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UPCOMING FIELD TRIPS

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Speak to me.

March 11-12, 2006: Fort Drum Crystal Mine Rock Swap/Field Trip, Ft. Drum, FL. Well-fossilized and calcified marine shells and other marine fossils. Fee: \$20/day/adult or \$8/day/child (15 and under). All minors are to be accompanied by an adult.

April 22, 2006: Standard Mineral Company, Glendon, NC., Pyrite cubes (loose and in matrix), green fluorite and micro-minerals.

Refer to your local club/society newsletter for further information on the above field trips.

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

We are almost into the second quarter and the first sessions at Wildacres and William Holland are coming up.

I really need to hear from you!

Enrollment at both schools is down, but we say that the best thing the SFMS has to offer is the workshops. There seems to be much less interest than in the past and we need to know why. What do you want in the way of classes and instructors? What can we do to improve our workshop program? We have something no other Federation has to offer so let's support it.

Ann Monroe, SFMS President

2006 SFMS WORKSHOP UPDATE

Registration forms are coming in slowly for this year's workshops. The Education Committee would like some feedback regarding the January start for registration. We felt that many persons find it necessary to schedule their vacations early in the year and that a January start would enable us to confirm SFMS members before opening up our classes to AFMS members outside of our Federation. An article has just been printed in the AFMS Newsletter inviting members of other federations to join us on a space-available basis.

Silversmithing classes at all three Wildacre sessions have already been filled. However, you may still request those classes as a first choice in case there are cancellations. You will be assigned to your second choice and later moved into a closed class on the basis of your postmark priority if there are cancellations. It may also be possible to add another class if there is sufficient demand and a classroom is available. But you must communicate with the registrars and directors so that we can meet your needs.

Advanced Faceting has been added to the August Wildacres class schedule. David Lonser who has been teaching at both retreats for many years will teach the course. This was not in the schedule published last November and we would appreciate it if Newsletter Editors would get the word out. Advanced Faceting has a prerequisite of Beginning Faceting and it is generally expected that advanced students have been faceting at home and will bring their own faceting machines.

Please keep a eye on the SFMS web site at www.amfed.org/sfms to keep up with the latest information on this year's workshops.

Fred Sias

SFMS Education Co-Chair

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A Non-Profit, Non-Commercial, Non-Political Organization and
Regional Federation of the American Federation of
Mineralogical Societies



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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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EDITOR'S RAMBLINGS

I have been getting quite a few emails recently regarding receipt or in most cases, non-receipt, of mailed copies of the *Lodestar*. Article III, Section 8, Paragraph B of the SFMS By-Laws states, "The Editor shall distribute one (1) copy of each issue of the federation Newsletter to the **President, Secretary, Editor and Program Chairman of each member Club or Society of the Federation;** members of the Executive Board, State Directors, Committee Chairmen and Committee members, and to other persons who are active in the programs of the Federation, as they are requested or become known. The Editor shall also distribute copies to Officers of other Federations of like aims and purposes." The current *Lodestar* mailing list /electronic notification of posting on the SFMS website includes the four officers of each individual SFMS member Club/Society that is current with regards to its membership enrollment (paperwork and dues, etc.); current SFMS Board and Committee members; select other Federation officers/editors (including the AFMS); past SFMS presidents; other select persons active in the programs of the SFMS; paid subscribers; elected lifetime subscribers; and other exchange bulletins.

I have the SFMS Webmaster post an electronic version of the *Lodestar* on the SFMS website by the 10th of the month of publication. I try to have the hard copies of the same month's publication mailed by the 13th of the month. Please notify me if you are not receiving either a mailed copy of the *Lodestar* by the end of the month of publication or an notification of electronic posting by the 10th of the month (*Lodestar* is not published in June or August) if you are one of the persons listed above on the mailing list. Please make sure that your Club/Society has renewed its SFMS membership before notifying me. If you are not one of the person's listed above, you can subscribe to the *Lodestar* using the form at the back of this issue or as posted on the website. If you have access to the internet you can also download the current issue after the 10th of the month for free.

The post office has also been very slow in delivering some of the hard copies. If you have internet access, please download a copy of the *Lodestar* from the website and let me know when you receive your copy in the mail. Better yet, save your federation some money and opt out of the hard copy and ask to be place on the electronic notification list and download it from the website as soon as it become available. Thank you to the 107 persons opting to go electronically.

Please be patient at this time of year; Joan White, SFMS Membership Chairman, and I are updating the mailing list to include new member Club/Society information based on the 2006 membership renewals.

Carolyn Daniels, SFMS Editor

**SFMS YOUTH RESOURCES REPORT
2006 SFMS YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP AWARD**

The Youth Resources Committee Chairmen are pleased to announce that Elizabeth Siegfried is recipient of a 2006 Youth SFMS Workshop Scholarship. Elizabeth has attended SFMS workshops in the past both as self pay and as scholarship recipient. She has used her knowledge to

promote our hobby as well as consigning her wire wrap items at her local hospital gift shop. We received a letter from Elizabeth's Club president telling of the many ways that Elizabeth contributes to her Club. We know that Elizabeth will make good use of her week at a workshop and will write to tell us about it later in the year. CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU, ELIZABETH.

FUTURE ROCKOUNDS OF AMERICA

This article is a reminder that youth have an opportunity to be members of the Future Rockhounds of America sponsored by the AFMS Youth Program.

How to Become A Member of the FRA, the AFMS Youth Program:

1. Your group must be a member of your regional federation. This can be either through a sponsoring club or through an independent application to your regional federation.
2. Dues only have to be paid to the regional federation and thus into AFMS. There are no special dues for FRA.
3. The number of youth is not important... you can have as few as 2 and as many as you can handle.
4. Age: In most clubs the age at which one becomes an adult is 18.

It is simple: there is no mystery to joining. Just fill out the application below and mail it in. We are here to help you.

*Hugh and Leona Sheffield
SFMS Youth Resources Co-Chairmen*

**FUTURE ROCKHOUNDS OF AMERICA –
APPLICATION FORM**

Please fill out the following questionnaire:

Name of Youth Group _____

Sponsoring Adult Group _____

Federation: Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies, Inc.

Contact Person: _____

Address: _____

Year Organized: _____ Current Number of Members _____

Mail to: Kathy & Bob Miller
1106 Clayton Drive, South Bend IN 46614

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BE SAFE – BE WELL*Safety Committee – Don Monroe, Chairman*

In previous months I have submitted original articles usually dealing with issues that were current and filled a need. This month I am using material that I found in one of my old files. I do not know the author. I really wish I did so that I can give proper credit. I like the article and hope some of you will also appreciate the content.

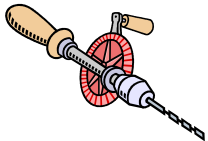
SAFETY RULES

Jewelry making can be a most enjoyable hobby but there are certain hazards which must be avoided, and can be, by following a few simple rules.

- * **WORK SAFELY. YOU CAN'T GET BY ON LUCK.**
- * **DON'T POLISH A WIRE OR CHAIN** on a rotary tool without nailing the wire or chain to a board. This might wrap around the arbor and pull your hand with it.
- * **DON'T SET FIRE TO YOUR CLOTHING WITH THE TORCH.** Fuzzy sweaters are dangerous.
- * **DON'T DROP THE TORCH OR FAIL TO TURN IT OFF.** An explosion might follow.
- * **DON'T POUR WATER INTO ACID** when making pickle; pour acid into water.
- * **DON'T TURN OVER THE PICKLE POT OR THE BOIL POT.** Keep handles to the rear.
- * **DON'T PUT A LARGE PIECE OF VERY HOT METAL IN PICKLE.** It might splash.



* **DON'T PICK UP THE CHARCOAL BLOCK OR HOT METAL** until you are sure they are cool.



* **DON'T HOLD A PIECE BEING DRILLED** with your hand; the drill might slip or break or the piece might spin when the drill breaks through. Use pliers.

- * **DON'T PUT YOUR FINGERS INSIDE ANY ITEM BEING POLISHED.** For example, a belt-buckle, a ring, a bracelet, etc. Hold the work being polished between finger-tips and thumb.
- * **DON'T WEAR RUBBER GLOVES OR FINER-STALLS WHEN POLISHING;** these might wrap around the arbor.
- * **DON'T WORK WITHOUT SOME PROTECTION FOR THE EYES** such as plastic goggles or a

magnifying eye piece, particularly when using a rotating wire brush.

- * **DON'T LET YOUR TIE OR HAIR GET CAUGHT** by the rotating arbor. This could be fatal.
- * **DON'T GET INTO CONTACT WITH ELECTRICITY OR BELTS.** Don't work on a wet or damp floor.
- * **DON'T FAIL TO REPORT ANY APPARENT HAZARD IMMEDIATELY.**

WE REPEAT: "WORK SAFELY. YOU CAN'T GET BY ON LUCK".

Just fail to observe these rules and you will find your situation comparable to that of the fellow whose wife had the stone-cutter carve on his tomb-stone, "I told you to go to the doctor".

A LETTER FROM THE HARRISON COUNTY GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY

P.O. Box 3028, Bay St. Louis, MS 39521-3028

Dear Fellow Rockhounds:

We really do appreciate all the donations coming in. It really means a lot and helps us tremendously. Thank you!!!

Sadly, we must report that we are losing our founding father, Billy Wood. He is moving to Oklahoma. **WE WILL MISS HIM!!!** Billy is leaving a big gap in our club. We wish him and his family a lot of luck and happiness.

We have received several trim saws of various sizes and some rocks and slabs so the saws are being well used. The donated money will go toward purchasing Genies and Facet machines, Until we get our own, the Pearl River Rock Club is letting us use their travel workshop and Jim Dahlhausen sees to it that it arrives on time for our workshop.

We do not have a permanent place to hold our meeting and workshops. Until we find such, St. Anne's Catholic Church of DeLisle, Ms is letting us use their Parish Hall to hold our workshops. It is not as large as we'd like but there is ample space and well lit with ample electric outlets and we are grateful.

Since Billy Wood will no longer be with us, we ask that future donations be sent to our President:

Margaret Johnston
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Sincerely,
Margaret Johnston,
Harrison County Gem &
Mineral Society President

SFMS 2006 Wildacres Workshop at Little Switzerland, NC

2006 Workshop Dates

April.....Thursday, April 13 to Thursday, April 20, 2006

August.....Monday, August 21 to Sunday, August 27, 2006

September.....Monday, Sept. 18 to Sunday, Sept. 24, 2006

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. It is in Little Switzerland, approximately half way 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 plus a pottery studio.

Fees

Lodge accommodations: \$310 per person (double occupancy), including meals. A limited number of single rooms are available at \$470 per person. There are no facilities for camping or recreational vehicles.

Day Students: \$140 per person, no meals are included. (Individual meals may be purchased directly from the Wildacres Retreat.)

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 January 17, 2006 for all sessions. At that time a \$50 administrative fee should be submitted. The postmark date on or after this date determines the order of acceptance. **First-time attendees at SFMS Workshops have an extra priority.**

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.

Reservation Deposit

A deposit of \$50 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.**

Cancellation Policy

There is a \$50 nonrefundable charge to cover administrative costs. An additional \$50 charge will be assessed for cancellations made less than 4 weeks before a session begins. No refund will be returned for cancellations by the student within 7 days of the start of a session. There will be no fee adjustment for late arrival or early departure.

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Session 1: April 13-20, 2006

Chainmaking	Dee/Bill Conybear
Fused Glass	Jo Harrison
Jewelry and Closeup Photography	Ken Kipnis
Precious Metal Clay	Ken/Mary Ann Devos
Silversmithing, beginning	Don/Ann Monroe

Session 2: August 21-27, 2006

Cabochons	Alan Jewell
Faceting, Advanced	David Lonser
Gem Appreciation	Ben Smith
*Metalsmithing, Advanced	Jeff Sheer
Precious Metal Clay 1	Ken/Mary Ann Devos
Raku Pottery	Cindy McDowell
Seed Beading	Vivian Heath
Silversmithing, Beginning	Dan Haga
Space and Local Geology	Mike Reynolds
Stained Glass, Beginning	Julia Larson
Wirecraft, Beginning	Kathy Morris

Session 3: September 18-24, 2006

Gem Appreciation	Ben Smith
Glass Bead Masking	Marilyn Jobe
Intarsia	Tom Wilke
Mineral Identification	Betty James
Opal Cutting	Sara Lee Boyce
*Precious Metal Clay 2	Ken/Mary Ann Devos
Scrimshaw	Bill Wetzel
Southwest Silversmithing	Dan Haga
*Stained Glass 2, (Slabs)	Julia Larson
Wirecraft, Beginning	Carol Penry

***Note: Advanced courses with prerequisites are designated with an asterisk .**

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SFMS 2006 William Holland Workshop at Young Harris, Georgia

2006 Workshop Dates

June.....Sunday, June 11 to Saturday, June 17, 2006

October...Sunday, October 8 to Saturday, October 14, 2006

Check in is on Sunday after 3 p.m. and departure is Saturday morning after breakfast.

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.

There are two other buildings that 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.

Fees

Lodge accommodations: \$310 per person double occupancy, including meals. **Single room:** \$470.

Day Students: \$140 per person, no meals are included.

Campground Students: \$120 hookup (including 2 persons; \$25 per additional person), \$140 per person for classes. No meals are included but are available directly from the retreat.

Meals: Breakfast \$5, lunch \$6, dinner \$7.

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 January 17, 2006 for both sessions. The postmark date on or after this date determines the order of acceptance. **First-time attendees have an extra priority.**

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.

Reservation Deposit

A non-refundable administrative fee of \$50 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.**

Cancellation Policy

There is a \$50 nonrefundable charge to cover administrative costs. An additional \$50 charge will be assessed for cancellations made less than 4 weeks before a session begins. 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.

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Session 1: June 11-17, 2006

Chainmaking, Beginning	Dee/Bill Conybear
Faceting, Beginning	David Corn
Fused Glass	Addy DePietro
Lost Wax Casting	Fred Sias
Opal Cutting	Joe DePietro
Origami	Hideko Pezant
Polymer Clay	Marilyn Jobe
Seed Beading	Kathy Morris
*Silversmithing, Advanced	Dan Haga
Silversmithing, Beginning	Allen Jewell
Stained Glass 1	Julia Larson
Wirecraft, Beginning	Lisa Roberts
*Wirecraft, Advanced	Linda Chandler

Session 2: October 8-14, 2006

*Glass Bead Making, Intermediate	Marilyn Jobe
Cabochons	Anita Westlake
Chain Making	John Runkle
Fused Glass	Addy DePietro
Lost-wax Casting	John Iacullo
Opal Cutting	Joe DePietro
Seed Beads	Jo Harrison
*Silversmithing, Advanced	Dan Haga
Silversmithing, Beginning	Bill Cady
*Wire Weaving	Linda Chandler
*Wirecraft Sculpture	Evelyn Gantnier

***Note: Advanced courses with prerequisites are designated with an asterisk .**

2006 William Holland Workshop Registration Form

Session: June 11-17 October 8-14 **Accommodations:** Lodge Campground Day Student

(A) Mr Mrs Ms _____ SFMS Club _____
 Name Mr Mrs Ms _____
PLEASE PRINT NAME(S) AS YOU WANT IT TO APPEAR ON YOUR NAME TAG SPELL OUT CLUB NAME INITIALS NOT ACCEPTED

(B) Mr Mrs Ms _____ Phone _____
 Name Mr Mrs Ms _____ Email _____

Address: _____
STREET CITY STATE ZIP

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

Class Choices

First Choice	*	Second Choice	*	Third Choice	*
A					
B					

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

Room Assignment for Single Applicants only:

- 1) Do you have a friend with whom you wish to room?

- 2) Do you smoke? _____ Do you wish to room with a non-smoking person? _____ yes _____ no preference.
- 3) Are you an early riser _____ or a Night Owl _____

Special Needs:

- 4) Do you need a handicap room? Yes _____ No _____
- 5) Can you negotiate stairs? Yes _____ No _____
- 6) **Special Dietary needs:** Diabetic _____ Other _____
- Campers: Type _____ Length _____

INSTRUCTIONS

1) Applications will be accepted beginning on January 17, 2006 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.

3) Cost per person for this session is \$310, double occupancy with private bath. (Single room cost is \$470.) **\$120 for camp site for 1 or 2 people, plus \$140 per person for workshop classes. \$140 for day students.** (No meals are included for campers or day students but are available directly from the retreat.)

A reservation deposit of \$50 per person must accompany this form. You may, and are encouraged to, pay the full amount with this application. If the full amount is not paid with this application, the balance will be due four weeks prior to the workshop.

4) **Cancellation Policy:** There is a \$50 nonrefundable charge to cover administrative costs and an additional \$50 charge for canceling less than 4 weeks before the session begins. No refund will be given for cancellations received less than 7 days before the session. **There are No adjustments for late arrivals or early departures.**

Amount submitted with application: \$ _____

Make Check Payable to:

SFMS William Holland Workshop

Mail check and this form to:

William Holland Registrars
 P.O. Box 268, Brevard, NC 28712
 Phone: 828-883-2029 or 864-473-0317
 Email: whregistrars@gmail.com

FOR REGISTRAR'S USE ONLY

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

Graves Mountain "Rock Swap and Dig" for 2006

8:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.

April 28-30, 2006

and

October 6-8, 2006

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

The SFMS Field Trip Committee has been in contact with the caretaker in charge of Graves Mountain, Clarence Norman Jr., in regard to his plans to hold two separate three day digs and rock swaps on the Mountain during April 28, 29, & 30, 2006 and during October 6, 7, & 8, 2006. He will have the mountain open to collecting from 8 am to 6 pm each day. All participants must stop at the welcome table in the Hospitality tent to sign a liability release and make a small contribution to defray the cost of opening the mountain and providing port-o-lets. There will be several golf cart type, four wheeled vehicles available to transport those participants who have trouble walking long distances. The dig will cease and everyone is expected to be off the mountain by around 6 pm each day. Participants will be allowed to park in a designated area on the mountain.

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

THESE DIGS ARE OPEN TO ALL SFMS CLUBS
Mark your calendar and tell all your members about these great events!

Contact Information:

Clarence Norman, Jr.
706.359.3862 (business) or 706.359.2381 (home)

DIRECTIONS: From Atlanta's I-285, take I-20 east to the exit for Washington, GA SR 78 (SR 10, SR 17) and turn left. Travel north to Washington, turn right onto SR 378 and drive 11 miles to the Graves Mountain area. The entrance to Graves Mountain is on your right about 8/10 mile past the

Lincoln County line sign. The entrance is a paved road that goes through a gate and up the hill to the parking area(s). Proceeded from your parked vehicle to the Registration/Hospitality tent to sign your liability release form and to make a donation for the portable bathrooms, etc.

SFMS Field Trip Committee:

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

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GRAVES MOUNTAIN CODE OF CONDUCT!

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

- * **CHILDREN WILL BE ALLOWED DURING THE "Rock Swap and Dig" IF EACH CHILD IS UNDER ADULT SUPERVISION!**
- * **ALL pets must be kept under control and on a leash.**
- * **The Graves Mountain caretaker, Clarence Norman Jr., has final and absolute say as to where you may safely work.**
- * **Ladders or power tools of any kind will not be allowed. (HAND TOOLS ONLY!)**
- * **STAY AWAY FROM ALL HIGH WALLS!!**
- * **NO REPELLING OFF OF ANYTHING!**
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March 2006

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LOOKING AHEAD

CLUB & SOCIETY SHOWS/SWAPS

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

March 10-12, 2006, August, GA - Aiken Gem, Mineral and Fossil Society (Aiken, SC) and Augusta Gem and Mineral Society (Augusta, GA). 18th Annual Aiken-Augusta Gem, Mineral and Fossil Show. Julian Smith Casino, 2200 Broad St., Augusta, GA. Hours: 10th and 11th, 10:00 A.M. - 7:00 P.M.; 12th, 11:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Websites: www.homestead.com/aikengems and www.homestead.com/augustagems.

March 17-19, 2006, Rome, GA - Rome Georgia Mineral Society. The Valley and Ridge Gem and Mineral Show. New locality: Chapel Hill United Methodist Church, Kingston Road (GA Hwy 293). Hours: 17th & 19th, 10:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.; 20th, 1:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M. Contact: Jose Santamaria, 706.233.9828.

April 22-23, 2006, Memphis, TN - Memphis Archaeological and Geological Society. 27th Annual Mid-America Mineral, Fossil, Jewelry Show. Pipkin Building Midsouth Fairgrounds (corner of East Parkway and Central Avenue. Hours: 22nd, 9:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.; 23rd, 10:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Contact: James Butcko, 901.743.0058 or email at rockclub@earthlink.net. Website: www.memphisgeology.org.

May 12-14, 2006, Marietta, GA - Georgia Mineral Society. 38th Annual Mothers Day Weekend Gem and Mineral Show. Cobb County Civic Center, 548 Marietta Parkway (at the intersection with Fairgrounds Road). Hours: 12th and 13th, 10:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.; 14th, Noon - 5:00 P.M. Auction on 13th at 2:00 P.M. Jay Gorday @ 770.986.0822 or mayshow@gaminal.org. Website: gaminal.org.

June 3-4, 2006, Birmingham, AL - Alabama Mineral and Lapidary Society. 33rd Annual Tannehill Gem and Mineral Show. From Birmingham: Take I-20/59S. To Exit 100. From I-450: Take Exit 1 and follow the signs. Hours: Both days, 9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Contact: Rick Kittinger at rick.kittinger@bellsouth.com.

June 9-11, 2006, Charlotte, NC - Charlotte Gem and Mineral Club. 39th Annual Gem, Jewelry, Mineral Show and Sale. 2500 E. Independence Boulevard. Hours: 9th, 10:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.; 10th, 10:00 A.M. - 7:00 P.M.; 11th, 10:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Contacts: Jolene Falcon (Show Chair), 704.855.9815, gemtrips@ctc.net and Becky Strickland (Dealer Chair), 704.537.6010, jrskat@msn.com. Website: www.CharlotteGem.com.

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: <http://www.amfed.org/sfms>. Choose "Submission Guidelines" under the SFMS Shows Column heading to find out how to apply.

2004/2005 REGIONAL FEDERATION SHOWS & CONVENTIONS

California Federation

Hosts: Calaveras Gem and Mineral Society
Angels Camp, California
June 9-11, 2006

Eastern Federation

Hosts: Gem and Mineral Society of Palm Beaches, Inc.
West Palm Beach, Florida
November 17-19, 2006

Midwest Federation

Hosts: Midwest Mineralogical and Lapidary Society
Southgate, Michigan
May 13-15, 2006

Northwest Federation

Hosts: Southern Washington Mineralogical Society
and Mt. Hood Rock Club
Longview, Washington
July 14-16, 2006

Rocky Mountain Federation

Hosts: Stillwater Mineral and Gem Society
Stillwater, Oklahoma
June 7-11, 2006

South Central Federation

Hosts: Ark-La-Tex Gem and Mineral Society
Bossier City, Louisiana
August 19-20, 2006

Southeast Federation (Phase 1)/AFMS Convention

Hosts: Middle Tennessee Gem Society
Nashville, Tennessee
Show: August 18-20, 2006
Convention: August 15-20, 2006

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Hosts: Montgomery Gem and Mineral Society
Montgomery, Alabama
December 1-3, 2006

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