President's Report

2020 is off to a fantastic start!
My main focus is to carry the momentum generated last year, and to increase the social media presence of the SFMS.

Membership is declining in many clubs and my main concern is how we can support them to turn that trend around.

I have done a large amount of legwork and have found that the SFMS and subsequently most of its clubs are largely unknown to a massive volume of rock fanatics. Tens of thousands of potential members are waiting for a connection with us, and actively seek out rocks, minerals, and lapidary online regularly.

I want to continue the work that Reggie has put into defining our relevance to clubs as well. This will prove vital to us in the coming years.

Once again, I would like to fondly honor Roy Deere, and mention his passing. He was a valued volunteer to the SFMS and friend to many of us.

As always, I thank everyone for the hard work and dedication.

Jesse Griffin
Knoxville Gem and Mineral Society
2020 SFMS president
Editor's Note

Hello rockhounds!

Anyone who wishes to subscribe to the Lodestar and/or submit an article/show/report for publication, send us an email at: sfms.lodestar@gmail.com.

Each club or local chapter of the SFMS region is responsible to provide their upcoming show information, if they would like their show posted in both the Lodestar newsletter and on the SFMS website page. We are not to guess and enter random Show entries for you, this would provide misleading information. Continue to submit your show information, and we will post the show, as you have historically submitted. To ensure we receive your information accurately and timely, you may send your next show information as soon as your most recent show ends! Also ensure you are sending the information to the correct email address(es). Last have your Subject line indicate you are providing a Submission. Remember your email can go to the Spam/Junk folder, depending on your Subject line – Missing Information, or Corrections Needed seems to go to Spam (and if you have not presented the Show information, it isn’t actually missing or in need of correction). The SFMS webpage has always left the last known show information for each club, on the show listing, and we continue with this tradition, this is not an error with missing or corrections needed.) We are all Volunteers, as you are, and we can’t help you without your submission input first.

Please share this Lodestar newsletter with your local Club. You may simply attach this newsletter to your monthly newsletter distribution, or send out separately. Thank you for your assistance.

Rock On,
Lori Heinemann
SFMS Lodestar Editor

Secretary's Report

As per popular request, the Executive meeting is scheduled in March, for cooler weather to hold the 2nd Annual Rockhound Roundup. We’re changing up things this year, with a Friday night Social - not a Cracker Barrell (No meeting, just fun!) The Executive meeting will be held Saturday evening instead of morning, so that there is no conflict between the Roundup and the meeting.

Please make reservations quickly, as space is limited. I’ve already reserved my cabin! The Days Inn will increase my block if needed, but only within a certain time frame.

If you have any Questions, please call or email me,

Jerri Heer
SFMS Secretary
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Committee Reports

Education

Class list for 2020 June workshop at William Holland school of Lapidary Arts Young Harris Georgia. I am very excited for next year not only will we be enjoying lapidary classes we will all be getting together for the 2nd meeting for the Southeast Federation for 2020. I expect a big turn out for a week of lapidary classes and end the week with an informative SFMS meeting. I hope everyone will take advantage of this opportunity for a week long class in the lapidary arts followed by a SFMS meeting. I look forward to seeing you on June 7 2020 for a week of fun................. Please don’t miss out on getting together with rockhounds from all over the Southeast coming together at one place to share our love for the Lapidary Arts........ Education and Interclub Connections and Club Development, Programs, Youth Support are 5 of the 10 point benefits of the SFMS that can be achieved by attending this and other workshops. All you have to do is attend a workshop and meet people from other clubs, enjoy and learn in your class, then return home to your club and share your experience with adults and youth alike. You along could be responsible for many others attending a Southeast Federation Workshop and continuing the lapidary arts for the Southeast Federation. Please attend a workshop

sfmsworkshop.org

Pass on what you learn at a SFMS Workshop.....

sfmsworkshops.org Check website for Instructor and class, along with registration form

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Safety

Now February is nearly behind us. This year is going fast and as today, hopefully not down as the stock market is doing and unfortunately like our 401 (k)s. Today is the 24th of February so we will see what the rest of the month brings. Strange weather here and in Australia. The welcome rains have become a bit on the heavy side and, we in the southeast, hope the stuff slows down a bit. Never satisfied.

I will take a que from the AFMS safety article on the number one person controlling a person’s safety is the person itself. I think, the AFMS author had is as "you control your own safety" which is a bit more to the point and he is correct. You have to be aware of your surroundings and what is happening around you.

Now, with the CoronaVirus spreading, and with Flu season upon us, practice washing your hands and avoid folks that seem to be sick. This may mean you work from home or miss some meetings, however the risk of serious illness is substantial. We can look at the TV and the quarantine areas are not near us, as yet, but as the World Health Organization noted, be prepared for the worse.

We drove to the Richmond, VA area last weekend and there were several times when the drivers seemed to be out to hurt themselves or someone else, weaving in and out of traffic at a high rate of speed. Now in these type situations, you have to be alert and drive defensively, which in some cases is get out of the other guy's way.

It has been too cold to reduce some of the slabs into sizes for cabochons. I bought a larger saw last year and have not had a chance to use it. I did get the blade installed and dry run the machine last fall and need
to add the cutting oil to the unit. I am always careful to check out new pieces of equipment before jumping into it. My wife has properly instructed me to read the working instructions and the directions first, which of course goes against men’s view of how to proceed.

Particular attention is needed when you go to a larger machine, even if you have a smaller version. I have a smaller saw in need of a bearing replacement. So, another chore that needs to happen when it gets warmer. This machine is about 50 years old, and no instructions, so I need to go to the net to see if these exist.

Back on my soap box, the DIY shows are not good examples of personal protection equipment (PPE) in most cases. Norm Abrams always started his programs with the admonition to use the proper PPE.

Be safe and always be aware of your surroundings. Whether driving, walking or working in your yard or house. Your hobbies can be a bit hazardous to your health. Things break or bend when they should not and ladders can prove to not be your friend.

Getting the lawn mower started or your leaf blower can be an issue. I tried to get my leaf blower started a couple months ago and after a larger than normal number of pulls on the starter cord, I noticed the mice in my garage had eaten the small hoses connecting the gas tank to the motor. I did get some exercise pulling on the starter cord, but then went inside to get the mouse poison. When using the poison, do be careful. It kills mice and can make you very sick.

Enjoy the weather and be safe.

Bob Green
SFMS Safety Committee Chair

DMC Field Trip Report - December

Field Trip Information

Dixie Mineral Council (DMC) will share more after their field trip.

DMC field trips are open only to members of clubs that are members of the SFMS DMC field trip sharing program. SFMS club members are bound by the AFMS code of ethics, but the general public is not, and could jeopardize access to a collecting location. So unless the property owner has invited non-SFMS attendees, the general public is not allowed on DMC field trips.

Clubs interested in the SFMS DMC field trip sharing program can learn more about the program and download a membership application form from the DMC pages on the SFMS website: http://www.amfed.org/sfms/_dmc/dmc.htm -- Lori Carter, sfms-dmc@amfed.org
SFMS Rockhound Round-Up

Welcome all SFMS Clubs to the 2020 Rockhound Roundup!

The next SFMS Rockhound Roundup will be held in the same location, the Suwannee River Music Park in Live Oak, Florida. The dates are March 6-8, 2020. We are fortunate that the venue allows us to use their overflow field for free! Based on our observations and recommendations from participants at the 2019 event, we've made some changes.

1. To counter the extreme heat, we've moved the date to March 6-8th. Our date options were limited because of the venue's schedule, and we did our best to avoid conflicts with any SFMS club level events. We are, unfortunately, conflicting with the Suncoast Club Show, for which we apologize. With 72 clubs in the Federation, it was inevitable that we would have some issue.

2. Because we are holding the SFMS Executive Meeting during the event, we will be holding it Saturday Evening so that participants won't have to choose between the Roundup or the Meeting.

3. We will be holding a SFMS Social Friday evening to foster the Interclub connections for which this event was originally organized.

We hope that all clubs will distribute this information to their members to encourage even more people to setup their own tailgates at this event. Please print copies of the information and/or distribute it by email to your entire membership. Last year we had participants from at least five of our states. We want this to be an annual event that grows each year. Please encourage your members to join us if possible. We found
that with the minimal fee of $25 per booth, we were able to cover all costs for the necessary amenities at
the venue. Those who came last year expressed very positive comments about the Roundup. Please join us
next year!

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SOUTHEAST FEDERATION
OF MINERALOGICAL SOCIETIES, INC.

Executive Meeting
Sponsored by Southeast Federation
March 7, 2020 Live Oak, Florida

Please complete and return this information using a separate form for each attendee, submitting through mail or email, ensuring receipt by February 28, 2020 for the S.F.M.S. packet processing.

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

Society Affiliation

- Attending Friday Social - 6 pm (circle one) Yes / No
- Attending Saturday Executive Meeting 7 pm - (circle one) Yes / No

Date ______________ Signature ____________________________

Thank you for your consideration.

Jerri Heer
S.F.M.S. Secretary

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SFMS Executive Meeting Information
March 6-8 2020
Suwannee River Music Park
3076 95th Drive, Live Oak, FL 32060

Schedule of events:

Friday, March 6
8 - 10 am - Rockhound Roundup Setup
10 am – 5 pm Rockhound Roundup
7 PM – SFMS Social – Spirit Lodge, in the Park
Informal meet and greet social

Saturday, March 7
8 - 10 am – Rockhound Roundup Setup
10:00 am – 5 pm Rockhound Roundup
5:30 pm – Registration and check-in for Executive meeting
Spirit Lodge
6:00 pm – Executive Meeting

Sunday, March 8
8 - 10 am - Rockhound Roundup Setup
10 am – 5 pm Rockhound Roundup

The Park has cabins, RV sites and Camping sites. If you want to stay there, call Carol Walker at (386)365-0700 for reservations, leave a message if necessary. Identify yourself as with the SFMS Roundup. You may also reserve online at www.musicliveshere.com or by calling the main line (386)364-1683.

There are also hotels in the area, listed on the “Directions” page of the Park website. We have secured a block of rooms at the Days Inn. The block name is SFMS. Call 386-752-9350. Rates are $80 on Thursday night, $75 per night for Friday and Saturday nights (plus tax!) Hotel address is 3430 N US Hwy 441, Lake City, FL 32056.
SFMS ROCKHOUND ROUND-UP - 2020
Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies (SFMS)
2nd annual Rockhound Round-Up.

Who: Vendors are from the SFMS Clubs. Clubs in good standing with SFMS. from over 70+ Clubs in: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, TN.

What: A good old-fashion Rock-Swap

When: March 6th, 7th, and 8th, 2020.

Where: Spirit of Suwannee Music Park
3076 95th Drive
Live Oak, FL 32060
(386) 364-1683
www.musicliveshere.com

How Much: For Buyers Only: the only cost to attend is the Admission Fee for the Park

For Sellers: $25.00 for a 10’ x 20’ booth’ to be a Vendor, plus the Park

Admission: The $25.00 is for the 10 foot by 20 foot vendor booth, for all three days. Vendors—Must be a member of an SFMS Club.

Place your reservation with the SFMS Contact. Separate email sent with Application.

Vendors MUST have Application and Payment delivered by February 28th 2020.

For Overnight Stays: The Park offers several overnight or weekend options, Cabins, RV spots, Tent Camp-out locations. There are also nearby Hotel /

Motels.

Contact the Park directly to make a reservation to stay overnight or for the weekend.

We look forward to seeing all of you there!

◊ Bring rocks you might want to swap with, remember this is a Rock-Swap!
◊ Bring Cash, etc. (The Campground does have 2 ATMs on the premises.)
◊ Vendors may or may not accept credit / debit cards, and may or may not have service.
◊ Bring flyers for your shows in the next season!
◊ Learn more about us, and the Benefits of Belonging to the SFMS!
◊ Rock and Roll with us all weekend!

Please don’t hesitate to contact me by phone, text or email. You may have to leave a message, but I WILL respond!

Jerri Heer, SFMS Secretary
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SFMS Benefits of Belonging

The Benefits of Belonging to the SFMS started at the Cracker Barrel session of the 2018 Annual Meeting. The efforts of the 10 points were further discussed at the 1st quarterly meeting of 2019, then a presentation was provided at the 2nd quarterly meeting. A new presentation was provided at the recent 2019 Annual Meeting, where some changes were made to consolidate, and narrow the points down to 9, instead of 10 points. Going forward updates provided will be entitled SFMS Benefits of Belonging.

For more information, please be sure to read the President’s Message provided by Reggie Bolton!

Together the SFMS and your clubs can work together to share and exchange information, as the changes unfold. Please see where you can help to expand on, and provide as much information on all of the benefits of belonging points.

For a listing of the original 10 points, which will soon be updated, please see the last page of this newsletter.

Look for updates and on the SFMS Benefits of Belonging points here in future newsletter editions.

2020-2021 Club and Show Insurance

Club Officers / Insurance Liaisons,

My name is David Liles. I am serving as the Southeast Federation of Mineral Societies (SFMS) Assistant Treasurer and am the Insurance Liaison for 2020. SFMS makes available liability insurance to SFMS member Clubs and Societies. Participation is optional. The insurance covers activities such as field trips and shows. As liaison I am responsible for organizing and coordinating the purchase of insurance by participating clubs with the Federation’s insurance carrier. The insurance form for 2020 will soon be on the SFMS Website, and I have attached the updated 2020 form as an attachment to this email message should your club opt in for insurance and want to get the application done now.

The deadline for completion of the forms and the remittance of payment is March 1, 2020. The address for remitting forms and payments is on the forms. Clubs who participated last year are currently covered until April 1, 2020. If you are new or did not participate last year and would like coverage, please contact me. If you participated last year and are not participating this year please contact me as well. If this email needs to go to someone else in your club please forward it & CC me on the forward.

Thank You,
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2019 Rockhound of the Year Winners

Marty Hart, SFMS Representative to the AFMS Club Rockhound of the Year

2019 Middle Tennessee Rockhounds Rockhound of the Year- Mary Clyde Sparks

The Middle Tennessee Rockhounds recognize Mary Clyde Sparks as “2019 Rockhound of the Year” for her long-time contributions and efforts to support our organization. Many years ago we were desperate for a new meeting location when our current location barred groups meetings. She negotiated a great meeting location for MTR, and we have been there ever since. Last year she arranged for a club fossils and minerals display at a prominent library which helped advertise our organization. When Mary Clyde (who answers to MC) brings something to show at a meeting, it is often accompanied with a colorful story and is shared with a smile and a touch of laughter. MC is always joyful and her presence brightens and adds cheer to meetings and activities. Mary Clyde freely volunteers at events and can be counted on to assist were needed.

Submitted by: Middle Tennessee Rockhounds
GEM AND MINERAL SHOWS

March 6 – 8, 2020; Live Oak, FL

SFMS ROCKHOUND ROUND-UP - 2020

Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies (SFMS)
2nd annual Rockhound Round-Up.

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Members in good standing from over 74 Clubs in: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, TN.

What: A good old-fashion Rock-Swap.

When: March 6th, 7th, and 8th, 2020.
Save the Date.

Where: Spirit of Suwannee Music Park
3076 95th Drive, Live Oak, FL 32060
(386) 364-1683    www.musicliveshere.com

How Much: For Buyers Only: the only cost is the Admission Fee for the Park.
If you have a few rocks in your pockets, you may be able to ‘Swap’ also.
Buying is open to the general public, and all are welcome to shop No club affiliation needed.

For Sellers: $25.00 for a 10’ x 20’ ‘booth’ to be a Vendor.
The $25.00 is for the 10 foot by 20 foot vendor booth, for all three days.
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à Bring flyers for your shows in the Spring or for the next season!
à Learn more about us, and the Benefits of Belonging to the SFMS!
à Rock and Roll with us all weekend!

All buying is open to the general public.

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March 6 – 8, 2020; St. Petersburg, FL

50th Annual Gem, Jewelry & Mineral Show and Sale
THE SUNCOAST GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY
Fri: 1 PM to 6PM; Sat: 10AM-6PM; Sun: 10am-5PM
Donations Adults $5.00, Students with parents or ID $4.00, under 6 free. Good for all three days. Website flier, Tampa Bay Times ad, Military ID $1 off adults.
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GRAND DRAWING AT END OF SHOW!
$1.50 GRAB BAGS, FREE PARKING

12+ Dealers
Assorted gems, rocks & minerals, jewelry, tools & equipment for sale by vendors and SGAMS.
Silent Auctions all day long.
Club display cases and exhibits.
Refreshments available.
Show contact: Bill Schmidt, Show Chair, 727 822-8279
Email contact:  SGAMSGemshow@gmail.com
Club web page: http://www.sgams.com/Shows/show.html

March 27 – 29, 2020; Hickory, NC

50th Annual Rock, Gem, Mineral, Fossil and Jewelry Show; hosted by the Catawba Valley Gem and Mineral Club, Hickory Metro Convention Center, 1960 13th Ave Dr SE, Hickory NC 28602; Fri. 9-6; Sat. 9-6, Sun. 10-5;  Admission is $5.00, which good for all three days; Children under 12 free; Also free - Boy & Girl Scouts in uniform, law enforcement officers & military with ID, and approved school & youth groups;

Hourly door prizes and a grand prize of a 7.2 pound Pyrite specimen from Peru and a beautiful wire wrapped Rutile Quartz necklace, will be drawn at the end of the show, $1.00 grab bags available while they last, 28 vendors with gems, minerals, fossils, jewelry; Theme “North Carolina: America’s First Gold Rush.”; Focal display by the Reed Gold Mine and presentations including; hands-on displays; mini-mine; faceting, cabochon cutting, specimen identification by geologists;  Contact: Dean Russell, show chairperson, (828) 303-1448 or cvgmcssecretary@aol.com. Complete show info on web page: www.cvgmc.com
If you have any questions, please contact me. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Dean Russell
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(828) 303-1448
April 25 – 26, 2020; Memphis, TN

April 25-26, 2020
Memphis, TN.
Memphis Mineral, Fossil, Jewelry Show
“The Earth Wide Open”
Memphis Archaeological and Geological Society
Memphis International Agricenter, 7777 Walnut Grove Rd. Memphis, TN
Saturday, April 25 9-6:00 and Sunday, April 26 10-5,

Adults $5.00, 2 day pass $8.00, Children 12 and under $2.00. Scouts in uniform free

Dealers, Exhibits, Demonstrations, Grand and Hourly door prizes. Kids Area with Rockzone featuring Gem and Fossil Dig, Geode Bowling, and Rocks Around the Clock. Includes “The MAGS Rock Banquet” a table full of rocks that looks like real food. Developed and maintained by the club since 1980

web: www.TheEarthWideOpen.com
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May 8 – 10, 2020; Marietta, GA

52nd Annual Annual Mother’s Day Weekend Gem, Mineral, Jewelry, and Fossil Show
The Georgia Mineral Society
Fri: 10:00 AM to 6PM; Sat: 10AM-6PM; Sun: Noon-5PM
The Georgia Mineral Society’s 52nd Annual Mother’s Day Weekend Gem, Mineral, Jewelry, and Fossil Show – May 8, 9, and 10, 2020 – Cobb Civic Center, 548 South Marietta Pkwy., SE, Marietta, GA 30060. Show Hours: Friday – 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.; Saturday – 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.; Sunday – noon – 5 p.m. EXCITING AUCTION Saturday at 1 p.m.!!! FREE Admission! FREE Parking! Over 30 Dealers! Door Prizes! SPECIAL Door Prize for Students! Win a Great Prize for Yourself and for Your School!

Website – www.gaminer.org
Email – mayshow@gaminer.org
May 8 – 10, 2020; Franklin, NC

DATES: May 8, 9, & 10, 2020
SHOW: Mothers Day Gemboree
CLUB: Gem & Mineral Society of Franklin, North Carolina
TIMES: Friday 10-5, Saturday 10-5, & Sunday 10 - 4
ADDRESS: 1288 Georgia Road (US441)
SHOW INFO: Free admission, silent auction, finished jewelry, gemstones, rough & slabs, and demonstrations.
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◊ to the regional level
◊ and even expands nationally!

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III. Club Development
IV. Interclub Connections
V. Federation Sponsored Club Insurance
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VIII. Lapidary Education
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X. National Affiliation

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