UPCOMING FIELD TRIPS

January 19, 2008: Vulcan Brooksville Quarry, Hernando County, FL; hosted by the Jacksonville Gem and Mineral Society (Jacksonville, FL) for marine fossils, chert and calcite. Signed waivers are necessary for admittance to the quarry for children and adults and can be obtained from your club field trip chair.


See your local club newsletter for additional information on the above field trip.

*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.

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

The Prez Rambles On . . .

I am a rockhound. I’ve found over the years that the rocks are actually only the glue that binds like people together. What I really like is the people I’ve met along the way and the friendships I’ve made over the past several years. I made the same discovery with my career a few years ago. It’s not the hobby or career, it’s the people that make life grand. I hope you will feel free to contact me this year with your suggestions and comments. My contact information is inside the front cover of the Lodestar. Email is best for me, phone is OK too.

I’ve always thought it would be cool to issue a proclamation. All levels of our government seem to favor issuing them, so the first order of business as President of the Southeast Federation is to issue a proclamation. I proclaim 2008 to be the “Year of the Workshop”. Our workshops for 2008 are June 8 – 14 and October 12 - 18 at the William Holland School of Lapidary Arts near Young Harris, Georgia. The Wildacres Retreat workshops are August 18 – 24 and September 15 – 21. The Wildacres Retreat is near Little Switzerland, North Carolina.

Now let me explain the reason for making this proclamation the first order of business. I’ve been involved in the federation for a few years, attending meetings as a club representative and the last 2 years as a federation officer. I’m hearing (haven’t been yet) that we’ve gone to having full workshops at both Wildacres and William Holland, to the point we’ve given up one of our weeks at Wildacres and have had to cancel classes at the rest of the workshops due to low enrollment. I want to assure you the education committee is working together to make this a great year for our workshops. The ultimate success will be getting new people to sign up and attend the workshops. Where else can you get a week in the mountains with room, food, classes, and activities for $310 per person?

I encourage all of our member clubs to present the workshop information that is printed in the Lodestar and on our website (www.amfed.org/sfms/education_committee.html) to your members and encourage them to attend the federation workshops. I’d like to see us build our workshops back up to full capacity. I can assure you the workshops will be a lot more enjoyable if we have more people involved. State Directors, I encourage you to contact the clubs within your area and encourage them to let their members know about the workshops. (Continued on Page 3)

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PURPOSE:
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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workshops. I personally will be attending at least two of the workshops and possibly all four of them, schedule permitting.

After writing all this, I’m thinking I like making proclamations. Maybe I’ll come up with some more before the end of the year.

Enough rambling already!!! We’ll visit again next month.

Steve Henegar, SFMS President

Be Safe – Be Well
Safety Committee – Don Monroe, Chairman

Don’t Lift That Way!!!!

As I write this article, I am sitting here on our hill top wishing I could get up and do things that I really need to do. It is only a couple of days until Christmas and I am “chair – bound” because I did something extremely stupid. If we are going to publish articles telling you about all of the things that we should not do, then we must tell you about the things that we did and should not have.

We live on a fairly high hilltop in the Blue Ridge Mountains and my neighbors and I have been installing gates and barricades because we have burglars visiting our neighborhood. Ann and I were installing what is known up here as a Forest Service Gate which is a pipe barricade blocking access and we were lifting the pipe section which is a 4” diameter heavy steel pipe and is 16’ long. You can see this coming can’t you?

Yes, I lifted with my back, not with my legs and suffered a muscle strain about two weeks ago and it is s-l-o-w-l-y improving. I know better but I was in a hurry and did not stop to think.

We all have been taught that we lift with our legs, not our back. But, the question is, do we always do what we know we should do? This is just one example of the type of injury that many of us suffer needlessly. Let’s take a minute to think about other things that we do that are, at best, ill-conceived and, at worst, stupid.

Here at the beginning of a new year, we should resolve that we will avoid those basic mistakes that we tend to make when we just do not stop to think. Let me give you a short check list:

- Are you using the right tool for the job? A knife is not a pry bar or a chisel,
- Are your tools in good shape? Dull knives, chisels, saws and punches will only bring you grief. Hammers with loose handles or mushroomed heads are not reliable (read that as not safe).
- Some power tools are downright scary. All power saws will bite you. We all have horror stories involving folks that we know. We visited good friends in Scotland recently and could not find them. It seems that he was cutting a tree and when his wife walked up beside him and spoke, he swung around and slapped her in the head with his chain saw which was running. We can’t find out what finally happened but we know it was really bad.
- Are you faithfully using eye protection? I feel confident that a majority of you are not using safety glasses when you know you should.

I could turn this list into a book but, would you read it? I know I am “preaching to the choir” and you all know all of the things that I am saying; but the question is, are you willing to stop and think?

YPOUTH FEDERATION WORKSHOP SCHOLARSHIPS

Youth scholarships? Yes! Each year the Federation generously offers scholarships to deserving junior (ages 12-18) club members of a Federation club. These scholarships are for the SFMS workshops at Wildacres or William Holland. However, few juniors apply for these scholarships. So we are asking each of the Federation clubs to encourage their junior members to apply for one of these scholarships.

Emphasize that the requirements are not difficult to meet!

Requirements for Junior Scholarships for SFMS Workshops:
- President of the sponsoring adult club submits the junior’s name with an explanation of the club’s qualifications considered in recommending this youth.
- Youth submits a short essay explaining his or her interest in the hobby and reason for wanting to attend a workshop.
- After attending the workshop of choice, the scholarship recipient is encouraged to write a Lodestar article about the experience.
- Responsible adult must accompany the youth to the workshop.
- Permission must be obtained from the workshop director and the class teacher. Usually, this is not a problem.
- Deadline for applying for the scholarship is April 30, 2008.

Recommendations should be sent to:

Bonita L. Harris
SFMS Youth Resources
12520 Jeff Hamilton Road
Mobile, AL 36695
251.865.9157

Bonita Harris, SFMS Youth Resources Chairman
MINUTES OF THE 2007 SFMS ANNUAL MEETING:
Part 2

Due to illness, Part 2 of the 2007 SFMS Annual Meeting were unavailable at the time of publication of this issue of Lodestar.

Carolyn Daniels, SFM Editor

NORTH CAROLINA'S WESTERN PIEDMONT MINERAL & GEM SOCIETY

GOOD NEWS!

In my 2007 annual report to the SFMS for North Carolina, I reported that North Carolina's Western Piedmont Mineral & Gem Society might be forced to dissolve and discontinue their annual show. But, I am now happy to report that I have received word that the club will continue to exist and its hard-working members are optimistic about its future. I have also been informed that the club will host their 20th annual rock and mineral show in historic Hiddenite, North Carolina to be held in September 2008 - stay tuned for the dates!

Mike Streeter
SFMS North Carolina State Director

A THANK YOU

All,

I can’t thank you enough for your kindness and hospitality during the SFMS show and convention. It was a wonderful experience and I took away many fond memories.

Hope to see you all in Houston or before. Our total trip from Tendoy, Idaho to Biloxi, MS and then home to San Diego took about 4,500 miles. We got to see this beautiful land of ours, except for the destruction from the storm along the Gulf Coast. I was amazed that the two clubs could put on a show and convention only two years after that awful event. It was an uplifting feat.

Once again, thanks for everything,
Shirley Leeson (AFMS President)
& Dee Holland

SFMS EDUCATION CHAIR REPORT

The new year is upon us, and it’s time to make changes and resolutions. I hope one of your resolutions is to send in your application for a SFMS workshop class in 2008. We are offering some new classes along with the old favorites, and some new instructors as well. Kathy Morris, Workshop Director, is working on updating the web site that will list 2008 classes, instructor biographies, and instructor contact information. The site is www.kathylmorris.com. The updated information should be available soon. Any changes or additions to the schedule will also be listed there as well as in the Lodestar, so please bookmark the site and check it often.

Workshop applications will be accepted beginning February 1st. Some of the classes are very popular, so register early to save your spot.

If you are new to our hobby, or even if you’re an “old hand”, remember that classes such as Cabochons and Mineral and Gem ID/Appreciation are basic to the craft. They provide a working knowledge that is crucial to success in the lapidary arts. Our instructors in these classes have a wealth of information and experience to share. If you’ve never taken these classes, or if it’s been a long time, please consider signing up for them.

Those of you who attended the June 2007 session at William Holland saw a demonstration of gourd carving and decoration by Pat Davis. This is a craft that is very popular these days, and the finished products are truly amazing. Pat will be teaching a class at William Holland in October 2008, passing along some techniques she has learned over the past several years. Among other things, students will be using cabochons in their gourd designs.

A few words about students under age18: Our usual policy is that students must be at least 16 to take a class. Lately, we have had some younger students who have knocked the socks off some of our adults. If you know a young person who is at least 13, is committed to the hobby, and is interested in taking an adult class, please contact the instructor to talk about it. We need to get their talent on board at an early age. They are the future geologists, archeologists, artists, jewelers, and teachers who will carry the lapidary arts into the new century.

As always, if you have any questions or suggestions for classes you'd like to see offered at our workshops, please let me know.

Julia Larson, SFMS Education Chairman
Photos by Pat Davis
2008 SFMS WORKSHOPS

One of the unique facets of the Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies is the Workshop Program, which offers members the opportunity to gather for week-long, hands-on seminars taught by experienced instructors. Whether you are a newcomer to the lapidary arts and want to learn the basics, or whether you're an old hand who wants to learn something new or move on to the next level, the Workshop Program has something for you. We look forward to seeing you in 2008.  

Julia Larson, SFMS Education Chair

2008 WORKSHOP DATES

William Holland  
June 8-14

Wildacres  
August 18-24

Wildacres  
September 15-21

William Holland  
October 12-18

William Holland School of Lapidary Arts (www.lapidary.com) is located in the mountains of north Georgia near the North Carolina border.  
Wildacres Retreat (www.wildacres.org) is a privately owned conference center nestled in the North Carolina mountains near Little Switzerland.  
Please visit these websites for additional information.

Who May Attend

Anyone belonging to an SFMS club will be given priority.  Student under 18 are welcome, but must be accompanied by a responsible adult and must have approval from the workshop director and the instructor to attend an adult class. Members of other AFMS regional federations may attend on a space available basis. Anyone not affiliated with AFMS may attend by paying an additional fee of $50.  First-time workshop attendees and those taking a class for the first time will receive priority.

REGISTRATION PROCEDURES

Applications from members of SFMS clubs will be accepted beginning February 1, 2008.  Applications from other regional federations and the public at large will be accepted beginning April 1, 2008.  Your club membership dues must be current and your club's dues to the Federation must also be paid before you will be accepted as an SFMS member.

A non-refundable administrative deposit of $25 per person must accompany the application. The full amount may be remitted at that time.  The balance is due four weeks before the workshop start date.  No reminders will be sent.  If you have not received written confirmation of your application within 30 days, please contact the registrar or education chair.

Refunds are at the discretion of the Education Chair and the workshop director; however no refunds will be made once the workshop has started.  There is no adjustment for late arrival or early departure.  No fee will be charged if a class is cancelled.

The application form is on the next page, along with the course offerings. Please read it carefully.  Note that some classes are marked with an asterisk (*), meaning they are Intermediate or Advanced, and therefore have prerequisites. Please do not sign up for these classes unless you have the required experience. Contact the instructor for more information on these classes.

About instructors

All instructors for our workshop program are volunteers. They may charge a materials fee for their classes, but are not otherwise compensated for their time and effort.  For additional information about our instructors, please visit www.amfed.org/sfms.

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NOTE: Check-in at Wildacres is MONDAY afternoon.  
Check it at William Holland is SUNDAY afternoon.  
Early check-in is not permitted at either location.
### 2008 SFMS WORKSHOP REGISTRATION FORM

**SESSION:**
- ◊ 1 William Holland June 8-14
- ◊ 2 Wildacres August 18-24
- ◊ 3 Wildacres September 15-21
- ◊ 4 William Holland October 12-18

**ACCOMMODATIONS:**
- ◊ Lodge
- ◊ Day Student
- ◊ Campground (Wm Holland only)

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**Single applicants only:**
Do you have someone you want to share a room with? If yes, whom?

Are you a smoker? _Y_ _N_  Do you want a non-smoking roommate? _Y_ _N_  No preference ______
Are you an early riser? ________ or a night owl? ________

**Special needs:**
Do you need a handicap room? _Y_ _N_  Can you negotiate stairs? _Y_ _N_  (elevator at Wm Holland only)

**Dietary:**
- Diabetic ________
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Campers: Type ________ Length ________ (40 ft. max.)

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Cost per person $310.00 double occupancy
Single room with private bath $470

***Non members add $50.00 to all fees***
Day Student or camper workshop fee $140 per person. Campsite fee (Wm Holland only) $120 per week. No meals are included for day students or campers. They are available from and payable directly to the facility. A $25 non-refundable deposit per person must accompany your application. You may, and are encouraged to pay the full amount at that time.

Cancellation Policy: There is a non-refundable $25 administration fee. Other refunds are at the discretion of the director and Education Chair.

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO**
- SFMS William Holland Workshop
  - Denise Talbott, William Holland Registrar
  - 216 Springview St
  - Murphy NC 28906
- OR ----
- SFMS Wildacres Workshop
  - Mrs. B.J. Gearheart, Wildacres Registrar
  - P.O. Box 36
  - Lebanon GA 30146-9998

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**SUNDAY, June 8-14, 2008**

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### SESSION FOUR - WILLIAM HOLLAND  
**SUNDAY, October 12-18**  
*(Julia Larson, Acting Director)*

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AUSTIN GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY presents 2008 EXHIBITORS AND JUDGES SEMINAR

The AUSTIN GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY 2008 EXHIBITORS AND JUDGES SEMINAR tentative schedule is below. Information can be found at our website http://www.austingemandmineral.org/. Or you can call (512) 458 9546

Tentative schedule for the 2008 EXHIBITORS AND JUDGES SEMINAR:

Saturday, March 8th, 2008
7:30 ⇒ 8:30 am  Check-in. Coffee, doughnuts, fruit will be provided.
8:30 ⇒ 8:45 Welcome and Orientation
9:00 ⇒ 9:45 Begin discussion of Uniform Rules.
General rules that apply to all displays
10:00 ⇒ 11:30 Discussion of the various divisions of exhibits
11:30 ⇒ 1:00 LUNCH Provided by AGMS for small donation
1:00 ⇒ 4:15 Divide into groups and discuss the rules that apply to individual groups
Minerals
Lapidary
Fossils
Petrified Wood
Etc
4:30 ⇒ 5:00 Debrief as a group. Briefly summarize what we have discussed
5:15 DINNER Can go as a group, can order in, can do own thing
Dinner is NOT covered by the seminar fee or AGMS.

Sunday, March 9th, 2008
7:30 ⇒ 8:30 am  Morning Social Hour. Coffee, doughnuts, fruit will be provided.
8:30 ⇒ 11:30 Practice judging cases in the various divisions
11:30 ⇒ 1:00 LUNCH Provided by AGMS for small donation
1:00 ⇒ 2:45 Finish evaluating cases
Review evaluations as a group
2:45 ⇒ 4:00 Gather for final review session
Present certificates of attendance
Answer any last minute questions
4:00 Seminar Over – Everyone goes home

This schedule is not fixed and is subject to change.
The **AUSTIN GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY**

in Conjunction with

the **SOUTH CENTRAL FEDERATION of MINERALOGICAL SOCIETIES**

will Host an

**EXHIBITORS AND JUDGES SEMINAR**

**Topics Include**

- Preparing a display for exhibiting
- AFMS Uniform Rules regarding exhibiting
- How exhibits are judged
- What makes a good display

**WHO:** EVERY MEMBER of American Federation of Mineral Societies

**WHEN:** March 8 & 9, 2008  
Saturday & Sunday

**WHERE:** Austin, Texas  
6719 Burnet Lane  
78757

**TIME:** Begin Promptly at 8:30am

**COST:** $15 Covers refreshments and printing costs

For additional information, copies of this announcement and application forms, contact the Austin Gem & Mineral Society at:

Website: [www.austingemandmineral.org](http://www.austingemandmineral.org)

Telephone: (512) 458-9546

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### EXHIBITORS AND JUDGES SEMINAR APPLICATION

March 8 & 9, 2008  
in Austin, Texas

**Name:**

(As you want it to appear on your certificate)

**Address:**

**City:**

**State:**

**ZIP:**

**Phone Number:**

**E Mail:**

I am interested in (circle one): Exhibiting  Learning to Judge

**Primary Area of Interest:** MINERALS  FOSSILS  JEWELRY  LAPIRATORY  OTHER

Please submit one application per person with fees attached. Multiple applications may be mailed together.

Mail applications to: AGMS, Attn of Exhibitors & Judges Seminar, 6719 Burnet Lane, Austin, TX 78757

**THIS FORM MAY BE COPIED**
SOUTHEAST FEDERATION OF MINERALOGICAL SOCIETIES
2008 FIRST QUARTER BOARD MEETING

Saturday March 29, 2008, 9:00 A.M.

Host: Middle Tennessee Gem and Mineral Society
Hotel: Ramada Inn and Suites Nashville Airport
2425 Atrium Way
Nashville, TN 37214
Phone: 615.883.5201
Rates: $55.00 Single, $64.00 Double
(Ask for Middle Tennessee Gem and Mineral Society Rate)

Campgrounds: There are several campgrounds in the
Opryland Area

Meeting: Registration begins at 8:30 A.M. in one of the
Hotel conference rooms. The meeting begins at
9:00 A.M.

Cracker Barrel: Friday Night 7:00 P.m. at the hotel

Things to do in the area:

MTG&MS Lapidary Shop at the Donelson Senior Center,
open after the meeting

Middle Tennessee State University Mineral Museum will
be open after the meeting

Opry Mills Shopping Center

Grand Ole Opry – Friday and Saturday Night

SAVE THE DATE!
2008 ASHEVILLE GEM FEST
FRIDAY – SUNDAY, JUNE 13, 14 & 15

The Colburn Earth Science Museum is pleased to
announce the Asheville Gem Fest, happening Friday,
Saturday and Sunday, June 13, 14 and 15. Asheville Gem
Fest is a great event: a gem and mineral show featuring
quality dealers from across the nation, fun activities for the
entire family, informative speakers and more!

The Colburn Earth Science Museum will also be open
admission free all weekend, and their legendary silent
auction will be back, bigger and better than ever.

With two floors and over 20 dealers, the 2008 Asheville
Gem Fest is a great show located in the center of
downtown Asheville, conveniently near all that a fun
and vibrant city has to offer. Plan now to attend!

The Mission of the Colburn Earth Science Museum is to
foster an appreciation for the earth and its resources and
environments through exhibits, educational programming
and the care of its collection.

Colburn Earth Science Museum
* 2 S. Pack Square at Pack Place
  * Asheville, NC 28801
* 828.254.7162 phone * 828.257.4505 fax *
  http://www.colburnmuseum.org

GRAVES MOUNTAIN "ROCK SWAPS AND DIGS"

8:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M., Friday, April 25, 2008
8:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M., Saturday, April 26, 2008
8:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M., Sunday, April 27, 2008
8:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M., Friday, October 3, 2008
8:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M., Saturday, October 4, 2008
8:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M., Sunday, October 5, 2008

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

The caretaker in charge of Graves Mountain, Clarence Norman Jr., in regard to his plans to hold TWO
two day digs on the Mountain during April
25–27, 2008 and October 3-5, 2008. He will have the
mountain open to collecting from 8:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. each
day. All participants must stop at the welcome table in
the hospitality tent to sign a liability release and make a small
collection 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 6:00
P.M. 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.

Mark your calendar and tell all your members about these
great events!

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

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Graves Mountain is ONLY accessible and open for mineral collecting by colleges, universities, and gem and mineral societies. INDIVIDUAL mineral collectors can no longer reserve the mountain!

In order to gain access to the mountain, you will need to contact the caretaker, Clarence Norman, Jr. (contact information on page 10). Give him a call and he can reserve the mountain exclusively for your group. All of the mineral societies that go there to collect offer the caretaker a donation for his trouble and effort in keeping the mountain open and accessible to them. Please consider what it is worth to your mineral society to be able to field collect minerals at Georgia’s premier mineral location!

GRAVES MOUNTAIN CODE OF CONDUCT!

- Park your vehicle in the designated area(s) only.
- NO child under the age of 12 years old is to be allowed on the mountain because of the dangers involved.
- ALL pets must be kept under control and on a leash.
- The field trip leaders have 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 RAPELLING 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!

AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

I will be updating the Lodestar mailing list at the end of January based on the 2008 SFMS Club membership renewals. The president, program chair, secretary, and editor of each member club is to receive a copy of each issue of the Lodestar. SFMS has requested that each of these persons that can (and is willing to) elect to receive the Lodestar electronically to save the federation money.

The "hard copy" mailing list for the Lodestar has been significantly reduced in the past few years due to a significant number of people electing to receive the Lodestar electronically and the budget for producing and mailing the Lodestar has also been reduced. I cannot possibly mail the Lodestar to each of the above persons with the budget that I currently have and the new club membership forms do not have a place to indicate the election to receive the Lodestar electronically. Therefore, upon confirmation of a club’s membership renewal, I will email the above-reference club members with email addresses requesting that they elect to receive the Lodestar electronically. Please consider this option and respond promptly!

If you are currently on the electronic notification list, please respond to my email inquiry anyway to assist me in updating the “contact/mailing list” as quickly as possible. It takes considerable effort for me to cross-check against the past mailing list to sort out who receives copies of the Lodestar by which method and I do not currently have the time available to do so. Therefore, if you do not respond to my email, I’m going to assume that you are electing to receive the Lodestar electronically. In addition, if the SFMS membership secretary has not confirmed that your club has renewed its SFMS membership by mid-February, your club officers will be dropped from the mailing list.

Please pass this information on to appropriate persons.

Carolyn L. Daniels,
SFMS Editor
dpdaniels@mindspring.com
or 770.723.1359

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.

via email from Jim Flora
SFMS Fieldtrip Committee Chairman
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- **January 11-13, 2008, Largo, FL - Pinellas Geological Society.** 32nd Annual Gem, Jewelry and Mineral Show and Sale, Largo Cultural Center, Parkside Room, 105 Central Park Drive. Hours: 11th & 12th, 10:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.; 13th, 12:00 Noon - 5:00 P.M. Contact: Hugh Sheffield at 727.894.2440.

- **January 26-27, 2008, Venice, FL - Gulf Coast Mineral, Fossil & Gem Club.** 37th Annual Show, Venice Community Center, 300 S. Nokomis Ave. Hours: 26th, 10:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.; 27th, 10:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. Contacts: Ralph & Eileen Marble at 941.922.2135. (All tables have been rented.)

- **February 2-3, 2008, Panama City, FL - Panama City Gem & Mineral Society.** 17th Annual Show, Bay County Fairgrounds, American Legion Hall, U.S. Hwy. 98 and Sherman Ave. Hours: 2nd, 9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.; 3rd, 9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. Contact: Al Zar at 850.763.0109.

- **February 8-10, 2008, Merritt Island, FL - Central Brevard Rock & Gem Club.** 31st Annual Gem & Mineral Show, 950 Kiwanis Park Road. Hours: 8th, 1:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.; and 9th and 10th, 10:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Contact: 321.453.6379.

- **March 7-9, 2008, Largo, FL—Suncoast Gem & Mineral Society.** 37th Annual Gem, Mineral & Jewelry Show, Minnreg Building, 6340 126th Avenue N., between 66th St. and US 19. Hours: 7th & 8th, 10:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.; 9th, 10:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Contacts: Show Chair, Bill Schmidt at 727.657.0998 or email at schmidt@eckerd.edu or Dealer chair, Sue Black at 727.560.5124 or email at sueblack@tampabay.rr.com.

- **April 26-27, 2008, Memphis, TN - Memphis Archaeological and Geological Society.** Mid-America Mineral, Fossil, Jewelry Show, Pipkin Building, MidSouth Fairgrounds, corner of Central and E. Parkway. Hours: 26th, 9:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.; 27th, 10:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Contact: James Butcko at 901.743.0058 or rockclub@earthlink.net. Website: memphisgeology.org.

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**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:**


Choose **Submission Guidelines** under the SFMS Shows Column heading to find out how to apply.

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