The SFMS will be collecting lapidary items for the Education Scholarship Fund. We no longer have the stamp program. If you or your club would like to donate items… Bring the items with you to our June meeting. If not attending the meeting send items to Dave Wayment or
Lisa Roberts  10328 BriarBay Loop Jonesboro, Ga 30238  423-494-7096  Remember your items are a tax deduction Please give generously  The money raised will be used for scholarships to William Holland or Wildacres. If you have any questions please call me.

Attention SFMS Clubs and members take a look at our new Website: http://www.amfed.org/sfms/

Lots of useful information for you and your club on the web. If you find anything that needs to be changed or updated please e-mail me antleycreations@yahoo.com

Thank you
Lisa Roberts  2016 SFMS President

Secretary’s Report

Quarterly Meeting Minutes
February 27, 2016 in Jackson, Mississippi

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Lisa Roberts at 9:00 A.M.

Invocation by Buddy Shotts

Introductions were made of officers and attendees

Pledge of Allegiance

Host Welcome: Joy Rushing of the Mississippi Gem and Mineral Society welcomed all to Jackson and invited everyone to come to the 57th Annual Show of MGMS, the host of this meeting. Attendance free to all attendees. She also suggested visiting the Mississippi Museum of Natural Sciences and the Mississippi Petrified Forest on Flora, MS.

Quorum Check – Secretary Jerri Heer verified that we have quorum

Approval of Agenda – Motion by Dave Wayment, seconded by Mari Webb to accept Agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Parliamentarian Appointment – Travis Paris was appointed Parliamentarian

Minutes – Minutes from the Annual Meeting held in November 2015 in Melbourne are in the packet. Motion made by Teresa Polly, seconded by Mari Webb to accept the minutes as written. Motion carried.

Remarks by President: Lisa Roberts stated that the next Quarterly meeting will be held June 3-4, 2016 in Norcross, GA, hosted by the Georgia Mineral Society. Dennis Buchanan of the GMS provided details including the
Friday night Cracker Barrel and the Saturday morning Meeting at the Society headquarters, followed by lunch at the club’s Annual Picnic and Auction. The conference hotel will be the Sonesta Hotel. Rooms have been negotiated at a rate of $99 per night.

Lisa also indicated that the Annual Meeting will be hosted by the Cobb County Gem and Mineral Society in Marietta in November, more details to follow.

Officer Reports:

President: Lisa Roberts – report in the packet

1st Vice President: Teresa Polly – in the packet

2nd Vice President: Craig Hamilton – no report

Secretary: Jerri Heer – encouraged all who hold positions to provide reports for each meeting – report in the packet

Treasurer: Mari Webb – Reports in the packet. Mari deposited $12,154 of membership payments into the operating fund that does not show up in the January 31 reports.

Assistant Treasurer: Charlotte Caughman – No report. Matt Lybanon of the Memphis Archeological and Geological Society asked about Insurance certificates for clubs who need them by April 1. It is suggested that they must get forms in ASAP. Insurance is now at the rate of $2 per member, Updated forms are available on the website.

Membership Secretary: Jason Hamilton - 95% of member clubs have renewed to date. Jason has 50% of updates to directory complete. There is still some confusion about submission of contact info. Teresa Polly suggested that John Rassmussen and Jeff Ursillo also get updates and work to provide info they have to Jason.

Lodestar Editor: John Rasmussen - no report

Immediate Past President: Dave Wayment – Voiced welcome to all, reminder for clubs to contact the SFMS if they need help.

A.F.M.S. 2nd V President: Mark Easterbrook – no report

MAYO E.F. President: Bill Waggener-report in packet. Janet Steeper spoke, representing the Mayo board, reminded all that the deadline for scholarship applications is March 31. Application is on the website. The Knoxville Club has been the only club providing applicants recently.

State Director Reports:

Alabama: Philip Kaiser – in Packet

Florida: Jeff Ursillo – No Report

Florida Assistant Director: Craig Hamilton

Florida Assistant Director: Tom Mitchell

Georgia: Scott Forward – No Report

Kentucky: Charles Oldham – No Report

Louisiana: Dr. Bridget Joubert – In Packet


North Carolina: Gail Ferguson – No Report

South Carolina: Bob Green – No Report
Tennessee: Toni Garland – In Packet

Virginia: Bill Osbourne – No Report

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

Bulletin Editor’s Contest: Mark Easterbrook – No Report

Constitution and Bylaws: Lisa Fitch – No Report

Education: Danny Griffin – In packet

Field Trip: Charles Carter, New Chair – No Report

Historian: Don Monroe – No Report

Insurance Liaison: Charlotte Caughman – No Report

Junior Program: - Position Open, Need New Junior Coordinator

Long Range Planning: No Report

Nominations: Dave Wayment – Looking for suggestions for 2nd VP, Asst Treasurer, Newsletter Editor – Pat Gilly will try to apprentice.

Public Relations: - No report – Jennifer Runion - new Chair

Publications: Jason Hamilton

Safety: Bob Green – No Report

Slide, Video & DVD Programs: James Webb – SFMS Library currently housed at JGMS – Reviewing and transferring slides and VHS to DVD. Mari Webb is scanning scripts to accompany. We are open to donations to add material. Index on web and in directory.

Stamp Program: per Dave Wayment: Stamp Program is suspended and will be replaced with a Drawing. Looking for donations of hobby related items valued at $25 or more. Volume of ticket sales at each club will determine number of names in hat for scholarships, or some percentage of membership? Still in planning stages. Buddy Shotts will assist Dave.

Supplies: No Report


Uniform Rules: Leslie Wayment – No Report

Ways & Means:

Webmaster: Jeff Ursillo - In Packet

Wildacres Workshop Director: Rosemary van Wandelen – In Packet – a reminder that we now have PayPal as a means of payment. Have 6 new teachers, 15 registrations, one class filled already.

Wildacres Workshop Registrar: Toni Garland/Linda Matvy – in packet – register early to prevent class cancellation

Wm Holland Workshop Director: Jim & Cindy Reed – In packet

Wm Holland Workshop Registrar: Heidi Weitzel – no report

Youth Resources: - OPEN

<BREAK> 10:00 – 10:20AM

A.F.M.S. Committee Representative Reports:

A.F.M.S. Newsletter: John Rasmussen – No Report

All American: - No Report
Boundaries: Buddy Shotts – No Report
Bulletin Editors’ Advisory: Mark Easterbrook – No report
Bulletin Editor’s Hall of Fame: Mark Easterbrook – No Report
Club Rockhound of the Year: Marty Hart – No Report
Collecting Sites: No Report
Conservation and Legislation: John Wright - No Report
Endowment Fund: Jerri Heer – Tickets Available
Inter-Regional Field Trip: Charles Carter – new to position
Junior Program: OPEN
Program Competition: James Webb – Questions were asked about Program competition, submit to James, then submitted to AFMS – Deadline April 15.
Public Relations: No Report
Publications & Supplies: Mari Webb – No Report
Safety: Bob Green – No Report
Uniform Rules: Leslie Wayment – No Report
Ways & Means:
Website: Jeff Ursillo – No Report
Website Contest: Jeff Ursillo – No Report
MAYO Educational Foundation Meeting:
No meeting at this time
Old Business:
Mari Webb provided the following guidelines for people and clubs who submit NSF checks:

1st offense verbal notification
2nd offense – written notification
3rd offense – money order, certified check or cash required for all future payments.

New Business:

Travis Paris announced that Knoxville Gem and Mineral Society will host the 2017 SFMS Annual Meeting, October 21-22, 2017
Matt Lybanon announced that there is a UTube Video on the Memphis Gem Show – The Earth Wide Open
Teresa Polly made a motion to change the operating rules to allow the Treasurer to write checks under $750 with one signature for normal operating expenses within budgets. After discussion, Teresa amended motion to allow treasurer to write single signature checks up to $350 for budgeted items. Seconded by Jerri Heer, Motion carried.
Dave Wayment made a motion to allow the Treasurer to carry a debit card to use for budgeted items under $350. Seconded by Reggie Bolton, Motion Carried.
Motion made by Reggie Bolton, seconded by Dave Hanes to research Bonding and D & O Insurer. Motion carried. Phil Kaiser will research.
Adjournment – Motion by Dave Wayment, second by Charles Carter, Motion carried, Meeting adjourned at 10:57 AM.

Quarterly Meeting Reports
Jackson, Mississippi
February 27, 2016

OFFICER’S REPORTS:

PRESIDENT
I am afraid there is not much to report.
I would like everyone to read the February article from AFMS President Matt Charsky Resolutions Pledge to better ourselves and our lives through our hobby in this new year.
I am inspired to do better this year after reading A word From the President AFMS Newsletter
I want to be the best 2016 SFMS President, I can be. So help me be my best me....and you be your best you get involved.........the Southeast Federation needs you

Lisa Roberts
423-494-7096
antleycreations@yahoo.com

2016 SFMS President
**********************************************************************************************************

1ST VICE PRESIDENT
The Cobb County Gem and Mineral Society (CCGMS) has graciously volunteered to host the SFMS Annual meeting to coincide with their annual show November 18 to 20, 2016. The cracker barrel meeting will be held at their clubhouse 516 West Atlanta St., Marietta, GA 30060. Their show will be returning to the Cobb County Civic Center in 2016. The Georgia Mineral Society will host our second quarterly meeting to coincide with their June picnic and auction. The Cracker Barrel will be held at their clubhouse at 4138 Steve Reynolds Boulevard Norcross, GA 30093-3059 Friday June 3, 2015. The official meeting will also be held at their clubhouse the morning of Saturday June 4, 2015. Everyone that attends the SFMS meeting is also invited to attend the club picnic and auction that will take place at lunchtime at a local park. Dennis Buchanan the SFMS liaison for GMS is still working on hotel arrangements.
SECRETARY

I will continue to encourage all Officers, State Directors and Committee Chairs to submit some level of report prior to each meeting. Even a brief statement, paragraph or comment about your position, progress or pertinent news will help to better inform our member clubs. It doesn’t have to be elaborate or lengthy, but there should be something to report. Minutes of each meeting as well as this report packet will continue to be published in the Lodestar so that everyone can easily find out what is happening in this Federation, whether they are able to attend the meetings or not.

Jerri Heer
Secretary SFMS
Jheerx6@aol.com

TREASURER

SFMS Treasurer’s Report
February 27, 2016
Report prepared using date as of December 31, 2015
BB&T 1 yr. CD @ 0.10%$15,197.20
BB&T 1½ yr. CD @ 0.20%$10,090.31
BB&T 2 yr. CD @ 0.20%$20,641.09

The 1 yr. CD will mature 06/28/16 @ .10%, the 1½ yr. CD will mature 02/03/18 @ .90% and the 2 yr. CD will mature 07/30/16 @ .20%. Theses CD’s will automatically mature at the current market interest rate if not interrupted.

Stamp account funds in the amount of $633.04 are comingled with the SFMS BB&T Operating account; however, these funds are available for
Stamp Scholarships only.

Lodestar account was closed February, 2014.

Education expenses to date; $44,315.21 Education income to date: $45,138.00.
Secretary’s expenses, 363.25.
The annual audit for 2014 has been conducted by Don McLamb and Craig Hamilton (Florida’s Assistant Director)
Attached is a FY2015 Balance Sheet year to date; and Profit & Loss to date as prepared by Quick Books.

Respectfully submitted,
Mari Webb
SFMS Treasurer

***************************************************************************

STATE DIRECTOR’S REPORTS:

ALABAMA

There are six Alabama Clubs in the SFMS. All six are doing well and reporting positively.

The Alabama Mineral and Lapidary Society of Birmingham reports recent membership gains, reversing a down trend. They are planning another show at the Tannehill Park in June.

The Dothan Gem and Mineral Club show is scheduled for March 19th and 20th, again at the Houston County Farm Center. They have a full house with dealers in line to attend.

The East Alabama Gem and Mineral Society of Opelika has a steady trend of membership growth in recent years.

The Huntsville Gem and Mineral Society has the largest adult membership in Alabama and it is growing. They have recently been able to purchase all new lapidary equipment for their
workshops. Emphasis is being placed on the junior membership (the Pebble Pups). They had a particularly successful auction fund-raiser.

The Mobile Rock and Gem Society has the largest total membership with 48 junior members and a full slate of junior activities. The club has this year again awarded scholarship funding to the University of South Alabama, the University of Mobile and the Bishop State Community College. All awards are directed to geology and natural science students.

The Montgomery Gem and Mineral Society has successfully changed their show venue and has accommodated to the date conflict with the rescheduled Marietta, Georgia club. They have returned to the Garrett Coliseum and will repeat there this year. They had 28 dealers in attendance.

2016 is off to a good start and should be a good year for Alabama.

Phil Kaiser
Alabama State Director

******************************************************************************

LOUISIANA

There are seven active "rock" clubs in Louisiana, one of which belongs to the SFMS and five of them have communicated with me on their activities. I requested monthly copies of newsletters and hopefully a quarterly report from each club on meetings, field trips, and other items of interest. All reported at least one or more lapidary field days, regular monthly meetings, regular club meeting programs, and some have noted increased membership.

Four clubs have annual Rock and Gem shows:

DeRidder G and M Soc. (May)
Baton Rouge G and M Soc. (August)
Ark-La-Tex G and M Soc (August)
New Orleans Rock Club (October)

Relatively good attendance for the 2015 shows continued to be a pleasant surprise, despite the economy being way down for LA and the nation as a whole. Hopefully this will turn around even more in 2016 thusly giving a boost to the lapidary arts in general. As a show dealer, I continue to note increased customer interest in gemstones, mineral specimens, fossils, and general lapidary knowledge. We hope, with the high price of gas, more people will be looking for events closer to home and want to come to our local Gem and Mineral shows. We remind all clubs that have shows in the future, ADVERTISE! Let the public know when and where the
I have talked with the other clubs and they indicated that the lack of affordable show halls has stopped the non-show clubs from having their own annual shows. But as is happening nationwide, the continuing aging of the ‘active’ members in many clubs and the inability of these oldsters to work/organize/ or attend their club’s shows has hampered the clubs from having shows. It has been a chore to get younger adults and kids away from their electronic toys and into field trips and club meetings!

Now on the plus side, a very encouraging sign is the Katrina devastated New Orleans G & M Club (SFMS affiliate) has resumed their annual shows. Their annual show is scheduled for this coming October….try to attend it, New Orleans is always fun to visit. The revival of the NO club shows is a strong plus for all Lapidary clubs in LA.!!! We wish them great success and urge all clubs to talk their show up!!!

A new club (SCFMS affiliate) has been formed in Lafayette LA this year and we hope they will be able to get a place for their own show. If you see any of the members at N.O., Jackson, or Biloxi shows, give them a pat on the back!

I will continue to query the Louisiana clubs and hopefully receive club quarterly reports. If so, I may have a more detailed review for next year.

Sincerely,

Jim Marler
Dist . V.P., Louisiana

TENNESSEE

This quarter there have several club shows going on. Knoxville was in October, Kingsport and MTGMS in December of 2015. I have not been to any so far in January.

Tennessee has many good club shows during the year. I plan to visit as many as possible in the coming year. I hope to visit the clubs or contact them and see how they are doing now. We did
have 2 clubs having trouble with getting volunteers to serve as officers. One man was serving at least 3 officer positions in his club. They have made some progress in getting more people to volunteer. Another club said they would have to disband if they couldn't get more people to volunteer by January. One man had been on the board for 12 plus years and needed a break. They had some people volunteer but whether it will be enough we will have to see. I will check with these clubs and see how they are doing this year, as well as the other clubs.

This seems to be a common problem in clubs. People want to come to meetings and field trips but don't want to do the work. What can be done? Does an ultimatum work, threats, discussions? How do we determine the best way to proceed? Is there research on this? Why do some clubs succeed and others flounder. Something to think about.

Toni Garland
Toni Garland, Tennessee State Director 2016

S.F.M.S. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

EDUCATION:

The workshop website (www.sfmsworkshops.com) has been revised this year with a new look. Please check it out. It is easier to navigate for everyone and there are bigger and better pictures of the projects. Selecting a picture will bring up an even larger version.

The Directors have done a great job of signing up instructors this year. I believe the lineup has something for everyone.

As the workshops get closer advertising will be published to encourage others to sign up. If you have suggestions on publications, websites, or social media sites that you believe would be productive then give me a call or send an e-mail to let me know about it. I would like to ask that each of you encourage your club newsletter editor to publish something about the workshops in each newsletter. Getting the word out is vital to workshop attendance. I am always available to help them with any info they might need.
As always, I would like to thank the Directors (Cindy Reed – William Holland & Rosemary van Wandelen – Wildacres), the Registrars (Heidi Wetzel – William Holland & Toni Garland/ Linda Matvy – Wildacres), and the Workshop Webmaster (Jennifer Runion) for all the work they have done. There is a huge amount of effort that goes on behind the scenes to get the workshops up and running each year. The workshops would not happen if it weren’t for these dedicated volunteers.

Please look at the website and signup for any class that interests you. Your continuing support of the workshops is what keeps them going.

SFMS Education Chairman
Danny Griffin
gcjinc@comcast.net
(865) 406-8802

******************************************************************************

WEBMASTER:

ATTENTION WEBMASTERS:

The 2016 contest deadline is fast approaching! March 31st to be exact. This is a great chance to have your website evaluated by several sets of judges from around the AFMS. The judging is based on standards that are available to all entrants as part of the entry process. The judges always provide positive feedback for issues that they see and usually offer fixes for them as well. It really is a chance to have a professional help you make positive changes to your club’s website….changes that will help members and potential members get the information they need from the site.

Entry is simple. There are 3 PDFs on the SFMS website (http://www.amfed.org/sfms/webmaster-contest.html) that you would need to download. The Guidelines PDF is just that, the rules of the contest and what you need to do to enter your club’s site. PLEASE be sure to read the guidelines file. The next 2 forms are the Scoresheet and the Entry form. The Scoresheet is the form the judges will be using to rate your site for the contest. The Entry form gives us the basic information necessary to access the site. Please be sure to fill in the top of both the Scoresheet and Entry forms before you send them in to me at bnmjeff@aol.com by March 31st.

All entries are judged by 2 separate judges from outside the SFMS. The scores will be averaged to determine the winning site. The top THREE winning sites will then be sent to the AFMS contest, where they will be competing in a pool of the top three sites from each of the other 6 Federations using the same judging process.
Please take this opportunity to enter this year’s contest.

Questions? Please feel free to contact me at bnmjeff@aol.com

Jeff Ursillo
SFMS Webmaster

****************************************************************************************************

WILD ACRES WORKSHOP DIRECTOR

Thanks everyone for coming to this SFMS meeting

Want to thank Toni and Linda for doing a great job as new registrars for Wildacres this year, any questions please contact them at waregistrar2014@gmail.com

An update, please help pass this info along to your clubs, we are offering Pay Pal to pay for registration.

Along with classes repeat students have asked for, we have new classes not offered before, or new teachers that have not taught at a SFMS Workshop. Hope these will catch some interest.

And get your registration in as early as possible, with 2nd and 3rd choices, classes are filling up. And we are limited in rooms, once filled up at Wildacres we have to request for more, so get those deposits in.

Any questions on teachers or classes please contact me.

Rosemary van Wendelen
Director Wildacres
386-479-1509
rrborzoi@yahoo.com

*****************************************************************************************************

WILD ACRES REGISTRAR

As the new registrar for Wildacres, there has not been too much going on yet this year. Linda Matvy, co-registrar, and I have met and discussed what we need to do to get ready for class registration to begin. Linda is the financial half of our team. As the contact person, I have made a notebook for classes and attendees and am ready to begin the registration process.

We are both excited to begin our term. As of Monday January 25, 2016 we have received our first student for session 3 in September, we are off to a good start.

In September, Linda and I attended Wildacres to do our training session. Paula and Danny Griffin met with us several times to discuss different issues. We learned a lot about our
duties and are eager to begin. We have received all the information from the past registrar and have discussed and determined which duties we will each do and are comfortable with our partnership. We will work together during each session while there. We are both familiar with Wildacres and have enjoyed going there in the past and are looking forward to the future.

Toni Garland, Wildacres Registrar 2016

WILD ACRES WORKSHOP DIRECTOR

We have another great week at William Holland. We have 12 classes lined up with something for everyone. Among the first time classes are Polymer Clay, Gem Trees, SouthWest Silver and Wire Wrap Weaving & Filigree.

We ask everyone to spread the word about the workshops. A list of classes is below.

Respectfully Submitted

Jim and Cindy Reed

Class   Instructor
Beading      Becky Patellis
Cabochons    Dave Bergquist
Casting      Bill Harr
Chainmaille  Kathy Morris
Faceting     Tom Mitchell
Gem Trees    Jerri Heer
Mineral ID   Scott Forward
Opals        Carl Talbott
Polymer Clay Sandra Davis
Silver II- SW Silver Nancy English
Wire I       Sandy Bergquist
Wire II-Wire Weaving
Committee Reports

Education Chair Report

– Danny Griffin

Well, it’s just a few weeks away from the 1st workshop of the year which begins on June 5th at William Holland School of Lapidary Arts. There is still time to enroll in a class if you hurry, hurry, hurry. Go to the website at www.sfmsworkshops.com for an application. If you signup for a William Holland class, I suggest that you contact Heidi Wetzel, WH Registrar, to let her know that your application and check are in the mail. All her contact info is posted on the website. The following classes still have openings, so check out the descriptions below:

- The Gem Tree class instructor does not teach the types of trees your grandmother use to make! I saw Jerri’s gem trees at a gem and mineral show last year. They were spectacular and were so realistic they looked like bonsai! I bought one and my mother-in-law bought several for friends and the great-grandchildren.

Gem Trees - Jerri Heer

This class will start with the basic skills of gem tree making, and graduate to an exploration of multiple styles and advanced design of truly beautiful and species specific trees. We will discuss and study a variety of construction methods, as well as how to plan and create our own patterns. Lab fee includes wire, leaf stones, bases and materials to make at least one small basic tree, one medium tree and one large tree. All instructions, patterns and tools will be included. A large variety of additional gemstone wire, leaf and base materials will be available for purchase.

- Carl teaches using a tried and true method of opal cutting that will leave the beginner with all the skills necessary to comfortably cut opal at home.
Opals - Carl Talbott

This class is a structured approach for beginners in identifying, cutting and polishing opals starting with a kit of various types of common and precious opals. Lab fee covers the cost of the kit plus all necessary supplies. Students will receive ample assistance and guidance in completion of the kit, and afterward, will be able to cut any type of opal. Students may bring their own opals to cut and polish, or purchase from an extensive in-house inventory. Friday afternoons are reserved for evaluation and constructive criticism of student's work using a methodology developed by Dr. Paul Downing.

Polymer Clay - Sandra Davis

This class is intended for students with little or no experience. You will learn to sculpt flowers and leaves for pendants and earrings; make a dragons eye; cover a jewelry box or memo book with a clay picture; and learn to make an animal of your choice. We will cover clay preparation, color mixing, basic sculpture guidelines, how to make textured surfaces, and baking strategies as well as how to use mica powders, chalk powders, and other coloring compounds. Sandra loves using steam punk components, jewelry findings, crystals, shells and just about anything you can think of in her designs. Lab fee includes handouts, instructions and clay for projects, as well as use of tools, embossers and coloring powder. Bring your own findings if you have them (although an assortment will be available from the instructor) and your own pasta machine if you wish. William Holland has machines, but you may like yours better. Extra clay will be available to purchase as needed. You are welcome to bring your own Premo or Sculpy clay if specific colors are desired. Bring pictures of anything extra you would like to try to sculpt for motivation.

After reading these descriptions, Can you believe they aren't full yet???

Please pass this information to as many of your club members as possible. Word of mouth has always been our best form of advertising.

Also, remember there are workshops at Wildacres in August and September. You have a little time to check out those schedules and signup for a class. However, you shouldn’t procrastinate too long because classes are filling up quickly.

Thanks again to all those folks who have already signed up, the instructors who have volunteered their time, and to all the people working in the background to make these workshops possible.

See you at the workshops!

Safety – Snakes

– Bob Green, Chairperson
Greetings all, sorry, I missed last month’s article. I came down with what is best described as “old age crud”. I am getting better, but recover was certainly not as swift as 40 years ago.

This month, I will digress a bit and talk about snakes. Many folks think that the only good snake is a dead snake; however, that is definitely not the case. We have been lucky; we have a resident black snake. The present snake must be a descendent of the black snake that welcomed us to the property some 20 years ago. These guys are great mousers and will actually consume other snakes. So if you are lucky enough to have a black snake close by, smile real big.

Now snake stories:

When I was growing up in the late 40’s and early 50’s, we had an aunt that was terrified of snakes. She lived in a (at that time) remote portion of western North Carolina. Her son lived about a half mile from her house and she would often walk to his house along the connecting dirt road. This particular day, she came across a large snake in the middle of the road. She and her fear of these led her to backtrack and take the long route through the woods on a trail that required her to walk some 2 miles, again through the woods. She told that story a number of times and every time shuddered when she mentioned the snake in the road. Never considering that there may have been more in the woods, She was such a nice and lovely person, but her fear of snakes was surprising.

During my teenage years, a hunting buddy and I were after squirrels and were very quietly walking down a logging road. My friend was about 20 feet in front of me. Suddenly he ran into me and I asked “What the heck?”. Through a quivering voice I heard him say “snake”. Close to where he started his backward trek, lay about a 2 foot copperhead. This was in mid-October in the mountains on North Carolina so, the snake was a bit sluggish. My friend still shaking said “I’ll take care of him” and proceeded to shoot at the snake a number of times with a .22 rifle. Needless to say, the snake was not hit. My friend then proceeded to pick up a rather large stick and beat up the snake.

Another time, I was hunting squirrels, again in mid-October and I sat on a long log, I heard some noise in the leaves and looked up to see a rather large black snake crawling up on the other end of the log from where I was sitting. Well, Mr. Snake slithered to about 5 feet of where I was and stopped, looking at me and flicking his tongue. After about 10 minutes, I decided to let him have the log and I moved away. As I left, I was no more than 10 feet away, the snake slithered very quickly past where I was sitting and disappeared into a hole in the log, some 6 feet beyond where I had been sitting.

This time of the year, snakes are out and the upstate of South Carolina has several snakes that are not as people friendly as black snakes. So be careful. Copperheads love to hide under brush piles, ground hugging plants, etc.

When I was about 14, a neighbor had trimmed his hedges late in the day and left the debris in a pile in his yard overnight. In the morning, he picked up his debris and this included a copperhead that proceeded to welcome him to morning with a bite on the guys thumb.
Visit to the Petrified Forest National Park

– Danny Griffin

Due to some travel with work, I happened to be a few hours away from meteor crater in Arizona. I felt like this was a great opportunity to visit the site and go someplace a little warmer. Santa Fe was experiencing snow flurries that weekend. Just after I entered Arizona I passed an exit that went to the Petrified Forest National Park. I made a mental note to stop there on my return trip to check it out. Visiting the park wasn’t high on my priority list. I was going to skip it if I ran out of time.

Meteor crater was more interesting than I expected and I spent a lot of time in the museum and on the observation decks. That evening I got back as far Winslow, Arizona and found a motel for the night. The next morning I was in too big a hurry to stand on any of the street corners. Nor did I see any girls in flat bed Fords slowing down to take a look at anybody! This must have been an Eagles myth.

I will describe what I saw in this article and will describe the geology of the park in a follow-up article.

I am glad I had a whole day to visit the Petrified Forest National Park. It was undoubtedly one of the most spectacular parks imaginable for a rock hound. The northern end of the park includes vistas of the Painted Desert. If you enter the parks from the I-40 exit you see the Painted Desert first and then a few miles down the road you begin to see the Petrified Forest. You exit the Petrified Forest near the town of Holbrook. The road thru the park is approximately 27 miles, one way, not counting the looping side roads you can take. If visiting the park, I suggest you take as many of those side roads that you have time for. Most lead to locations where you can park and walk thru the forest.

I enter from the I-40 side and found out from the park ranger, at the entry gate, that I was eligible for the national park senior pass. It costs $10, never expires, and is good at all national parks! Ya Hoo!!

Painted Desert had spectacular views that would take your breath away. I used my phone camera to take so many shots I thought I might fill up the memory before exiting the park. Fortunately I did not have that problem. The colors of the desert were amazing. There were also many hiking trails for those who have the time and can handle a little steep terrain.
After entering the Petrified Forest portion of the park I took a looping side road that led to an area called Blue Mesa. On the road to the top of the mesa petrified wood was lying everywhere. I stopped and got out of my car too many times to count. The Blue Mesa trail area was a mile long walk that went down into the lower section of the mesa. The blue and gray colors of the surroundings were where the mesa got its name.

Within this lower section you could see where petrified wood logs had eroded from the surroundings and tumbled down the steep slopes.
I stopped at many other looping side roads and saw more petrified wood, hundreds of petroglyphs, and even a few buildings that were made from petrified wood. I wonder what the native Americans thought of the wood that was made of rock?

I entered one area where even the gravel was petrified wood. For a rock hound it was tough not to pick up a few pieces to cut into souvenir cabochons. I resisted and I'm glad I did. More on this later.

Near the end of the trip there was an area where the logs got really long. I stepped off one and I believe it was at least 100 ft long! It must have been a spectacular tree when it was alive.
In this same area the wood had a more vibrant mix of colors than the other locations I had seen. There were reds, blacks, yellows, lavenders and so many others that it would take weeks to describe, so I've included a few picture for you to see.
I did visit the gift shop at the end of the park and they had lots of polished slabs and jewelry that included petrified wood cabochons.

As I exited the park there was a park ranger that was stopping each car and inquiring whether anyone inside had illegally collected petrified wood. It was tactfully explained that if they
declared that there was wood in their car, and they handed it over, that no one would be in trouble. But, if they did not declare there was petrified wood in the car, and it was searched, then everyone would be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law for stealing from a National Park. After declaring that I had not picked up any wood, I asked if anyone ever admits to taking wood from the park. He said they confiscate lots each day. He said they got 80 lbs from someone the day before my visit! That must have been one huge chunk or a whole bunch of smaller pieces.

This was one of the most enjoyable National Park visits I have ever made. I recommend that every rock hound reading this article put this park on the top of their bucket list. You will NOT be disappointed.

As a side note, there are many rocks shops in the small city of Holbrook, which is just a few miles outside of the park. I counted at least 5. All of the shops had plenty of petrified wood legally collected from the surrounding privately owned land.

My favorite was Jim Gray’s Petrified Wood Company. It was huge!

Have you ever been in a rock shop this big?? Inside it was full of petrified wood slabs and had a neat museum section. Outside it was surrounded by wood in every direction. See their website for a small taste of what was available in person.
June 2016 SFMS Quarterly Executive Session Information

Hosted by the Georgia Gem and Mineral Society, Norcross, Georgia
June 3 – 4, 2016

Event Schedule:

Friday, June 3, 2016, 7PM – “Cracker Barrel” Meeting. This informal meeting for sharing of ideas and issues will be held at the Georgia Mineral Society Clubhouse, 4138 Steve Reynolds Blvd, Norcross, GA 30093.

Saturday, June 4, 9:00 AM – Quarterly Meeting of the SFMS. Registration at 8:30 AM. This is an Executive Session of the Board of Directors of the Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies. All members of the SFMS and Member Clubs are eligible to attend, however only Officers, State Directors and Club Presidents or Alternates are eligible to vote on issues. This meeting will be held at the Georgia Mineral Society Clubhouse, 4138 Steve Reynolds Blvd, Norcross, GA 30093.

Saturday, June 4, approximately 12:00 PM, Annual Picnic and Auction for the Georgia Mineral Society. The Club has invited the SFMS Quarterly Meeting attendees to join them for their annual Potluck Picnic and Auction. This a live auction with at least 200 lot including Mineral Specimens, cutting materials, fossil and more. The event will be held at the Pinckneyville Park in the Danny Cochran Pavilion. Pinckneyville Park is located at: 4707 South Old Peachtree Road, Norcross, Ga.

Lodging:

Sonesta Gwinnett Place Atlanta - 1775 Pleasant Hill Rd | Duluth, GA 30096. There is a block of rooms reserved at a special price of $99 per night. (plus 13% tax) Limited number of rooms available at this price, so book early. Phone: 770.935.3852. Sonesta.com/MeetGwinnettPlace

By using the link below, you will be automatically sent to a customized reservation screen set up for our group. For those that want to make their reservation over the phone please tell them to reference your groups Reservation ID (0603MINERI).

Area Attractions:

Tellus Science Museum – 100 Tellus Dr, Cartersville, GA. I-75 Exit 293, Cartersville. tellusmuseum.org/ Includes the Weinman Mineral Gallery, a Fossil Gallery and more.

Gem and Mineral Shows

May 28 & 29, 2016; Gulfport, MS

Harrison County Gem, Mineral, Fossil and Jewelry Show.
Sat. May 28, 9am-5pm Sun. May 29, 9am-4pm.

Held at Joppa Shrine Temple, 1.5 miles north of I-10 at Exit 41.
Organized by: Harrison County Gem & Mineral Society, Gulfport, MS

Dealers, demonstrations, displays & kids' activities.
Adults $5 Children under 12 free
Free parking
website: gulfportgems.org

June 4 & 5, 2016, McCalla, AL

Tannehill Historical Ironworks State Park, Alabama

The 43rd Annual Tannehill Gem, Mineral, Fossil, & Jewelry Show

Alabama Mineral & Lapidary Society

Saturday June 4 and Sunday June 5, 9am to 5pm

12632 Confederate Pkwy, McCalla, AL 35111

The show is free with paid admission to the park. We will have door prizes, children's games and demonstration classes.

I-59/20 to exit #100 or I-459 to exit #1 and follow the signs to Tannehill.

Showchairman: Cathy Kellogg

tannehillgemshow@gmail.com

http://www.lapidaryclub.com/

September 30, October 1 & 2; Dallas, NC

38th Annual Gaston Gem Mineral and Faceters Club Show

Our show is coming Sept. 30, Oct. 1 and Oct. 2. It is held at Gaston County Park, Dallas, NC. Hwy 279 (Dallas Cherryville Hwy) 1/2 mile from Hwy 321. Hours- Friday and Sat 9:00-6:00 Sun 9:00-5:00. Free admission! We have a sluice, and hourly raffles. Available are sand bags, fossils, wire wrapping, jewelry, cutting material, geodes, grab bags, makings, settings. Grand prize drawing at the end of the show on Sunday.
For information about the show, or being a dealer call Connie Cole, Show Chair. 704-733-7591 or 704-864-4387.

October 14 – 16, 2016; Knoxville, TN

26th Annual Gem & Mineral Show

Knoxville Gem and Mineral Society
Fri. 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Sat. 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Sun. 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Kerbela Temple, 315 Mimosa Ave, Knoxville, TN

Admission: $5 per person per day or 3 day pass for $8 per person
Children under 12 admitted FREE

The Gem, Mineral and Jewelry Show will have many vendors that offer great products including a wide variety of jewelry; rare fossil and mineral specimens; meteorites; gems of all colors shapes & sizes; lapidary & jewelry equipment; and much more.

For more information, contact Teresa Polly teresapolly@bellsouth.net

www.knoxrocks.org/gemshow.html

November 12 & 13, 2016, Melbourne, FL

Canveral Mineral & Gem Society
43rd Annual Parade of Gems
November 12 & 13 2016
10:00am to 5:00pm
Melbourne Auditorium
625 East Hibiscus Blvd.
Melbourne, FL 32901
40+ dealers displaying and selling Jewelry, Gems, Minerals, Crystals, Fossils, Tools and Rocks
Admission; $5 Donation
Contact: Don McLamb, CMGS President & Acting Show Chairman
November 18 – 20, 2016; Columbia, SC

The Columbia, SC Gem & Mineral Society will hold its 2016 49th Annual Gem, Mineral, & Jewelry Show

Fri Nov. 18, 10:00 - 6:00;
Sat. Nov. 19, 10:00 - 6:00;
Sun. Nov. 20, 12:00 - 5:00

Jamil Temple
206 Jamil Rd.
Columbia, SC 29210

Jewelry, beads, loose stones, fossils, minerals, gold, silver, & tools for sale
Geodes sold & cut
Club member’s rock collections on exhibit & lapidary demonstrations.
South Carolina amethyst on display.

Sponsored by The Columbia Gem & Mineral Society

$5.00 for adults, Sixteen & under free with adult.
All military & their dependents free.

Sue Shrader: 803-736-9317; ashrader@mindspring.com
Dealers; Sharon Sterrett 803-356-1472; ssterrett@sc.rr.com

www.cgams.org
December 2-4, 2016; Montgomery, AL

The 46th Annual Montgomery Gem, Mineral & Jewelry Show

Garrett Coliseum
1555 Federal Drive
Montgomery, Alabama

Show Times:
Friday, December 2: 9 AM - 6 PM
Saturday, December 3: 10 AM - 6 PM
Sunday, December 4: 11 AM - 5 PM

Admission:
$2/Adults or $3 for weekend pass
Free/18 & Under with student ID and 1 paid adult
Free Parking.

Free door prize ticket with each paid adult admission.

Dealers will have beads, crystals, geodes, rough, cabochons, gem stones, finished jewelry, tools, supplies and mineral & fossil specimens. Club members will display their individual collections and will give demonstrations on gem and rock cutting, faceting, cabochon making, and knapping.
From Left to Right: Dave Wayment, Past President; Jason Hamilton, Membership Secretary; Mark Easterbrook, AFMS Regional 3rd Vice President; Craig Hamilton, 2nd Vice President; Lisa Roberts, President; Teresa Polly, 1st Vice President; Mari Webb, Treasurer

2016 SFMS Officers

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Position</th>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Address</th>
<th>Phone</th>
<th>Email</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>President</td>
<td>Lisa Roberts</td>
<td>10328 Briar Bay Loop</td>
<td>423-494-7096</td>
<td><a href="mailto:Antleycreations@yahoo.com">Antleycreations@yahoo.com</a></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Johnesboro, GA 30238</td>
<td>678-479-4177</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>First Vice President</td>
<td>Teresa Polly</td>
<td>6115 Atkins Rd</td>
<td>865-789-1854</td>
<td><a href="mailto:teresapolly@bellsouth.net">teresapolly@bellsouth.net</a></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Knoxville, TN 37918</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Second Vice President</td>
<td>Craig Hamilton</td>
<td>11133 Nebraska Avenue</td>
<td>(904) 705-2624</td>
<td><a href="mailto:mariwebb.sfms@gmail.com">mariwebb.sfms@gmail.com</a></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Jacksonville, FL 32219</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Treasurer</td>
<td>Mari Webb</td>
<td>11133 Nebraska Avenue</td>
<td>(904) 705-2624</td>
<td><a href="mailto:stonestripscbc@yahoo.com">stonestripscbc@yahoo.com</a></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Jacksonville, FL 32219</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Assistant Treasurer</td>
<td>Charlotte Caughman</td>
<td>P.O. Box 1055</td>
<td>(864) 542-5198</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Inman, SC 29349</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Immediate Past President</td>
<td>Dave Wayment</td>
<td>8802 N US Hwy 1 Suite 10</td>
<td>772.532.6432</td>
<td><a href="mailto:aastainedglass@bellsouth.net">aastainedglass@bellsouth.net</a></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Sebastian, FL 32958</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mayo Foundation President</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AFMS President</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Editor</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
# 2016 SFMS State Directors

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>State</th>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Address</th>
<th>Phone</th>
<th>Email</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Alabama</td>
<td>Philip W. Kaiser, Jr.</td>
<td>2447 River Forest Dr Mobile, AL 36605</td>
<td>251-479-7447</td>
<td><a href="mailto:kaiserpw@att.net">kaiserpw@att.net</a></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Florida</td>
<td>Jeff Ursillo</td>
<td>15234 Lakes of Delray Blvd #251</td>
<td>(770) 479-9678</td>
<td><a href="mailto:scotforward@gmail.com">scotforward@gmail.com</a></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Georgia</td>
<td>Scott Forward</td>
<td>424 Tanglewood Dr Canton, GA 30115</td>
<td>(678) 993-5276</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Kentucky</td>
<td>Charles Oldham</td>
<td>7405 West Highway 22 Crestwood, KY 40014</td>
<td>502-541-6953</td>
<td><a href="mailto:charlesoldham@gmail.com">charlesoldham@gmail.com</a></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Louisiana</td>
<td>Dr Bridget Joubert</td>
<td>PO Box 5402 Alexandria, LA 71307</td>
<td>318-443-5184</td>
<td><a href="mailto:jemarler@aol.com">jemarler@aol.com</a></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mississippi</td>
<td>Dave Hanes</td>
<td>113 West Shore Dr Saltillo, MS 38866</td>
<td>336-442-0639</td>
<td><a href="mailto:davehanes@aol.com">davehanes@aol.com</a></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>North Carolina</td>
<td>Gail Ferguson</td>
<td>6851 Bryanstone Way Fayetteville, NC 28314</td>
<td>(317)-440-1111</td>
<td><a href="mailto:transformationarts@outlook.com">transformationarts@outlook.com</a></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>South Carolina</td>
<td>Bob Green</td>
<td>116 Sycamore Dr Marietta, SC 29661</td>
<td>(864) 836-5896</td>
<td><a href="mailto:greentop@bellsouth.net">greentop@bellsouth.net</a></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tennessee</td>
<td>Toni Garland</td>
<td>1520 Murphy Myers Rd Maryville, TN 37803</td>
<td>865-300-2738</td>
<td><a href="mailto:doulatoni@charter.net">doulatoni@charter.net</a></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Virginia</td>
<td>William Osburn</td>
<td>7720 Newport Road Catawba, VA 24070</td>
<td>540-384-5039</td>
<td><a href="mailto:bill@schorlite.com">bill@schorlite.com</a></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

## 2016 SFMS Committee Chairs

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Category</th>
<th>Chair</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Nominations</td>
<td>James Darnell</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Long Range Planning</td>
<td>James Darnell</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Bulletin Editors Contest</td>
<td>Mark Easterbrook</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Constitution/ByLaws</td>
<td>Lisa Fitch</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Field Trips</td>
<td>Education</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>--------------------------</td>
<td>----------------------------</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Charles and Lori Carter</td>
<td>Danny Griffin</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4138 Steve Reynolds Blvd.</td>
<td>1320 Byrd Cir. Kingston, TN</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Norcross, GA 30093-3059</td>
<td>37763 865-406.8802</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td><a href="mailto:gcjinc@comcast.net">gcjinc@comcast.net</a></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Publications</th>
<th>Safety</th>
<th>Slide/Video Programs</th>
<th>Social Concerns</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Barbara Green</td>
<td>Bob Green</td>
<td>James Webb</td>
<td>-OPEN-</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>116 Sycamore Dr.</td>
<td>115 Sycamore Drive</td>
<td>1133 Nebraska Avenue</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Marietta, SC 29661</td>
<td>Marietta, SC 29661</td>
<td>Jacksonville, FL 32219</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>864-836-5896</td>
<td>(864) 836-5896</td>
<td>(904) 705-2624</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><a href="mailto:greentop@bellsouth.net">greentop@bellsouth.net</a></td>
<td></td>
<td><a href="mailto:jameswebb.jgms@gmail.com">jameswebb.jgms@gmail.com</a></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Stamp Program</th>
<th>Supplies</th>
<th>Uniform Rules</th>
<th>Ways and Means</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Carolyn Grothaus</td>
<td>Barbara Green</td>
<td>Leslie Wayment</td>
<td>Lisa Roberts</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>225 Merrifield Dr</td>
<td>115 Sycamore Drive</td>
<td>P.O.Box 780791</td>
<td>10328 Briar Bay Loop</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Greenville, SC 29615</td>
<td>Marietta, SC 29661</td>
<td>Sebastian, FL 32978-0791</td>
<td>Johnesboro, GA 30238</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>864.676.9799</td>
<td>(864) 836-5896</td>
<td>772-539-2409</td>
<td>423-494-7096</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><a href="mailto:aalitheria@gmail.com">aalitheria@gmail.com</a></td>
<td></td>
<td><a href="mailto:aastainedglass@bellsouth.net">aastainedglass@bellsouth.net</a></td>
<td><a href="mailto:Antleycreations@yahoo.com">Antleycreations@yahoo.com</a></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Youth Resources</th>
<th>2015 Annual Meeting Host</th>
<th>Web Master</th>
<th>Public Relations</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Annette Gibney</td>
<td>Don McLamb</td>
<td>Jeff Ursillo</td>
<td>-OPEN-</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6367 Birling Drive</td>
<td>570 Seabreeae Drive</td>
<td>15234 Lakes of Delray Blvd # 251</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Columbus, GA 31909</td>
<td>Indialantic, FL 32903-4126</td>
<td>Delray Beach, FL 33484</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(706) 561-0325</td>
<td>(321) 723-2592</td>
<td>561-706-9549</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><a href="mailto:atqib@aol.com">atqib@aol.com</a></td>
<td></td>
<td><a href="mailto:bnmieff@aol.com">bnmieff@aol.com</a></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>William Holland Director</th>
<th>William Holland Registrar</th>
<th>Wildacres Director</th>
<th>Wildacres Registrar</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Wildacres Registrar</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
2016 Mayo Educational Foundation, Inc. Officers/Director

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Position</th>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Address</th>
<th>Phone</th>
<th>Email</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>President</td>
<td>William (Bill) Waggener</td>
<td>1909 Moores Mill Road</td>
<td>404.354.8752</td>
<td><a href="mailto:aastainedglass@bellsouth.net">aastainedglass@bellsouth.net</a></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Vice President</td>
<td>Dave Wayment</td>
<td>8802 N US Hwy 1 Suite 10</td>
<td>772.532.6432</td>
<td><a href="mailto:wmdodd1@bellsouth.net">wmdodd1@bellsouth.net</a></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Treasurer</td>
<td>Wayne M. Dodd</td>
<td>10495 Stonefield Landing</td>
<td>(770) 497-9790</td>
<td><a href="mailto:wmdodd1@bellsouth.net">wmdodd1@bellsouth.net</a></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SFMS Education Chair</td>
<td>Danny Griffin</td>
<td>1320 Byrd Cir.</td>
<td>865.406.8802</td>
<td><a href="mailto:crossbowcreations@yahoo.com">crossbowcreations@yahoo.com</a></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Director</td>
<td>Charlotte Mayo Bryant</td>
<td>506 Rain Song Rd.</td>
<td>(706) 278-8344</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Dalton, GA 30270</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Director</td>
<td>Barbara Tuttle</td>
<td>85504 Blackmon Rd.</td>
<td>(904) 225-0689</td>
<td><a href="mailto:dttsr@comcast.net">dttsr@comcast.net</a></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Yulee, FL 32097</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Secretary</td>
<td>Beryl Ferguson</td>
<td>414 S. Ridgewood Ave.</td>
<td>(386) 677-1049</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Ormond Beach, FL 32174</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

2016 SFMS Representatives to AFMS Committees

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Role</th>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Address</th>
<th>Phone</th>
<th>Email</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Club Rockhound of the Year</td>
<td>Marty Hart</td>
<td>4935 Olivia Dr.</td>
<td>(615) 331-2690</td>
<td><a href="mailto:ACROY@gemizo.com">ACROY@gemizo.com</a></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Boundaries</td>
<td>Buddy Shotts</td>
<td>P.O. Box 427</td>
<td>(601) 466-0690</td>
<td><a href="mailto:buddyrebashottts@bellsouth.net">buddyrebashottts@bellsouth.net</a></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Bulletin Editors</td>
<td>Mark Easterbrook</td>
<td>6701 Dorchester Road, Apt. 1007</td>
<td>843-276-4016</td>
<td><a href="mailto:asgardsgc@earthlink.ne">asgardsgc@earthlink.ne</a></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Club Publications</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>OPEN</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Conservation and Legislation</td>
<td>Collecting Sites</td>
<td>Education All American</td>
<td>Endowment Fund</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>------------------------------</td>
<td>-----------------</td>
<td>------------------------</td>
<td>---------------</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
| -OPEN-                       | -OPEN-          | Performed by Bulletin Editors  
Contest Chairperson |                |
| Juniors Program              | Program Competition | Supplies and Publications | Uniform Rules  
-OPEN- |
| Annette Gibney               | Freda Hull      | Barbara Green           |                |
| 6367 Birling Drive           | P.O. Box 115    | 115 Sycamore Drive      |                |
| Columbus, GA 31909           | Grant, FL 32949 | Marietta, SC 29661     |                |
| (706) 561-0325               | (321) 725-0847  | (864) 836-5896         |                |
| atqib@aol.com                | frehull@bellsouth.net | greentop@bellsouth.net |                |
| Ways and Means               | Public Relations | Safety                 | Webmaster      |
| Performed by SFMS 1st Vice President | -OPEN-       | Bob Green               | Jeff Ursillo   |
|                              |                 | 115 Sycamore Drive      |                |
|                              |                 | Marietta, SC 29661     | 15234 Lakes of Delray Blvd  
# 251 |
|                              |                 | (864) 836-5896         | Delray Beach, FL 33484  
561-706-9549               |
|                              |                 | greentop@bellsouth.net | bnmjeff@aol.com |

The policy of the Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies, Inc. is that neither the name nor the logo of the Federation may be used for commercial purposes. If any commercial ventures using the name or the logo of the Federation are found, Member Societies and their members are requested to advise Federation Officers.