THE SOUTHEAST FEDERATION OF MINERALOGICAL SOCIETIES, INC.

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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President's Message
Danny Griffin, SFMS President

The AFMS/SFMS Annual meeting is over and it was a resounding success. The meetings, lectures, club show, picnic, and banquet went very smoothly due to excellent planning by the Jacksonville Gem and Mineral Society. I heard nothing but praise from the other federations and the AFMS. While walking to the banquet, I over heard someone say this was the best AFMS Annual meeting they had attended in many years. This complement is directly related to the huge amount of volunteer work that went into this meeting. I would like to say “Job Well Done!” to the Jacksonville Gem and Mineral Society and others within the SFMS who were responsible for making the AFMS/SFMS Annual meeting a success.

SFMS elections were held at the SFMS Annual Meeting and below are your elected officials for 2014.

James Darnell, President
David Wayment, 1st VP
Lisa Roberts, 2nd VP
Mari Webb, Treasurer
Ann Monroe, AFMS 4th VP
Bill Waggener, President, Mayo Education Foundation
Wayne Dodd, Treasurer, Mayo Education Foundation

Immediately after the AFMS/SFMS Annual Meeting I attended an SFMS Workshop at Wildacres. It had been 2 or 3 years since attending my last workshop and it was good to get back. My youngest son, Jesse, and I took the Lost Wax Casting class taught by Bill Harr. We had a blast, and I believe Jesse cast one or two items each day. He was determined to do as much as possible in the few days we had. You can go to the instructors website and see some of the items we cast (GardenOfSilverDelights.wordpress.com). And, I believe there’s also a link to YouTube where you can see some of the work being done. As usual, the week just flew by. I would like to thank Wildacres Director (Lisa Roberts) and Registrar (B. J. Gearhart) for a well ran workshop that included many evening activities such as live music (two nights), story telling, Smores by the fire, a live auction, and show and tell.

The final 2013 SFMS Workshop began yesterday (Oct 13) at William Holland School of Lapidary Arts. I expect it will also go very well. I would also like to thank David and Leslie Wayment (WH Directors) and Joe and Addie Depietro (WH Registrars) for a job well done. They have all put in vast amounts of volunteer hours to ensure the WH Workshops go well. And last but not least I would like to thank Roy Deere (SFMS Education Chairman) for managing the workshops. If you see any of the personnel mentioned above, please express your gratitude for all the time they have put towards ensuring the workshops are available to you and that they go well.

Defensive Driving, Part 2
Bob Green, Safety Chair
As mentioned last month, the majority of folks consider themselves as above average drivers. So if that is the case, then why do so many folks do really questionable “stunts”? I use the word “stunts” to soften what these should really be called. In our area, upstate South Carolina, many of our folks abhor that “blinky” thing called a turn signal. The same is true for the eight sided red thing called a stop sign. However, let them come to a yield sign and many of them stop. Merging on the interstate is also a thing of apparent mystery.

I have about a 20 mile commute to and from work. This takes me through some traffic, though compared to Atlanta or other large cities, it is “no traffic at all”. The part near my work place is slightly congested. (Note, I dare not use the word CONGESTED, because if there are 15 cars in front on me, that is a lot). However, during this drive, I am provided the opportunity to practice defensive driving on a daily basis. We have many folks that apparently have gotten their drivers license on-line from “Driver License are Us”. They pay little attention, except to their smart phone. I average at least two folks on each trip texting as they drive. Some are easy to spot, they weave from side to side of their lane and are going about 10 miles an hour below the speed limit, to be safe. Others make a valiant effort to keep up with traffic, but these are more dangerous than the others, because if they were to get a good joke, they would definitely lose the remaining control of their vehicle. My favorite bumper sticker is “Hang-Up and Drive”.

The other group of folks is apparently lost and looking for their way home or wherever they are really going on their “Pilgrimage”. Non-rush hour traffic is usually folks heading to the mall, which is also close to my workplace, so coming in late or leaving early provides me additional opportunities. In Greenville, a favorite way to get to where you are going quicker is to run the red lights. This is a daily sight as folks scurry about their lives. A city bus was recently observed “beating” the green for the other lanes.

On a personal note, over ten years ago, my wife complained that I was driving like an old person, leaving too much space between the car ahead, inviting my fellow “pilgrims” to occupy that space, not keeping up with traffic, etc. Well, I was then assigned to a project in Puerto Rico. About six (6) months after I started that assignment she was complaining that I drove too fast, was too aggressive and not driving as defensively as I should. In Puerto Rico, the drivers look out for themselves and the other folks need to do the same.

So, since I finished that assignment over ten years ago, I have not been threatened with the removal of my license because of my age, but I definitely drive looking and expecting the other drivers not to uphold their end of the drive safely bargain. So, drive defensively and expect the unexpected from your fellow “pilgrims”. Please do not become a faceless statistic.

SFMS WORKSHOPS UPDATE
Roy Deere, Education Committee Chair

By the time that you read this our 2013 SFMS Workshop program will be finished. We have offered a total of 30 different classes at our two locations. The feedback from the students has been great. Everyone appears to have had a great time and learned a lot of new techniques.
I want to thank the instructors for volunteering their time to provide the
excellent instruction for each of these classes. Without these instructors, our workshop program would never exist.

Our Directors and Registrars at each of the locations have done a tremendous amount of unseen work that has resulted in very smooth running workshops. This is the year that we rotate Registrars so you will see different contacts next year. We will miss BJ and Addie who have been wonderful to work with this year. Fortunately we have two new Registrars who have attended the last session of their respective workshops and been trained by BJ and Addie. Our registrars for the next 2 years at Wildacres will be Paula Griffin and William Holland will be Rosemary Van Wandelen. Both of them have attended many of our workshops and I am sure that they will do a wonderful job.

This will be the last Workshops Update until either December or January. We are in the mode of getting confirmed dates and rates from Wildacres and William Holland for next year. Once we have that information we need to select our instructors and get commitments from them on the dates of their classes. Our plans are to offer a mix of the most popular classes from this year and several totally new classes at our 2014 workshops.

For the ones of you that have attended SFMS Workshops before, please plan on rejoining us in 2014. If you have never attended one of our workshops, plan on giving it a try in 2014. It is the most fun that you can have for a week. Both of our locations are beautiful mountain retreats that proved comfortable accommodations and good food. Our instructors are known for providing excellent classes. The rates for 2014 are not established yet; but I can assure you that they will be less than what you would spend on a hotel for a week’s vacation.

We don’t have confirmation on the dates yet; but I believe that we will have the same weeks at each location as this year. We will communicate that to you as soon as possible to aid you in your planning. If you have ever attended a SFMS Workshop, please tell your club members and friends what a wonderful time you had!

**Gem and Mineral Shows**

**October 19-20, 2013, Tampa Bay, FL**

54th Annual Gem/Mineral/Jewelry Show and Sale

**Sponsor:** Tampa Bay Mineral and Science Club  
**Dates/Times:** Saturday, October 19, 2013, 10:am – 5:00 pm  
              Sunday, October 20, 2013, 10am – 4:00 pm  
**Location:** Strawberry Festival Expo Building, 2301 W. Oak Avenue, Plant City, Florida  
**Admission:** Adults $5.00; Children 12 to 16 and Students with ID $4.00;  
               Children under 12 free (with parent)

We will have over 40 vendors offering gems, minerals, beads, fossils, tools, lapidary material, jewelry making supplies, jewelry and much more. There will be live demonstrations throughout the show and hourly Door Prize drawings. We'll also have a silent auction, touch table, grab bags and magazine sales. Parking is free. For more information please visit our website at [www.tampabayrockclub.com](http://www.tampabayrockclub.com)

**Contact:** email, clubpresident@tampabayrockclub.com  
Phone, (813) 831-1944
**November 8 – 10, 2013 Gray, TN**


Friday November 8 0930 to 1800
Saturday November 9 0930 to 1800
Sunday November 10 1000 to 1700

For more information contact:
Robert Morgan (423) 956-9486
Rowan Morgan (276) 796-4584
Velima Lawson (423) 306-6203

**November 22-24, 2013 Columbia, SC**

The Columbia SC Gem and Mineral Society will hold its 46th annual gem, mineral and jewelry show at Jamil Temple, 206 Jamil Road, Columbia, SC 29210 (Exit 106A off I26). Hours: Friday 10am to 7pm; Saturday 10am to 6pm; Sunday Noon to 5pm. 24 Retail Vendors – jewelry, beads, loose stones, fossils, gold, silver and tools for sale. Lots of fun for the whole family. Admission is $5 for adults, children sixteen and under are free with adult. All military and their dependents are free.  Grand Prize Award – Tourmaline/Topaz specimen from Pakistan (Est. $450) donated by PAK Designs (Patrick and Anne Kelly). Publicity – Sue Shrader ashrader@mindspring.com (803) 736-9317, Fax (803) 736-2578; Dealers – Sharon Sterrett ssterrett@sc.rr.com (803) 356-1472

**November 22-24, 2013 Marietta, GA**

28th Annual Cobb County Gem and Mineral Society Gem, Mineral and Jewelry Show in Marietta, GA. Find amazing rocks, gemstones, minerals and fossils from all over the world! Choose from a large selection of beautiful beads, jewelry and jewelry making supplies. Fun for the whole family, with faceting and jewelry making demonstrations, a fluorescent mineral room, and many interesting displays. Hourly Door Prizes. Free Admission and Free Parking. Cobb County Civic Center, 548 Marietta Parkway, Marietta, GA. Hours: 10am -6pm November 22-23, 10am-5pm November 24.

**November 23-24, 2013 West Palm Beach, FL**

47th annual gem, mineral, jewelry, bead and fossil show (always held the weekend before Thanksgiving) of the Gem and Mineral Society of the Palm Beaches. Hours: Saturday 9am to 6pm, Sunday 10am to 5pm. South Florida Fairgrounds Expo Center East, 9067 Southern Boulevard, West Palm Beach, Florida 33411. FREE Parking. Over 60 dealers, door prizes, hourly prize drawings, Scholarship Fund raffle, fossil dig, gem mining, geode cracking, displays, demonstrations, clas ses. Admission $7, children under 12 free. Visit website for $1 off coupon. [www.gemandmineral.cc](http://www.gemandmineral.cc) For further information contact show chair, Barbara Ringhis at bar5678@aol.com
**November 29 & 30, December 1, 2013 Roanoke, VA**

Roanoke Valley Mineral and Gem Society is celebrating its 50$^{th}$ anniversary this year. Our annual club show is at the Salem Civic Center, Salem, VA. Expected admission for all three days is $4.

**November 29 & 30, December 1, 2013 Mobile, AL**

Mobile Rock and Gem Society Annual Gem, Jewelry, Fossil and Mineral Show  
Abba Shrine, 7701 Hitt Road, Mobile, Alabama  
Friday Nov. 29 – 2PM until 7PM  
Saturday Nov. 30 – 9AM until 6PM  
Sunday Dec 1 – 9AM until 5PM  
Show Chairperson:  Jim Patterson (251) 510-8528  
E-MAIL:  JIMANDDE@MOBIS.COM

**December 6-8, 2013 Montgomery, AL**

The 43$^{rd}$ annual Montgomery Gem, Mineral & Jewelry Show will be held at a new location, the Alcazar Shrine Temple, 555 Eastern Blvd, Montgomery, AL (just north of Capitol Chevrolet).  
Hours: Friday 9am to 6pm, Saturday 10am to 6pm, Sunday 11am to 5pm. Dealers will have beautiful handcrafted jewelry as well as unique gemstones, minerals and fossils. Club members will display their individual collections and will give demonstrations on gem and rock cutting, faceting, cabochon making, and arrowhead knapping. Admission is free and door prizes will be given. Contact: Jane Barkley (334) 277-2722 or Iris McGehee (334) 262-7275

**December 14-15, 2013 Franklin, TN**

Gem, Jewelry, Mineral, Fossil Show and Sale sponsored by Mid-Tennessee Gem and Mineral Society. Williamson County AgExpoPark, 4215 Long Lane, Franklin, TN 37064 (Exit I65 at #61 (20 miles south of Nashville) and turn east on Petytonsville Road. Drive 1/3 mile and turn left onto Long Lane and then right into the AgExpoPark's parking lot). Demonstrations, exhibits, silent auction, hourly door prizes, grand prize. Over 30 dealers with beads, crystals, geodes, rough, www.MTGMS.org/Show.htm cabochons, gem stones, finished jewelry, native jewelry, tools, supplies, mineral & fossil specimens, stone carvings and home accents. Admission $4 ($6 2-day pass), students 18 and under $1, children under 12 free with adult. For additional information and maps visit: www.MTGMS.org Show contacts: John Stanley, Show Chair (615) 885-5704 or Steve Henegar, Dealer Chair (615) 714-3194. Email: show@MTGMS.org

**January 10-12, 2014 Largo, FL**

The Pinellas Geological Society, Inc. announces our Thirty Eighth Annual Gem, Jewelry and Mineral Show and Sale. Friday and Saturday 10 AM to 6 PM; Sunday Noon to 5 PM at the Largo Cultural Center, Parkside Room, 105 Central Park Drive, Largo, FL. Free Admission, Donation $1.50 for drawing.

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

The members of the Pineallas Geological Society and other local Gem and Mineral Clubs will be showing their cut gems, silver and gold jewelry, wire wrap, beading, cabochons, and collections of rocks and minerals for your viewing pleasure and purchase. The show is for the public of all ages who are fascinated by and enjoy seeing and learning about nature's beauty in gems, rocks and minerals. For more information about the show or joining the club, call Leona at (727) 894-2440.

Contact Person: Leona Sheffield, Co-Chairperson; 2440 Southshore Dr., SE; St. Petersburg, FL 33705

**January 18-19 2014, DeLand, FL**

Tomoka Gem & Mineral Society presents our 43rd annual Jewelry , Gem & Fossil Show and Sale.  
Show theme this year “Wonderful World of Quartz”  
Admission: $4, Children under 12 free, Parking is free  
Hours: Saturday 10am to 6pm, Sunday 10am to 5pm  
Volusia County Fairgrounds, Tommy Lawrence Building, State Road 44, DeLand ,FL  
( ½ mile East of I-4, Exit 118 )  
With admission you have a choice of a Shark Tooth or Pink Quartz to create something that is a one of a kind at one of our free demos.  
Silent auctions, Exhibits, Door Prizes, Faceting, Cabochon making, Jewelry making demonstrations.  
Our vendors will have mineral and fossil specimens, lapidary material, rough, cabochons, fine jewelry and gem stones, beads, crystals, supplies and so much more.  
For more info:

Show Chair Rosemary van Wandelen rrborzoi@yahoo.com

Vendor Chair Francisca Pitts info@tomokagms.org

**February 22, 2014, Lakeland, Florida**

Annual Show and Sale

Imperial Bone Valley Gem, Mineral & Fossil Society

Saturday 9:30am - 4:30pm

175 Lake Hollingsworth Dr., Lakeland, Fl. 33801

Hourly door prizes, Spin & Win Mineral Wheel, Kids Treasure Dig, demonstrations and educational displays, Silent and Chinese auctions and over 30 dealers of rocks, minerals, fossils, jewelry, gifts and hobby supplies.

Contact Kim Price, Show chair, at (863) 412-9156, or email ibvgmfs@gmail.com. Facebook:
**March 7-9, 2014 St. Petersburg, FL**

44th Annual Gem, Jewelry & Mineral Show and Sale  
THE SUNCOAST GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY  
Fri: 10 AM to 6PM; Sat: 10AM-6PM; Sun: 10am-5PM  
The Minnreg Building  
6340 126th Ave. N., Largo, FL 33773  
HOURLY DOOR PRIZES!  
GRAND DRAWING AT END OF SHOW!  
$1.50 GRAB BAGS, FREE PARKING  
15+ Dealers  
Demonstration exhibits on Beading, Wire Wrapping, Cabbing, Faceting, Metal Work.  
Club display cases and exhibits.  
Refreshments available.  
Show contact: Bill Schmidt, Show Chair, 727 822-8279  
Email contact: SGAMSgemshow@gmail.com  
http://www.sgams.com/Shows/show.html

**April 26-27, 2014 Memphis, TN**

Memphis Mineral, Fossil, Jewelry Show  
Memphis Archaeological and Geological Society  
“The Earth Wide Open”  
Memphis International Agricenter, 7777 Walnut Grove Rd. Memphis, TN  
Saturday, April 26, 9-6:00 and Sunday, April 27 10-5,  
Dealers, Exhibits, Demonstrations, Kids Area with Rockzone featuring Gem Dig, Geode Bowling, Rocks Around the Clock.  
Adults $5.00, Children 12 and under $2.00.  
web: www.TheEarthWideOpen.com,  
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