

# Lodestar

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## WILDACRES ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lisa Roberts' wire classes at Wildacres have been cancelled for the 2005 season due to scheduling conflicts. The April session of the Wirecraft class will be taught by Ruth Ann Moore.

A reminder about road access to Wildacres. Because of landslides, Wildacres can only be reached by going through either Spruce Pine or Marion, North Carolina, to Little Switzerland, then south on the Parkway to the Wildacres turn-off. The Parkway is closed between Asheville and just south of the Wildacres turn off.

*David and Barbara Tuttle  
Wildacres Directors*



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The lovely sunny weather these last few days, even if the wind is cold, certainly is field trip weather. Let us thank all those people who work so hard to put field trips on our calendars. We rely so much on their expertise, hard work and dedication to make our field trips fun and educational. I am continually being surprised at the inventiveness of our field trip chairs to find sites for us to rockhound in, and enjoy. As sources of collection sites seem to be drying up, the dedication to find new sites is a never ending chore.

Part of our pledge is to leave sites as we find them and I am sure we all do that. If you go on an organized trip I know that the organizers will have made sure sites are safe and they have complied with all regulations. I commend them for doing so. So please take the advice from your club field trip chair, about safety and the difficulty of the area, and you will all have a happy safe and satisfying collecting experience.

The first Executive Board meeting in Memphis is nearly here, I am looking forward to it, meeting friends and conducting SFMS business in a friendly forward thinking manner.

*Eileen Price, President*

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## UPCOMING FIELD TRIP

**April 30, 2005:** Girard, Burke County, GA for Savannah River Agate. Check your local club newsletter for details.

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

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**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 am still receiving subscription renewals and new subscription requests with checks using the old subscription rate of \$7.00 per year (10 issues). The subscription rate was increased to \$10.00 per year (10 issues), or \$1.00 per issue, as of January 31, 2005. Due to my recent work schedule, I have been unable to contact those subscribers submitting the wrong subscription rate. Therefore, I am entering their data into the *Lodestar* mailing list database with their subscriptions ending with the number of issues that they have paid for using the \$1.00 per issue rate. Please pay attention to your mailing label if you are a subscriber to *Lodestar*. The year and month of your last issue under your current subscription will be shown beside your name. I am highlighting these dates beginning approximately two months before your last issue of your current subscription as a "warning" that your subscription is running out. I will not be sending out notices.

I have noticed a lack of submittals to *Lodestar* by SFMS officers, committee chairs and other members. The *Lodestar* is the primary means of communication for the SFMS. I cannot generate articles from "thin air". If you are a committee chair or officer and are needing volunteers, input, submittals, etc., putting a notice in the *Lodestar* is the perfect way to begin generating interest. Please submit your articles by the 25th of the month preceding the month you wish it to appear.

State Directors, if you know of special activities conducted by SFMS member clubs that are of special note, especially those activities promoting our hobby to the public, send me an article or request someone in the club write and submit one. The articles just might inspire other clubs to do more or add to what they are already doing.

I want to thank Hugh and Leona Sheffield (Youth Resources Chairmen) and Eileen Price (SFMS President) for their timely and consistent submittal of articles.

Sincerely,  
Carolyn L. Daniels, *Lodestar* Editor

### SFMS YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Britney Hamilton of Jacksonville, Florida and Dillon Sackman of Franklin, North Carolina have been chosen to receive full scholarships to the SFMS workshops of their choice in 2005. Both of these young folks come highly recommended by the presidents of their clubs and the letters that they themselves submitted express enthusiasm and ability in the hobby.

After their experience at the workshop the scholarship recipients are required to write an article for the *Lodestar*.

We congratulate these winners and look forward to their stories.

Hugh and Leona Sheffield  
SFMS Youth Resources Chairmen

### NEW SFMS SAFETY CHAIR

I have appointed Don Monroe to be the SFMS Safety Chair for 2005. He has graciously agreed to serve. Please help support Don in his new position.

Eileen Price, President



### SFMS 2005 ANNUAL MEETING

The Canaveral Gem and Mineral Society of Melbourne, Florida will host the 2005 annual meeting of the SFMS on November 11 - 12, 2005.

The annual meeting and events will be held at the Melbourne Airport Hilton, 200 Rialto Place, Melbourne, Florida 32901 and the gem and mineral show is being held at the Melbourne Auditorium, 625 E. Hibiscus Blvd., Melbourne, Florida 32901. All federation competitions and exhibits will take place in the auditorium.

The Hilton Hotel has reserved guest rooms for this convention. Those delegates and visitors attending the convention should contact the hotel directly at 321.768.0200. Our group room rate is \$109.00 per night plus 10% tax for 1-4 people. Upgrade to a Jr. suite is \$30.00 additional per night, based on space available.

The chairman and contact person for this convention is Christine Miller at 321.952.9647 or [chrstnmlr@aol.com](mailto:chrstnmlr@aol.com).

## SFMS EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

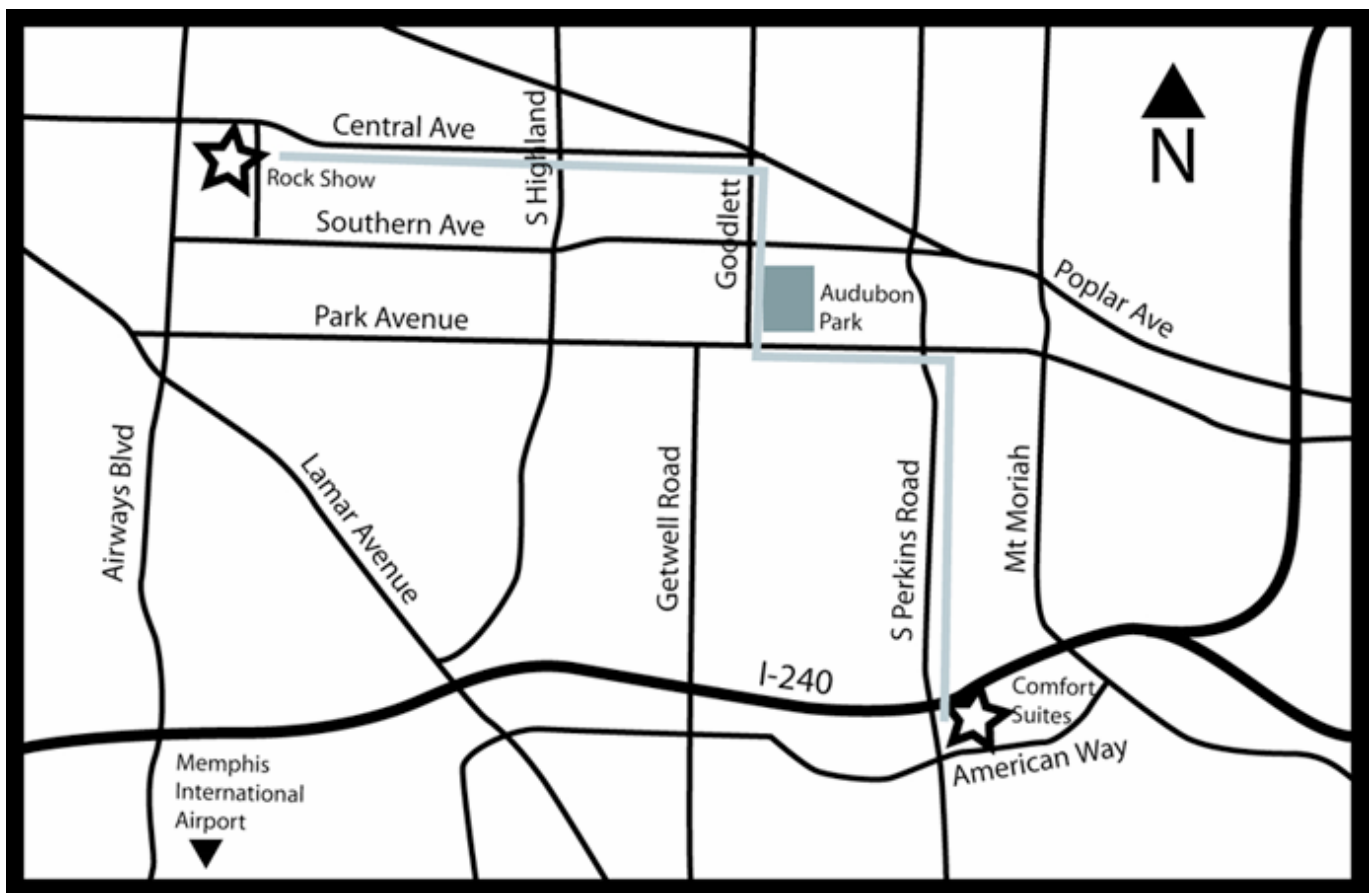
Saturday, April 23, 2005

Hosted by  
The Memphis Archaeological & Geological Society  
Memphis, TN

### RESERVATION DEADLINE IS PAST

Hotel and Meeting Room  
**Comfort Suites Thousand Oaks**  
2575 Thousand Oaks Cove  
Memphis, TN

Directions to the Comfort Suites and the Rock Show:



The Memphis Archaeological & Geological Society invites Executive Board Meeting participants to attend a complimentary pot luck dinner on Friday, April 22 at 6:30 P.M. featuring famous Memphis Bar-B-Q. Arrangements will also be made for meeting participants to obtain free entrance into the Mid-America Fossil, Mineral and Jewelry Show.

Please see future issues of *Lodestar* for additional information. If you have any questions, please contact Cornelia McDaniels at [cfmcdaniel@worldnet.att.net](mailto:cfmcdaniel@worldnet.att.net) or 901.274.7706.

*Cornelia McDaniel, Memphis Archaeological & Geological Society*

### THE THINGS WE DO FOR THE YOUTH IN OUR COMMUNITIES

John Wright of Mississippi has brought to our attention that there are many ways in which our clubs have interacted with youth of their communities. It is, therefore, our pleasure to acknowledge all those who have worked with youth in any way.

We, as club members, have been called upon by the Boy Scouts, the Girl Scouts, the 4-H Clubs and private and public schools and other youth organizations to share our love of rocks and minerals. Many of you have presented programs, made up rock and mineral identification boxes for schools, made and distributed coloring books about rocks, provided bus services to bring children from their schools to your club shows, given specimens to interested children and a myriad of other things that have begun and nurtured the interest of rocks and minerals.

We extend a big special "THANK YOU" to all of you who have given of your time and expertise for the benefit of youth. Please let us know other ways in which you have shared your love of rocks and minerals, fossils and gems with youth.

*Hugh and Leona Sheffield  
SFMS Youth Resources Chairmen*

### RUSSEL H. TRAPNELL

**1908 - 2004**

Russel H. Trapnell, AFMS President (1961-62) has passed away in Phoenix, Arizona. He was 96 years young.

Born in Kansas City, Missouri, he attended Junior College and then went to work for General Motors spending 18 years in management for them. He then purchased a John Deere dealership in Gallatin, Missouri before selling it and moving to Phoenix, Arizona in 1949.

There he became a manufacturers representative traveling the southwest. At this time he also became interested in mineralogy and began amassing a rather substantial collection which he donated to a museum in Phoenix when he moved to a retirement community several years ago.

In 1957-58 he served as president of the Rocky Mt. Federation of Mineralogical Societies and in 1961-62 president of the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies.

Never one to sit still, he was still actively involved in events at the retirement center in Tempe where he lived until just a few days before his death. He was preceded in death by his wife Katherine. His niece, Donna Trapnell survives him.

Contributions in Russel's memory should be directed to the AFMS Scholarship Foundation c/o your regional Scholarship Foundation Coordinator.

*Shirley Leeson AFMS Historian  
from A.F.M.S. Newsletter (3/05)*



**MEET US IN ST.  
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DISCOVERIES  
SEE EXAMPLES OF THE  
ITEMS COLLECTED BY  
LEWIS & CLARK!**

**COMBINED MIDWEST &  
AMERICAN FEDERATION  
CONVENTION**

**GREENSFELDER RECREATION COMPLEX - QUEENY  
PARK  
550 WEIDMAN RD., BALLWIN, MO  
AUGUST 15 - 21, 2005**

The Greater St. Louis Association of Earth Science Clubs invites you to join them for the 2005 combined Midwest Federation and American Federation Conventions and Show.

Activities for the week include the AFMS Rules Meeting on Tuesday, August 16 and AFMS Annual Business Meeting on the 17th. Come and see the AFMS at work! Later in the week it will be time for the Midwest Federation meetings held on Friday, August 19 and Saturday, August 20.

There's going to be a great show too. Opening on Friday, August 19 the show will have an excellent array of quality dealers, numerous exhibits - both competitive and non-competitive - a silent auction and a voice auction plus many other activities. You're sure to have a great time.

For information and registration materials, visit the show website at <http://convention.stlearthsci.org>.

Do plan to Meet Us In St. Louis!

*from A.F.M.S. Newsletter (4/05)*



## REMEMBERING BOB CRANSTON

Last month we reported the passing of Bob Cranston. After the newsletter was forwarded to the printer, we received a number of reflections on Bob's life, some of which we are printing in this issue. Bob's contributions to our rockhound community were numerous and he will not soon be forgotten.

### REMEMBERING BOB

On Sunday, January 3rd, we rockhounds and amateur earth scientists lost a great friend when Bob Cranston of Grand Junction, Colorado passed away. Bob had been the heart and soul (and workhorse) of the American Lands Access Association (ALAA). When Bob resigned from his Executive Secretary position several years ago for reasons of poor health, ALAA suffered a loss from which it is yet to recover.

I first met Bob when he came to Washington D.C. about ten years ago to represent ALAA at a meeting which brought together the various combatants in the fossil wars, called in an attempt to reach a consensus. While that consensus remains elusive, Bob's visit was the start of a great friendship between the Cranstons (Bob and Shirley) and the Louds (George & Karen). Bob was our house guest during his visit and Karen and I took an immediately liking to him.

Bob thoroughly enjoyed meeting people and had enough charm for any two people. For several years he manned a booth for ALAA at Tucson and Denver and enjoyed the task immensely, greeting all females as "young lady," with much favorable effect, especially on the older ladies.

One year in Denver Bob, Shirley and myself joined Bob Jones and his wife for a very enjoyable dinner, especially so for me because Bob and Shirley always laughed at my jokes.

At the AFMS annual meeting in Riverside, CA., Bob, Jon Spunaugle and myself drove together to Ketchum Idaho to meet with U.S. Forest Service Rangers in the hope that we could persuade them to ease restrictions on collecting in the Sawtooth National Forest. We were full of enthusiasm in those days, convinced that we could solve at least some of the field collecting problems faced by field collectors. Bob never lost that enthusiasm. I only wish that I could say the same for myself.

At a more recent AFMS annual meeting in Nashville, TN Karen and I spent a considerable amount of time with and enjoying the company of the Cranstons touring the

Nashville area, Andrew Jackson's Hermitage, etc.

Although poor health prevented from Bob from travelling in recent years, he continued to work diligently at his computer. My *Loud & Clear* column drew heavily on material and leads received from Bob. On a typical morning my email inbox would have numerous messages from Bob, humor, patriotism (Bob saw combat both in WWII/Europe and in Korea), politics and, of course, developments affecting rockhound field collecting.

Now my inbox fills no longer.

Bob, now that you have direct access to our Creator, please see what you can do about expansion of our field collecting opportunities.

*George Loud  
(former Leg. & Conservation Chair and Director of ALAA)*

At one of the Tucson Shows where Bob & Shirley Cranston always had a table for ALAA out in the Hall, they said we should stop by Grand Junction on our way home. So we took them up on it. We just happened to be there on the night of one of the Grand Junction G & M meeting, which also had a pot luck dinner at that meeting. It was held at their club house, so it was one of our inspirations to strive for a Stillwater M & G clubhouse. (We are still trying to raise money for ours.) They had a house given to them, or some such thing. They had covered the outside walls with fantastic rocks and minerals. There was plenty of parking, and a pile of rocks out back where beginners, or whoever, could go pick out a rock or two from that pile.

Bob was a fun person to know. We are just sorry his heart finally gave out. He lasted several years longer than a lot of people in the same circumstances. He will be sorely missed.

*Dan & Ruby Lingelbach  
(Dan is a past President of the AFMS and Director of ALAA)*

His total dedication to ALAA was unsurpassed by any one of us who worked toward keeping public lands open to rockhounds. His contacts kept us all informed on all the many areas of concern. He watched for any closures of public land and pending litigation from all sources that would infringe on our rights to collect on public land. His interpretation of government's term "multiple use of public land" was his cornerstone of concern. At earlier meetings of ALAA, everyone waited impatiently for Bob to speak to the concerns of the day. His knowledge of what was happening concerning public lands was invaluable. He spent many hours each day searching websites for coming and pending legislation and possible law suits by environmentalists. Bob served AFMS and ALAA with distinction, there will never be another person as dedicated as Bob to our cause. We have lost our heart and soul today.

*Dee Holland & Shirley Leeson  
(Dee is a past president of AFMS, Director of ALAA and current AFMS  
Scholarship Foundation President)  
From A.F.M.S. Newsletter (3/05)*

**Senate Bill 263 (S 263)**  
**Paleontological Resources Preservation Act**  
**"Here we ago again!"**

On February 2, 2005, \*Mr. AKAKA (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. ROBERTS, and Mr. INOUE) introduced the Paleontological Resources Preservation Act; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. This bill has already passed out of this committee without amendments and is ready for action on the floor of the Senate. Plans appear to have this bill pass by a simple voice vote (something the Senate is not willing to do for federal judicial nominations!).

\*[Daniel AKAKA of Hawaii was the same sponsor of this bill the last time it was introduced and failed. (108th Session of Congress-2004)]

The best plan now is to let your Senators from your state know about this strategy and request their help in blocking any passage of this bill by VOICE VOTE on the floor of the Senate without input from commercial and amateur collectors. This will give us an opportunity to provide some testimony in committee to again block Senate passage. This is very bad legislation, and I ask that you do what you can to block passage by voice vote. There are many good reasons why, and they boil down to:

1. This bill masquerades as protecting fossils and academic inquiry. IT DOES NOT! To the contrary, it inhibits knowledge and inquiry. The majority of what is known about fossils has been gathered by commercial and amateur collectors, and most museum collections are the result of commercial and amateur collections.
2. The Secretary of the Interior asked that academic, amateur and commercial fossil collectors be consulted in the preparation of potential legislation regarding fossil resources on public lands. We were not consulted, our input was not solicited, and there was never any opportunity for us to testify. If the bill is stopped, goes back to committee and we get our chance to testify, the bill will most certainly be scrapped, as it serves neither the resource nor the public.
3. This legislation is the product of the academics alone, in concert with BLM and Forest Service

personnel through the aggressive, organized lobbying efforts of only a few powerful members of the Society of Vertebrate Paleontology, and would be a tragic mistake if enacted. It is elitist and exclusionary and was crafted and promoted in a strategy specifically designed to ignore and bypass those of us who would be most affected and the public at large.

Links to find your local House and Senate Representatives are listed below. You will just need to list your state and zip code, and the page will return the mailing address, phone numbers, and additional links for more information such as local offices, for your Representative. Make sure that you send copies both to their local office, and their office in Washington D.C., AND ALSO CALL THEIR OFFICE IN D.C.

<http://www.house.gov/writerep/>  
[http://www.senate.gov/general/contact\\_information/senators\\_cfm.cfm](http://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm)

Thanks for your help in this very important issue. Remember that the loss in the passage of this bill may lead to additional legislation to further restrict the collecting of petrified wood and invertebrate fossils. Can mineral collecting restrictions on federal lands be too far behind???

*Jim Flora*  
*SFMS Webmaster and Field Trip Chair*  
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 website: <http://amfed.org/sfms>

Source of some of the above content was taken from <http://www.aaps.net/legislative-alert.htm> and the March 2005 issue of the *A.F.M.S. Newsletter*.

*from an email dated 3/29/05*

## A WORD FROM ALAA

As you can tell by this letter we still have no editor, so you are stuck with another letter from me.

The goal of ALAA is to promote and insure the right of amateur collecting and recreational mining, and the use of public and private lands for educational and recreational purposes.

We need the help of members in each and every state to be alert to and report any activities both for and against this

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goal. By reporting it, word will get to every member, giving them the opportunity to support you in any way possible.

At this time a new web site for ALAA is in the making. I am not as computer literate as I need or hope to be so please be patient. Once I get it up and running I will publicize the address. You can also check on the AFMS website and follow the links which will be updated.

A new Paleo Bill has been introduced in the 109th Congress by the same senators who introduced a similar bill in the last session. We all need to contact our senators and congressmen now to voice our opposition to the bill. The Senate version is S263. Please encourage your Legislators to bring the bill to the floor for discussion so that our input and opposition can be heard.

Thank you to all of you for supporting this organization. We are hoping to reach many more people and clubs so please promote the organization.

Also please feel free to contact me at:

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I can always use your ideas, comments or suggestions. We need all of you to achieve our goal. And if you are not already a member of ALAA, I encourage you to join us.

*Peggy Blickfeldt, ALAA President  
From A.F.M.S. Newsletter (4/05)*

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**SFMS Education Chairman's Report  
SFMS Board Meeting  
Memphis, Tennessee  
April 23, 2005**

The Education Chairman is submitting only this written report since the first SFMS Board Meeting of 2005 is scheduled on the final class day of the first SFMS Workshop session at Wildacres. The workshop enrollment for the April session this year is slightly less than 2004 based on registration receipts two weeks before the workshop. The Wildacres Registrars indicated that registrations for the other two workshops are increasing

although the August session is under-enrolled at this time. Both the June and October SFMS sessions at William Holland are severely under-enrolled at this time. We are not sure why the enrollment is down so severely but there are two possible reasons: (1) Registration fees at the SFMS Workshops at William Holland (and Wildacres) were increased to improve the financial status of those sessions. For the past two years the registration fees were not sufficient to meet expenses. SFMS fees for 2005 are now \$20 greater than the non-Federation fees at the William Holland School. (2) The date for submitting registration forms and fees for all SFMS Workshops was changed to February 15<sup>th</sup>. It appears that information about the SFMS Workshops is not reaching all Federation members although the complete workshop schedule was sent to three club officers, including the Editor, in each SFMS club during January.

The fees that we pay the William Holland Retreat for room and board were increased by \$20 although we had been led to believe that the fees at William Holland would not be changed in 2005. We have requested that the Retreat reconsider their fee schedule for the SFMS, as this increase will make it even more difficult for us to meet expenses from the registration fees.

For the past few years, spouses of the instructors have been offered free room and board and free class attendance when they are not also teaching. This cost has been paid with surplus funds provided from the Federation. Since it is expected that these surplus funds will not continue to be available from the Federation, the incremental increase in workshop registration fees was an attempt to increase workshop income so that these costs can be met in the future. In addition, since the cost of gasoline has become so exorbitant, we expect to provide some reimbursement of this cost to the instructors this year. A simple calculation will show that an instructor making a round trip from Birmingham, AL or Orlando, FL will spend over \$200 for gasoline alone. While insufficient funds are available to pay all travel expenses, the registrars will partially reimburse gasoline costs.

We recognize that some of the changes described above are a surprise to Federation members that did not receive the special workshop brochure sent to all persons on the Lodestar mailing list. This year we plan to include the workshop brochure as part of the November issue of the Lodestar. This will still not reach all interested SFMS members. We will appreciate any suggestions regarding the changes or how the Education Committee might better serve the Federation members.

*Fred Sias  
SFMS Education Chairman*

### 2005 Wildacres Workshop Registration Form

Session: April August September Accommodations: Lodge Day Student

(A) Name Mr \_\_\_\_\_ SFMS Club \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mrs \_\_\_\_\_  
 Ms \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE PRINT NAME(S) AS YOU WANT IT TO APPEAR ON YOUR NAME TAG

SPELL OUT CLUB NAME INITIALS NOT ACCEPTED

(B) Name Mr \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mrs \_\_\_\_\_  
 Ma \_\_\_\_\_ 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	<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:**

- 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 \_\_\_\_\_

**4) Room Request for Physical/Medical Reasons:**

- Please do not ask for a specific lodge or room unless you have a physical or medical reason for doing so. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) *Special Dietary needs:* Diabetic \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE: SMOKING IS NOT ALLOWED IN ANY WILDACRES BUILDING**

### INSTRUCTIONS

- 1) Applications will be accepted beginning on February 15, 2005 for all sessions. The postmark date on or after this determines the order of acceptance. **First-time attendees have an 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 \$280**, double occupancy with private bath. (Single room cost is \$420.) **\$115 for day students.** (Meals are not included for day students.)

**A reservation deposit of \$30 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. No notice will be sent.**

**4) Cancellation Policy:** There is a \$30 nonrefundable charge to cover administrative costs and an additional \$30 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 Wildacres Workshop**

*Mail check and this form to:*

Kerri and Bill Wetzel

5010 Sunset Drive, Easley, SC 29642

Phone: 864-306-6749 Email: wwetzel@earthlink.net

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:

April 2005

The Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies, Inc.

**SFMS 2005 Wildacres Workshop at Little Switzerland, NC**

2005 Workshop Dates

Workshop Directors

April.....Monday, April 18 to Sunday, April 24, 2005

August Monday, August 22 to Sunday, August 28, 2005

September..Monday, Sept. 19 to Sunday, September 25, 2005

**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:** \$280 per person (double occupancy), including meals. A limited number of single rooms are available at \$420 per person. There are no facilities for camping or Recreational Vehicles.

**Day Students:** \$115 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 February 15, 2005 for all sessions. At that time a \$30 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 \$30 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 \$30 nonrefundable charge to cover administrative costs. An additional \$30 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.

**David and Barbara Tuttle**

85504 Blackmon Road, Yulee, FL 32097

Phone: 904-225-0689 Email: dtt@net-magic.net

**Workshop Registrars****Kerri and Bill Wetzel**

5010 Sunset Drive, Easley, SC 29642

Phone: 864-306-6749 Email: wwetzel@earthlink.net

**Session 1: April 18-24, 2005**

Beginning Faceting and Intarsia	Tom Wilkie
Cabochons	Gerald Burnham
Chain Making	Dee and Bill Conybear
Fused Glass	Jo Harrison
Geology and Space Science	Mike Reynolds
Silversmithing, beginning	Bill Cady
Stained Glass	Julia Larson
*Wirecraft, advanced	Ruth Ann Moore
Wirecraft, beginning	Ruth Ann Moore

**Session 2: August 22-28, 2005**

Beading and Design, traditional	Addy DePietro
Southwestern Silversmithing	Dan Haga
Faceting, beginning	Dave Lonser
Gem Appreciation	Ben Smith
Lost-Wax Casting, beginning	Fred Sias
*Silversmithing, advanced	Jeff Sheer
Opal cutting	Joe DePietro
Precious Metal Clay (Level 1)	Ken and Mary Ann Devos
Raku Pottery	Cindy McDowell
Wirecraft, beginning	Ruth Ann Moore
*Wirecraft, advanced Sculpture	Cancelled

**Session 3: September 19-25, 2005**

Beginning Faceting and Intarsia	Tom Wilke
Gem Appreciation	Ben Smith
Glass Beadmaking	Cheryl Ashley
*Goldsmithing	Dan Haga
Opal cutting	Sara Lee Boyce
*Precious Metal Clay (Level 2)	Ken and Mary Ann Devos
Raku Pottery	Cindy McDowell
Silversmithing, beginning	Cathy Cawthorne
Stained Glass	Julia Larson
Wirecraft, beginning	Cancelled

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

12/05/2004

# SFMS 2005 William Holland Workshop at Young Harris, Georgia

## 2005 Workshop Dates

**June**.....Sunday, June 12 to Saturday, June 18, 2005

**October**..Sunday, October 9 to Saturday, October 15, 2005

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. The upper level is motel-like with 29 air-conditioned bedrooms, with private baths and two beds. Two rooms are equipped for the handicapped.

The lower, ground level 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, built in 2001, 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:** \$280 per person, including meals. **Single room:** add \$140 (\$420).

**Day Students:** \$115 per person, no meals are included. **Campground Students:** \$98 hookup, \$115 per person for classes. No meals are included but are available directly from the 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 February 15, 2005 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 \$30 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 \$30 nonrefundable charge to cover administrative costs. An additional \$30 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.

### Workshop Director

Pat Davis

4642 North Street

St. Petersburg, FL 33713

Phone: 727-323-2147 Email: rocksnbears@hotmail.com

### Workshop Registrar

Dana and Ray Gonzalez

6226 Seaton Drive

Columbus, GA 31909

## Session 1: June 13-19, 2006

Cabochon, beginning	Gene Baxter
Chainmaking, beginning	Dee/Bill Conybear
Chanelwork	Don Monroe
Fused Glass	Addy DePietro
Lost-wax Casting	Bill Harr
Opal cutting	Joe DePietro
Silversmithing, advanced*	Dan Haga
Silversmithing, beginning	Allen Jewell
Stained Glass	Julia Larson
Wirecraft, intermediate*	Betty Baxter
Wirecraft, Sculpture*	Lisa Roberts

## Session 2: October 9-15, 2005

Chain making, beginning	John Runkle
Fused Glass	Addy DePietro
Jewelry Repair*	Dan Haga
Lost-wax Casting	Fred Sias
Mineral Identification	Bruce Siegfried
Opal Cutting	Joe DePietro
Seed Beading	Jo Harrison
Silversmithing, beginning	Mack Thornton
Wirecraft, advanced*	Dawn Thornton
Wirecraft, beginning	Lisa Roberts

**Note: \* indicates advanced course with prerequisites.**



## Graves Mountain "Rock Swap and Dig" for 2005

8:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M., Friday, May 13, 2005  
8:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M., Saturday, May 14, 2005  
(HOT FOOD/drinks, Saturday, May 14, 2005)  
8 am to 6 pm, Sunday, May 15, 2005

8:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M, Friday, October 7, 2005  
8 am to 6 pm 8:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M., Saturday, October  
8, 2005

(HOT FOOD/drinks, Saturday, October 8, 2005)  
8:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M., Sunday, October 9, 2005

**"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, Junior Norman, in regard to his plans to hold a three day dig and rock swap on the Mountain during May 13-14-15, 2005. He will have the mountain open to collecting from 8 am to 6 pm each day. All participants must stop at the welcome table 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 carts 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 parking lot for tables to be setup for a daily rock swap. Anyone who would like to setup a table(s), please contact Junior at the phone numbers listed below. Hot food cooked on the grill or BBQ will be available for purchase on the mountain during Saturday, May 14, 2005. Cold drinks will also be available for purchase.

**THIS DIG IS OPEN TO ALL SFMS CLUBS.**

**Mark your May calendars and tell all your members  
about this great event!**

### Contact Information:

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

### DIRECTIONS:

From Atlanta's I-285, take I-20 east to the exit for Washington, GA SR 78 (SR 10, SR 17) and turn left. Travel north to Washington, turn right onto SR 378 and drive 11 miles to the Graves Mountain area. The entrance to Graves Mountain is on your right about 8/10 mile past the Lincoln county line sign. The entrance is a paved road that goes through a gate and up a hill. There will be some one at the gate to hand out a liability release form to sign and to take a donation for the portable bathrooms, etc.

### SFMS Field Trip Committee:

Please reply by e-mail to: [dmc@gamineral.org](mailto:dmc@gamineral.org), Jim Flora -  
SFMS Field Trip Committee Chair

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

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

Please protect our ability to field collect at Graves Mountain!

Report Violations to: Clarence Norman, Jr.  
706.359.3862 (his business) or 706.359.2381 (his home.)

*All reported violations will be held in strict confidence.*

### SFMS EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING (SUMMER 2005)

Hosted by  
Henderson County Gem & Mineral Society  
Hendersonville, North Carolina  
Saturday, September 3, 2005

**Motel: Quality Inn & Suites**  
201 Sugarloaf Road  
Hendersonville, NC 28792

For reservations: 1.800.581.4745  
Must use code: SFMS for special rate of  
1 night: \$79.99 + tax  
3+ nights: \$74.99 + tax  
good through August 2, 2005

Motel amenities include full breakfast, lounge, indoor pool, Jacuzzi, sauna, workout facility, game room, and putt-putt golf.

### DIRECTIONS TO QUALITY INN & SUITES

**Traveling North or South on I-26:** Exit 49A east onto Route 64 East. At traffic light take right onto Sugarloaf Road, where road veers left go right up hill to Quality Inn & Suites.

### DIRECTIONS TO Site FOR EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING AT PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING

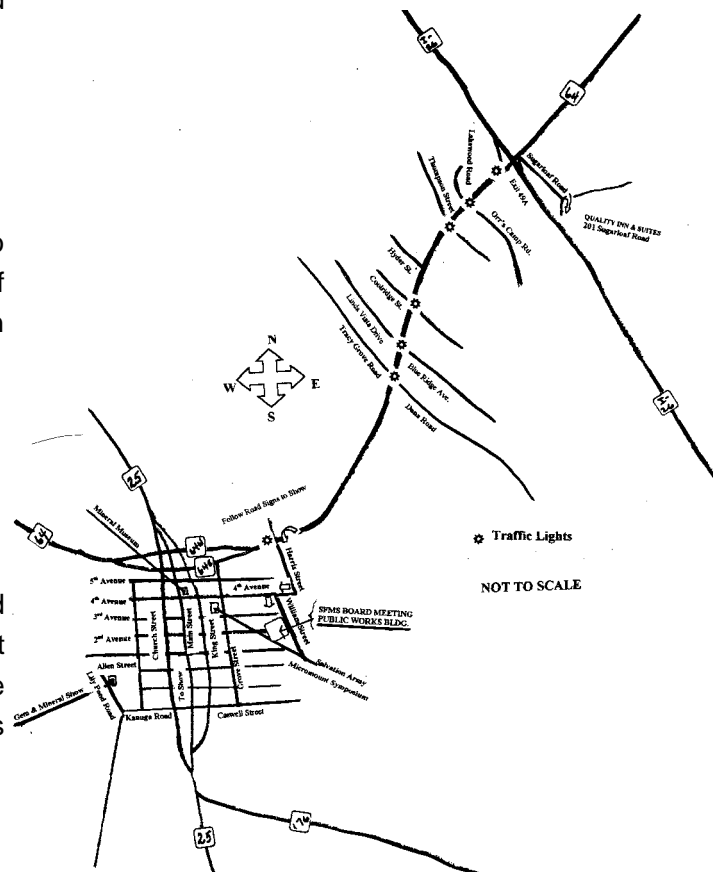
Left at traffic light onto Route 64 West toward Hendersonville. At 7th traffic light, Harris Street, turn left to dead end of street then right onto 4th Avenue. Take next left onto Williams Street. The Public Works Building is located on the right side of the street.

### DIRECTIONS TO GEM & MINERAL SHOW

**Traveling to show from Quality Inn & Suites:** Left at traffic light onto Route 64 West toward Hendersonville. Continue on Route 64 West to Route 25 South (Church Avenue). Continue on Route 25 South in right lane to Kanuga Road then right onto Kanuga Road then right onto Lily Pond Road and Whitmire Activity Building on right.

### DIRECTIONS TO MICROMOUNT SYMPOSIUM SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2005 HOURS: 8:30 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

**From Executive Board meeting site:** Left out of parking lot onto William Street then left at 4th Avenue to Grove Street. Salvation Army building located on Grove Street between 3rd and 4th Avenues.



# LOOKING AHEAD

## 2004/2005 REGIONAL FEDERATION SHOWS & CONVENTIONS

### California Federation

Hosts: Roseville Rock Rollers  
Roseville, California  
June 10-12, 2005

### Eastern Federation

Hosts: Che-Hanna Rock and Mineral Club  
Sayre, Pennsylvania  
March 19-20, 2005 (Federation Annual Meeting on March 18)

### Midwest Federation & American Federation

Hosts: Greater St. Louis Assoc. of Earth Science Clubs  
St. Louis, Missouri  
August 16-20, 2005

### Northwest Federation Annual Convention & Show

Hosts: Willamette Agate and Mineral Society  
Albany, Oregon  
August 5-7, 2005

### Rocky Mountain Federation Annual Convention & Show

Hosts: Colorado Springs Mineralogical Society  
Colorado Springs, Colorado  
June 17-19, 2005

### South Central Federation Annual Convention & Show

Hosts: Austin Gem & Mineral Society  
Austin, Texas  
December 2-4, 2005

### Southeast Federation Annual Convention & Show

Hosts: The Canaveral Mineral & Gem Society  
Melbourne, FL  
November 12-13, 2005, 2004

## CLUB & SOCIETY SHOWS/SWAPS

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

April 15-17, 2005, Gulfport, MS - Harrison County Gem & Mineral Society, Inc. 29th Annual Gem and Mineral, Jewelry & Fossil Show. Jones Park's Robert Rice Pavilion. Hours: All days, 9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Contact: Billy E. Wood at 228.863.6312.

April 23-24, 2005. Memphis, TN.-Memphis Archaeological and Geological Society. 26th annual Mid-America Mineral, Fossil, Jewelry Show. Pipkin Building, Midsouth Fairgrounds (corner of East Parkway and Central Avenue). Hours: 23<sup>rd</sup>, 9:00 A.M.-6:00 P.M.; 24<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M.. Contact: W.C. McDaniel, 901.274.7706, or [cfmcdaniel@worldnet.att.net](mailto:cfmcdaniel@worldnet.att.net). **All members of a SFMS club will be admitted free to show with proof of club membership. This is associated with the first SFMS board meeting of the year.**

April 30 - May 1, 2005, North Charleston, SC - Lowcountry Gem and Mineral Society. 13th Annual Lowcountry Gem, Mineral and Fossil Show. North Charleston Performing Arts Center, Exhibit Hall A, 5000 Coliseum Drive. Hours: 30th, 10:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.; 1st, 10:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Contact: Karen Havenstein at 843.795.2956 or [fossil@comcast.net](mailto:fossil@comcast.net).

May 6 - 8, 2005, Marietta, GA - The Georgia Mineral Society. 37th Annual Gem and Mineral Mother's Day Weekend Show. Cobb County Civic Center, 548 S. Marietta Pkwy. (at Fairground St.). Hours: 6th - 7th, 10:00 A.M.-6:00 P.M.; 8th, Noon-5:00 P.M. Contact: Jay Gorday, 1690 Granger Ct., Chamblee, GA, 30341; 770.986.0822, or email to [mayshow@gamineral.org](mailto:mayshow@gamineral.org), website: <http://gamineral.org>.

June 4-5, 2005, Birmingham, AL - Alabamam Mineral & Lapidary Society. 32nd Tannehill Gem, Mineral, Fossil, and Jewelry Show. From Birmingham, take I-20/59S to Exit 100 or Exit 1 off I-459 and follow the signs. Hours: 9:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M. Contact: Rick Kittinger, 1612 Colesburg Circle, Hoover, AL 35226, [rickkittinger@bellsouth.com](mailto:rickkittinger@bellsouth.com).

July 27-31, 2005, Franklin, NC - The Gem and Mineral Society of Franklin, North Carolina, Inc. Annual Gem and Mineral Show. Macon County Community Building on 441 South. Hours: 27th-30th, 10:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.; 31st, Noon - 5:00 P.M. Contact: Fred Plesner at 828.349.4224.

September 2-5, 2005, Hendersonville, NC - Henderson County Gem and Mineral Society. 24th Annual Gem and Mineral Spectacular & Sale. Whitmire Activity Building, Lily Pond Road. Hours: 2nd-4th: 10:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M., 5th, 10:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Contact: Margaret L. Johnson, P.O. Box 6391, Hendersonville, NC 28739-6391, 828.692.1249, and email at [mgt.j.ed@brinet.com](mailto:mgt.j.ed@brinet.com). **The summer SFMS board meeting is associated with this show.**

September 3, 2005, Hendersonville, NC - Henderson County Gem and Mineral Society. 16th Annual Micromount Symposium. Salvation Army Building, Grove Street between 3rd and 4th Avenues. Hours: 8:30 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. Contact: Emily Adams, 355 Pelham Road, Greenville, SC 29615, 864.271.3877.

September 9-11, 2005, Winston-Salem, NC - Forsyth Gem and Mineral Club. 34th Annual Gem, Mineral, Jewelry Show and Sale. Educational Building, Dixie Classic Fairgrounds. Hours 9th & 10th, 10:00 A.M. - 7:00 P.M.; 11th, 12:00 Noon - 6:00 P.M. Contact: [www.forsythgemclub.com](http://www.forsythgemclub.com).

September 24-25, 2005, Hiddenite, NC. Western Piedmont Mineral and Gem Society. 17th Annual Hiddenite Gem & Mineral Show. Hiddenite Educational Complex, Sulpher Springs Road. Hours: 24th, 9:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M., 24th, 12:00 Noon - 6:00 P.M. Contact: Patty Arnold at 828.465.2769. **Rock Swap on Sunday, the 24th from 12:00 Noon to 6:00 P.M.**

October 1-2, 2005, Lexington, KY - Rockhounds of Central Kentucky. 15th Annual Show. National Guard Armory, Airport Road. Hours: 1st, 10:00 A.M.-6:00 P.M.; 2nd, 12:00 Noon--5: P.M. Contact: Bekki Miracle at (502) 868.0258.

October 21-23, 2005, Knoxville, TN - Knoxville Gem and Mineral Society. 15th Annual Gem, Mineral and Jewelry Show. Kerbel Temple at 315 Mimosa Avenue. Hours: 21st & 22nd: 10:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.; 23rd, 11:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Contacts: Travis Paris at 865.691.8228 and Eileen Price at 865.694.4071.

**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](mailto: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.

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