SFMS 2004 Wildacres Workshop at Wildacres Retreat, Little Switzerland, NC

April............Monday, April 19 to Sunday, April 25, 2004
August...Monday, August 23 to Sunday, August 29, 2004
September....Monday, Sept. 13 to Sunday, Sept. 19, 2004

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: $260 per person, including meals.
Day Students: $115 per person, no meals are included.

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 for the April session will be accepted beginning on February 16, 2004, and on May 3, 2004 for the August and September sessions. The postmark date on or after these dates determine 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 deposit of 50% of the registration fee 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 $25 nonrefundable charge to cover administrative costs. An additional $25 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.

*Note: Advanced courses with prerequisites are designated with an asterisk in the course listing to the right.
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March 19-21, 2004, Rome, GA - Rome, Georgia Gem & Mineral Society. Gaden Lakes Gym, Rome, GA. Hours: 19th & 20th, 9:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M.; 21st, 9:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M. Contact: Jose Santamaria at 706.233.9828/706.38630576 ext. 401 or josess@weinmanmuseum.org.


April 24-25, 2004, Memphis, TN - Memphis Archaeological & Geological Society. 25th Annual Mid-America Mineral, Fossil, Jewelry Show, Pipkin Building, Midlands Fairgrounds, Central and East Parkway. Hours: 24th, 9:00 A.M.-6:00 P.M.; 25th, 10:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M. Contact: W.C. McDaniel at 901.274.7706 or cfmcDaniel@worldnet.att.net. Web link at www.memphisgeology.org.

May 1-2, 2004, North Charleston, SC - Lowcountry Gem & Mineral Society. Performing Arts Center, Monague Avenue, North Charleston, SC. Hours: 1st, 10:00 A.M.-6:00 P.M. and 2nd, 10:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M. Contact: Karen Havenstein at fossil@home.com.

May 7-9, 2004, Marietta, GA - The Georgia Mineral Society. The 36th Annual Gem and Mineral Mother’s Day Weekend Show. Cobb County Civic Center, 548 S. Marietta Parkway (at Fairgrounds Street), Marietta, GA 30039. Hours: 7th and 8th, 10:00 A.M.-6:00 P.M.; 9th, Noon-5:00 P.M. Door Prizes and Free Admission/Parking. Auction open to public on 8th at 2:00 P.M. Contact: Jay Gorday at 770.986.0822 or gms@gamineral.org. Web link at http://gamineral.org/may-show.htm.

June 5-6, 2004, Birmingham, AL - Alabama Mineral & Lapidary Society. 31st Tannehill Gem, Mineral, and Jewelry Show at Tannehill Furnace historical Park near Birmingham, AL. Hours: 5th and 6th: 9:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M. Show admission free to public with $1 to $2 admission fee to enter the park. Contact Rick Kittinger, 1612 Coleburg Circle, Hoover, AL 35226 or Rick.Kittinger@bellsouth.com.


July 21-25, 2004, Franklin, NC - The Gem & Mineral Society of Franklin, NC. Macon County Community Building, 1288 GA Hwy, Franklin, NC. Hours: 21st through 24th, 10:00 A.M.-6:00 P.M.; 25th, Noon-5:00 P.M. Contact: Fred Plesner at willa@dnet.net.

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LOOKING AHEAD

2004 REGIONAL FEDERATION SHOWS & CONVENTIONS

California Federation/Mariposa Show & Convention
Mariposa County Fairgrounds, May 28-30, 2004
Hosts: Mariposa County Gem & Mineral Society

Eastern Federation & American Federation
Combined EFMLS/AFMS Convention & Show
Syracuse, NY, July 8-11, 2004

Midwest Federation
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Northwest Federation Annual Convention & Show
Boise, Idaho
July 23-25, 2004

Rocky Mountain Federation Annual Convention & Show
Wichita, KS
April 23-25, 2004
Hosts: Wichita Gem & Mineral Society

Southcentral Federation Annual Convention & Show
Houston, TX
September 2004
Hosts: Houston Gem & Mineral Society

Southeast Federation Annual Convention & Show
Norcross, GA
December 10-12, 2004
Hosts: Georgia Mineral Society

CLUB & SOCIETY SHOWS/SWAPS

February 13-15, 2004, Greensboro, NC - Greensboro Gem & Mineral Society, Greensboro Coliseum. Hours: 13th, 2:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.; 14th, 10:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.; and 15th, 3:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M. Contact: Joe Maquire at jmaquire@prodigy.net.

February 28 – 29, 2004, Jackson, MS – Mississippi Gem & Mineral Society. 45th Annual Gem, Mineral, Fossil, & Jewelry Show, A&I Buildings, MS State Fairgrounds, Jackson, MS (Exit 96B, I-55). Hours: 28th, 9:00 A.M.-6:00 P.M.; 29th, 10:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M. Contact: Brenda Hankins, P.O. Box 844, Jackson, MS 39205 or msgem.org. Show and Host For First 2004 SFMS Executive Board Meeting. Show at State Fairgrounds, the Jefferson Street Gate. SFMS meeting at Ramada Inn Southwest Conference Center, 1523 Ellis Avenue. (See pages 4 & 5).

February 27 – 29, 2004, Vero Beach, FL – Treasure Coast Rock Gem Society. 29th Annual Gem & Jewelry Show, Vero Beach Community Center, 14th Ave. & 23rd St. Hours: 27th, 12 N – 5 P.M.; 28th, 10 A.M.-5:00 P.M.; 29th, 10 A.M. – 4 P.M. Contact: Pedro Araoz at 772.231.0005.

March 5-7, 2004, North Largo, FL - Suncoast Gem & Mineral Society, 6340-126 Ave., North Largo, FL. Hours: 5th & 6th, 10:00 A.M.-6:00 P.M.; 7th: 10:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M. Contact: Sue Black at sueblack@tampabay.rr.com.
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