President's Report

“You are Invited”

You have a SPECIAL INVITE to come to Jacksonville, Florida for the
Jacksonville Gem and Mineral Society Annual Fall Gem and Mineral Show.

We will have over 50 Dealers. Plus this year JGMS is Hosting ISCS, International Sand Collectors Society. Along with SFMS
meetings and lot's of things to see and do in our area. “What a bang up and blow out weekend”.

Here is a list of attractions and sites of things to see in and around the Northeast and Jacksonville, Florida area:

Cummer Gallery, in Riverside

Ft. Caroline National Park and Ribault Column. 80ft. Above sea level. (First settlement in New World - 1562)

St. Augustine Historic area (400 yrs. of History) - 30 miles south.

May Port Deep sea fishing.

Jacksonville Beaches and Museum.

Guana Preserve and Nature Center.

Ft. George Island and Kingsley Plantation.

Jacksonville Zoo.

Within the SFMS organization we STILL NEED a 2nd VP, and an assistant Treasurer. You can be of a GREAT HELP by mentioning these positions on the Board that must be filled. Thank you for reading and passing on this information to your Club members.

Come to Florida for the Sept. 22nd SFMS meeting being help in Jacksonville, Florida. The business meeting is at 9:00 a.m. Located at JGMS Shop, 3733 Crown Point Road, Jacksonville, Florida 32257. The “Fall Rock Show” is located at the Morocco Temple, 3800 St. Johns Bluff Raod, Jacksonville, Florida 32224. Sept. 21-23, 10-6 F, 10-6 S, and 10-5 S.

Check for SFMS registration info and make your plans.

The JGMS is hosting SandFest. Both the “Rock Show” and Sandfest are located at the same address.

You can come and get your toes in the sand in FLORIDA

--- WE HAVE GOING TO A GREAT TIME ---

SFMS President

Craig Hamilton

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Committee Reports

2019 BULLETIN EDITOR’S CONTEST

Mark Easterbrook, Chair

With the AFMS contest occurring even earlier next year (March 16-17, 2019 in Cedar Rapids, Iowa) than it did this year in early April (Raleigh, North Carolina), the deadline for submittal to the 2019 SFMS contest is November 3, 2018 (don’t blame the messenger) accepting entries through the October 2018 newsletter publication period. So, for the 2020 contest the following year, the AFMS will accept November and December 2018 newsletter entries along with the entirety of 2019. With the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons, we will need extra time to get the entries judged in order to submit the top entries to the AFMS by December 29, 2018. I will be gone during Christmas week. Some of the judges might be gone during the last 2 weeks of the year with more and more companies having a use it or lose it policy regarding paid time off by the end of the calendar year.

The number of category entries allowed per club remains at four entries per category; however, starting this year each of the four entries must have been written by different authors. The only categories this rule does not apply to are the individual bulletin categories including ‘New Editor’, ‘Mini Bulletin’, ‘Small Bulletin’, and ‘Large Bulletin’. These bulletin categories will remain at one entry per editor per category per club. Also beginning this year, Drawn Features created by computer or other electronic device will be permitted. In addition, in order to more align with the AFMS and their national contest and to encourage more SFMS clubs to submit entries starting with the 2019 contest (entries through October 2018), SFMS 1st place trophy winners are not eligible for SFMS competition for the next TWO years in the category in which they won 1st place. A 1st place bulletin/newsletter winner may not change the size of the bulletin/newsletter for the remaining months in the contest year and enter it under another size in the next year’s contest.

I want to draw your attention to a misunderstood category with that being Special Publications. While there are no changes to this category, the guidelines have been slightly adjusted by both the AFMS and SFMS to emphasize three things: 1) A club or society may enter more than one Special Publication if the subject and purpose is different (editors need to pay attention to this and select the category that the publication pertains to and do not leave it up to the judge to determine that); 2) A Special Publication is an original one-time publication during the year that is acceptable to be handed to and understood by the public as a stand-alone publication; 3) A Special Publication is rarely something that was published in a club’s newsletter or bulletin with the rare exception to this possibly including an entire bulletin that was devoted to the passing of a club member, without any other club news, and which can reflect the subject exclusively when handed out to the public.

If you have been apprehensive about entering the contest because you were unsure of the process, let me briefly explain it. Choose which articles, features,
poetry, etc. you would like to submit as entries to the contest (up to the limit allowed). Next, go to the SFMS website link for the bulletin editor’s contest ([http://www.amfed.org/sfms/bulletin_contest.html](http://www.amfed.org/sfms/bulletin_contest.html)), select the category that best fits each entry and read the guidelines about that category. Find the link for the score sheet for each category you submit as an entry. Fill out the top half of the score sheet(s) and attach to each your entries. Please include a copy of each entry and score sheet with your submission for a total of two so that if your entry is a top three winner in the SFMS contest, it could be sent to the AFMS for their contest. Please also include an electronic copy of each entry on CD or DVD. That’s all there is to it.

I receive a number of exchange newsletters from several editors within the SFMS. Quite honestly, there have been some potential top award winners that were never entered. I encourage each and every bulletin editor to submit entries. It is a great way to learn and make your bulletin even better. We can all improve how we communicate information to our clubs. That makes the editor the focal point for club communication.

Remember, to qualify for the 2019 SFMS contest, your entry must have been published exclusively for your club newsletter or bulletin during 2018 ending October 31. Please send in your submissions to the following address:

SFMS Bulletin Editor’s Contest  
c/o Mark Easterbrook  
6701 Dorchester Road, Apt. 1007  
North Charleston, SC 29418

Email: [asgardsgc@earthlink.net](mailto:asgardsgc@earthlink.net)  
Cell: 843-276-4016

I look forward to your entries from many different clubs.

Mark

Safety

Bob Green, Chair

OK, HERE COMES BAD SISTER, FLORENCE. All please stay safe. Many folks have decided to ride out the storm and I can understand that, but if you live in a place where the past had had flood issues, please heed the warnings.

OK, I was preparing for the storm, by repairing a gutter. Well, I work for a company that emphasizes safety, well, I failed the safety trainings, While trying to remove a part of the gutter, my finger tried to argue with a saws-all. As expected, the saws-all won that argument.

So, use my second stupid act within the last 6 years as a notice to be safe and look at each task with an eye as to what could go awry. My wounded finger is a real inconvenience to simple things such as tying your shoes.
And this report is being typed more slowly than usual, however, I do consider myself lucky. I could have fallen off the ladder when it happened. A couple of my friends have had serious accidents during ladder activities. One broke both wrists, another broke multiple ribs and punctured a lung. So, it could have been worse.

OK, short report and all be safe.

Be careful, be safe and protect yourself and family.

**Website Contest**

Jeff Ursillo, Webmaster

Deadline for entries for the 2019 contest is December 10, 2018. The 2019 AFMS meeting is early again next year, prompting all dates for the newsletter and website contests to be moved up. The new guidelines, entry forms and scoresheet have been posted on the SFMS website. [http://amfed.org/sfms/](http://amfed.org/sfms/) There are some changes to the scoring criteria, so please be sure to read the guidelines. Main changes concern meeting information and club logo placement, as well as elimination of some previous mandatory items, such as keywords and site search capability. Please be sure to fill out your information on BOTH the entry form and the scoresheet. When you have them filled out, they can be emailed to me at bnmjeff[aol.com](mailto:bnmjeff@aol.com). I must have them no later than December 10, 2018.

I encourage each and every webmaster to enter this year. It is a great way to learn and make your website even better. The judges always try to add comments to explain scores and was to improve the site. As always, the Webmaster and the Bulletin editor are the focal points for club communication.

Please pass this on to your club’s webmaster.

**GEM AND MINERAL SHOWS**

**October 19 – 21, 2018; Knoxville, TN**

28th Annual Gem and Mineral Show
November 3 & 4, 2018, Plant City, FL

59th Annual Gem, Jewelry and Lapidary Arts Show

Host: Tampa Bay Mineral and Science Club
Location: Plant City Strawberry Festival Expo Center
303 N. Lemon Street
Plant City, Florida

Hours: 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Admission: Adults $5; Military $4; Youth & Students $4; Under 12 free (with parent)

Parking: FREE

Directions: Visit our website at www.tampabayrockclub.com for directions.

Discounts: Visit our website at www.tampabayrockclub.com for admission discount coupon.

The show is a great experience for rock hounds and jewelry crafters of all ages! Vendors will exhibit and sell rough stones, slabs, mineral specimens, gemstones, beads and finished jewelry. Club members will showcase their talents selling handcrafted, one-of-a-kind jewelry, gem trees, and cabochons. There will be live demonstrations including cabochon cutting, faceting, wire wrapping, gem trees, chainmaille and more. Patrons can bid for bargains at our silent auction and win door prizes throughout the day. Kids can explore the touch table, and prospect for treasure at our sluice box, or purchase a grab bag full of surprises. This is the perfect opportunity to shop for that special gift for the holidays.

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Norma Jackson – Advertising - fireweedarts@gmail.com

November 10 & 11, 2018; Melbourne, FL

Canaveral Mineral & Gem Society
50 Dealers displaying & selling Jewelry, gems, minerals, crystals, fossils, tools, rocks, slabs.

Demonstrations; hourly prizes; grand prize
Children’s Mineral Discoveries
Melbourne Auditorium
625 East Hibiscus Blvd.
Melbourne, FL 32901

More info; [www.canaveral-mgs.com](http://www.canaveral-mgs.com)

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Don McLamb
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321-723-2592
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November 16 – 18, 2018, Columbia, SC

November 17-18, 2018, West Palm Beach, Florida

52nd annual gem, mineral, jewelry, bead and fossil show
Gem & Mineral Society of the Palm Beaches
Saturday (Nov. 17th) 9am-6pm, Sunday (Nov. 18th) 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, Displays, Demonstrations, Speakers
November 16-18, 2018, Marietta, GA

Cobb County Gem & Mineral Society/CCGMS invites you to the 33rd 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 16-18, 2018
Friday and Saturday 10AM-6PM, Sunday 10AM-5PM

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

To learn more about CCGMS visit:
Web Site:  http://www.cobbcountymineral.org/
Facebook:  https://www.facebook.com/cobbcountymineral/
January 11-13, 2019, Largo FL

Pinellas Geological Society
Forty-Third Annual
Gem, Jewelry and Mineral Show and Sale
Friday and Saturday 10 AM to 5 PM
Sunday Noon to 5 PM
Central Park Performing Arts Center
Parkside Room
105 Central Park Drive
Largo, Florida

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

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

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

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

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

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

February 23rd and 24th 2019, Jackson MS

60th Mississippi Gem, Mineral, Fossil and Jewelry Show
Mississippi Gem and Mineral Society

Saturday, February 23, 2019 (9 am to 6 pm)
Sunday, February 24, 2019 (10am to 5pm)

Mississippi Trade Mart on the State Fairgrounds
Jackson, Mississippi
Admission:
Adults $6    Students $3
Scouts & Leaders in Uniform $2
Children 5 & under—Free
MGMS website: www.missgems.org
Information email: rock2lanes@gmail.com

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

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

49th Annual Gem, Jewelry & Mineral Show and Sale
THE SUNCOAST GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY
Fri: 10 AM to 6PM; Sat: 10AM-6PM; Sun: 10am-5PM
The Minnreg Hall
6340 126th Ave. N., Largo, FL 33773

GRAND DRAWING AT END OF SHOW!
$1.50 GRAB BAGS, FREE PARKING

- 12+ Dealers
- Planned demonstration on Beading, Wire Wrapping, Cabbing, Faceting, Metal Work.
- Silent Auctions all day long, Gem Mining flume inside.
- Club display cases and exhibits.
- Refreshments available.

Show contact: Bill Schmidt, Show Chair, 727 822-8279
Email contact: HYPERLINK "mailto:SGAMSgemshow@gmail.com"
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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).

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