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UPCOMING FIELD TRIP

September 15, 2007: Douglas Property, Dothan, AL, hosted by the Montgomery Gem and Mineral Society. Material to be collected is primarily intercoastal chert and flint with colors ranging from cream to yellow to brown, to red and purple. Some chert/flint is jasper-like and can be worked into cabs. Some drusy quartz on fossils and chalcedony can also be found.

See your local club newsletter for additional information on the above field trip.

"Field trips are open to all members of associated clubs of the DMC program of the SFMS Field Trip Committee and to all members of SFMS member clubs who have provided their membership with SFMS liability insurance. Because of insurance requirements, members of the GENERAL PUBLIC are NOT invited on this or any DMC program field trips!"

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings Folks,

I hope the temperature wherever you are is more bearable than it is here in South Mississippi where the heat index has been as high as 115 soggy degrees. Remember the Annual Meeting is November 10th, in Biloxi, Mississippi. Hopefully more of you have registered by the time this is published. I know some have encountered problems getting registered at the motel; however I think this has been taken care of. If anyone has failed to get registered at the special \$49 rate at the Biloxi Super 8 motel, let me know.

Be safe in this heat. Heat exhaustion can be very dangerous.

Thanks,
Buddy Shotts, SFMS President

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT July 21, 2007

Having considered the positions available, the membership of SFMS and recommendations from some of the members, the nominating committee presents the following slate for 2008.

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Dee Conybear, Alternate, and
Ann Monroe, Chairman*



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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.

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SOUTHEAST FEDERATION OF MINERALOGICAL SOCIETIES ANNUAL MEETING

HOSTED BY
MISSISSIPPI GULF COAST GEM AND MINERAL SOCIETY
AND
HARRISON COUNTY GEM AND MINERAL SOCIETY
Saturday, November 10, 2007

Hotel: Super 8 located on north side of Highway 90. Take I-10 west to I-110 South, then go west on Highway 90 for about 2 miles. Rate is \$49.99 each night. Rates are valid per room, per night plus tax. **Reservations must be made by August 31st for this special rate.** The address is 1870 Beach Blvd., Biloxi, MS 39531; the phone number is 228.385.7919 (Office) or 228.385.7925 (Fax).

Campgrounds: There are camping facilities in the area at Martin Lake Resort, 1405 E. Parker Road, Ocean Springs, MS (228.875.9157) and Baywood Campgrounds Inc., 1100 Cowan Road, Gulfport, MS (228.896.4840).

Show Information: The Annual Magnolia Gem and Mineral Show will be sponsored by The Mississippi Gulf Coast Gem and Mineral Society. Show times: Friday, November 9, 9:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.; Saturday, November 10, 9:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.; Sunday, November 11, 10:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Free admission and Parking. The show will be held at the Jackson County Fair Grounds at the Civic Center.

Meeting: The meeting will be held in the Hotel Conference Room, at 9:00 A.M., registration will begin at 8:30 A.M.

Banquet: The banquet will be Saturday, November 10, 2007 at 7:00 P.M. at the host hotel. The meal will be buffet style. Reservations must be made by October 1, 2007 and the check should be made out to Harrison County Gem and Mineral Society, in the amount \$22.00 per person and send c/o Margaret Johnston, P.O. Box 3028, Bay St. Louis, MS. 39521.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ **Number Attending** _____

Amount Enclosed _____

Be Safe – Be Well

Safety Committee – Don Monroe, Chairman

Sun Exposure – Changes Through Time

A few things that we consider as safety issues have actually changed but not very many. Most hazards remain constant and are still bad for you but our attitude and our knowledge about sun exposure has really changed over time.

When I was young (no snide comments please) I remember the social implications of having a sun tan. Men were regarded as “red necks” if they had a tan face and hands but were whiter over the rest of their body. Women who had a tanned complexion were thought of as farm women or farm workers and were thought to be of a lower socio-economic class. Many of the girls from the “city” were extremely careful about exposure to sunlight.



All of these attitudes changed in the mid-1900’s when it became stylish to have a “tan”. The health effects of sun exposure and the positive aspects of Vitamin D created emphasis on the tanned appearance. Everyone wanted a “tan” and we all got one and tried to keep one.

Well, now we are paying for those tans as the pendulum swings back toward sun protection. I won’t say that skin cancer is rampant but it is a major concern particularly for the fair skinned. It was not very long ago when a popular money-making scheme was to own a tanning studio or sell tanning beds for home use. Now I see many more advertisements for sun creams, sprays and other forms of protection from the sun.

Until recently, I did not know what SPF meant and how sun protection was rated. A very tiny little black speck which turned out to be a melanoma absolutely changed my life and now I am seeing many of my friends learn the same hard lessons.

I am not in the medical profession but I will share with you some thoughts that I share with my children and grandchildren.

1. Visit a dermatologist on a regular basis, more often if you have a fair complexion.
2. Minimize your sun exposure. I simply am afraid to stay out in the sun because it is not worth the risk. Dress sensibly wearing hats, sun glasses, long sleeved shirts and light colored clothing outside.

3. Use an appropriate sun screen following your physician’s advice.
4. Try to convince the younger generations that it is not “macho” to fry in the sun.
5. Don’t forget the little children or grandchildren. I have been told that sun damage is a cumulative thing and we do not want the kids to start too young.



SFMS YOUTH RESOURCES

Youth Scholarship Winner

We are pleased to announce that Elizabeth Siegfried of The Gem & Mineral Society of Franklin, North Carolina, Inc. is a scholarship recipient in the Youth Scholarship Program. Elizabeth comes highly recommended for 90.5 hours in behalf of the Franklin society doing such things as hosting for their Gemboree, hosting in the museum, teaching classes, and demonstrating her skills at gemborees and various local schools. She maintains a high grade point average in school and takes early college classes. In 2006, Elizabeth produced her own gem show with five other dealers and now produces enough of her wire wrapping to sell at three different locations in the county.

Elizabeth plans to attend the SFMS workshop at Wildacres and take wire weaving.

Congratulations, Elizabeth, and we look forward to your report following your workshop.

SFMS Junior of the Year (JOY) 2007

Here it is already nine months into the SFMS Junior of the Year (JOY) 2007 competition. (Timeframe for compiling the points is November 1, 2006 - October 31, 2007). This year, all applications must be postmarked by November 5, 2007. The time gap is shorter this year because of the November 9, 10, 11 annual meeting scheduled for Biloxi, Mississippi.

Local club presidents, ask your youth leaders:

- Are your junior members aware of this competition?
- Are they participating in activities throughout the year that earn points for JOY?
- Do they know that there are few applicants each year for JOY?
- Do they know how to apply for this award?

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SFMS YOUTH RESOURCES

**SFMS Junior of the Year (JOY) 2007
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(In our local junior club meetings, these are always displayed for the youth to review.)

Suggested Minerals and Rocks:

1. AMETHYST
2. AZURITE
3. BARITE
4. BAUXITE
5. CALCITE
6. CHALCOPYRITE
7. COAL
8. COPPER
9. FLUORITE
10. GALENA
11. GARNET
12. GOLD
13. GYPSUM
14. HALITE
15. HEMATITE
16. MAGNETITE
17. MALACHITE
18. MARBLE
19. MICA
20. PYRITE
21. QUARTZ
22. SULFUR
23. TALC
24. TURQUOISE



What a wonderful opportunity for a local junior rockhound to receive a very prestigious individual award! However, a youth usually needs continuous adult support and encouragement to earn points. It is important that the club presidents and editors keep this competition before their club youth and their leaders. As SFMS Youth Resource Committee co-chairs, Ed and I want to challenge each club president, editor, youth leader, and anyone else who is involved with juniors to show them how to acquire points that apply for the JOY award.

Please read the criteria. You will see that involving youth in the JOY competition is more than just a competition, but stimulates club growth. This is a way to pass on the skills and interests in the lapidary arts to the younger generation.

The cover sheet and criteria for the Junior of the Year (JOY) are included in this issue of *Lodestar* (page 6 through 8); we encourage you to copy these forms and distribute them to your junior members, ages 8-18 who are a member in good standing of a Gem and Mineral Club that is, in turn, a member of the Southeast Federation.

The application and cover sheet together with explanations, proofs, letters, etc. must be postmarked by November 5, 2007.

Our goal is to tally the points and declare a winner at the November SFMS annual banquet. The Junior of the Year 2007 will receive a plaque and a very nice mineral or fossil specimen as a prize.

Every club president is responsible for distributing these forms to the youth, the youth leaders, and their parents. We thank you in advance for your part and encouraging your youth to be active members of your club.

*Bonita and Ed Harris
SFMS Youth Resources Chairmen*

Youth Activity: "Pros Table"

Collect 4-6" mineral and rock specimens of your choosing. Teach something special about each specimen. For example, gold and pyrite look similar, but have different price values. Also, gold has a streak of yellow with pyrite's being greenish in color.

Make 8" labels for each one and laminate the labels to protect them. Scatter the specimens on a table. Mix up the labels. Have the youth, individually or in groups, place the labels on the correct specimens. Once the junior has proven mastery, award a certificate.

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NEWS FLASH

NASA has just made it official: There will be a MOON ROCK at the Jacksonville Gem and Mineral Society's 19th Annual Gem, Mineral, Fossil and Bead Show.



Show dates are September 21 – 23 at the Morocco Temple at 3800 St. Johns Bluff Road in Jacksonville. There is a map on the JGMS website: jaxgemandmineral.org.

Dr. Mike Reynolds, internationally known meteorite expert, will have his meteorite display at the show. The Northeast Florida Astronomical Society will display telescopes along side the moon rock.

For further information call David or Barbara Tuttle at 1.904.225.0689 or email at dt@net-magic.net.

David Tuttle

APPLICATION FOR SFMS JUNIOR OF THE YEAR 2007

NAME _____ AGE _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN _____

I, _____, certify that I am a member in good standing of the _____ Gem and Mineral Club, which is a member of the Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies. I am a paid member throughout the calendar Year 2007. All of the points on this application are for activities between November 1, 2006 and October 31, 2007. All entries are true and correct.

PRESIDENT OF THE SPONSORING CLUB

I _____, as President of the sponsoring Club believe that all the points recorded in this application are true and correct.

PARENT/ GUARDIAN SIGNATURE _____

ALL MATERIAL MUST BE COMPLETED BY OCTOBER 31, 2007

ALL MATERIAL MUST BE POSTMARKED BY NOVEMBER 5, 2007

THE JUNIOR OF THE YEAR (JOY) WINNER WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN THE DECEMBER 2007 *LODESTAR* AND AT THE 2007 SFMS ANNUAL MEETING! GOOD LUCK!

SFMS JUNIOR OF THE YEAR 2007 CRITERIA

NOTE: On a separate sheet(s) of paper, list and identify/describe activities and the points attained for each individual activity (i.e. #2 Adult meetings attended: May 2005 (5 points), July 2005 (2 points) etc.).

- 1. Must be a current, paid Junior member of a club in the Southeast Federation, 5 points....._____points
- 2. Must attend at least one adult meeting, 5 points....._____points
Attendance at additional adult meetings, 2 points each....._____points
(5 points if there is no Junior meeting available to attend)
- 3. Attendance at Junior meetings/workshops, 5 points each....._____points
Serving as an officer, committee member or presenter 5 points each meeting_____points
- 4. Attendance at a Gem and Mineral Club Show other than your own. Show must be recognized by an organized Club or one of the major federations. (Obtain and save show ticket or program), 10 points....._____points

NOTE: Attendance at a primarily rock, gem, mineral, fossil, or earth science museum, National Park, or other exhibit related to our hobby will be considered a "show". Enter points above, 10 points each

- 5. Participation in a Gem and Mineral Club sponsored (or Dixie Mineral Council sponsored) field trip, including Junior Club field trips, 15 points each....._____points
- 6. Participation in a family field trip or field trip with a group other than those listed above, 10 points per trip....._____points
- 7. In keeping with the "Each one Teach one" program, a Junior club member can earn 10 points per occasion for sharing our hobby with others by teaching them a defined skill (example - Gem tree making at your club show or presenting a program)....._____points
- 8. In the spirit of sharing our hobby and encouraging growth of the clubs in our Federation, a Junior may earn 5 points for sponsoring a new Junior or adult member and an additional 5 points for attending a meeting to introduce them_____points

NOTE: Articles accepted by the Editor but not yet published by October, 2006 can be counted for this or next year, but for one year only.

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SFMS JUNIOR OF THE YEAR 2007 CRITERIA

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9. Publication of a well-researched educational article on some phase of our hobby or the earth sciences in your club bulletin. Accuracy of information and references required. 25 points_____points

10. Publication of a report in your club bulletin on a Junior Club meeting, workshop or field trip, 10 points each_____points

11. A Junior Club member winning a regional or national award for articles published in a club bulletin and submitted for competition will receive 25 points for each such recognition....._____points

NOTE: You may receive points for publication of an article one year and receive points for the same article for recognition the next year....._____points

12. Junior sharing our hobby at schools or in other groups by making a presentation may receive 5 points for each presentation if a written verification is obtained at the time from the adult in charge....._____points

13. Junior recognized in school, regional or state Science Fairs for exhibits related to our hobby or to Federation purposes will receive 20 points per recognition....._____points

14. Junior having an exhibit in your club show, 20 points per exhibit....._____points

15. Junior working at the annual club show will receive 5 points for each hour verified work period....._____points

TOTAL POINTS_____

For a possible tie breaker describe any other hobby related information regarding publications, activities, or recognitions achieved this past year that might help us evaluate your enthusiasm for winning this JOY award.

PUBLICATIONS CHAIR REPORT

WORKSHOP UPDATE

As the 2007 workshop season draws to a close, there have been several important changes. First, I recently and regretfully accepted the resignation of the Wildacres co-director, **Jo Harrison**. Jo has had a lot on her plate this year, and the duties had become too much for her. She will continue to provide some behind-the-scene support to **Kathy Morris** as she is able, so she isn't totally lost to us.

Kathy will continue as the director, not only of Wildacres, but of the William Holland workshops as well. Since we are down to only four workshops, with the deletion of the April session at Wildacres, Kathy and I decided to simplify things with a single director over both locations. **Denise Talbott** has been selected as the William Holland registrar; and **B.J. Gearhart** will be the registrar for Wildacres. B.J. and her husband Earl are relative newcomers to the workshops. They live in Canton, GA. Denise lives in Murphy, NC, which as you know is only a hop, skip and jump from William Holland.

Robert (Red) Walker and his wife, **Flora Lee**, and **Charlotte Caughman** are ending their terms as the WA and WH registrars. The Education Committee recognizes their invaluable contributions to the workshop program, and we appreciate their hard work.

We had a last-minute surprise at the August workshop, when the PMC instructor suddenly had to pull out of the class. Kathy made a valiant effort to secure a replacement instructor, to no avail. We were able to place some of the students in other classes, but regretfully, we did lose a few students.

Good news: Due to overwhelming demand, a second beginning silver class has been added to the October session at William Holland.

There are still openings in the September classes at Wildacres. Autumn comes early up there, so don't miss the opportunity to enjoy the fall colors while taking a class there. Send your registrations forms to Robert and Flora Lee - they don't go off duty until the end of the year, and they are waiting to hear from you.

Readers, help me out here if you can: We are puzzled by the lack of interest in the workshop classes that are most basic to our hobby. We've had to cancel several classes in Gem and Mineral Identification and Cabochons. What gives? Does everyone feel they are competent in these areas and need no additional classes? Do the classes need to be revamped? Do we need more instructors in these areas? We've asked many times for ideas and suggestions. I've heard from exactly three folks. Please, if you can offer answers to any of these questions, let me know now. We are working on the 2008 schedule and this information can help us plan classes more to your needs. Email me at Julia Larson, sfmsedchair@gmail.com.

Many thanks,
Julia Larson, SFMS Education Chair

New changes to your directory are as follows:

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Co-Director of Wildacres, Jo Harrison, has resigned. This leaves Kathy Morris in the position of Director.

If you find any other errors or need changes made to your directory information, such as newly elected officers, etc., please let me know. When sending hand written information, please try to be as legible as possible. My eyes are not what they used to be.

Betty James
SFMS Publications Chair

MINUTES OF THE SECOND 2007 SFMS
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
Tannehill Historical Park, AL
June 2, 2007

The 2nd Executive Board Meeting of the Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on June 2, 2007, in Tannehill Historical State Park, Alabama. William (Red) Walker gave the invocation and President Buddy Shotts led the Pledge of Allegiance. Past S.F.M.S. Presidents Don Monroe, Ann Monroe, Travis Parris, and Jim Robinson (Past A.F.M.S. President) were recognized along with guests.

Gloria Adams, President of the Host Club, Alabama Mineral and Lapidary Society, welcomed us to Tannehill. This is her club's 34th Show and 50th Anniversary! The son of one of their charter members is still teaching about rocks for them.

The Secretary, Beryl Ferguson, indicated that we had a quorum. Bill Waggener moved for Agenda approval and Hugh Sheffield seconded that motion which was passed unanimously. Don Monroe accepted the role of Parliamentarian for the meeting. Ann Monroe made a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting and Bill Waggener seconded that motion which also passed unanimously.

Buddy Shotts shared his health difficulties with dangerously low blood pressure following heart surgery and asked that we monitor him. He will continue as our President, hoping his physicians can regulate his medication to solve the problem. He and his wife, Reba, will represent the S.F.M.S. at Roswell's A.F.M.S. series of meetings.

Long time friend, Mr. Zack Adams of Pensacola, has agreed to represent the S.F.M.S. Club Rockhound of the Year to the A.F.M.S. Buddy Shotts continues his main drive as president: *Membership*. He echoed Gloria Adams' comment that trying to get younger members is hard. Ed and Bonita Harris from the Mobile club have become the S.F.M.S. Youth Directors following great success with their club's youth.

Hobby competition from sports and electronic games make our encouragement of young people more necessary. Their parents must provide transportation to club meetings and activities. Newer members will increase Federation workshop attendance as they become involved in learning new skills.

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SFMS 2007 Workshops at Wildacres and the William Holland Retreat

The Southeast Federation will again offer a series of lapidary and jewelry-making workshops at Wildacres in Little Switzerland, NC and at the William Holland Retreat in Young Harris, GA. A significant effort has been made to obtain fresh viewpoints from a number of new instructors. Former experienced instructors with popular classes have been invited back. The 2007 workshop schedule has now been finalized and is offered for your consideration. We recognize that some of the dates are not convenient but much of the schedule is not controlled by SFMS officers. Please try to join us at one of the 2007 Workshops.

2007 Workshop Dates

April.....Friday, April 13 to Thursday, April 19, 2007

June.....Sunday, June 10 to Saturday, June 16, 2007

August.....Monday, August 20 to Sunday, August 26, 2007

September.....Monday, Sept. 17 to Sunday, Sept. 23, 2007

October.....Sunday, October 14 to Saturday, October 20, 2007

Wildacres Retreat is a conference center dedicated in 1946 by I.D. Blumenthal and Madolyn Blumenthal of Charlotte, NC, to the improvement of human relations. It is situated on 1400 acres at an elevation of 3,300 feet atop a mountain called Pompey's Knob. The retreat is in Little Switzerland, approximately halfway between Asheville and Blowing Rock, NC just off the Blue Ridge Parkway.

There are two lodges, a dining hall, where meals are served family style, a library/auditorium building, mineral and lapidary shops, and a pottery studio.

The William Holland School of Lapidary Arts is situated on a mountain in north Georgia near the North Carolina border. The facility includes a two-story main building known as the Sparks Lodge with 29 air-conditioned bedrooms on the upper floor. A second lodge is located nearby with 22 additional air-conditioned bedrooms. All bedrooms are motel-like with private baths and two beds. Two rooms are equipped for the handicapped.

The lower, ground level of the Sparks Lodge houses 13 classrooms, the kitchen, and dining room. This floor is completely air-conditioned, and a new elevator permits easy access to both floors.

Two other buildings make up the retreat complex: the Seabolt Building, which houses the George Kasper Memorial Library as well as showers and restroom facilities for the campground; and Mary Lou's Cottage, to house the instructional staff. The campground has 10 full hook-up spaces for RV's up to 40 feet in length.

Who May Attend

The SFMS Workshops are open to all members of the Southeast Federation. Students under age 18 are welcome, but they must be accompanied by a responsible adult and must be approved by the workshop director and instructor to attend an adult class. This year a **Family Week** in June will include special youth courses for rockhounds as young as age 9.

Members of other regional federations may attend on a space available basis as a guest or they may join a Southeast Federation club and have all priorities and privileges of other SFMS members.

Family Week at William Holland

June 10-16, 2007: Are you tired of your kids spending the summer playing video games? Are theme parks out of the budget this year? Maybe you want to do something special with your grandchildren, nieces or nephews without spending a fortune? Look no further than the June 2007 SFMS workshop at the William Holland School.

Classes for juniors ages 9 and up as well as adults are being offered in June 2007. Parents, grandparents, and others are encouraged to sign up their juniors for this exciting week. Juniors will take two classes while their accompanying adults choose from a variety of regular classes. A special field trip for juniors is being planned, along with an evening program at the Young Harris College planetarium. Other after-class events and activities are also scheduled. Plan to take advantage of this fun and economical learning vacation with your juniors.

Registration Procedures

Applications from members of SFMS clubs will be accepted first; however, members of other AFMS clubs may apply and will be scheduled following SFMS applicants.

Applications will be accepted beginning on February 15, 2007 for all workshop sessions. The postmark date on or after this date determines the order of acceptance. **First-time attendees have an extra priority.** Applications from non SFMS students will be accepted beginning March 15, 2007.

Reservation Deposit

A non-refundable administrative fee of \$25 per person must accompany all applications. The full amount may be remitted with the application if the applicant wishes. (It is easier for the Registrar.) The balance is due 4 weeks before the workshop begins. No reminders will be sent.

No refund will be returned for cancellations within 7 days of the start of a session. A minimum of three students must be enrolled in a particular class to support the cost of the class. No fee will be charged if a class is canceled. No adjustment will be made for late arrival or early departure.

How to Attend

Turn the page and look at the workshop course offerings. Staff names and addresses are also shown and you may contact them or the Education Chair, Julia Larson. Read all the instructions on the registration form carefully. This is a single registration for all workshops at both retreats. Make sure you indicate which session you wish to attend and send the registration form and your check to the registrar for the appropriate retreat.

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Phone: 706-327-4474 Email: drg@mchsi.com

William Holland Workshop Registrars

Charlotte Caughman and Micheal Atkins
P.O. Box 4692, Spartanburg, SC 29305
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April 13-19, 2007 at Wildacres

Cabochons, beginning	Chris Calloway
Fused Glass	Julia Larson
Gem Trees	Nancy Calloway
Photography, jewelry and minerals	Ken Kipnis
Seed Beading	Roz Evans
Silversmithing, beginning	Allen Jewell
*Wirecraft, sculpture	Anna Hess

June 10-16, 2007 at William Holland

Beading, traditional	Case Leeser
Chainmaking, beginning	John Fetvedt
Faceting, beginning	David Corn
Jr. Lapidary with Cabochons and Stained Glass	Anita Westlake and Julia Larson
Lampwork, Beads	Betty Fetvedt
Lost-Wax Casting	John Iacullo
Opal Cutting	Sara Lee Boyce
Photography jewelry/minerals	Ken Kipnis
Silversmithing, beginning	Daingerfield Ashton
*Silversmithing, intermediate	Allen Jewell
*Silversmithing, Southwest	Dan Haga
*Wirecraft, advanced	Kathy Morris

August 20-26, 2007 at Wildacres

Beading, crochet	Judy Kelly
Cabochons, beginning	Betty James
Cold Connections	Kim St. Jean
Enameling	Larry Outlaw
Faceting, beginning	B. D. Moore
Gem appreciation/identification	Ben Smith
*Metalsmithing, advanced	Jeff Sheer
Precious Metal Clay 1	Mary Ann, Ken Devos
Raku Pottery	Jim Cullen
Scrimshaw	Bill Wetzel
Seed beading Techniques	Vivian Heath
Silversmithing, beginning	Gene Tipton
*Wirecraft, Rings	Ruth Ann Moore

September 17-23, 2007 at Wildacres

*Chainmaking, intermediate	Dee & Bill Conybear
Cold Connections	Kim St. Jean
*Faceting and Intarsia	Tom Wilke
Lost-wax Casting and Design	Tim and Janet Steeper
Opal Cutting	Sara Lee Boyce
*Precious Metal Clay 2	Mary Ann, Ken Devos
Seed Beading	Barbera Green
*Silversmithing, Southwest	Dan Haga
Wire Weaving	Louise Coulson

October 14-20, 2007 at William Holland

Cabochons, beginning	Lucy Caracoglia
Cold Connections	Kathy Morris
Faceting, beginning	B.D. Moore
Fused Glass	Addy DePietro
Intarsia	Tom Wilke
Lost Wax Casting	Fred Sias
Mineral Identification	Betty James
Opal Cutting	Joe DePietro
Origami	Hideko Pezant
Silversmithing, beginning	Don and Ann Monroe
Soapstone Carving	Diane H. Walker
*Wirecraft, rings	Ruth Ann Moore

Note: * indicates advanced course with prerequisites.

September 2007

The Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies, Inc.

2007 SFMS Registration Form for All Workshops

Check Session Attending: April WA June WH August WA Sept. WA Oct. WH
Accommodations: Lodge Campground at Wm. Holland only Day Student

A. NAME:		SFMS CLUB:	
B. NAME		PHONE:	
	STREET:	EMAIL:	
	CITY:	STATE	ZIP

Is this the first time you will attend this retreat? (A) Yes No (B) Yes No
 Have you attended any other SFMS Workshop? (A) Yes No (B) Yes No
 Do you wish to be placed on Stand-by if there are no vacancies when your application arrives? Yes No

Class Choices

First Choice	*	Second Choice	*	Third Choice	*
A					
B					

(*) Check box if you have previously taken this course at an SFMS Workshop

Room Assignment for Single Applicants only:

Special Needs:

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| <p>1) Do you have a friend with whom you wish to room?
_____</p> <p>2) Do you smoke? _____ Do you wish to room with a non-smoking person? _____ yes _____ no preference.</p> <p>3) Are you an early riser _____ or a Night Owl _____</p> | <p>4) Do you need a handicap room? Yes _____ No _____</p> <p>5) Can you negotiate stairs? Yes _____ No _____</p> <p>6) Special Dietary needs: Diabetic _____ Other _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Campers: Type _____ Length _____</p> |
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INSTRUCTIONS

- 1) Applications will be accepted beginning on February 15, 2007 for all sessions. The postmark date on or after this determines the order of acceptance. **First-time attendees have extra priority.**
- 2) **Your Club Membership Dues must be current** and your club's dues to the Federation must also be paid before you will be accepted as an SFMS member.
- 3) **Cost per person:**
 Double occupancy with private bath \$310. (Non-member \$330.)
 Single room with private bath. . . . \$470. (Non-member \$490.)
 Day student or WH Camper workshop fee \$140 per person.
 Campsite for 1 or 2 people at William Holland only \$120.
(No meals are included for campers or day students but are available directly from the retreat.)
- 4) **A reservation deposit of \$25 per person must accompany this form.** You may, *and are encouraged to*, pay the full amount. **Any balance will be due four weeks prior to the workshop.**
- 5) **Cancellation Policy:** If you cancel, there is a \$25 per person nonrefundable charge to cover administrative costs. No refund will be given for cancellations received less than 7 days before the session begins.
There are NO adjustments for late arrivals or early departures.
Amount submitted with application: \$ _____

Make Check Payable to: SFMS (WA or WH) Workshop

<p>William Holland Registrar Charlotte, Caughman P. O. Box 4692 Spartanburg, SC 29305 Phone: 864-473-0317</p>	<p>Wildacres Registrars Flora Lee and Robert Walker 164 Sexton Loop Oakdale, TN 37829-2323 Phone: 423-369-3077</p>
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FOR REGISTRAR'S USE ONLY

Postmark Date:	Check #:
Deposit #:	Amt. Paid: \$
Accept. Mailed:	Balance due: \$
Standby Mailed:	Bal. Check #:
Deposit #:	Bal. Amt. Pd: \$
Cancel Date:	Total Paid: \$
- Cancel. Fee: \$	Refund: \$
Refund Chk #:	Refund Mailed:

MINUTES OF THE SECOND SFMS EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

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Officer Reports:

1st Vice President Steve Henegar said that he did not have a special report.

2nd Vice President Betty James' report indicated that John Wright has asked to be replaced as Mississippi State Director. He was thanked for his many years of service. Floy and Bill Hawkins, dealers from the Mississippi Gem and Mineral Society and North Mississippi Gem and Mineral Society will become the new Mississippi State Directors.

Secretary Beryl Ferguson's report showed that in preparation for this Tannehill meeting all clubs were notified by mail, including clubs for which the renewal process through the Membership Secretary was incomplete. Lost renewal forms were replaced and those needing a reminder now realize that their Federation really cares about them. Slowly all club renewal problems are being resolved.

Ken Anderson's Treasurer's reports revealed the CD and checking account figures including the Stamp Fund that provides stamp scholarships exclusively. Interest and renewal information for the CDs was clarified for 2007 and 2008 upon CD maturity. His second report clarified expenditures to date by projected category for the current year.

The Assistant Treasurer Roger Campbell was absent and did not submit a separate report. Ken Anderson said that he has taken on the insurance job, learned all parts of the treasurer's responsibilities, and assisted with the Endowment fund.

The Membership Secretary Joan White was absent and had submitted no report. She had forwarded registration checks and information for late registering clubs.

Lodestar Editor Carolyn Daniels provided mailing lists for updating. The people in each club that will automatically get the *Lodestar* are the President, Program Chair, Secretary (Recording Secretary assumed), and Editor. Those opting for an electronic copy will not receive a paper copy. Multiple copies are not sent to an officer unless club distribution is indicated. Due to postage expense, future issues will be folded and normally cannot exceed 16 pages (maximum to fold). Please submit articles by the deadline indicated in the *Lodestar* as it is processed on the weekends due to my schedule as a geologist.

Past President Ann Monroe's report reminded us to submit S.F.M.S. officer nominee recommendations to the Nominations committee to fill all open offices for the coming year.

A.F.M.S. 5th Vice President Don Monroe said he was able to attend the last A.F.M.S. Meeting and planned to attend the upcoming one in Roswell, New Mexico.

Mayo Educational Foundation President William (Bill) Waggener said we have four applications for scholarships

at present. His report reflected the amount of interest available this year for higher education scholarships (junior year through graduate study) within geology fields.

State Director Reports:

Alabama State Director Iris McGehee referred to her report reflecting the many activities occurring in each of her state's clubs. From sponsoring this meeting at Tannehill to silent auctions, rock swaps, multiple annual shows, fieldtrips and a guided tour at Anniston Museum of Natural History, these lapidary clubs are active. One club will award multiple scholarships to Wildacres and William Holland.

Florida State Director Hugh Sheffield shared the joy of his privilege to visit clubs and gain ideas to be shared with other clubs. He has visited numerous clubs and plans to visit others this fall. Recognition is given for unique club activities and problem are solved.

Georgia State Director Anita Westlake said her report reflected activities by clubs contacting her which included helping with the Science Olympiad in Augusta, setting up a gold mining sleuth at Pioneer Days in Carrollton, picnics, auctions, and shows. As a lapidary instructor, she talked and shared items made at William Holland and Wildacres to boost their programs. She hosted the Science Olympiad Rocks and Mineral Event at Emory University, served at the mineral ID booth for Weinman Mineral Museum's Rockfest, and had an article published in the May edition of Meteorite Magazine.

Kentucky State Director Dave Horn was unable to attend and had not submitted a report.

Louisiana State Director Dr. Bridget Joubert's report indicated the New Orleans Gem and Mineral Society is rebuilding from New Orleans' extensive hurricane damage. The Central Louisiana Club has been increasing membership and sponsored a lapidary field day, but is still seeking an affordable hall to resume their annual Rock shows. Five other Louisiana rock and mineral clubs belong to the S.C.F.M.S.

Mississippi State Director John Wright's report sadly indicated that the Pearl River Rock Club of Picayune held its last meeting on May 26, 2007 and had transferred all remaining club assets to the Harrison County Gem and Mineral Society. Mississippi club activities include educational hands-on workshops during its meetings, fourth Saturday fieldtrips, club logo patches and brochures, rock swaps, and continuing lapidary classes taught through the University of Mississippi's Out Reach program with money raised going to club scholarships. Moving into a new building, auctioning old equipment, resuming classes, scouting fieldtrip sites or being patient because one rebuilding county still lacks a facility large enough to accommodate a show, providing individual pieces of equipment for workshop program, and participating at the Mississippi State Welcome Center during National Tourism Week, are activities which involves their growing memberships. They will host our S.F.M.S. Annual meeting in November. John and Billie Wright are traveling out west at present.

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North Carolina State Director Mike Streeter was unable to attend and indicated that he had nothing to report.

South Carolina State Director Fred Sias' report indicated he has given Power Point presentations showing a series of slides of scenes and classrooms from both Wildacres and William Holland S.F.M.S. workshops to five clubs. The remaining club was given copies of the S.F.M.S. Workshop Brochure at the Aiken-Augusta Show.

Tennessee State Director Marty Hart was unable to attend and wrote that he had no report for this meeting.

Virginia State Director Steve Gordon did not attend and no report was received prior to the meeting.

S.F.M.S. Committee Reports:

Bulletin Contest Chair Ed Johnson said he had no report at this time.

Constitution and Bylaws Chair Robert (Red) Walker said that his report that there was nothing to report was in the packet.

Education Chair Julia Larson's report indicated that the Wildacres April workshop with fewer than 20 students did not meet expenses and recommended that this session be deleted. No other Wildacres time slots are currently available. William Holland's June Family week classes are filling and will it be successful. One request for a youth scholarship to a workshop other than the June Family Workshop is pending. Wildacres Co-director Kathy Morris will be the Director for both Wildacres and William Holland workshops in 2008. One new class will be gourd carving utilizing cabochons. A new and different beading class is under consideration. We would like to maintain at least one set of Genie cabbings wheels strictly for our own use at William Holland. Julia was teaching at William Holland at the time of our meeting.

Historian Charlotte Mayo Bryant did not attend and no report was received from her prior to the meeting.

Insurance Liaison Roger Campbell's report reminded us that the insurance program is open to all clubs in good standing and that dues must be paid prior to finalizing insurance coverage. Currently 57 clubs requested 'Third Party Liability' insurance coverage and 31 clubs have included show insurance coverage. Many clubs have requested that additional entities be added to their General Liability Certificates, and this has been done. Extra billing costs for additions will be passed to those clubs. Roger is available to answer club insurance questions.

Long Range Planning Chair William (Bill) Waggener said he had no report at this time.

Nominations Chair Ann Monroe added to her report of only one recommendation for nomination for an open office that younger members need to step up and take responsibilities with the knowledge that others will assist them. Only in this way will our Federation grow.

Buddy Shotts added that although he is a good faceter, he put extra effort into administration for the Federation.

Jim Robinson challenged State Directors to sell the Federation when they visit clubs so that members learn what it is and have the opportunity to gain from serving the Federation.

Public Relations Chair remains open. Buddy Shotts commented that really we should all be public relations for our organization.

Publications Chair Betty James told us that we do have a Directory. Her report requests that additions, corrections, change of address, and new officer information be sent to her so that she can provide updates through the *Lodestar* as the means for keeping club information current. There is a blank page in the back of the directory for updates.

First updates:

North Carolina Fossil Club:

Richard Chandler, PhD, Editor, 1225 Lorimer Rd., Raleigh, NC, 27606

Robert Story, Membership Secretary, rstorys@mindspring.com

Carolyn Daniels clarified Directory distribution:

S.F.M.S.: executive officers, state directors, committee chairs, and past presidents

Individual clubs: editor, president, secretary, and program chair.

Safety Chair Don Monroe added appreciation for article suggestions. His safety articles have been submitted for each *Lodestar*. Don was encouraged to see the safety articles in club newsletters and his report reminds all editors that they should feel free to use any of his articles.

Buddy Shotts reminded us that we are in a hobby in which if you don't *know* what you're dealing with, you can get hurt. Reading Don's articles can put a red flag in your memory to keep you safe.

S.F.M.S. Fieldtrip Chair Jim Flora directed us to his report concerning the three DMC field trips during this summer session. On May 26, 2007, the Gem and Mineral Society of Lynchburg, Virginia, hosted a field trip to Boxley Materials Company's Mount Athos quarry near Lynchburg. 22 different minerals were collected by Mount Athos fieldtrip participants that day. June's fieldtrip was cancelled due to Charles Towne Mineral and Lapidary Club's official disbandment. The Middle Tennessee Gem and Mineral Society of Murfreesboro will host the July fieldtrip and the Tennessee Valley Gem and Mineral Society of Chattanooga will host the August fieldtrip. Jim Flora's email is dmc@gamineral.org and World Wide Website is <http://www.gamineral.org/dmc.htm>.

Slides and Videos Chair Freda Hull was absent and did not file a report. Betty James told us there is a complete list of slides and videos in the Directory. She suggests we use

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Saturday, November 10, 2007.

Uniform Rules Chair Diane Johnson said she did not have a report at this time.

them for general meeting programs or for a study group that meets separately from your general meeting. If you send an order, call or email Freda, your requested item is in the mail the next day. Whatever slides or videos the A.F.M.S has, we can get.

Ways and Means Chair Frank Decaminada told us that the 2008 proposed budget would be released in September through the mail. His report reminds each officer and committee chair that timely input to the committee will enable your President and the committee to develop a consolidated financial budget for presentation at the Annual Meeting November 10, 2007. Frank and the committee welcome suggestions to assure the Ways and Means Committee performs as each one accepts.

Social Concerns Chair Dee Conybear and her husband, Bill, are teaching at William Holland this week. She has nothing to report at present.

Wildacres Directors Kathy Morris and Jo Harrison are on site and did not submit a separate report at this time.

Betty James said that Ruby Marshall had passed away. She had been a member of Mississippi Gem and Mineral Society, the North Mississippi Club, and the Huntsville Club.

Wildacres Registrars Robert (Red) and Flora Lee Walker said that 19 people attended the April workshop with a result that we were approximately \$400 in the red. Julia Larson is currently working with Wildacres and if we give up the April slot, we won't get it back.

Iris McGehee's report indicated that the East Alabama Club had lost one of its members, Margaret Ellen McAllister.

Robert reiterated that Julia recommended that the April session be dropped.

Stamp Program Chair Jim Robinson referred to his report concerning getting a lot of stamps from clubs. He indicated sales were slow at this time of year but should pick up in August. Metered envelopes with a slogan (Smoky the Bear say's prevent forest fires), etc. are highly collectable. He needs stamps taken off the paper as he lacks the help to do so and his recent surgery and medical problems preclude removing them himself. Jim requests that we refer to the website for soaking instructions and give him a hand with this.

Jim Robinson emphasized that State Directors need to share Federation workshop information with every club visited.

Supplies Chair Caroline Decaminada's report indicated the list of supplies and their 2006 costs remain the same. Contact Caroline by email or telephone to purchase any listed supply.

William Holland Directors Ray and Dana Gonzalez were on site and no report had been received from them prior to the meeting.

William Holland Registrar Charlotte Caughman was on site and had not forwarded a report prior to the meeting.

S.F.M.S. Constitution & By-Laws	\$3.00
S.F.M.S. Directory (2007)	5.00
S.F.M.S. Guidelines for Annual Meeting	2.00
S.F.M.S. Bulletin Contest Guidelines	2.00
S.F.M.S. Officers Handbook	2.00
Guidelines for Club Officers, Committee Chairpersons & Forming New Clubs	2.00
Display Showmanship for Prize Winning Exhibits	2.00
Organization & Conduct of Jr. Rockhound Club	1.25
Organization & Conduct of Family Rockhound Club	1.25
S.F.M.S. Necklace	2.50
S.F.M.S. Nine Color Pin	2.50
S.F.M.S. Nine Color Patch	2.50
S.F.M.S. Letterhead Stationary	no charge
S.F.M.S. Letterhead Envelopes	no charge

Webmaster Jim Flora added to his report that most of the information from the directory is already on the S.F.M.S. Website in pdf format. Contact entries for each S.F.M.S. club and club show pages are updated. Tannehill Meeting details, rock swaps, open fieldtrips, and the complete 2007 Wildacres and William Holland workshop on line. The current *Lodestar* and all newsletters published since January of 2004 are accessible in the newsletter archive.

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Youth Resources Chairs Ed and Bonita Harris' report announced that Elizabeth Siegfred from the Gem and Mineral Society of Franklin, North Carolina, was the 2007 S.F.M.S. Workshop Youth Scholarship recipient. At 16 she worked over 90.5 hours for her club and teaches wire wrapping to other juniors and to area schools as well as volunteering at the museum. Ed and Bonita encourage youth participation in local clubs through *Lodestar* articles and sharing A.F.M.S. Website junior activities such as Mapping. Bonita encouraged clubs to get youth involved early at club level so that they can keep track of their activities and apply for next year's scholarship.

Betty James informed us that a complete supply list is included in the 2007 Directory.

A.F.M.S. Committee Chairs:

Frank Decaminada said all supplies would be available for purchase at the annual meeting from a table set up displaying them.

A.F.M.S. Newsletter Chair is open.

Annual Meeting Host Margaret Johnson's report had not been received at meeting time.

Boundaries Chair Janie Hand sent word through Betty James that the Boundaries committee had no activity.

Buddy Shotts told us our Annual Meeting location is in Biloxi, Mississippi, at the newly rebuilt Super 8 Hotel just across Highway 90 from the beach. Hotel cost will be \$49.99 per night. Campgrounds are in the area. The Magnolia Gem and Mineral Society is hosting a three-day Show in Pascagoula, Mississippi, from November 9th through 11th. Our banquet will be buffet style at the hotel. The Federation meeting date is

Bulletin Editors Chair Carolyn Daniels had nothing to report.

Club Publications Chair is open.

Club Rockhound of the Year Chair is open. Buddy Shotts is carrying the nomination of Al Zack to the A.F.M.S. Meeting and has someone under consideration to fill this liaison Chair.

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meeting July 14, 2007. See her for details.

Ann Monroe made the suggestion that all clubs put the State Director on their mailing list to keep updated information available.

Beryl Ferguson shared her program format for taking examples of items made in various workshops to her presentations concerning Wildacres and William Holland so that newer members realize what is involved in these classes, not just hear unknown topic names such as cabbing or channel work. When they see handmade items, they realize that they can learn to make them, too. It is from newer members that many Wildacres and William Holland Federation classes fill and from satisfied, involved younger members that our hobby grows.

Edna Morris from Cobb County Gem and Mineral Society requested that anyone with old copies of the *Cobblestone* from the 90's could help complete their collection. Please contact her.

Buddy Shotts suggested putting the request in the *Lodestar*.

After thanking people for coming, Buddy Shotts adjourned the meeting.

*Respectfully submitted,
Beryl F. Ferguson, S.F.M.S. Secretary*



GRAVES MOUNTAIN "ROCK SWAP AND DIG" FOR 2007

8 A.M. to 6 P.M., Friday, October 5, 2007
8 A.M. to 6 P.M., Saturday, October 6, 2007
8 A.M. to 6 P.M., Sunday, October 7, 2007

Your society is invited to field collect minerals at Georgia's premiere mineral location!

The SFMS Field Trip Committee has been in contact with the caretaker in charge of Graves Mountain, Clarence Norman Jr., in regard to his plans to hold a three day dig and rock swap on the Mountain during October 5-7, 2007. He will have the mountain open to collecting from 8:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. each day. All participants must stop at the welcome table in the hospitality tent to sign a liability release and make a small contribution to defray the cost of opening the mountain and providing port-o-lets. There will be several golf cart-type, four wheeled vehicles available to transport those participants who have trouble walking long distances. The dig will cease and everyone is expected to be off the mountain by around 6:00 P.M. each day. Participants will be allowed to park in a designated area on the mountain.

Rock Swap and Hot Food/Drinks: Junior will set aside an area in the upper parking lot for tables to be setup for daily rock swaps. Anyone who would like to setup a table(s), please contact Junior at the phone numbers listed below. Hot food cooked on the grill, cold drinks and chips will be available for purchase on the mountain during all three days of these events. Don't forget to bring some extra money to buy the special "Graves Mountain Rock Swap and Dig" T-shirt!

THESE DIGS ARE OPEN TO ALL SFMS CLUBS.

Mark your calendar and tell all your members about these great events!

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Conservation & Legislation Chair John Wright was traveling and did not have a report available at meeting time.

Education All American Chair Martha Scarborough has just accepted the position. Betty James indicated she is learning about her responsibilities.

Endowment Fund Chair Ken Anderson reflected record sales for the year to date. Jim Robinson, Roger Campbell, and Betty James assisted him.

Juniors Program Chairs Ed and Bonita Harris referred to the A.F.M.S. activities listed as part of their S.F.M.S. report,

Program Competition Chair Freda Hull was unable to attend and did not have a report received at meeting time.

Safety Chair Don Monroe said that it was basically the same report as his S.F.M.S. report.

Supplies and Publications Chair Caroline Decaminada's list of A.F.M.S. supplies are:

A.F.M.S. Uniform Rules 2006	\$6.00
Rules updates for 2006	0.25
Rules updates for 2005	0.75
Rules updates for 2004	1.00
A.F.M.S. Mineral List, 2003 update	1.00
A.F.M.S. Fossil List, 2002 update	1.50
A.F.M.S. Lapidary List, 2003 update	1.50
Guidelines for Judges, 2002 edition	2.00
Exhibitors Guidelines, 2003 edition	2.00
Editors Guidelines, 2002 edition	2.00
A.F.M.S. Logo Pins	1.40
A.F.M.S. Code of Ethics cards	no charge

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Uniform Rules Chair Betty James said she would not be able to attend the A.F.M.S. meetings but that Diane Johnson would be there.

Ways and Means Chair Frank Decaminada said he had no special report at this time.

Webmaster Jim Flora referred to the combined information in the S.F.M.S. report.

Mayo Educational Foundation Meeting President said there would not be a Mayo meeting after this meeting.

Frank Decaminada indicated in the Mayo Treasurer's report that there is ample funding for scholarships. Names need to be turned in by clubs.

Old Business:

Carolyn Daniels said she received her order of 450 copies of the 2007 Directory, equivalent to what was ordered in the past. She will email Jim Flora the updated version of the 2007 Directory upon return home.

New Business:

Motion was made to adjourn and seconded.

Anita Westlake told of the Georgia Meteorite Association

GRAVES MOUNTAIN "ROCK SWAP AND DIG"

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Contact Information:

Clarence Norman Jr. - 706.359.3862 (his business) or 706.359.2381 (his home)

Directions: From Atlanta's I-285, take I-20 east to the exit for Washington, GA SR 78 (SR 10, SR 17) and turn left.

Travel north to Washington, turn right onto SR 378 and drive 11 miles to the Graves Mountain area. The entrance to Graves Mountain is on your right about 8/10 mile past the Lincoln county line sign. The entrance is a paved road that goes through a gate and up the hill to the parking area(s). Proceed from your parked vehicle to the registration/hospitality tent to sign your liability release form and to make a donation for the portable bathrooms, etc.

SFMS Field Trip Committee:
Please reply by e-mail to: dmc@gamineral.org
Jim Flora - SFMS Field Trip Committee Chair

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GRAVES MOUNTAIN CODE OF CONDUCT!

Park your vehicle in the designated area(s) only.

CHILDREN WILL BE ALLOWED DURING THE "Rock Swap and Dig" IF EACH CHILD IS UNDER ADULT SUPERVISION!

ALL pets must be kept under control and on a leash.

The Graves Mountain caretaker, Clarence Norman Jr., has final and absolute say as to where you may safely work. Ladders or power tools of any kind will not be allowed. (HAND TOOLS ONLY!)

STAY AWAY FROM ALL HIGH WALLS!!

NO RAPELLING OFF OF ANYTHING!

NO ONE IS ALLOWED TO DRIVE THEIR VEHICLE ON ANY PART OF GRAVES MOUNTAIN BEYOND THE PARKING AREA! (The caretaker must accompany anyone driving beyond the parking area!)

EVERYONE NEEDS TO BE OFF THE MOUNTAIN BY DUSK. (Absolutely no one is allowed on Graves Mountain after dark.)

Please protect our ability to field collect at Graves Mountain!

Report Violations to:

Clarence Norman Jr.
706.359.3862 (his business) or 706.359.2381 (his home)
All reported violations will be held in strict confidence.

*via email from Jim Flora
SFMS Fieldtrip Committee Chairman*

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CALL FOR SPEAKERS!

The Southeast Chapter of the Friends of Mineralogy Annual Fall Symposium

Saturday November 3, 2007

Holiday Inn Cartersville (I-75 exit 293 in front of the Weinman Mineral Museum)

This Year's Topic: *Mining in the Southeast*

Suggested Schedule:

- 9-10 A.M. - Coffee reception, welcome, updates
- 10 A.M. -12 Noon- Lectures
- 12 Noon -1:30 P.M. - Lunch
- 1:30 P.M. - 3:00 P.M. - Lectures
- 3:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M. - Business Meeting
- 4:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M. - Auction

This year's symposium is dedicated to historic and current mining activities and their minerals. We are seeking speakers who will do brief talks on any subject related to mining in the Southeast. The goal is to have seven speakers do talks every half hour, so each talk will need to be 20 to 25 minutes with a few minutes for Questions & Answers and transition time. Anyone interested in participating as a speaker please contact Jose Santamaria, SE/FM Vice President joses@weinmanmuseum.org or 770.386.0576.

Please volunteer, spread the word and suggest someone. We can't do this without you!

Jose Santamaria

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FALLS OF THE OHIO FOSSIL FESTIVAL

Falls of the Ohio State Park and the Falls of the Ohio Foundation announce the 2007 Falls Fossil Festival! This, our 13th event, will be held September 15 - 16 at one of the world's most spectacular naturally exposed fossil beds! Visitors can explore our rich Middle Devonian patch reef packed with fossils on the riverbed at the Falls of the Ohio.

There is an activity area for children with scheduled and on-going programs. We have a special fossil exhibit - Tentacles! Creatures with tentacles are highlighted in this exhibit. A variety of fossils of "tentacled" organisms for the last 700 million years will be displayed. Topics of our guest speakers cover the history of corals, global climate change in Earth's history, crinoids, animal fossils with tentacles, fossils identification, and fossil collecting.

This show, held rain or shine, features outdoor vendors selling fossils, minerals, books, related items and food. There are fossil bed tours and special workshops and programs from renowned paleontologists and geologists in the Interpretive Center.

(See the July/August 2007 issue of *Lodestar* for the festival schedule and speakers.) Details can be found at the park's web site: www.fallsoftheohio.org <[https://exchweb.in.gov/exchweb/bin/redirect.asp?URL=<A< A> href="http://www.fallsoftheohio.org">http://www.fallsoftheohio.org](https://exchweb.in.gov/exchweb/bin/redirect.asp?URL=<A< A> href=)> or contact me at agoldstein@dnr.in.gov.

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LOOKING AHEAD**CLUB & SOCIETY SHOWS/SWAPS**

September 21-23, 2007, Jacksonville, FL - Jacksonville Gem & Mineral Society. 19th Annual Gem, Mineral, Fossil, and Bead Show. Hours: 21st, 1:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M. (correction); 22nd, 10:00 A.M. - 7:00 P.M.; 23rd, 10:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M. Contact: Mary Chambliss, 904.269.4046 or IvoryTowers@msn.com.

September 22-23, 2007, Hiddenite, NC - Western Piedmont Mineral & Gem Society. 19th Annual Hiddenite Gem & Mineral Show, Sulpher Springs Road. Hours: 22nd, 9:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.; 23rd, 12:30 P.M. - 3:00 P.M. Contact: Patty Arnold at 828.465.2739.

September 29-30, 2007, Lexington, KY- Rockhounds of Central Kentucky. 17th Annual Show. Kentucky National Guard Armory, Airport Road. Hours: September 29th, 10:00 A.M.-6:00 P.M. & September 30th, 12 Noon --5:00 P.M. Contact Kay Fisher at 859.537.1776 or kkay19@aol.com.

November 2 - 4, 2007, Louisville, KY - Kyana Geological Society 38th Annual Mineral, Gem, & Fossil. Highland Legion Post 201, 2919 Bardstown Road. Hours: November 2nd, 12:00 Noon - 7:00 P.M.; November 3rd, 10:00 A.M. - 7:00 P.M.; November 4th, 10:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M. Show Contact: Charles Oldham at 502.241.8755.

November 9 - 11, 2007, Pascagoula, MS - Mississippi Gulf Coast Gem & Mineral Society. (Being held in conjunction with the SFMS Annual Meeting in Biloxi, MS). Civic Center Building, Jackson County Fairgrounds. Hours: 9th & 10th, 10:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.; 11th, 10:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Contact: John Wright, Show Chairman, 3304 Nottingham Rd., Ocean Springs, MS 39564, Phone: 228.875.9192, or osjwb@datasync.com.

November 10-11, 2007, Lake Havasu City, AZ - Lake Havasu Gem & Mineral Society (Rocky Mountain Federation of Mineralogical Societies). 38th Annual Gem & Mineral Roundup. City Community (Aquatic) Center. Hours: 10th & 11th, 9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

November 16-18, 2007, Marietta, GA - Cobb County Gem & Mineral Society. Annual Show. Cobb County Civic Center, Corner of South Marietta Loop and Fairgrounds Road. Hours: 16th & 17th, 10:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.; 18th, 10:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Contact: Mary Ingram at 770.427.1108 or mandmingam@comcast.net.

November 17-18, 2007, West Palm Beach, FL - Gem & Mineral Society of the Palm Beaches. 41st Annual Show. South Florida Fairgrounds and Expo Center, Fairgrounds Road. Hours: 17th, 9:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.; 18th, 10:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Contact: Carl Bengston at 561.641.4493 or gemandmineral@bellsouth.net.

November 23-25, 2007, Mobile, AL - Mobile Rock and Gem Society. 13th Annual Show. Greater Gulf State Fairgrounds, Cody and Zeigler Roads. Hours: 23rd, 2:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.; 24th, 9:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.; and 25th, 10:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M. Contact: Jerry Shirey at www.rockhoundsjs@aol.com.

November 23-25, 2007, Columbia, SC - Columbia, SC Gem and Mineral Society. 40th Annual Show. South Carolina State Museum, 301 Gervais Street (Change in location). Hours: 23rd and 24th, 10:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.; 25th, 12:00 Noon - 5:00 P.M. Contact: Susan L. Shrader at 803.736.9317 or ashrader@mindspring.com.

November 23-25, 2007, Salem, VA - Roanoke Valley Gem and Mineral Society. 28th Annual Show. Salem Civic Center, 1001

Boulevard. Hours: 23rd, 2:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.; 24th 10:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.; 25th, 12:00 Noon - 5:00 P.M. Contact: David Lemaire at 540.774.4243 or david.lemaire@med.ge.com.

November 30 - December 2, 2007, Montgomery, AL - Montgomery Gem & Mineral Society. 37th Annual Show. Garrett Coliseum, 1555 Federal Drive. Hours: Nov. 30th, 9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.; 31st, 10:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.; Dec. 1st, 11:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Contacts: Jane Barkley at 334.277.2722 or Iris McGehee at 334.262.7275. Website: www.montgomerygemandmineralsociety.org.

December 7-9, 2007, Greensboro, NC - Greensboro Gem and Mineral Club. 35th Annual Gem and Mineral Show. Greensboro Coliseum, 1921 West Lee Street. Hours: 7th, 2:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.; 8th, 9:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.; and 9th, 12:00 Noon - 5:00 P.M. Contact: Joe Maguire at 336.288.7452 or joe_maguire@prodigy.net.

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December 8-9, 2007, Nashville, TN - Middle Tennessee Gem & Mineral Society. 27th Annual Earth Treasures Show. Creative Arts Building, Tennessee State Fairgrounds. Hours: 8th, 9:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M. and 9th, 10:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Contact: John Stanley at 615.885.5704 or jstanley@picagroup.com.

December 9-10, 2007, Deland, FL - Tomoka Gem & Mineral Society. 40th Annual Gem, Mineral and Jewelry Show. Volusia County Fairgrounds. Hours: 9th, 10:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M. and 10th, 10:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Contacts: Cliff Fisher, show chairman, at 386.944.2293 and John Withey, vendor chairman, at 386.445.9030.

January 11-13, 2008, Largo, FL—Pinellas Geological Society. 32nd Annual Gem, Jewelry and Mineral Show and Sale. Largo Cultural Center, Parkside Room, 105 Central Park Drive. Hours: 11th & 12th, 10:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.; 13th, 12:00 Noon - 5:00 P.M. Contact: Hugh Sheffield at 727.894.2440.

2007 REGIONAL FEDERATION SHOWS**Eastern Federation**

Newark, New Jersey
October 6-7, 2007

Southeast Federation Show:

Jackson County Fair Grounds, Pascagoula, MS
Host: The Mississippi Gulf Coast Gem and Minerals Society
November 9-11, 2007

Annual SFMS Meeting and Banquet:

Super 8, Biloxi, Mississippi
Hosts: Harrison County Gem and Mineral Society
November 10, 2007

Remember - To insure your show is listed here, send a written notice to the Lodestar Editor: Carolyn L. Daniels, 3660 Prince Way, Tucker, GA 30084-8317 or email at: dpdaniels@mindspring.com. ALL SFMS CLUBS ARE ALSO ENCOURAGED TO REGISTER THEIR EVENT LISTINGS ON THE SFMS WEBSITE AT:

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