

*The Georgia Mineral Society, Inc.
 Is pleased to host the
 SFMS Annual Meeting and Banquet - 2004
 In Atlanta, Georgia,
 on December 11, 2004
 In conjunction with The GMS Annual Holiday Show*

*Banquet and Editor's Breakfast Reservation Form
 Banquet at 7:00 pm, December 11, 2004
 Editor's Breakfast at 8:00 am, December 12, 2004*

Name: _____

Name: _____

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Club: _____

Banquet (\$ 21 per person)

Number Attending : _____ \times \$ 21.00 = _____

Choice of Meat: Beef _____

Chicken _____

Editor's Breakfast (\$ 9 per person)

Number Attending : _____ \times \$ 9.00 = _____

Total Amount Enclosed : _____

Please make checks payable to : Georgia Mineral Society

Mail to the Banquet Host and Hostess:

Olin and Jeanette Banks

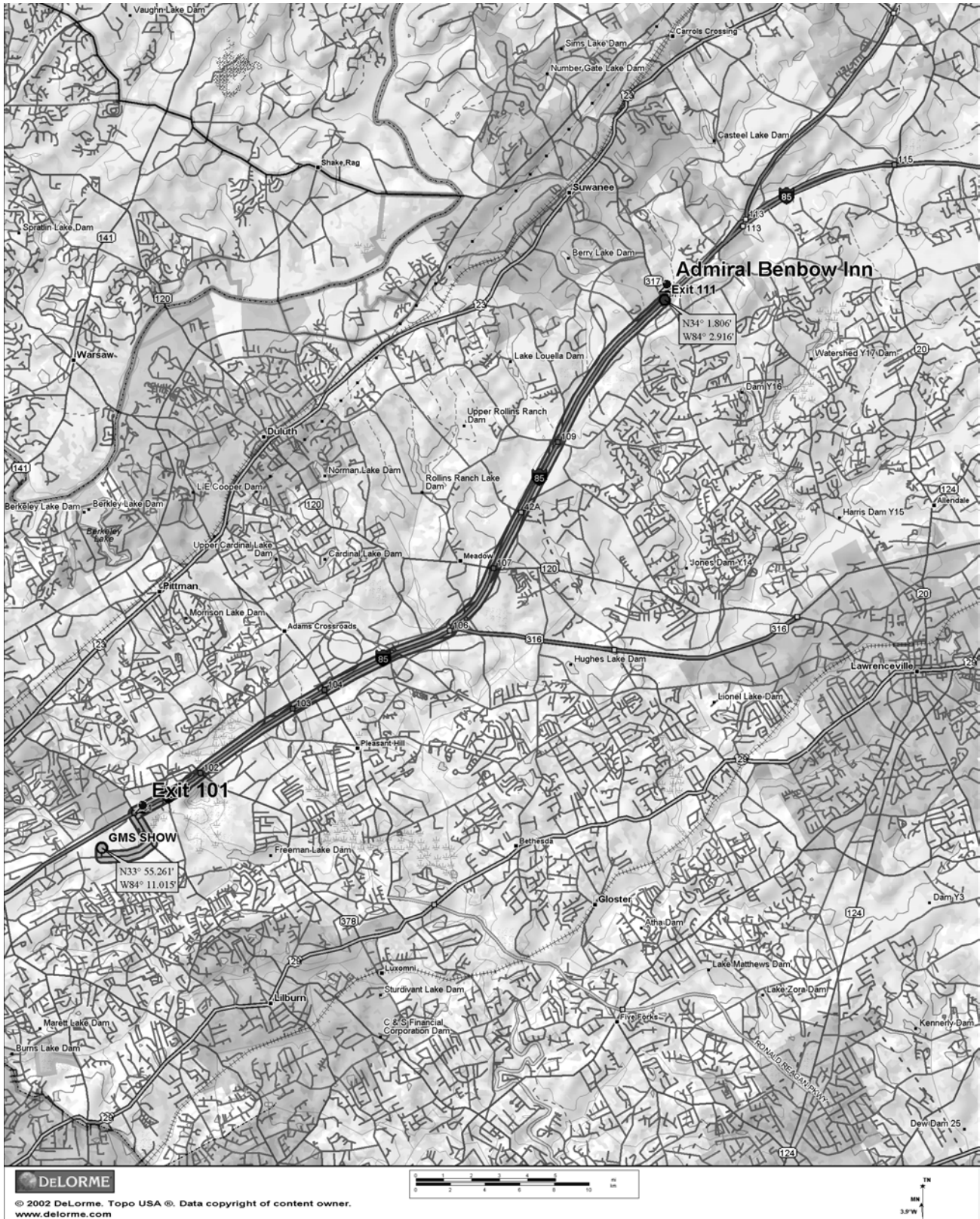
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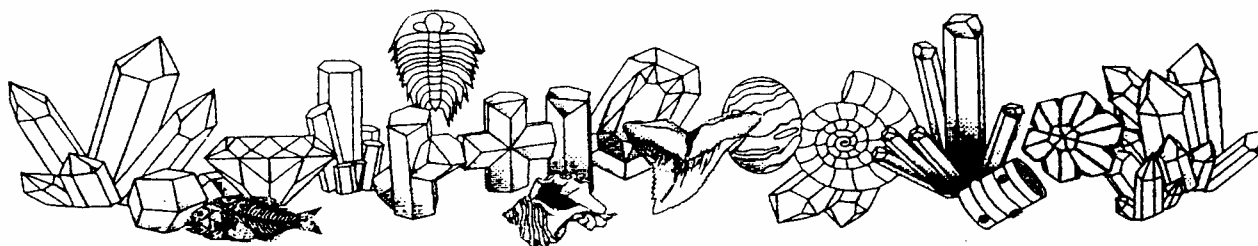
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Address Questions to : Olin and Jeanette Banks

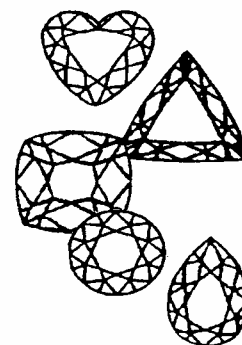
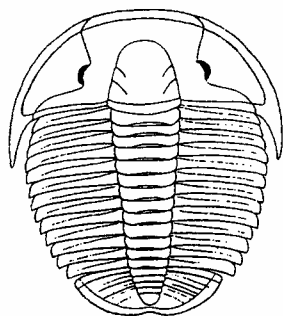
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ANNUAL SFMS MEETING (SUWANEEN, GA) AND GEORGIA MINERAL SOCIETY ANNUAL HOLIDAY SHOW (NORCROSS, GA) LOCATIONS





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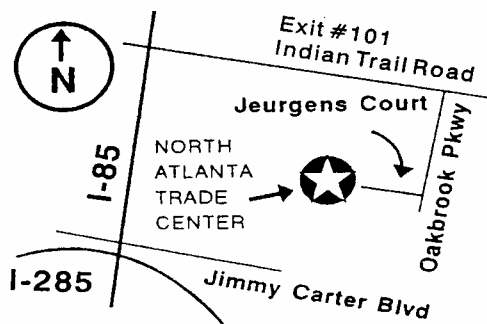
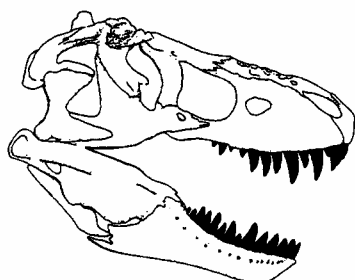
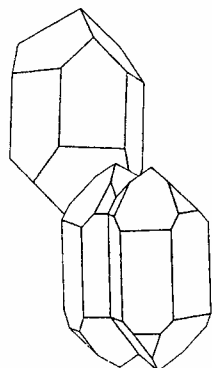
**11th Annual
The Georgia Mineral Society's 2004
Gem & Mineral Holiday Show**

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**Over 30 Dealers!
Free Parking Free Admission
Door Prizes**

*Special Door Prize for Students!
(Win a Great Prize for Yourself and for Your School!!)*

North Atlanta Trade Center
December 10 Friday * 10 AM - 6 PM
December 11 Saturday * 10 AM - 6 PM
December 12 Sunday * NOON - 5 PM
EXCITING AUCTION SATURDAY AT 2:00 PM



NORTH ATLANTA TRADE CENTER
1700 Jeurgens Court, Norcross, GA 30093



2005 SFMS Workshops

We are off to an early start for the 2005 Workshop season! Instead of waiting until December or January to announce the workshops, we hope to have all the details to you by the end of November so that you can make your plans for next year. Almost all classes are scheduled and most of the instructors have confirmed. We know all of the dates except for the August and September Wildacres sessions and those have not been firmed up by Wildacres. We do know that the dates will be within a week or so of the corresponding week this past summer. The exact dates will be announced on the SFMS Internet site as soon as we receive notice from Wildacres.

Changes for 2005

There will be some changes this upcoming year. Most obvious will be our new Directors. They have been working with the current Directors and the Education Chair even before they officially take over to have the best possible selection of courses. In the future we will present the next year schedule of classes in October to help you get started early with your plans.

Around the end of November, or early in December, we will be sending a multipage brochure, complete with registration forms, to the entire *Lodestar* mailing list. It will be called a "*Lodestar Supplement*." This brochure will contain all of the course descriptions and Instructor biographies. The contents of the brochure will be posted on the Web site for those who do not have *Lodestar* subscriptions. Some of the material will be repeated later in the *Lodestar* along with any updates such as the final dates for the August and September Wildacres sessions.

Change in Workshop Fees

It has been two years since registration fees were increased and our workshop expenses have risen. In 2005 the registration fee will be \$280 for SFMS sessions at both Wildacres and William Holland. An initial non-refundable payment of \$30 (approximately ten percent) should accompany your registration form to initiate your registration process.

Change in Registration Procedure

Starting in 2005, registration *for all sessions* will be accepted on or after February 15th. The \$30 non-refundable administrative fee will start the registration process and secure your priority in class selection. We have initiated a single date for all workshops to help with overall workshop planning. The initial deposit has been reduced to about ten percent so that students will not have a large amount of money tied up for a long time for sessions late in the summer and fall.

The balance of the registration fee will be due one month prior to the respective workshop session although full payment will be accepted with the initial registration form. In the case where full payment is submitted with the registration form, the \$30 administrative fee still applies should cancellation later become necessary.

The postmark date is important so have your registration letter hand-stamped if you want to be sure of being accepted for your first class choice. The postmark date should be no earlier than February 15, 2005. As before, your priority in securing a particular class is based on the postmark date of your registration letter, plus other factors such as whether you are a first-time attendee at the SFMS workshops.

Our Course Offerings

As has been the case for a number of years, the courses offered each year are based on feedback from students. We look carefully at the Questionnaire included in all student packets that are returned at the end of workshop sessions. The responses for course choices for next year are tabulated and the schedule is made up using this information. The popularity of some courses is obvious and student responses help to determine how often a course will be offered. New course offerings may be initiated from a student request. Of course, we are always interested in suggestions from anyone. We look forward to seeing each of you at next year's workshops.

Fred Sias, SFMS Education Chair



Plan Early to Attend SFMS Executive Board Meeting April 23, 2005

The Memphis Archaeological and Geological Society will host the April 2005 SFMS Executive Board Meeting.

The meeting will be held in conjunction with the 26th annual Mid- America Mineral, Fossil, Jewelry Show. Show dates are April 23 and 24th and is located at the Fairgrounds in Memphis, TN.

Complete details will be announced at the December 2004 meeting. Please mark your calendars now and be prepared to complete your reservations before March of 2005.

*Cornelia McDaniel
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