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President's Report

Greetings, I hope everyone is surviving our crazy weather. I recently helped with a kids outreach at the Steele Creek Nature Day. The Nature Center at Steele Creek Park in Bristol, TN unveiled it's
new $1 million facility where it has added new exhibits, that illustrate the wildlife and geology of the area, and new classroom facilities. If you find yourself in the East Tennessee area are looking for a great educational opportunity for youngsters I recommend making a visit to the park. You can find more information on their website https://www.friendsofsteelecreek.org/?page_id=1169/. I was assisting Mick Whitelaw and some of the students of the ETSU Geosciences Department with fossil plaster casting, shark tooth picking in Aurora Phosphate gravel and a sand activity. I would like to thank Lori Carter, the Sand Chair for the Georgia Mineral Society, for the idea of letting kids punch a shape into a 3x5 card, adhering a piece of packing tape to the card, and letting the kids dip the tape into a dish of sand. The kids could then view the tiny sand grains through a microscope. Each type of sand tells a different story. Many of our South-eastern Federation clubs are volunteering at public events to bring our love of rocks, minerals and fossils to the greater community. If your club is doing community outreach I would love to see pictures and descriptions of the event in the Lodestar. Just send your stories to John A. Rasmussen, Editor as electronic submissions sent in Microsoft Word or Open Office Writer format to sfms.lodestar@gmail.com. The Knoxville Club has been very busy getting its annual show and the SFMS annual meeting ready to roll. I hope to see many of you at the meeting in Knoxville on October 21, 2017.

Teresa Polly
President SFMS

Committee Reports

Safety

– Bob Green, Safety Chair

Gads, again, our prayers and thoughts go out to all affected by the unwanted visitor. This one combined with Harvey and Irma, plus to a lesser extent, (Unless you lost a lot) Nate, have filled our hurricane season with too many destructive issues and for many continues.
Preparedness for storms like we have had this year takes a lot of planning on everyone’s part in the affected areas. How you deal with the total destruction wrought by these storms really increases the stress level on many folks. Contributing to the helpful agencies is encouraged.

October is “Fire Prevention” month. The devastation in California due to the wild fires is a drain on your psychic.

OK, do you and your family have a plan to escape from a hazardous situation, like a local fire and specifically, in your workplace, hotel or home. We had a fire drill this week at my office, every one walked out calmly to our designated assembly places. The company has floor monitors to make certain the floor is clear and it seemed we evacuated about 1,000 folks out of a 6 story building in less than 5 minutes. Since safety is one of the company’s most revered principles, the company does talk the talk and walk the walk.

Now, on a personal basis, how many of you have an evacuation plan for your house? Do you have a way out of your house no matter the starting location of the fire? We have a single story home and multiple exits. We only have two dead end areas in the house. We have smoke detectors strategically located and these are tied into the alarm system that we have. Since there are only the two of us, unless we have company the probability of us being separated during an emergency is slim. Now, if you have a multiple story home with the bedrooms upstairs as we had a number of years ago, the issue is more acute. We did have a rope ladder in our bed room, which was also close to the stair, so we did have a plan.

When you travel, you should check into your room and immediately locate the nearest fire exit. And remember if there is an emergency, you may have to crawl on your hands and knees because of the smoke and the exit signs are not on the floors, so remember the location of the exit. A friend of ours says he does not stay any higher than the 6th floor, because that is about the upper limit of the ladder trucks.

**Gem and Mineral Shows**

**October 20-21, 2017, Knoxville, TN**

2017 KGMS Gem, Mineral & Jewelry Show in Knoxville, TN

October 20 - 21, 10 am – 6 pm; October 22, 11 am – 5 pm

Each year the Knoxville Gem & Mineral Society hosts a Gem, Mineral and Jewelry Show to the public. This show is a must see for any rock connoisseur or anyone with a love and fascination with gems, minerals, fossils, and other mineralogical and geological wonders.
The three day 27th Annual Gem, Mineral & Jewelry Show opens October 20th at 10 am at the Kerbela Temple, 315 Mimosa Ave in Knoxville TN. Show times are from 10:00 am to 6 pm October 20th – 21th, Friday and Saturday; from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm on Sunday, October 22th. The Gem Show is open to the public and has an admission fee of $6 a day for adults or $10 for the whole show; children under 12 are admitted free. The Gem and Mineral 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.

The Knoxville Gem and Mineral Society is a non-profit organization. A portion of the proceeds from our annual show is used for educational purposes in the earth sciences. This includes scholarships to the University of Tennessee Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences and the East Tennessee State University Geoscience Department.
November 10-12, 2017; Pascagoula, MS

The 28th annual Magnolia State Gem, Mineral, Fossil and Jewelry Show
Mississippi Gulf Coast Gem & Mineral Society, Pascagoula, MS Inc.

http://www.mgcgms.org/gem_show.html

Friday November 10, 10:00 - 6:00
Saturday November 11, 10:00 - 6:00
Sunday November 12, 10:00 - 5:00

Jackson County Fairground Civic Center 2902 Shortcut Rd. Pascagoula, MS 39567

We will have 35+ vendors selling gems, minerals, fossils, jewelry, and more. A gold/silversmith will be available for making repairs and setting stones. We will have several demonstrators showing flint knapping, faceting, cutting and polishing stones, beading, chain making and more. There will be a sluice for screening gemstones and a kid’s corner where we will teach making gemstone trees. Meals and snacks will be available for purchase in our concession stand. Several educational exhibits will be on display. Come enjoy the fun and take home some treasures of your own!

2017 KGMS Gem, Mineral & Jewelry Show in Knoxville, TN
Admission is $3.00 for adults. Children 12 & under are free with adult.
3 day ticket available for $5.00

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Society website is: www.mgcgms.org

November 10-12, 2017, Gray, TN

November 10 – 12 - The 5th annual Gem, Mineral and Jewelry show will be held at the Appalachian Fairgrounds, Building No. 1, located at 100 Lakeview Street, Gray, TN. The show hours are Friday, November 10th and Saturday November 11th from 10 AM to 6 PM and Sunday November 12th from 12 – 5PM. The admission is $ 3.00 for adults, $ 1.00 for students and Children 6 and under are free. For more information contact Robert Morgan @ 423-956-9486 or Rowan Morgan @ 276-796-4584 or at morganjewellry@msn.com.

November 17-19, 2017, Columbia, SC

The Columbia, SC Gem & Mineral Society will hold its 2017 50th Annual Gem, Mineral, & Jewelry Show
Fri Nov. 17, 10:00 - 6:00;
Sat. Nov. 18, 10:00 - 6:00;
Sun. Nov. 19, 11:00 - 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.
Lots of fun for the whole family.
South Carolina amethyst on display.
Sponsored by The Columbia Gem & Mineral Society

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

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**November 17-19, 2017, Marietta, GA**

Cobb County Gem & Mineral Society/CCGMS invites you to the 32nd Annual Gem and Mineral Show at the Cobb County Civic Center in Marietta, GA located at 548 South Marietta Parkway SE, Marietta, GA 30060.

Calling all collectors, artists, educators, formal/informal students of lapidary and rock hounds alike. Come immerse yourselves in a showcase of rocks, gemstones, minerals and fossils collected and sold all over the world!

**Free** admission and **Free** parking provide the option of a weekend of shopping, live lapidary and artisan demonstrations, mineral identification and instruction, the chance to buy and crack open your very own geode and much more. Be sure to listen for the hourly door prizes!

**When:**
November 17-19, 2017
Friday and Saturday 10AM—6PM, Sunday 10AM—5PM

Where:
Cobb County Civic Center
548 Marietta Parkway
Marietta, GA 30060

We have reached our vendor capacity! If you’d like to be considered for next year’s show, please email your information and a photo of your booth to ccgms.tamiwatkins@gmail.com.

To learn more about CCGMS visit:
Web Site:  http://www.cobbcountymineral.org/
Facebook:  https://www.facebook.com/cobbcountymineral/

November 18-19, 2017, West Palm Beach, Florida
51st annual gem, mineral, jewelry, bead and fossil show
Gem & Mineral Society of the Palm Beaches
Saturday (Nov. 18th) 9am-6pm, Sunday (Nov. 19th) 10am-5pm.
South Florida Fairgrounds Expo Center East, 9067 Southern Blvd., West Palm Beach Florida 33411.
Over 80 dealers, Door prizes, hourly and other prize drawings, Fossil Dig, Gem Mining, Geode Cracking, Face Painting, Spin-the-Wheel-Game, Displays, Demonstrations, Speakers
Admission $9, children under 12 free. Visit website for $1 off coupon. 2 day admission $14. Free Parking
Show chairman, Walt Triche 561-585-2080
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website:  http://www.gemandmineralsociety.org

December 1 – 3, 2017, Hudson, FL
43 ANNUAL GEM, MINERAL FOSSIL & JEWELRY SHOW
from 9:00 AM until 5:00 PM, with setup for vendors on November 30th.
The show will be held at Veterans Memorial Park, 14333 Hicks Rd., Hudson FL 34669.
Follow State Road 52 to Hicks Road, go north 2.5 miles to Veterans Memorial Park
Special Junior Activities on Saturday
Admission $3, Teens $1, 12 and under free
Hourly Drawings
Show Chairman Ralph Barber 352-200-6852
Show Information Judith Birx  352-587-1702
http://www.withlacoocheerockhounds.com/

February 17 & 18, 2018; Vero Beach, FL
Treasure Coast Rock and Gem Society
10-5 sat 10-4 sun
The show is located in Vero Beach at the Community Center
14th Avenue & 23rd Street Downtown Vero Beach,FL 32960
e-mail: treasurecoastrgs@gmail.org

website: http://www.

Show Chair: Vina Proper 772-519-0533
Co show Chair: Ann Metz  772-231-0218

Show is actively recruiting vendors; if interested, please contact the show chairs for application and information.

February 24 & 25, 2018, Jackson, MS

Mississippi Gem and Mineral Society

59th Gem, Mineral, Fossil and Jewelry Show
Mississippi Trade Mart on the State Fairgrounds
Jackson, Mississippi

Saturday, February 24, 2018 (9 am to 6 pm)
Sunday, February 25, 2018 (10 am to 5 pm)
Admission:
Adults $6    Students $3
Scouts & Leaders in Uniform $2
Children 5 & under—Free

MGMS website: www.missgems.org

- 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.

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).
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.

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