FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Mark Easterbrook

It is an honor for me to serve as your President for two years. For those of you who do not know me, I live in Charlotte, North Carolina (aka “The Beantown”). I am an avid collector for most of different states on both coasts. Who else, but a true rockhound would move 1,500 pounds of rocks with me when I moved to Charlotte from Louisville, Kentucky back in the mid 1990s. I’m a geological engineer by education and an environmental engineer by vocation. The largest job I do these days is as a civil engineering inspector for airfield construction at various domestic military bases. I’ve managed to meet a rockhound or two in my work life that has turned into an instant friendship with that common interest bonding us together. That same interest in the rockhounding hobby is what brings us all together within the SFMS and our individual local clubs. We are here to serve you. Take advantage of what the SFMS has to offer. You can read all about it in the Lodestar. My contact information is on the second page of each edition. I welcome any thoughts or ideas you may have to improve what the SFMS has to offer. Communication is my number one theme for this year. I want to hear from you.

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In order for SFMS individual club members to hear about what is happening at Executive Board meetings (we almost did not have a quorum at the annual meeting in Jacksonville this past September). These meetings are not just for the SFMS officers, State Directors, and Committee Chairs. Every club should have an SFMS liaison to attend these meetings and vote on important actions (I have been my club’s liaison for a few years now). We need increased club participation and that begins with communication within each club. Okay, I will get off my soapbox.

Most of the SFMS committee chairs have now been filled for 2010 with the information already sent to our new Lodestar editor, Carl Talbott, for publication. I am very thankful for Carl stepping in for Carolyn Daniels as Lodestar editor for 2010. I am also humbled and grateful for those who continue to serve as a chairperson for the various committees that are set up within the SFMS. There are still a few committee chair vacancies that are open to anyone who would like to be considered for the position. If that is you, please contact me. The SFMS By-Laws provides descriptions of the committee chair duties. You can find them at the following web address: http://www.amfed.org/sfms/constitution -bylaws.html.

I am hoping for another terrific year and need your input as to how to increase attendance by our local clubs to the Executive Board meetings. We will be holding three Executive Board meetings this year with the first being January 16, 2010 in Deland, Florida in association with the Tomoka Gem and Mineral Society’s 39th Annual Jewelry, Gem, Mineral, Fossil Show, and Sale. So, check your Lodestar and the SFMS website for more information. This will be great year!
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FIELD TRIPS

February 6, 2010: Hogg Mine, (near LaGrange) Troup County, Georgia hosted by Mid-Georgia G&M Society. Collecting rose quartz, beryl, mica books, and quartz crystal for a $17.00/adult fee (children under age 18 are free). Contact Jay Batcha e-mail rocky1s@cox.net or (478) 784-1965.

Field trips are open to all members of clubs associated with the DMC program of the SFMS Field Trip Committee and to all members of SFMS clubs/societies who provide their membership with SFMS liability insurance. Because of insurance requirements, members of the GENERAL PUBLIC are NOT invited to this or any DMC program field trips.

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UPCOMING SHOWS

January 15-17, 2010: Largo, Florida-Pinellas Geological Society. 34th Annual Gem, Jewelry and Mineral Show and Sale, Largo Cultural Center, Parkside Room, 105 Central Park Drive. Hours: 15th & 16th, 10:00 A.M.-6:00 P.M.; 17th, 12:00 Noon-5:00 P.M. Contact: Hugh Sheffield (727) 894-8440.

January 16-17, 2010: Deland, Florida-Tomoka Gem and Mineral Society. 39th Annual Jewelry, Gem Minerals and Fossils Show and Sale, Volusia County Fairgrounds, Tommy Lawrence Building, State Route 44 (1 mile east of I-4, Exit 118). Hours: 16th, 10:00 A.M.-6:00 P.M.; 17th, 10:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M. Contact: (386) 226-4032 or fndesign@aol.com

January 30-31, 2010: Panama City, FL—Panama City Gem & Mineral Society. 19th Annual Show, Bay County Fairgrounds, American Legion Hall, U.S. 98 & Sherman Ave. Hours: 30th, 9:00 A.M.—5:00 P.M.; 31st, 9:00 A.M.—4:00 P.M.. Contact: Ruth Aldredge at 850.784.0740.

March 19-21, 2010: Rome, Georgia—Rome Georgia Mineral Society. 32nd. Annual Valley and Ridge Gem and Mineral Show, The Forum, 2 Government Plaza (one block from Broad St at the end of 3rd Ave in downtown Rome). Hours: Fri & Sat 10-6 and Sun 11-5). Fee parking & admission. Contact Tim Biggart at (706) 232-7143 or tbiggart@berry.edu

April 17—18, 2010: Dothan, Alabama—Dothan Gem & Mineral Club. 3rd Annual Gem & Mineral Show, Westgate Park (James Grant Rec center, 501 Recreation Road. Fee parking & admission. Hours: Sat 9-5 & Sun 10-4. Contact Arnie Lambert (334) 792-7116 or arlambert@comcast.net


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CARL’S EDITORIAL COMMENTARY

This first edition of somewhat ‘heavy’ content. It includes Annual Meeting SFMS By-Laws) Workshop application form.

In the months ahead, I hope you will notice an increase in SFMS committee communications. I think the Lodestar is a proper media for SFMS leadership to inform you, our individual club and society members, of current Federation-specific activities. Our purpose, after all, is to add some value to your gem, mineral, and lapidary experiences.

Most important, in this day of electronic communication, I want to increase the size of Lodestar’s free e-mail distribution list and thereby offer you color content (such as shown on page 4). Printing the Lodestar in color is four times as expensive as in black & white, so mailed paper editions, in recent history, have been devoid of color ink. Furthermore, bulk, nonprofit, postage rates for paper editions are at 17.2¢ per piece (subject to a minimum 200 pieces) and rising along with other postal service prices.

Of course, some of our membership are not connected to the internet, and if they are SFMS club/society officers or paid subscribers, we intend to continue providing appropriate distribution of the paper edition. However, we suspect most members would prefer the electronic version and anticipate the size of our paper edition distribution list can be reduced to well below 100 copies.

In addition to more committee information, look for articles on mineral identification (see page 4 again), rockhounding regulation and legislation, and lapidary craft talk. This is your SFMS newsletter, and I welcome your critical comments, constructive recommendations, and (most of all) coherent articles.

May this new year be rewarding for us in many ways.
SAGENITE, PLUME, DENDRITIC AND MOSS AGATES
by Pat McMahan

Agates with inclusions are some of the rarest and most beautiful agates in the world. These inclusions may be sagenitic (sagenite), plume, dendritic, or moss. These four common types of inclusions are briefly discussed below; for photos of these and eleven other types of inclusions, see my web site at www.agateswithinclusions.com.

Sagenite, or more accurately, sagenitic agate is any agate having acicular or needle like mineral growths. These hair-like filaments are often arranged in fans or sunbursts. The inclusions come in a wide array of colors.

Plume agate has fluffy inclusions which often appear to be soft and have depth. Sometimes plume agate inclusions resemble smoke, feathers, plants, or flowers. Colors may vary as in sagenite.

Dendritic agate has thin, two-dimensional, tree-like growths, usually black or dark brown, as is the case with Montana Agate. Often dendrites form between flat "waterline" bands of agate. Dendrites may also occur in limestone, talc, and sandstone, and in beryl, corundum, and other minerals.

When inclusions in agate are random in pattern, often creating the appearance of seaweed or moss, we have moss agate. Moss agate comes in many colors, often green, and is the most common type of inclusion in agate.

The thrill of finding a quality agate in the field is only topped by making that perfect, often lucky, cut with the rock saw. Unlike banded agate which often yields multiple quality slabs, we seldom get more than one outstanding cut per rock with plume or sagenite inclusions. As a collector, I am very selective in what I pick up in the field and still less than 5% of what I cut goes in my display case.

The main focus here is on sagenite and plume agate. I have identified sagenite from over 250 different agate deposits worldwide. My belief is that at least a little sagenite can be found in most agate fields. It is impossible to say what percentage of the original deposits was sagenitic, but in the hundred or so agate fields I have been to, less than five percent of the agate therein has sagenitic inclusions. Those few agate fields that have a higher incidence of sagenite offer a rare and exciting treat to the collector.

Plume agate is surprisingly more common than most of us might believe. Many collectors know of Priday Plume, Graveyard Point, Del Norte (Colorado), West Texas, and Mexican Plume. The oxides which form plume and other types of inclusions are quite common and include iron oxide and manganese oxide. The oxide minerals grow in the agate when it was in a liquid or gelatinous
BE SAFE – BE WELL

Falls – Revisited
Don Monroe, Chairman, Safety Committee

If you have been a faithful reader of our safety articles, you may remember the first article I submitted to the Lodestar, published in September 2005, was titled “Falls”. Well, it is time to do a reminder concerning the dangers of falls. Very recently the brother of a very dear friend fell from a ladder and was killed. He was not very high up, only about fifteen feet, but a blow to the head can prove fatal.

As I assembled this article, I wrestled with how to get the message across. So many of us suffer falls! I am offering the following points for you to consider.

* First go back and read the article from 2005. It really did have a lot of “meat” in it and is worth re-reading.
* Next consider the hazards of climbing ladders. They are really bad, bad, news and should be avoided.
* Be aware of poor light situations. If you cannot see, you cannot safely walk.
* Watch out for obstructions. Even small pebbles can be a hazard. Curbs, trash, and everything on your walkway can hurt you.
* Now that we are coming into the cold season, frost, ice and snow can really put you down.
* Do you wear glasses? Are they bifocal or trifocal? Can you comfortably navigate wearing them?
* How are your shoes? I just donated a good pair of shoes to the Good Will store because they were simply too slick. Leather and some rubber compounds are not your friend and can also put you down.
* My last word of advice is to stop carrying large loads. Don’t carry a large bag of groceries in each arm. Make two trips and arrive safely.

SFMS Workshops For 2010
Danny Griffin, SFMS Education Chair

It’s that time of year when workshop schedules are posted. This year we are introducing several changes. The Wildacres workshop has a new Director – Roy Deere. Roy has been a Registrar and instructor for Wildacres on several occasions. A lot of frequent attendees will know Roy. B. J. Gearhart will be the Wildacres Registrar for one more year. The September workshop has changed this year to the 2nd full week of September (13th thru the 19th) instead of the usual 3rd full week. This change was made by Wildacres management due to a national holiday shift. B. J. has asked me to express the importance of registering early if you want to attend the September workshop. The turnaround time between Aug and Sept workshops is very short, and it would be easier on the Registrar.

The William Holland Workshops also have a new Director and Registrar. The Director will be Steve Henegar, a past SFMS President. The registrar will be Lisa Roberts. Lisa has taught Wire Wrapping at William Holland several times. Some of you may have taken Lisa’s classes.

Both Directors have put together a curriculum that has something for everyone. Even some of our core classes have new instructors. During each issue of the Lodestar I will try and highlight the new classes to give you an idea of what they are about. Have you heard about bronze clay? It’s a material that behaves similarly to silver Precious Metal Clay (PMC). Bronze Clay is a new class for those PMC artists looking to try a new material or for those who wanted to try PMC but did not due to the costs. I’m sure many of you have read about this material in the jewelry arts magazines and are anxious to learn more about it. Well here’s your chance to give bronze clay a try! This class will be taught by Gail DeLuca. Gail is the owner of White Fox Bead Studio in Maryville, Tennessee and a member of Knoxville Gem and Mineral Society. Several classes are taught at Gail’s store each month.

Prices for both workshops have gone up slightly. This is to offset a per person rate increase that has been passed to the SFMS for two years in a row. Prices were not increased last year and the costs were absorbed by the SFMS; however, a second rate increase has forced us to raise our prices slightly. Please don’t let this slight increase deter you from signing up for a class. Our (your) workshops prices are still the cheapest in the nation. Have a look around and see what workshops cost elsewhere. You can expect to pay almost three times the price for the same or similar classes (with room and board included).

I’m also asking everyone who reads this article to ensure that their club’s newsletter editor has a copy of the schedule, registration form, and instruction sheet. If they publish workshop information in their newsletter, it will be available to as many SFMS members as possible. I have a Wildacres / William Holland Workshops Power Point presentation, with script, that’s available to any club that wants more information. It is best presented by someone who has attended a workshop but can be given by anyone. Please contact me If you would like a copy.

Between this Lodestar issue and the next, any updates to the workshop classes or instructor roster will be posted on the SFMS website. The Workshop Directors, Registrars and I are always available, so give us a call or an e-mail if you have questions. Our contact info is on the registration, schedule and info pages.

And don’t forget to submit your junior club members for the Youth Federation Workshop Scholarships! Details can be found in the December Lodestar, Page 3.

I hope to see you at one, or more, of the workshops!

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The SFMS Members’ Secret Vacation Spot
By
Karen W. Johnson
Harrison County G&M Society

Have you ever dreamed of taking a vacation where you meet fun loving people who share the same interests as you? A vacation where you can take a class, eat great food and be pampered all for a great low price? Well, if you have then your dream is not far from being a reality. All you need to do is attend a class during the SFMS Federation Week at William Holland School of Lapidary Arts.

I recently had the pleasure of taking class during Federation Week after winning a Stamp Program Scholarship. It was the best way to learn how to make Cabochons for me. The class was small and fun and the instructor was relaxed and willing to attempt to teach an angle challenged student. Everyone there was both friendly and gracious. It was like meeting long lost family members. No one was a stranger. Everyone was willing to share their knowledge of the particular discipline in the lapidary arts that they practiced.

However, it wasn’t all classroom lessons. There is an auction and a “tailgate” sale where bargains can be had. (I won a goodie bag at the auction and bought my first sapphire rough at the tagate sale.). Both events take place in the dining hall. There is a small store on the campus where you can pick up a souvenir of your week or find that greatly needed tool you forgot to bring with you also. There was an impromptu beading class held the week I was there. It was really neat. As for the pampering I mentioned earlier, we had the opportunity to schedule a massage. That’s right, I said massage. We had 20 minute massage that was absolutely heavenly. The masseuse really knew her stuff. (I’d go back and take a class to be able to get another massage!). The price was reasonable too.

Then there is all the great food. A salad bar to satisfy even the pickiest “rabbit”, prime rib, French toast, that southern staple: grits, cookies, lasagna, and so much more. Then there was Lobster Bisque with sherry, vegetable soup, I could go on and on. All of this takes place in a mountain setting with rockers lining the long porch inviting you to set a spell and watch the weather, the birds or just relax and talk with interesting people.

Anyone who is a member of the SFMS and has never been to William Holland should make every effort to attend the school during Federation Week. It is the perfect way to experience the many offerings of William Holland and meet other members of the SFMS. The atmosphere is very relaxed and a lot of laughter is shared. In this economy Federation Week is a dream vacation for anyone that is interested in picking up a new discipline or refining their chosen field in the lapidary arts.

I’m already planning my next trip, during Federation Week of course!

AFMS’s 2010 Club/Society Website Competition

The deadline for applying to AFMS’s 2010 website competition is January 15, 2010. If your club/society has a web site presence developed and maintained by one of your own, please consider entering this competition.

The AFMS considers the major functions of a club/society web site are to (1) attract new members, (2) provide member information, and (3) advertise club activities such as shows to the public. Advertising is only one of the many functional capabilities to be evaluated in the web site competition. Some clubs have the mission of educating the public, and they find that providing educational materials and links to educational sites for geologic and Earth Science information is a another good use for their web site.

This competition attempts to determine the effectiveness of a club’s web site in providing information for these objectives and not to determine the quality or capabilities of the club itself. An effective web site can be created without requiring weekly or even monthly updates. However, a web site that is updated frequently might score more points in the ‘outstanding features’ category of evaluation.

The competition does not insist web sites be formatted to a specific format or template, but it does try to give as much latitude as possible for freedom of expression. Hopefully in the future as we share more information, we will learn how and why some things work better for some web sites, and we will learn from the efforts of our fellow clubs. The Internet is constantly evolving, and the competition is not intended to limit this process.

A major competition goal is to provide support to webmasters in balancing the content of their web pages between internal club administrative data and the data necessary to make the site useful to the visitor. The organization of the web site should separate general interest data (data useful to a visitor) from data that is of interest to a current club member of the club.

For further information and a copy of AFMS’s contest entry form, go to www.amfed.org/sfms and look under What’s New.
SFMS WORKSHOP INFORMATION SHEET

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 you’re experienced and wants to learn something new or hone your skills, the Workshop Program has something for you.

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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 their 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 Procedure

Applications from members of SFMS clubs will be accepted as soon as the schedule is posted. Applications from other regional federations and the public at large will be accepted beginning April 1. 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. If you have not received written confirmation of your application within 30 days, please contact the registrar or education chair.

Workshop Tuition

NOTE: You are encouraged to pay the full amount at registration time. However, a $25 non-refundable deposit per person must accompany your registration. If you send a $25 deposit the remaining balance is due one month before the beginning of class. No reminders will be sent.

- Cost per person $330 double occupancy.
- Single room with private bath $490.
- Non members add $50.00 to all Tuition fees
- Day Student or camper workshop tuition fee is $160 per person. No meals are included for day students or campers. They are available from and payable directly to the facility.
- Campsite fee (Wm Holland only) $120 per week.

Refund / Cancellation Policy

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. If a refund is granted a $25 administrative fee will be retained.

Application Form

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 may 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 and are not compensated for their time and effort. THEY MAY CHARGE A MATERIALS FEE FOR THEIR CLASSES. THIS MATERIALS FEE IS NOT PART OF THE WORKSHOP TUITION. For additional information about our instructors, please visit www.amfed.org/sfms

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CHECK-IN DAY:

Wildacres is MONDAY afternoon.
William Holland is SUNDAY afternoon.
Early check-in is NOT permitted at either location.
The intermediate and advanced classes listed with an asterisk (*) require some prior experience by the student. Experience in a class provided by your local club, Workshop class, or self study may be enough. Please do not exclude yourself, if you’re interested in one of these classes, without contacting the instructor first.

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### SESSION FOUR - WILIAM HOLLAND

**SUNDAY, October 10-16, 2010**

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

# 1 NAME  
SFMS CLUB (spell out)  
Address  
City _________________________   ST__   ZIP________     Email ______________________  
Home Phone (_____) ______________________  
Cell Phone (_____) ______________________  
Have you attended any other SFMS workshops?    _____  
Do you want to be placed on standby if your class is filled when we get your application?  Y   N  

#2 (Spouse) NAME  
(If club affiliation, address and phone info is different than above, please list on the back.)  
Have you attended any other SFMS workshops?  
Do you want to be placed on standby if your class is filled when we get your application? Y   N  

**Single applicants only:**  
Do you have someone you want to share a room with?  If yes, whom?  
Age Group (used to determine a compatible roommate) 20-30 31-41 42-52 53-63 64-74 74 & up  
Are you a smoker?  Y  N  
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  Other  
Anything else we need to know? (i.e. snore loudly, can’t walk up hills, etc.)  

**Campers:** (Wm Holland only)  
Type _______________________  
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**Workshop Tuition**

NOTE: You are encouraged to pay the full amount at registration time. However, a $25 non-refundable deposit per person must accompany your registration. If you send a $25 deposit the remaining balance is due one month before the beginning of class.

* Cost per person $330 double occupancy.
* Single room with private bath $490.
* Non members add $50.00 to all Tuition fees
* Day Student or camper workshop tuition fee is $160 per person. No meals are included for day students or campers. They are available from and payable directly to the facility.
* Campsite fee (Wm Holland only) $120 per week.

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

**Materials Fees:** THE INSTRUCTORS MAY CHARGE A MATERIALS FEE FOR THEIR CLASSES. THIS MATERIALS FEE IS NOT PART OF THE WORKSHOP TUITION.

**Workshop Tuition**

NOTE: You are encouraged to pay the full amount at registration time.
Minutes of the Annual SFMS Meeting, Jacksonville, Florida, September 19, 2009

First Vice President Mark Easterbrook called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. He thanked everyone for coming. Second Vice President Barbara Green gave the invocation. Mark Easterbrook then made introductions and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Jason Hamilton welcomed our S.F.M.S. to Jacksonville. He explained that they had rented the entire Morocco Temple for the Jacksonville’s 21st Annual Gem, Mineral, Jewelry, Fossil, Bead Show and Sale and to enable our Federation to enjoy our meeting room for Friday evening’s Cracker Barrel Roundtable, this Saturday’s Annual Meeting, and our evening Banquet. He proudly explained that even our banquet was being catered by hosting Jacksonville Gem and Mineral Society members. Special refreshments were also prepared by club members for both our meetings, and they had a program planned for presentation at banquet time. Mark asked Jason to thank the Jacksonville Club members for making these fine arrangements and providing so many extras for our Southeast Federation.

Mark asked the Secretary if we had a quorum. Due to the fine turnout of our membership, we were able to have a quorum. The Agenda was approved. Jim Robinson was appointed Parliamentarian for the meeting. Minutes were approved. Mark then explained why so many officers including President Betty James were absent due to teaching or student involvement at our Federation’s Wildacres Workshop.

Officer Reports:

First Vice President, Mark Easterbrook, said he would be contacting the State Directors to locate a club with a show between September and December, preferably nearer December, to host the 2010 Annual Meeting.

Second Vice President, Barbara Green, said she had no report at this time.

Secretary, Beryl Ferguson, indicated her report is in the packet.

Treasurer, Ed Harris, is at Wildacres. His report is in the packet.

Assistant Treasurer, Paula Griffin, is also at Wildacres, but has her report in the packet.

Membership Secretary, Ray Behr, is absent and has not submitted a report.

Immediate Past President, Steve Henegar, is not able to be here and has not submitted a report.

A.F.M.S. 3rd Vice President, Ann Monroe, said her report is in the packet.

Mayo Educational Foundation President, Bill Waggener, reported that five applications this year for the Mayo scholarships are being processed. The M.E.F. will meet this afternoon to finalize those scholarship awards and distribute recipient checks during the week.

Bill Waggener requested a moment of silence for Jeanette Banks who passed away suddenly two weeks ago. She has worked for both the Mayo Educational Foundation and the Southeast Federation for decades. We will miss her terribly.

Bill Waggener will take nominations to replace her on the MEF Board by this afternoon’s meeting.

State Director Reports:

Alabama Director, Iris McGehee, tried to come, but was unable to get anyone to travel with her. Iris’ report is in the packet.

Florida Directors, Joe and Addie DePietro: Addie said they didn’t have much to report as most clubs did not meeting during the summer. Joe and Addie are teaching at the William Holland’s October Federation Workshop and look forward to seeing many of their members there.

Georgia Director, Frank Decaminada, referenced his report in the packet. Frank then emphasized that all clubs need:

* To get their membership paperwork in by January 10, 2010, for the Directory to be published on time, and labels to be printed.
* To update changes of officers, their addresses, phone numbers, and emails with our Southeast Federation during the year to enable accurate communication.

Kentucky Director, Alan Jewell, is absent but has a report in the packet.
Louisiana Director, Dr. Bridget Joubert, is absent and has not submitted a report.

Mississippi Directors, Bill and Floy Hawkins are unable to attend due to a medical problem, but Floy has a report in the packet.

North Carolina Director, Michael Streeter, is absent and has not submitted a report.

South Carolina Director, Fred Sias, is absent and has not sent a report.

Tennessee Director, Marty Hart, is thought to be at Wildacres, but he has not submitted a report.

Virginia Director, Steve Gordon, is absent and did not send a report.

**S.F.M.S. Committee Chair Reports:**

Bulletin Contest Chair, Diane Johnson, said awards would be given out this evening.

Constitution & Bylaws Chair, Travis Paris, said he had no report.

Education Chair, Danny Griffith, is at Wildacres, but has a combined report concerning the Federation workshops at both Wildacres and William Holland in the packet.

Historian, Charlotte Mayo Bryant, has been ill and is unable to attend; she has not sent a report.

Insurance Liaison, Paula Griffin, is at Wildacres, but has an Insurance Information Sheet concerning 2010 insurance included in the packet.

Internet Webmaster, Jim Flora, is at an eye doctor, but has his report in the packet.

Long Range Planning Chair, Ann Monroe, referred us to her report in the packet.

Nominations Chair, Steve Henegar, is thought to be at Wildacres. In his absence, Mark Easterbrook asked Ann Monroe to present nominations from the Nominating Committee:

Southeast Federation Officers:

- President: Mark Easterbrook
- 1st Vice President: Barbara Green
- 2nd Vice President: Jason Hamilton
- Membership Secretary: Ray Behr
- Treasurer: Ed Harris

American Federation Officer from the Southeast Federation:

AFMS 1st Vice President (elect): Don Monroe

Mayo Educational Foundation Board of Directors:

- Bill Waggener
- Frank Decaminada
- Beryl Ferguson
- Charlotte Mayo Bryant
- Barbara Tuttle

Lacking any nominations from the floor, Mayo nominees were elected as a group by acclamation, and Federation nominees were elected individually by acclamation. They will be installed tonight.

Mark Easterbrook asked Ann Monroe concerning the *Lodestar* Editor. Ann replied that the Lodestar Editor comes up for election next year (2010) and that Carl Talbott's completion of Carolyn Daniel's term would be an executive appointment in the interim.
Public Relations Chair, Herb Whittington, is absent and has not sent a report.

Publications Chair is vacant at the moment.

Safety Chair, Don Monroe, said his report is in the packet.

Slides and Video Programs Chair, Freda Hull, is absent and did not send a report.

Social Concerns Chair, Anna Denton, is absent, but she has a report in the packet.

S.F.M.S. Field Trip Chair, Jim Flora, is at an eye evaluation, but his report is included in the packet.

Stamp Program Chair, Jim Robinson, added to his report in the packet. The market has been almost dead this year for stamps. He's been able to sell specialty items for the most part, but the market is beginning to improve. This year we had 30 pounds of stamps donated. Two years ago we had 150 pounds of stamps donated. Most of the stamps donated arrived within the last month before the Annual Meeting. Due to late arrival, few of them were sold to provide scholarship funds this year. Clubs need to get their stamps to Jim at least 60 days before the Annual Meeting. As there are between 4,000 and 6,000 stamps per pound and Jim has to look at each stamp individually, he needs time! Jim requests that clubs send stamps to him every three months.

* Stamps that are really bringing the most money now are the First Class Commemoratives. Do not try to take stamps off the paper. We sell them on paper without reduction in value. Leave a quarter inch of paper around the stamp to prevent damaging the stamp edge.

* Two scholarships are unused this year to date and hopefully will be used at William Holland’s October Federation Workshop. With approximately $800.00 in the account from stamp sales, two scholarships will be awarded for 2010 Federation Weeks at Wildacres or William Holland. Western South Carolina Mineral Society and Montgomery Gem and Mineral Society won those scholarships.

Supply Chair, Danny Griffin, is at Wildacres, but his report is in the packet.

2009 Annual Meeting: As we reached a quorum, we will not need a second half of this meeting. We require a minimum of a Spring Meeting and a Fall Annual Meeting that includes a show.

Frank Decaminada added these requests:

* Our Federation meetings should be spread apart. With this summer’s William Holland Meeting and the September Annual Meeting, many clubs that do not meet during the summer have not had the opportunity to hold even one meeting between Federation meetings.

* No Federation meeting should be held during a Federation Workshop.

Uniform Rules Chair, Diane Johnson, referred to the process for judging show cases this year.

Ways and Means Chair, Steve Henegar, is absent and has not sent a report.

Wildacres Director, Danny Griffin, is at Wildacres and has submitted a joint report for the Wildacres and William Holland Federation workshops which have occurred to date.

Wildacres Registrar, B.J. Gearhart, is absent but sent her report to Danny Griffin who included it within his report.

William Holland Director, Kathy Morris, is absent but sent her report to Danny Griffin who included it within his report.

William Holland Registrar, Denise Talbott, is absent but sent her report to Danny Griffin who included it within his report.

Youth Resources Chair, Bonita Harris, said her report is in the packet.

A.F.M.S. Committee Representative Reports:

A.F.M.S. Newsletter Chair, Beryl Ferguson, said her report is in the packet.

Boundaries Chair, Janie Hand, is absent and sent no report.

Bulletin Editors Chair, Carolyn Daniels, is not here, but sent a resignation letter for the packet along with Carl Talbott’s qualification
Club Publications Chair is open.

Club Rockhound of the Year Chair choices are being sent by clubs to Betty James to forward to the AFMS Newsletter for publication. Betty James attended the AFMS Meeting. We assume Betty submitted club choices to the AFMS Chair at that time.

Collecting Sites Chair, Mike Streeter, is absent and has not sent a report.

Conservation & Legislation Chair, John Wright, indicated that his report is in the packet.

Education All American Chair is open.

Endowment Fund Chair, Bill Waggener, said that Betty James took our tickets to the AFMS Meeting for prize drawing. Bill reminded us that the interest from the endowment fund is used to purchase programs for every federation's library.

Beryl Ferguson spoke of her experience. When my late husband, John, was SFMS President, it was the talk of that AFMS meeting because we both won prizes. This year I won a meteorite slab. What are the chances that one family will win three national prizes in seven years? And we were unable to attend either meeting!

Juniors Program Chair, Bonita Harris, said her report was a combined one in the packet.

Program Competition Chair, Freda Hull, is absent and has not sent a report.

Public Relations Chair, Herb Whittington, is absent and has not sent a report.

Safety Chair, Don Monroe, was at the meeting at Billings and met with Carolyn Weinburger. Don does not do the safety articles for the A.F.M.S anymore. Carolyn can reprint any safety articles she sees that she likes from the Lodestar.

Supplies & Publications Chair, Danny Griffin, who is at Wildacres has a combination article in the packet.

Bonita Harris said she will update the Juniors' badges and awards that are available.

Uniform Rules Chair, Roy Deere, is absent and has not sent a report.

Ways and Means Chair, Steve Henegar, is absent and has not sent a report.

Webmaster, Jim Flora, who is undergoing an eye exam, submitted a combined report as our website is part of the A.F.M.S. website.

Mayo Educational Foundation will meet informally this afternoon, and online as necessary.

Frank Decaminada indicated that the Mayo Treasurer's Report was at the end of the packet.

Old Business:

Frank Decaminada reminded us concerning our deficit budget process and our earlier decision to continue this into 2010.

Beryl Ferguson said that our new club, Nature's Society of Majestic Arts, will get its membership certificate in the mail because Betty James is not here to sign it.

New Business:

Florence Nordquist from the Tomoka Gem and Mineral Society spoke. “I make a motion that since clubs are required to make Liability payments by March each year, individual clubs receive their insurance papers no later than April of that same year. The insurance gives the clubs coverage for workshops, fieldtrips, and shows. Without that coverage we cannot have any of those activities. It is important that we have proof of insurance for the entire year.”

Beryl Ferguson seconded the motion. She clarified that proof of insurance was mailed out about a month before a show. Having proof of insurance posted on the internet is not something a club can put in the hands of a building owner. Hence many clubs are paying ‘twice’ for meeting and workshop liability coverage in rented facilities. This will eliminate duplicate insurance.

Ann Monroe moved that we amend the motion to read that clubs receive their “Certificate of Insurance”.

The Amendment was seconded, and Bill Waggener explained that the insurance company is doing the sending. Insurance Liaison, Paula Griffin, will make the request that the insurance company mail Certificate of Insurance paperwork to all insured clubs by the end of April, rather than at scattered show times throughout the year.
Don Monroe emphasized that insured clubs have to have accurate insurance information in hand. Buddy Shotts added that insured clubs need all proof of insurance papers including disclaimers, etc.

The motion, including its amendment, carried.

Travis Paris said that the Knoxville Gem and Mineral Society invites the Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies to hold its 2010 Annual meeting in conjunction with KGMS’s Annual Show October 15 – 17, 2010, in Knoxville, Tennessee. This meeting will be October 16, 2010. The written invitation was signed by Travis A. Paris, Vice President of KGMS. Motion was seconded.

Florence Nordquist said that the Tomoka Gem and Mineral Society of Holly Hill, Florida (Daytona Beach area) invites the Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies to hold a meeting in conjunction with TGMS’s Annual Gem and Mineral Show, January 16 -17, 2010, in Daytona Beach, Florida. This meeting will be January 16, 2010. The written invitation was signed by Florence D. Nordquist, TGMS President.

Don Monroe clarified our voting procedure regarding meetings. Ann Monroe clarified that written proposals for meeting locations are voted upon at Executive Board Meetings.

Knoxville’s request was put into a motion and seconded. Mark Easterbrook called for a vote on the motion that we receive a written proposal from the Knoxville Gem and Mineral Society to host our Annual Meeting in 2010.

Motion carried.

Tomoka’s request was put into a motion and seconded. Mark Easterbrook called for a vote on the motion that we receive a written proposal from the Tomoka Gem and Mineral Society to host our January Meeting in 2010.

Motion carried.

Bill Waggener addressed the budget situation as we do not have a new budget for the upcoming year. “In the interest of continuity of the Federation, I would like to make a motion to adopt the current 2009 budget and extend it into 2010 to be readdressed at the next session. We will take the budget we have now into 2010 and look at it at the first Executive Board Meeting to see if we have to adjust it. This motion will insure that as we turn over into the new year, we have a budget to work on in the Federation.”

Buddy Shotts seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mark Easterbrook brought up an additional item, the addition of a third meeting this year. Is there any discussion regarding that. The reason being that we are so spread out in seven different states. This would allow clubs that cannot come to distant meetings to come to regionally located meetings.

Don Monroe said we made the adjustment to two meetings because attendance was terrible. Two issues are whether club members are financially able and willing to travel. It is the responsibility of State Directors to sell the idea of attending these meetings to their respective clubs.

Travis Paris reminded Mark that it is at the discretion of the President how many meetings are held as long as the required Executive Board Meeting and Annual Meeting are held.

Beryl Ferguson explained that we tried two meetings this year and almost didn’t make it. If we have the first Executive Board meeting in Florida and the Annual Meeting in Tennessee, and the third meeting somewhere in-between, regionally, then granted, the officers will have to travel, but the local clubs could attend. Let’s try it and see, and then let Barbara Green compare the two procedures and see what she wants to do.

Barbara Green noted the number of clubs having spring shows that could host a meeting. She acknowledged that a show was not a requirement. January to October is a long time, and a spring meeting would be nice.

Bill Waggener suggested that we take a straw vote of the board to see from the members here how they feel about a third spring meeting. After discussion, Mark Easterbrook called for a straw vote. The majority were in favor of a spring meeting somewhere regionally in-between.

A motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and passed.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Beryl Ferguson, SFMS Secretary

[Editor’s Note: This is a condensed version of the official minutes; text is the same, but some paragraphs were combined to conserve space.]
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