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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.
President's Report

Dear Fellow Rockhounds

If you were not at the August SFMS Workshop, you missed a really really really really good time. The good news is; we get to do it again in September at Wildacres! Go to sfmsworkshops.com for info. Hope to see you there.
Lisa Roberts
2016 SFMS President

A "WILD" SAGA ON A NC MOUNTAIN

On a mountain top in North Carolina, Up a curvy gravel road with a steep drop off on one side going way down the mountain makes for a happy ending at the top called Wildacres Retreat, a place for artists to gather and learn a new craft or practice an old one. A week of fun, good food, work and new friends all together in one special place. After check-in you can unpack in your cabin-like room, eat dinner, meet your teacher and find your classroom, then it's time for some sleep. Classes start the next morning after breakfast, time to get the week started. Whether it be a piece of jewelry, a birdhouse or bowl out of a gourd, little jump rings attached together, a wood carving or a pendant out of a cab you just cut yourself, a diverse and interesting week begins. A fun auction one night of donated pieces of art, gems or minerals, tools, kits, things made by other artists, strange items like a cane or "bag" made out of some intimate parts of a bull. A hula dancing auctioneer, a more honest looking one who said she'd lie if need be and a new gal who wasn't sure what she was seeing! They all worked well together; including auctioneers, runners, and buyers alike. Hopefully everyone got something they wanted, if they could. The auction staff kept up with the auctioneers, barely. The wine flowed, people bought even if they didn't need it, all for the sake of raising money. Joking, "egging" each other on or threatening with an evil eye to not buy something you wanted added to the fun of the evening. The bonfire on another night had an unusual visitor midway through. The guitar playing, singing, blind man Jesse was going strong when the mountain woman arrived. She wore baggy clothes, boots, a hat and had an 8' walking stick. She began by starting an argument with one of the staff about her mountain and how we were gonna burn her mountain down, cause her plants to die from the smoke and making too much noise. She was gonna call the local sheriff. After removing her boots and eating a toasted marshmallow she reckoned she'd leave, but we'd better not return to her mountain with our noise and fun-making. She had everyone believing her storyline, staff included, and worrying about how to get her to go! Lisa pulled a good one over on everyone, what can we do to get back at her? On the last night we showed what we had made, Wow, 8 tables full of beautiful things to see and touch. As tradition, we also passed down a wine bottle opener necklace with one broken arm, a long story! The Wine Goddess for 2016/7 ...... is Linda Matvy A white sheet cape and a foil crown completed the ensemble. Congrats Linda! At the end of the week we were all tired, had bug bites and were ready to go home, But not wanting it to end. Some of us will be back in September and others next year, To make and learn something new, make new friends and renew the old ones. All found up a curvy gravel road on a mountaintop in North Carolina.
First Vice President's Report

Second Vice President's Report

Secretary's Report

Treasurer's Report

Committee Reports

Nominations for SFMS officers for 2017

Here is the proposed slate of officers for the SFMS for the upcoming year proposed by the Nominating Committee. Voting will take place at the November Annual Meeting.

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AFMS 1st Vice President for 2018

David Wayment | Canaveral Mineral & Gem Society

Rockhound of the Year

Marty Hart, SFMS Representation to the AFMS Club Rockhound of the Year Committee

This year is going to be over soon, but there is still time for your club to make their submission for their 2016 AFMS Club Rockhound of the Year. At the time of writing this, there no clubs within the SFMS that have decided to honor any of their members. Last year we had a total of 3, and all were from Tennessee, the volunteer state. Surely every club has many rockhounds that are worthy of being honored. The
process is simple, so don’t let these members continue to go unrecognized. Use the link below to view more details on the SFMS website.

http://www.amfed.org/sfms/rockhound-of-the-year.html

Safety Article, September 2016

Greetings all, hope you hope you have had a safe Labor day and have the kids and grand kids back in school. And as usual now that school is back in session, there are many more distracted drivers on the roads, some because of the kids, others because the mornings are getting darker and they now believe they are invisible. In the upstate of South Carolina, the morning darkness means some drivers are pushing the speed limit. I find it unusual, they will drive 15 miles per hour over the speed limit, speed in a school zone, but will not pass in a no passing stretch even when the driver in front is going 15 miles per hour under the speed limit. They will get so close as to be able to count the hairs on the individual’s head. Anyway, please do not become a statistic.

Fall is a great time to clean up the yard, get the house ready for winter and sometimes this includes exertion, whether it be cutting wood, planting trees or removing them. Pace yourself no matter what you are doing. This includes even yelling for or against the teams on the field. Also, this time of year it is easy to forget that you are multitasking, like watching the game and cooking outside. A long time ago, several of us had gathered to watch some game and the host was grilling some marvelous steaks. (This was in the days before gout became one of my constant companions). The game was getting close and the host’s wife came in and asked how the steaks were doing. They were actually doing quite well, burnt to a crisp on one side and the other side just about right. She became a bit upset and sent them sailing into the woods behind their house and then brought out hot dogs.

So for those of us who are multi-tasking limited, watch the food first.

The animals, usually classified as those having 4 legs and fur are also feeding on the bumper crop of acorns, and this includes some of our black furry friends, since these guys also like acorns. So watch for these guys. About a year ago we had one in our front yard; that was in the days of our first chicken experiment.

Back to fall, wear appropriate clothing and foot wear. Boots or sturdy shoes are recommended for strenuous activities. Now, it also is prudent to be realistic in your expectations of what you can accomplish. Nearly 5 years ago, we bought this great metal file cabinet. It was on wheels, so I moved the unit into place behind our Escape and tipped the thing over and hoisted it into the SUV. Well, it was about 4 inches shy of being completely in, so I decided to push the thing in the rest of the way. My wife was saying, wait just a minute and we will help. Well, the “all knowing whatever” did not listen and the result was a ruptured Achilles. Since then, I have a very realistic view of what I think I can accomplish. Pain is a great teacher.
So be safe, have fun, enjoy the fall and your travels.

By-laws Committee

This is the proposed change to the By-Laws to replace the Stamp Committee with an alternative form of fund raising for scholarships to the SFMS workshops. It will be voted on at the Annual Meeting. Wording to be removed is indicated by Strike through and wording to be inserted indicated by BOLD CAPS.

ARTICLE IX
COMMITTEES

Section 6. STANDING COMMITTEES: The Standing Committees of the Federation shall be: A. Bulletin Editors’ Contest; B. Constitution and By-Laws; C. Education; D. Historian; E. Insurance Liaison; F. Long Range Planning and Advisory; G. Nominating; H. Publications; I. Safety; J. Slide Programs; K. Supplies; L. Uniform Rules; M. Ways and Means; N. Cancelled-Stamp SFMS WORKSHOP SCHOLARSHIP; O. Youth Resources; P. Committees to the AFMS; Q. Social Actions Committee; R. Field Trip Committee.

N. STAMP COMMITTEE SFMS WORKSHOP SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE:

1. The Stamp SFMS WORKSHOP SCHOLARSHIP Committee Chairman will be appointed by the President for a one year tenure, to be renewed each year by the incoming President, if so desired. This committee will be composed of the Committee Chair, SFMS Treasurer, and SFMS Assistant Treasurer.

2. All stamps will be forwarded from Federation members to the Stamp Committee Chairman, who will have sole responsibility for the determination of stamp values and the most profitable use of these stamps. The Chairman will also have the authority to discard any stamps not considered of value. THE COMMITTEE CHAIR SHALL SOLICIT DONATIONS OF ITEMS RELATED TO THE HOBBY FROM INDIVIDUALS OR MEMBER CLUBS, WHICH SHALL SERVE AS PRIZES FOR THE SFMS WORKSHOP SCHOLARSHIP DRAWING. TICKETS WILL BE SOLD BY THE COMMITTEE AND MEMBER CLUBS AND MEMBERS.

3. Any profits realized by this voluntary action of Federation members and the Stamp SFMS WORKSHOP SCHOLARSHIP Committee Chairman will be transferred from that Committee to the SFMS Treasurer. This transfer will be by check, money order, or by any method which will provide a paper trail for audit. These funds will be used exclusively for scholarships to attend SFMS Workshops.

4. Winners of scholarships must be active members from SFMS member Clubs. Clubs must contribute stamps DONATE ITEMS AS PRIZES AND/OR SELL DRAWING TICKETS to the program to participate. INDIVIDUALS DONATING PRIZE ITEMS WILL
IDENTIFY THEIR CLUB AFFILIATION TO COUNT TOWARDS THE CLUBS PARTICIPATION. Clubs which participate in the program will have their club name entered in the drawing in accordance with the procedure outlined in par. 5. (D). Winners will be selected YEARLY at the Annual Meeting the following year. The number of winners each year will be determined by the amount of money received from the sale of stamps DRAWING TICKETS.

5. The SFMS Stamp WORKSHOP SCHOLARSHIP Committee shall:

A. When the stamps PRIZE ITEMS are received, weigh them and log the date, STATED VALUE amount and sender AND CLUB AFFILIATION.

B. Trim off any excess paper and discard any unusable stamps, weigh them again and change the recorded weight if necessary PHOTOGRAPH THE PRIZE ITEMS AND WRITE UP A SHORT DESCRIPTION OF THE ITEM, NOTING THE DOLLAR VALUATION. THIS INFORMATION SHALL BEFORWARDED TO BOTH THE WEBMASTER AND LODESTAR EDITOR FOR PUBLICATION.

C. Annually after September 1st, total each club weight donated during the last 12 months and total donations. Obtain each clubs percentage of the total. Record the club with the highest percent and calculate the average percent. CHAIRMAN WILL SEND TICKETS TO EACH MEMBER CLUB’S TREASURER FOR THE MEMBER CLUBS TO SELL. THE PRICE OF THE TICKETS WILL BE DETERMINED BY THE COMMITTEE. ALL FUNDS RECEIVED BY THE MEMBER CLUBS FOR THE SALE OF THE TICKETS, AND THE TICKETS FOR THE PRIZE DRAWING, SHALL BE RETURNED TO THE COMMITTEE THE MORNING OF THE ANNUAL MEETING. THE DRAWING FOR THE PRIZES SHALL BE HELD PRIOR TO THE ANNUAL MEETING BANQUET AND WINNERS ANNOUNCED AT THE BANQUET. THE DRAWING FOR THE SCHOLARSHIPS WILL BE HELD AT THE BANQUET AND CERTIFICATES WILL BE GIVEN TO THE WINNING MEMBER CLUBS. THE NUMBER OF SCHOLARSHIPS WILL BE DETERMINED BY THE AMOUNT OF FUNDS RECEIVED. ONLY COMPLETE SCHOLARSHIPS WILL BE AWARDED. THE TREASURER SHALL HOLD ANY LEFTOVER FUNDS TO BE ADDED TO THE FUNDS RECEIVED THE NEXT YEAR.

D. On or about 30 days prior to the SFMS Annual Meeting each participating club will be notified of the number of times their club will be submitted into the drawing for a scholarship (the club with the highest percent, 4 times, the above average clubs, 3 times, the below average clubs, 2 times). 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.

NOTE: See other side of this page:

6. The Stamp WORKSHOP SCHOLARSHIP Committee Chairman will include all results of this work in report form to the Annual Meeting TREASURER FOR THE TREASURER’S ANNUAL AUDIT.

Education Report

The August workshop at Wildacres was an outstanding success. We were completely full. I expect Wildacres staff to give us more rooms next year so we can add more students. The last workshop of the year starts on Monday (Sept. 19). Due to some last minute cancellations we have 3 opening as of this writing. I expect they will be filled before the start date. If you are interested in attending, and read this before the start date, give the registrar(s) a call. You might get lucky and sneak into a class at the last minute!

Once the 2017 schedule is posted, in January, you should look it over as soon as possible if you plan on attending a workshop. If we remain on track I expect classes to fill quickly. It would be a shame to miss a class because you hesitated.

Again, If you see any of the current, or past, workshop staff thank them profusely for all the work they have done! It take a lot of time and effort to make the workshops run smoothly.

If you have any question feel free to contact me anytime.

Thanks again!

Danny Griffin, Education Chair

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SFMS 2016 ANNUAL MEETING

November 18, 19, 20, 2016

SPONSORED BY Cobb County Gem & Mineral Society
The Cobb County Gem & Mineral Society is proud to sponsor the SFMS Annual Meeting at the Hilton Marietta Hotel & Conference Center 500 Powder Springs Street SW Marietta, GA 30064.

Reservation Information

1. Reservations MUST BE placed by October 19, 2016 to preserve the rate. 10 rooms have been reserved for Friday and Saturday nights. Additional rooms will be on an as-available basis, but at the same rate, if made by October 19, 2016.

2. The room rate is $99/night+tax November 18, 2016 - November 20, 2016. The above confirmed group rates are applicable three (3) days before to three (3) days after the official meeting dates, subject to availability. Both King and Double rooms are available and all will have complimentary Wi-Fi.

You are responsible for your own hotel reservations. Reservations can be made by calling the Hotel directly at 888-685-2500 or going to the registration site here: http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/A/ATLMAHF-SFMS20161118/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG. Individuals must identify themselves as being with the group, Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies, at the time the reservation is made in order to receive the special group rate. Attendees are responsible for all individual charges, room, tax and incidentals incurred at the Hotel. A $50.00 deposit is required upon check-in for incidental charges. This may either be paid in cash or an authorization will be placed on the individual's credit/debit card. Payment of charges is due and payable upon check-out. Allow 3-5 business days for funds held on a credit/debit card to be released.

3. The Hilton is conveniently located near the CCGMS Clubhouse. The Clubhouse address is 516 West Atlanta St., Marietta, GA 30060.

Weekend Schedule

1. **Friday** evening Cracker Barrel 7:00 to 9:00 at the CCGMS Clubhouse located at 516 West Atlanta St., Marietta, GA 30060.

2. **Saturday** morning Business Meeting 9:00 to 12:00 in the Breakout Room J.

3. **Saturday** evening Banquet 6:30 to 9:00 in the Breakout room J.
   The cost of the banquet is $25.00 for each attendee. The hotel requires we provide the specific number of banquet attendees, and their meal selections identified, 30 days before the banquet. Please send in banquet RSVP before October 16th. The selections attendees can choose from are chicken, fish, or vegetarian. The dinner banquet is full service sit-down and includes salad, rolls, dinner entrée, drinks, and dessert.

4. **Sunday** Breakfast Editor’s Awards meeting 8:00 to 11:00 in the Breakout Room J. Attendees may purchase breakfast in the adjacent restaurant and bring to the meeting room that will be set up with breakfast tables. Possible tour at Tellus following the meeting.

Location directions
From the North: Take I-75 South to Exit #265. Turn right on N. Marietta Pkwy which turns into Powder Springs Street. Travel 3.5 miles. Hotel entrance is on the right.

From the South: Take I-75 North to Exit #265. Turn left on N. Marietta Pkwy which turns into Powder Springs Street. Travel 3.5 miles. Hotel entrance is on the right.

From the East: Take I-20 West to I-75 North to Exit #265. Turn left on N. Marietta Pkwy which turns into Powder Springs Street. Travel 3.5 miles. Hotel entrance is on the right.

From the West: Take I-20 East to I-75 North to Exit #265. Turn left on N. Marietta Parkway which turns into Powder Springs Street. Travel 3.5 miles. Hotel entrance is on the right.

Cobb County Annual Gem and Mineral Show
Cobb County Civic Center
548 South Marietta Pkwy SE, Marietta, GA 30060. Admission is FREE

Show Hours:
Friday and Saturday 10:00AM to 6:00PM
Sunday 10:00AM to 5:00PM

Featuring:
• Jewelry
• Gemstones
• Mineral Specimens
• Crystals
• Fossils
• Grab Bags - $2 each
• Lapidary demonstrations Saturday afternoon and Sunday

Mineral ID classes from 11-3 on Friday and 11-1 on Saturday (register at front desk)
Annual Meeting

Sponsored by Cobb County Gem & Mineral Society

November 19, 2016 Marietta, GA

Please complete and return this information using a separate form for each attendee, submitting through mail or email, ensuring receipt by October 16, 2016, for banquet processing, by November 7, 2016 for the S.F.M.S. packet processing.

Name (For Badge)___________________________________________________

(circle one) SFMS Director (Club President) or Alternate SFMS Delegate or Alternate

Society Affiliation ................................................................................................

Attending Friday Cracker Barrel (circle one) Yes / No

Attending Saturday Annual Meeting (circle one) Yes / No

Attending Saturday Banquet (circle one) Yes / No

   Choose meal type: Chicken   Fish   Vegetarian (enclose $25 for meal, Check to SFMS)

Attending Sunday Editor’s Breakfast (circle one) Yes / No

Interest in Tellus Museum visit Sunday (circle one) Yes / No

Date __________________ Signature______________________________________________
Thank you for your consideration.

Jerri Heer

S.F.M.S. Secretary

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Gem and Mineral Shows

September 23 – 25, 2016;

Jacksonville, FL

Jacksonville Gem and Mineral Society

28th Annual Gem, Mineral, Jewelry Show and Sale

September 23 - 25, 2016, Fri 10-6, Sat 10-6, Sun 10-5

Morocco Temple

3800 St. Johns Bluff Rd South.

Jacksonville, FL 32224

60+ dealers, 20+ displays, Continuous Jewelry Displays

Special exhibits, meteorites and a moon samples on load from NASA!!!

Made possible by Dr. Mike Reynolds

Hourly door prizes, drawings, silent auction

Scouts in uniform and kids under 12 get in free with guardian

$4 each day or $7 for the weekend. Seniors and Active Military with ID get $1 off
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 dealer call Connie Cole, Show Chair. 704-733-7591 or 704-864-4387.

October 7-9, 2016, Huntsville, AL

The 48th annual Gem, Jewelry, and Mineral Show, sponsored by the Huntsville Gem & Mineral Society will be Friday, October 7 through Sunday, October 9, 2016. This is the largest jewelry show in the region, the only rock, mineral and gem show in the region, and a great resource for the school earth science curriculum at all levels.

Location: The Jaycee Community Center at the old airport, 2180 Airport Road, Huntsville, AL 35801

Dates and Hours: Friday, October 7 10:00 am to 6:00 pm
Saturday, October 8 10:00 am to 6:00 pm
Sunday, October 9 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Offerings: National and International Dealers with every type and quality of gems, collector specimens, lapidary materials, fossils, finished jewelry (costume to fine), lapidary (rock and mineral) art objects, and jewelry and lapidary supplies. Lapidary and Jewelry Demonstrations and Displays. Children’s “gem dig”, “gem flume”, and presentations Hourly drawings. Food service. Ample, convenient, FREE parking

Donation suggested: $3 for adults. $1 for primary & secondary students. Children under 5 FREE. $5 for adult Weekend passes

We site: www.huntsvillegms.org Contact: 256-534-8803
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 11 - 13, 2016, Pascagoula, MS

The 27th Magnolia State Gem, Mineral, and Jewelry Show! The Mississippi Gulf Coast Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.
Friday November 11, 10:00 - 6:00
Saturday November 12, 10:00 - 6:00
Sunday November 13, 10:00 - 5:00

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

30 plus vendors selling gemstones, minerals, fossils, jewelry, and much more. Gold/silversmiths doing repairs, several demonstrators including flint knapping, gold panning, faceting, cutting and polishing stones, beading, and chain making. Meals and snacks available at our concessions. Several educational exhibits. There is a raffle as well as hourly door prizes.

Admission is $3.00 for adults, children 12 & under are free with adult. 3 day ticket available for $5.00

For more information Contact Bill La Rue, (228) 229-8781, wildbill2736@gmail.com or Barbi Beatty, (228) 238-9900 mgcgms@bellsouth.net www.mgcgms.org

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

Columbia Gem & Mineral Society
A Non-Profit educational Organization

Nov. 18, 10-6
Nov. 19, 10-6
Nov. 20, 12-5

Adults $5.00... Children 16 & Under Free
With adult 3 Day Pass $10.00
All Military & Dependents FREE
803-736-9317 www.cgams.org

$1.00 Off
Coupon
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

November 18-20, 2016; Louisville, KY

Annual show; KYANA Geological Society, Camp Crestwood ; 7206 Clore Lane; Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 12-5; Free Admission; 44th Annual Mineral, Gem & Fossil Show sponsored by KYANA Geological Society. Beautiful custom jewelry, jewelry supplies, beads, gemstones, genuine Australian opals, crystals, minerals and fossils. Door Prizes, children's Activities.; contact Rick Hunter, P.O. Box 32561, Louisville, KY 40232, (502)-298-8871; e-mail: kyanageoshowchair@gmail.com; Web site: www.kyanageo.org

November 19-20, 2016, West Palm Beach, FL

Gem & Mineral Society of the Palm Beaches, Inc. Presents Our Golden Anniversary 50th Annual Gem, Mineral, Bead, Jewelry, & Fossil Show

Expo Center East South Florida Fairgrounds,

9067 Southern Blvd., West Palm Beach, Florida 33411

www.southfloridafair.com

November 19-20, 2016

Saturday 9AM—6PM, Sunday 10AM—5PM

Over 80 dealers from all over the country offer a wide range of merchandise—fine jewelry, southwestern Indian jewelry, loose beads, rocks and minerals for specimen collecting and cutting, loose precious and semi-precious gemstones, settings and findings, fossils, meteorites, tools, books, and much, much more.
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The show offers a wide range of educational activities and exhibits. Visit the demonstration area where society members will be showcasing skills learned in club classes. Demonstrations will include faceting, cabochon making, chain making, and bead stringing just to name a few. Hourly door prizes awarded both days, a show Grand Prize and a Scholarship fundraising drawing will be held. We have also invited several local education based clubs to display at our show, as well as the South Florida Science Center and Aquarium. Guest speakers will present a variety of educational topics.

**November 18-20, 2016, Marietta, GA**

Cobb County Gem & Mineral Society/CCGMS invites you to join them in their 31st Annual Gem and Mineral Show as we return to our newly renovated home, Cobb County Civic Center in Marietta, GA.

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 18-20, 2016
Friday and Saturday 10AM—6PM, Sunday 10AM—5PM

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

*To learn more about CCGMS visit:*
Web Site: [http://www.cobbcountymineral.org/](http://www.cobbcountymineral.org/)
Facebook: [https://www.facebook.com/cobbcountymineral/](https://www.facebook.com/cobbcountymineral/)

**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.  

Web Site:  http://montgomerygemandmineralsociety.com/mgms/  
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**January 13-15, 2017; Largo, Fl**  
Pinellas Geological Society announces our Fortieth Anniual Gem, Jewelry and Mineral Show and Sale.  

Friday and Saturday 10 AM to 5 PM; Sunday Noon to 5PM  
Largo Cultural Center, Parkside Room, 105 Central Park Drive, Largo, Florida  
Turn south off East Bay Drive just one block east of Seminole Blvd.  
Free admission.  
Donation $1.50 for hourly drawing  
Silent Auction every hour  

Unique jewelry has fascinated mankind since cave days. Today that still holds true as men and women create wonderful gem and mineral ornaments from nature’s abundant rocks and minerals. Members of the Gem and Mineral Clubs in our area gather together monthly to share their hobby.
The members of the Pinellas Geological Society and other local Gem and Mineral Clubs will be showing their cut gems, silver and gold jewelry, wire wrap, beading, cabachons, and collections of rocks and minerals for your viewing pleasure and purchase at our Fortieth Show and Sale on January 13, 14 and 15, 2017 in the Parkside Room at the Largo Cultural Center, 105 Central Park, Largo, Florida, one block east of Seminole Blvd., south off East Bay Drive.

The hours of the show are Friday and Saturday, 10 AM to 5 PM and Sunday Noon to 5 PM.

This show is for everyone of all ages (or species) who are fascinated by and enjoy seeing and learning more about nature’s beauty in gems, rocks and minerals. For more information about the Show or joining the Club, call Leona at (727) 709-3236 The Pinellas Geological Society meets at the Largo Library, Central Park Drive, Largo Room C every fourth Tuesday evening, September through May at 6PM. Contact person Leona Sheffield, Co-Chairperson Phone (727) 709-3236

February 4 & 5, 2017, Merritt Island FL

Rock, Gem and Mineral Show
Central Brevard Rock and Gem Club
Sat & Sun Feb 4 & 5 10am-5pm each day
Kiwanis Recreation Center
951 Kiwanis Island Park Rd
Merritt Island, Fl. 32952
Exit 520 off I95 and turn East onto SR520 until you see the sign for Park Entrance
Grand Prize drawing and 2 draws /hour for door prizes
There will be a sluice for the young at heart, club demos and displays
Silent Auction with grab and go items (priced to sell).
We expect about 25 vendors.

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

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