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25th, I had exactly two articles and a few photos submitted. Even after sending out an email requesting additional submittals and reminding SFMS officers and Committee Chairmen of the deadline and the need for articles, I only received what you see in this issue. I cannot produce a timely and informative newsletter without timely submittals. If deadlines continue to be missed for the next couple of issues, I will have to think about whether or not I can continue with the editorship for the remainder of my current term of office.

I deliberately scheduled the deadlines a few weeks ahead of when I have to mail the issue of *Lodestar* to allow me to work around family and work needs. I have a job that could, and often does require me to work out of town and long hours. Therefore, the sooner I can get the newsletter put together, the more likely it will be mailed out on time. For every day that a deadline is missed, it takes me several days in which to catch up.

If you are a SFMS officer or committee chair, think long and hard about whether or not you have any information to be distributed to the SFMS membership. If so, get it to me by the 25th of the month prior to when it needs to be distributed. Also note, that there are several officers/committee chairs that should probably be submitting articles almost every month. (If you have nothing to submit, please let me know that as well.)

2. **Mailing List Update.** The mailing list needed to be updated with applicable SFMS member club officer contact information.

3. **Late, Incomplete or Illegible Club Renewal Forms:** Many of the annual club renewals were received late, incomplete or were illegible. I did my best to update my mailing list to reflect current SFMS member club President, Program Chair, Secretary (recording), and Editors. The mailing list may not have all the entries it should if your renewal form was late, incomplete or illegible.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

Once again I'm running late on posting and mailing an issue of the *Lodestar*. There are several reasons for this and your help is needed to rectify this in the future. The reasons for this issue of *Lodestar* being late are as follows:

1. **Article submittal deadline not met.** As of the last official deadline (for the May issue) on April



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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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The article submittal due date for the JULY/AUGUST 2007 *Lodestar* is June 25, 2007 (No exceptions!) Note that only one issue will be published for July and August.

A MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR
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If you are not receiving a copy of the *Lodestar* and believe that you should be, contact me via email or telephone. I will have to double check and make sure that your club has actually renewed its SFMS membership before adding you to the mailing list.

I also had a few people check off on the renewal form that they wanted both an electronic and hard copy of the *Lodestar*. The purpose of offering the electronic version in the first place was to reduce costs by not mailing out as many copies as before and to save a few trees. Electing to receive both options does not achieve either goal. I also will not be responsible for keeping track of both options for individual recipients. If you asked for both, you are receiving a paper copy only. If you wish to receive an electronic notification, then cancel your paper copy by notifying me. Remember, if I have to mail out too many copies of any issue of the *Lodestar*, I will have to reduce the size of each issue due to postage increases and potential printing increases.

In addition, if you hold more than one office that should be receiving a copy of the *Lodestar* for a SFMS member club, I elected to send you one copy this past month. If you are an officer for more than one club, you may be receiving a copy for each club. I will be going through the mailing list and trying to reduce numbers of copies sent to any one name at a single address to one per month in an effort to reduce costs. Please do not insist on receiving more than one copy of any issue unless you are actually passing some of them on to your club members as was intended.

- 4. **Mailing rates changed.** In addition to first class US postage rates increasing in May, several changes were implemented for bulk mailing. I had to revamp the back mailing page to allow me to send the *Lodestar* as a "letter" rather than a flat, with the fold on the bottom of the page once folded. I will also have to severely limit the number of pages in each issue to insure that I can mail them as letters rather than flats. If I mail an issue out as a flat as I have done to date, I will have to pay 10 cents more per copy mailed each issue just to mail them. Therefore, receipt of articles by the deadline becomes even more critical for completing each issue of *Lodestar* since space will be a big problem and last minute submittals may not be able to be accommodated as in the past
- 5. **Finalizing the 2007 SFMS Directory.** I am also responsible for getting the directory printed (Betty Jones put it together) and mailed. I couldn't do that until the mailing list was completed, which had problems as stated above.

I felt that publishing the directory was critical since we did not have one last year.

Please assist your editor in addressing the problems encountered above.

Carolyn L. Daniels
Lodestar Editor



Be Safe – Be Well

Safety Committee – Don Monroe, Chairman

Poison !!!



The skull and crossbones symbol always intrigued me as a kid. I always thought about pirate ships and other exciting things and my hero was Errol Flynn. My dad constantly warned me about touching anything that had the skull and crossbones label on it. On the farm we had a large variety of poisons for the mice in the barn as well

as pesticides and herbicides and a set of hazards that you don't see much anymore. These other hazards were in a couple of old trunks that had belonged to my grandfather who was a doctor and the county health officer and included medicines, chemicals and tubes containing the residue of the lab work such as dried-up specimens. I realized later that this was some really bad stuff.

The world has become infinitely more complicated and we are learning that there is much more bad stuff out there. Even our peanut butter is not safe as some of it contains salmonella and some of the green healthy vegetables may have *e-coli*. Where will it end?

Do you do lapidary work or metal work making jewelry? Are you familiar with cadmium and the severe health effects resulting from exposure to cadmium and its fumes? Cadmium is found in many solders and many fluxes and really should be avoided. There are fluxes that contain fluoride and not totally safe to use. Do you use any tools made from beryllium and its alloys? It is not good for you! The jury is still out on the potential health effects of aluminum. There are those that say that there is a connection between using aluminum cookware and the incidence of Alzheimer's. Coated cookware is suspected to be a hazard if used after the coating has begun to fail and copper cookware that is losing the coating of nickel or whatever is used. Supposedly the bare copper surface will react to some foods. Am I simply perpetuating an urban legend or are the cautions pertaining to cookware well founded? I do not know but we will still stay with cast iron and stainless steel.

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Do you have a Geiger Counter or some other instrument for detecting radiation? If you have one, do you use it? Some years ago there was some imported silver scrap and sheet that was "hot". It was radioactive and a point of concern. I cannot verify this story and it supposedly happened some time ago and the material is probably no longer on the market. There are, however, some mineral specimens that you should not put under your pillow at night just like the old "bag" cell phones that are no longer on the market. While we are talking about specimens, are you familiar with the minerals that have an unhealthy level of arsenic? Some minerals will rub a dangerous amount on your hands when you handle them. Since I am not writing a book, I cannot tell you a lot that you need to know about minerals but I do encourage you to do a little research and be particularly cautious when you are dealing with material that you do not customarily use.

Do you have pets such as cats or dogs? Have you heard about the contaminated pet food? Are you concerned? I, for one, am absolutely furious that anyone would put profit ahead of the well being of our trusting pets who are always glad to see us when we return home and never criticize us or pass judgment unless we forget to do our duty such as feed or walk with them or whatever we are supposed to do. This last thing is something that I just heard about from my proofreader (wife). She heard that some of the pre-moistened, disposable, mop pads cause liver problems in animals. It is reported that the pet gets the chemical on their paws and then lick their paws. Look at the packaging for a cautionary note regarding children and extend this warning to the pets.

There are so many bad things going on that we all must develop a skeptical attitude about everything and be constantly vigilant. Hazards are everywhere.



WORKSHOP UPDATE

The April workshop at Wildacres was.... shall I say, interesting. Turnout was low, but everyone had a good time. We had quite a few first-timers. The weather was a challenge. We had rain which turned to snow and extremely high winds for about two and a half days. The spring buds on the trees and plants were history by the middle of the week. Trees came down and parts of the parkway were closed. The afternoon off was changed to the following day, since we didn't want anyone being blown off the mountain. We lost electricity near the end of the auction, and had to make our way back to our rooms following those few folks who remembered to bring flashlights. The heater mason group was there with us, and they did manage to have their pizza party late in the week. Some of our hardier (or hungrier) students made their way to the barn to join the party, which featured all varieties of pizza cooked in their specially constructed oven, and, of course, plenty of adult beverages. By week's end, the weather warmed and the winds had died down, and we were sorry to say goodbye. It's funny how the

workshop weeks seem to have only three days in them.

The April workshop at Wildacres, with only 18 students, did not meet expenses. This time slot has not been successful for the past few years; and it is the recommendation of the Education Chair that this session be deleted from next year's schedule. We will continue to have the August and September sessions; however, the April time slot will no longer be available to us.

Anyway, we are looking forward to June at William Holland, where I can promise the weather will be a lot better. There are still openings in some of the classes, so I encourage you to get your registrations in right away. The photography class at Wildacres did some fine work photographing specimens and jewelry, so if you've ever needed to send photos of your pieces to be juried for shows, this is something that will be of value to you.

Family Week this month (June) at William Holland is shaping up nicely. While the youth enrollment is less than we would like, the adult classes are filling up and it looks to be a successful workshop.

We are already planning next year's classes, so if you have any suggestions, or if you'd like to teach in 2008, please talk to the directors or your Education Chair as soon as possible. One new class we will offer is gourd carving, in which various cabochons will be used. A new and different beading class is also being considered.

*Julia Larson
SFMS Education Chairman*

Addendum to Workshop Descriptions (Pages6-7):

Linda Chandler has agreed to teach Metalsmithing: Intermediate to Advance at the October 2007 William Holland Workshop. Please write this in on your application (on page 8) if you choose to attend this course.

Following is Linda's biography, a class description, and contact information.

Metalsmithing: Intermediate to Advance

Biography

Linda Chandler has been making jewelry for over 20 years. What began as a hobby has become her vocation. She has taught classes around the country including Wildacres and the William Holland School of Lapidary Arts. Her work has been seen in several publications and she has co-authored books on jewelry- making.

Class Description

Basic metalsmithing is a prerequisite for this class. This is not a beginning silversmith class. A fast paced approach will be used in the fabrication of rings, bracelets, earrings, and chains. The metal of choice will be Argentium Silver.

In the event that time permits, resin techniques and tips will also be covered. Please enroll early, this class is guaranteed to keep you busy and may fill up quickly.

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Several potential projects are in mind for this exciting class and can be viewed on my web site. Please email lchandler46@hotmail.com with any questions or comments.

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**SOUTHEAST FEDERATION OF
 MINERALOGICAL SOCIETIES**
MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

HENDERSONVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA
MARCH 24, 2007

The First Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies, Inc., for the year 2007 was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by President Buddy Shotts. Red Walker gave the invocation. Past S.F.M.S. Presidents Travis Paris and Bill Waggener were recognized.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance led by Red Walker, Ralph Hammond-Green from the Host Club, Henderson County Gem and Mineral Society, welcomed our Southeast Federation to Hendersonville. The Secretary stated that a quorum was in attendance.

The Agenda was approved on motion, second, and unanimous consent of those present. Red Walker accepted appointment as Parliamentarian. The minutes of the Annual Meeting as published in the January, 2007 issue of our *Lodestar* were then approved on motion, second, and unanimous consent of those present.

President Buddy Shotts addressed the length of our meeting and planned a timely break in compliance with hotel regulations. Concerning the *Lodestar*, he encouraged club literary contributions, some of which could then be offered nationwide through the *AFMS Newsletter*. Junior programs should be expanded. Techniques were shared to assist clubs in gaining new members who can increase attendance at our Federation's William Holland and Wild Acres workshops. The recommendation was made that clubs limit supplemental lapidary scholarships to Federation weeks.

Past President Bill Waggener performed the Installation Ceremony for Buddy Shotts as President, Steve Henegar as Vice President, and Roger Campbell as Assistant Treasurer.

1st Vice President Steve Henegar indicated that we need hosts for the 2008 meetings. The Birmingham Club has made arrangements for our Second Quarterly Meeting to be held June 1-3 in Tannehill, Alabama in conjunction with their show. The Annual Meeting is scheduled for November 9-10 in Mississippi.

2nd Vice President Betty James told of the forthcoming 2007 Directory she is assembling. Her goal is to add information from as many late registering clubs as possible prior to forwarding it for printing in April.

Secretary Beryl Ferguson reported that all clubs had been contacted by mail and those with late renewals also received phone calls from her confirming the current president's mailing address. Those wishing additional renewal packets received those enclosures. Tragedy has befallen the Gem and Mineral Club of DeLand -- the February 2, 2007 tornado completely destroyed their workshop in Florida. Front wall, roof, and contents were gone...

Treasurer Ken Anderson provided an updated financial report indicating Federation operating funds. William Holland and Wild Acres lapidary school budgets were highlighted. We presently have Stamp funds available for several club member scholarships to our Federation weeks at those schools.

Assistant Treasurer Roger Campbell is coordinating the insurance program.

Membership Secretary Patricia Joan White provided a list of all clubs renewing prior to the Hendersonville meeting. She indicated that officers of the remaining six clubs had promised to submit paperwork by the end the following week. She is following up with clubs to complete necessary data. Copies have been sent to Betty James for the Directory, Carolyn Daniels and Beryl Ferguson for contact database and Ken Anderson for insurance purposes.

Lodestar Editor Carolyn Daniels sent word that the *Lodestar* is available on line and requests that clubs keep her informed when their mailing data changes. Articles and show information need to be received by date published to be included in the next issue.

Mayo Educational Foundation President Bill Waggener said that MEF is accepting scholarship applications up to the March 31, 2007 deadline. Two applications have been submitted to date. Some funds were returned when one scholarship student did not register in January. Interest from MEF funds provides scholarships for college juniors, seniors, and graduate students in an earth science field

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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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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.

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	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
B	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>

(*) 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

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MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING*(Continued from Page 5)***STATE DIRECTORS:**

Alabama Director Iris McGehee stated that the Birmingham Club, our host club for the Second Quarterly S.F.M.S. meeting, is celebrating its 50th year in existence and are offering the Joe Kontzen Scholarship in memory of a founding member. The Dothan Club has a mystery mineral at each month's meeting. The Huntsville Club has an April auction. The Montgomery Club is hosting two field trips to their workshop by the East Alabama Club. Mobile Club's Bonita and Ed Harris have stepped forward to lead the S.F.M.S. Youth Resources.

Florida Director Hugh Sheffield has started visiting Florida Clubs and presenting his program highlighting the advantages of S.F.M.S., A.F.M.S., William Holland, and Wild Acres that is followed by lapidary sharing and a question time. He provides Federation resource information for publications, lapidary school offerings, stamp scholarships, field trips, and program videos to club officers and takes member concerns and suggestions. His goal is to visit and present a program at every Florida club.

Georgia Director Anita Westlake was unable to get a report to the Federation by our meeting time. She is continuing personal contact in support of the Georgia clubs.

Kentucky Director David Horn did not get a report to the Federation by our meeting time. He was unable to attend but is working with his clubs.

Louisiana Director Dr. Bridget Joubert recently accepted her appointment and has not had opportunity to visit her state's clubs to date. She has pledged to make contact within the coming months.

Mississippi Director John Wright had the sad duty to report that the Pearl River Rock Club has disbanded due to an older membership no longer able to participate in club activities. The Mississippi Gem and Mineral Society is building an Educational building and held its annual show. The Harrison County Gem and Mineral Society can now use the Gulfport School Administration Building for meetings and workshops but still seek a show location. The Mississippi Gulf Coast Gem and Mineral Society is growing and has 'one on one' workshop and lapidary equipment available to its members and is working on show plans to coincide with hosting our Federation Annual Meeting. The North Mississippi Gem and Mineral Society celebrated its 6th anniversary.

North Carolina Director Michael Streeter shared his top ten ways to maintain and bolster club membership as offered to his state clubs with our Federation.

1. Conduct monthly meetings in a fast paced and entertaining fashion.
2. Have club purchase Power Point slide projector and laptop computer for modernized presentations.
3. Something good to eat and drink will attract.
4. Advertise your monthly meetings, programs and field trips through public access television, newspapers, radio, and internet rockhounding message boards and websites.
5. Be wary of joining non-sanctioned groups that can siphon members.
6. Volunteer to give a talk about rockhounding at your local elementary school, taking along giveaways for a thrill and club activity handout for their parents.
7. Start a Junior Section for your younger rockhounds that meets separately.
8. Update your club brochure and disseminate it to local places where potential rockhounds flock including the mall.
9. Reinvigorate and support your club's field trip program because younger members are more interested in hands on fun.
10. Present and discuss your own ideas to attract and maintain members at both regular and board meetings as change is good and often necessary.

South Carolina Director Fred Sias is presenting a Power Point slide program on William Holland and Wild Acres detailing the retreats, classrooms, and student projects to his state clubs and others upon request. He provides a handout with information concerning the workshops.

Tennessee Director Marty Hart stated that Knoxville Gem & Mineral Society, Memphis Archaeological & Geological Society, and Middle Tennessee Gem and Mineral Society all received the Ptero Award from the Tennessee Earth Sciences Teachers Association for their years of contributions to help provide fossil and mineral specimen kits (100 per year) to teachers in Tennessee. Ptero is the nickname for Tennessee's Official State Fossil, Pterotrigonia (Scabrotrigonia) thoracica.

Virginia Director Steve Gordon was unable to attend and his report was not received by meeting time.

S.F.M.S. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Bulletin Contest Chair Ed Johnson indicated the 46 entries from 13 clubs had been judged by the SFMS judges with results to be announced at our Annual Meeting. All qualified entries have been forwarded to the A.F.M.S. Bulletin Contest.

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Constitution and Bylaws Chair Red Walker stated that the committee had no changes to present at this meeting.

Education Chair Julia Larson is receiving monthly reports on workshop registrations for William Holland and Wild Acres. Fred Sias prepared class schedule brochures that were mailed and emailed to attendees from recent years, the two Louisiana clubs, and State Directors for distribution to clubs. On March 15 registration was opened to other Federations via an article submitted to the *A.F.M.S Newsletter*.

Historian Charlotte Mayo Bryant did not get a report to us by meeting time and was unable to attend.

Insurance Liaison Roger Campbell indicated that insurance was in open season and that insurance coverage was being handled for participating clubs.

Long Range Planning Chair Bill Waggener addressed rising travel costs concerning S.F.M.S. voting representation at the AFMS Annual meeting. Our President and Vice President receive budgeted travel reimbursement.

Nominations Chair Ann Monroe was unable to attend but has been working to fill the upcoming slate of officers.

Public Relations Chair was open at meeting time.

Publications Chair Betty James provided a directory update and indicated that those clubs lacking paid memberships at time of publication would be listed by name only. Club show information should also be complete for inclusion in the directory.

Safety Chair Don Monroe was absent from the meeting but has provided a safety article for each issue of the **Lodestar** for 2006 and the beginning months of 2007.

S.F.M.S. Field Trip Chair Jim Flora reported concerning DMC field trips thus far in 2007. January 24 the Cobb County Gem and Mineral Society hosted a field trip to Ladds Mountain, Georgia, for beautiful cave onyx, calcite, aragonite, and dolomite added to stalactite and stalagmite finds. February 24 the Mid-Georgia Gem and Mineral Society hosted the trip to Hogg Mine in Georgia for rose quartz, tourmaline, beryl, moonstone, mica books, garnet, and quartz crystal.

The Kyana Geological Society in Kentucky hosted a two-day trip to Hickory Cane Mines for fluorite, smithsonite, apahalerite, cerussite, galena, hemimorphite, hydrozincite, quartz, pyromorphite, and calcite. This trip included a

nighttime dig to collect fluorescent minerals.

On April 21 the Cotton Indian Gem and Mineral Society hosts a trip to collect Savannah River agate outside Girard, Georgia. On April 28 an open field trip to Standard Minerals Mine in Glendon, North Carolina for large pyrite specimens. The open Graves Mountain Rock Swap and Dig will take place April 27 through April 29, 2007.

Slides and Video Programs Chair Freda Hull awaits the new program shipment from our A.F.M.S. Weather has delayed many things this year, including these programs. She will inform our clubs upon their arrival.

Social Concerns Chair Dee Conybear has just accepted her new post and will have a report for our next meeting.

Stamp Committee Chair Jim Robinson is continuing our stamp sale program that will provide several Federation week scholarships to Wild Acres and William Holland lapidary workshops this year. Please have your club stamp chair mail stamps to him as he was unable to attend this meeting.

Supply Chair Caroline Decaminada provided a list of S.F.M.S. items available from her at our meetings or by special order (See the *Lodestar* directory listing to contact her.):

S.F.M.S. Constitution & By-Laws	\$3.00
S.F.M.S. Directory (2005)	5.50
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 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

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2007 Annual Meeting Host Margaret Johnson was not present. The Annual meeting will be held November 9-11, 2007, in Mississippi.

2007 2nd Quarter Hostess Gloria Adams was not present. The Second S.F.M.S. Executive Board Meeting will be held June 2, 2007, at the Tannehill Historical State Park by Birmingham, Alabama. The Alabama Mineral and Lapidary Society is hosting our meeting and providing a show. S.F.M.S. attendees are invited to stay nearby at the Jameson Inn in Bessemer, Alabama. Details contained in *Lodestar*.

Uniform Rules Chair Diane Johnson did not provide a report.

Ways and Means Chair Frank Decaminada reminded all Officers and Committee Chairpersons that the Fiscal Year 2008 S.F.M.S. budget will be presented at our Annual Meeting November 10 for approval. Please forward inputs in a timely manner to insure that your needs will be considered as the President and his Ways and Means Committee develop the 2008 operational budget. (See *Lodestar* directory for contact information.)

Wild Acres Directors Jo Harrison and Kathy Morris are on location preparing for the upcoming workshop. They had no report at this time.

Wild Acres Registrars Red and Flora Lee Walker indicated in oral report that the registration was down for that workshop. Other Federations have now been informed concerning available classes through their newsletter.

William Holland Directors Ray and Dana Gonzalez request that anyone wishing to teach a class at either the June or October 2008 S.F.M.S. William Holland workshop should contact Dana or Ray as soon as possible. (See *Lodestar* directory for their contact information.)

William Holland Registrar Charlotte Caughman submitted the 2006 Year-end Financial Report for the S.F.M.S. class weeks at William Holland School of Lapidary Arts.

Webmaster Jim Flora has added many items to the S.F.M.S. Website this quarter. At present the following are available for information and download:

S.F.M.S. Club Membership renewal forms with

instructions (PDF & Doc formats)

S.F.M.S./A.F.M.S. Supplies list

2007 S.F.M.S. Wildacres and William Holland on-line information pages

2007 S.F.M.S. Workshop package (PDF format)

Rock Swaps and special Open Fieldtrips page

Lodestar newsletter (current and archive for all *Lodestar* newsletters since January, 2004).

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Youth Resources Chairs Ed and Bonita Harris were unable to attend this meeting. Their report had not been received as of our meeting time.

A.F.M.S COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A.F.M.S Newsletter Chair was open at meeting time.

Boundaries Chair Janie Hand was unable to attend the meeting and her report had not been received by today's meeting.

Bulletin Editor Chair Carolyn Daniels was absent and had not provided a report prior to the meeting.

Club Publications Chair was open at meeting time.

Club Rockhound of the Year Chair was open at meeting time.

Collecting Sites Chair Mike Streeter has newly accepted the position and is learning the scope of his committee.

Conservation and Legislation Chair John Wright lobbies for legislation to maintain the right of rockhounds to collect and to keep collecting sites open.

Education All American Chair Martha Scarborough has newly accepted the position and is beginning to learn the scope of her committee.

Endowment Fund Chair Ken Anderson explained that interest from the A.F.M.S. Endowment Fund provides educational slide and video programs to each of the seven regional Federations. Paperwork for A.F.M.S. Raffle donation was included in the packet. Your donation of Lapidary Work, Mineral specimens, Fossils, and other items of interest to our hobby are welcome. Each donation will be photographed and a description written to identify its features or collection data. National recognition is your special reward.

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Ways and Means Chair Frank Decamanada has nothing to report at this time.

Juniors Program Chairs Ed and Bonita Hall have newly accepted their positions and are beginning work with the Juniors Program. President Buddy Shotts welcomed them on board.

Webmaster Jim Flora adds Federation data and maintains our website within the A.F.M.S. website to inform readers concerning our Federation and to provide a resource for our Federation clubs seeking required operational forms and nationwide club members seeking to attend S.F.M.S. Wildacres and William Holland lapidary workshops.

Program Competition Chair Freda Hull was absent and her report had not been received at meeting time.

MAYO EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION will have a short meeting immediately following adjournment of this S.F.M.S. meeting.

Public Relations Chair was open at meeting time.

OLD BUSINESS:

Safety Chair Don Monroe has written many safety articles for the **A.F.M.S. Newsletter** His research has helped keep readers safe as they begin working with and collecting new minerals.

Frank Decaminada explained that a one-time contribution of \$500.00 to the Mayo Foundation had been tabled at the Annual Meeting due to the 2007 insurance audit possible raised costs. Bill Waggener made a motion that the S.F.M.S. donate \$500.00 to the Mayo Foundation. Anita Westlake seconded the motion. Ken Anderson explained that the interest from the donation would provide \$28.00 to a student as part of a scholarship. This education is for the future of our field. Motion passed.

Supply Chair Caroline Decaminada provided a list of A.F.M.S. items available from her at our meetings or by direct contact. (See **Lodestar** directory for this information):

Ken Anderson's budget discussion included the S.F.M.S. agreed upon financial cap with deficit budgets for several years that provide William Holland and Wildacres SFMS workshops with supplemental educational funding. Two youth scholarships at those schools and partial travel reimbursement for our instructors come from those funds. Ken Anderson explained that partial travel subsidy for the voting Uniform Rules Chair representing the S.F.M.S. at the A.F.M.S Uniform Rules Committee had been tabled at the Annual Meeting for action at this meeting. Betty James made a motion that the Uniform Rules Chair from the Southeast Federation receive \$300.00 to attend the Uniform Rules Committee part of the American Federation Meeting in Roswell, New Mexico. Fred Sias seconded the motion. In discussion Ken Anderson indicated that our Constitution and Bylaws do not include funding. The President and 1st Vice President receive reimbursement because the A.F.M.S. provides that funding. Frank Decamanada indicated that our Federation should not provide more than the A.F.M.S. provides. This funding could come from workshop auction funds. Motion passed.

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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NEW BUSINESS:

Uniform Rules Chair Betty James will be a voting representative at the A.F.M.S. Annual Meeting held in Roswell, New Mexico. The committee is attempting to make judging uniform throughout the seven Federations. Funds are provided annually to each Federation for a new judge to receive special training. Please inform her of rule suggestions for speakers and she will submit them for our Federation as assemble this new guide.

Renewal form length and time sending. Ken Anderson recommended shortening the form, but requiring its return more quickly. Joan White responded with restructured form as a result of confusion concerning membership dues, insurance dues, and the need for a membership list to verify membership. The Eastern Federation puts their renewal form in their newsletter.

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Joan White sent a renewal form to each club. Carolyn Daniels put the renewal form in the *Lodestar*, adding four renewal copies per club. Jim Flora posted the renewal form on our website and then sent the renewal form by email to every club member with a known email address. Beryl Ferguson added renewal copies to her club president mailing for every club that had not renewed by that time.

Restructuring will be done to reflect required and optional information. Ken Anderson emphasized that we need a standard way to get the form to clubs so that all clubs know and look for the forms in that location at a specific time.

Buddy Shotts presented plaques to the three officers installed at the meeting.

Buddy Shotts loves to facet stones. Club membership is his passion and he reminded us that sports are the major competitor for all ages. This hobby is worth working together to solve our club membership problems.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Buddy requested a motion to adjourn. Bill Waggener so moved and Flora Lee Walker seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.

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



**COLBURN EARTH SCIENCE MUSEUM
10th Annual 2007 ASHEVILLE GEM FEST
FRIDAY – SUNDAY, JUNE 15, 16 & 17, 2007**

The Colburn Earth Science Museum is pleased to announce the 10th annual Asheville Gem Fest, happening Friday, Saturday and Sunday, June 15, 16 and 17 at Pack Place. Asheville Gem Fest is a great event: a gem and mineral show featuring quality dealers from across the nation, fun activities for the entire family, informative speakers and more!

On Saturday, June 16, there will be two featured speakers. At 1:30 pm, Dr. Steve Neely will speak on Treasures from the Elmwood Zinc Mine and at 3:00 P.M. Tom Wilson will present The Tucson Experience 2007. Both lectures are free of admission. The Colburn Earth Science Museum, located on the lower level of Pack Place, will also be open admission free all weekend, and their legendary silent auction will be back, bigger and better than ever.

With two floors and over 20 dealers, the 2007 Asheville Gem Fest is a great show in the center of downtown Asheville, conveniently near all that a fun and vibrant city has to offer. Plan now to attend!

The Mission of the Colburn Earth Science Museum is to foster an appreciation for the earth and its resources and environments through exhibits, educational programming and the care of its collection.

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May/June 2007

The Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies, Inc.

LOOKING AHEAD

CLUB & SOCIETY SHOWS/SWAPS

(Check with show contact for admission charges, if any)

June 2-3, 2007, Birmingham, AL - Alabama Mineral & Lapidary Society. 34th Annual Tannehill Gem, Mineral, Fossil and Jewelry Show. Tannehill Historical State Park. Hours: 9:00 A.M.- 5:00 P.M. Contact: Rick Kittinger at rick.kittinger@bellsouth.com or James Carr (publicity) at james@lapidaryclub.com. Check out the website as well at www.lapidaryclub.com.

July 25-28, 2007, Franklin, NC - Gem & Mineral Society of Franklin, NC. Community Facilities Building, Hwy 441S (Georgia Rd.). Hours: 25th-28th, 10:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M. Contacts: Fred Plesner (Show Chair) at 888.348.4224 or Franklin Chamber of Commerce at 828.524.3161 or www.franklin-chamber.com.

August 31- September 3, 2007, Hendersonville, NC- Henderson County Gem & Mineral Society. Witmire Activity Building, Lily Pond Road. Hours: August 31st - September 2nd, 10:00 A.M.- 6:00 P.M. and September 3, 10:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Contact: Margaret L. Johnson (Show Chair) @ 828.692.1249 or mgt.i.ed@brinet.com.

September 7-9, 2007, Winston-Salem, NC—Forsyth Gem and Mineral Club. 36th Annual Gem, Mineral, Jewelry Show and Sale, Educational Building, Dixie Classic Fairgrounds. Hours: 7th & 8th, 10:00 A.M.- 7:00 P.M.; 9th, 12:00 Noon-5:00 P.M. Contact: W.A. Marion, Show Chairman at www.forsythgemclub.com.

September 21-23, 2007, Jacksonville, FL - Jacksonville Gem & Mineral Society. 19th Annual Gem, Mineral, Fossil, and Bead Show. Hours: 21st, 1:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.; 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.

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

2006 REGIONAL FEDERATION SHOWS & CONVENTIONS

California Federation
Lancaster, California
June 15-17, 2007

Eastern Federation
Newark, New York
October 6-7, 2007

Midwest Federation
Hosts: Midwest Mineralogical and Lapidary Society
Houghton, Michigan
August 11-12, 2007

Northwest Federation
Butte, MT
August 3-5, 2007

Rocky Mountain Federation and AFMS Convention
Hosts: Chaparral Rockhounds
Roswell, NM
June 5-10, 2007

South Central Federation
Arlington, Texas
September 1-2, 2007

Southeast Federation
Location To Be Announced: Gulf Coast of Mississippi
November 9-11, 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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