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UPCOMING FIELD TRIPS

August 8, 2009: Thermal City Gold Mine, Union Mills, NC, hosted by the Southern Appalachian Mineral Society. Placer Gold deposit, fee area. Panning material is brought from the nearby river by backhoe for you to pan. See your local club newsletter for additional information on the above field trip.

October 10, 2009: Nantahala Talc & Limestone Quarry, Hewitt, NC hosted by SFMS. Pink, gray, & yellow marble; calcite; dolomite; pyrite; travertine; and talc from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Hard hats & safety glasses required. Contact Mike Streeter e-mail mcstreeter@charter.net or (828)667-8290.

Field trips are open to all members of associated clubs of the SFMS 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 these field trips.

FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Betty M. James



Betty is recovering from surgery. Look for her column in the next issue of the *Lodestar*.

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SFMS Education Chair Danny Griffin

The first William Holland workshop for 2009 has passed and was an outstanding success. I wish to convey my thanks to the Director (Kathy Morris), Registrar (Denise Talbott), and the many instructors who made this workshop successful. I heard nothing but good things from the students. The August workshop at Wildacres is fast approaching and still has a few openings left. If you are considering attending the August session, signup quickly. There is a change to the August workshop that is worth mentioning. The Beginning Wirecraft instructor (Rowan Rose) will not be attending due to an illness in her family. Lisa Roberts has graciously agreed to fill in for Rowan. An additional change has been made to the September Workshop. Roy Deere has agreed to take beginners in his Advanced Chain Making class. There are openings in all the remaining workshops. Please look over the schedules and signup quickly. If you have any questions feel free to contact me, the Directors, or the Registrars for the respective workshop. I hope to see you soon!



THE SOUTHEAST FEDERATION OF MINERALOGICAL SOCIETIES, INC.



A Non-Profit, Non-Commercial, Non-Political Organization and
Regional Federation of the American Federation of Mineralogical
Societies

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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Lodestar is August 25, 2009.**

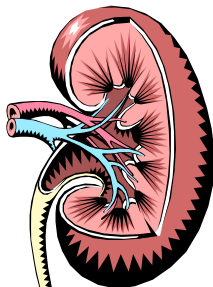
Be Safe – Be Well

Safety Committee – Don Monroe, Chairman

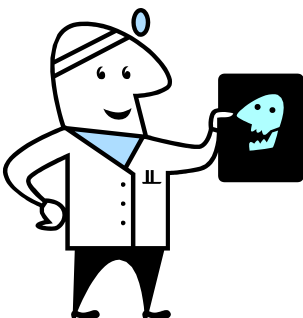
Plumbing – Male and Female

I get really good ideas from rockhounds and part of this article was contributed by one of my very dear friends. She said, and I agree, that I should talk about kidney stones.

Have you ever had one? I had one some years ago and never want to go through that again. Well they seem to be more prevalent in men than women but all of us can be affected. They are caused by mineral build-up in one's urinary tract and are really painful. It is said that we have more occurrences in the South to the point that this area is referred to by some as the kidney stone belt. One of the most common recommendations is to drink lots of water, particularly in hot weather. Kidney stones are not what we want to find on field trips.



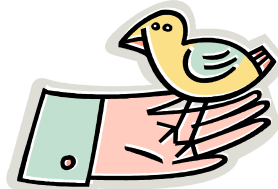
Of greater concern to men is prostate cancer or even enlargement of the prostate. It is said by some that if a man lives long enough, he will ultimately suffer with some form of prostate difficulty.



During my most recent physical examination, my doctor inquired if I wanted to have my prostate examined. Now this exam is not one of the fun things in life but it is not all that bad is it guys? I ask the guys because it is a man thing and women have a large variety of plumbing problems, which I know very little about and intend to stay somewhat ignorant of, but not prostate problems.

At any rate this was the first time that I ever knew that the prostate examination was not mandatory but is actually non-obligatory. What "he" said was that when men reach a certain age (this really "hacked" me) the discovery of prostate cancer does not cause much concern because it is normally a slow growing cancer and something else will kill you first. I was somewhat outraged. I asked him some questions including: "can I be guaranteed that I will have a slow-growing cancer?" and "just what is it that you think is going to kill me and will this be happening anytime soon?" Have you ever seen a physician sputter and back-pedal? It really is somewhat satisfying to briefly have the upper hand.

Well, a couple of days later I was proceeding down a 4-lane road passing a young lady (a twit) who was trying to drive and text message at the same time and doing a poor job of both. To alert her that I was passing her I lightly blew on the horn. She quickly extended her left arm out the window and made some sort of gesture with her middle finger extended. I immediately wondered how she knew that the prostate examination had been on my mind and she was reminding me of the need.



So, when you are in traffic and someone makes the gesture I described, thank them for the reminder and maybe remind them that they may need to have a much-needed examination.

**FALL FESTIVAL
FALLS OF THE OHIO STATE PARK, IN**

The Falls of the Ohio State Park's 15th Falls Fossil Festival will be held September 19 (9 a.m. - 6 p.m.) and 20 (10 A.M. - 5 P.M.). This event, sponsored by the Falls of the Ohio Foundation, will feature:

- * Daily non-technical programs and workshops for hobbyists, educators and the curious on fossils, minerals, and collecting.
- * Almost 20 vendors selling fossils, minerals, educational material, crafts and food.
- * Children's Activity Area with a variety of activities scheduled.
- * Resource Tent where you can get fossils and rocks identified by members of the Indiana Society for Paleontology, the Kentucky Paleontological Society and the Kyana Geological Society. Learn about other geological sites with material from many other fossil parks in North America, as well as information and free literature from the Indiana and Kentucky Geological Surveys.
- * Fossil and mineral identification (Bring in your mystery rocks!)
- * Hikes on the fossil beds, including extended hikes on the outer fossil beds
- * Collecting Silurian and Devonian fossils from special rock piles donated by Hanson Aggregates

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**SOUTHEAST FEDERATION OF MINERALOGICAL SOCIETIES
 ANNUAL SHOW – SEPTEMBER 18, 19 AND 20, 2009
 JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA
 HOSTED BY: JACKSONVILLE GEM AND MINERAL SOCIETY**

APPLICATION FOR COMPETITIVE EXHIBITS

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone No. _____ Email _____

Division _____ Class _____ Exhibitor Group _____

(Consult AFMS Uniform Rules, to correctly fill in these spaces. www.amfed.org/rules and click on “Download Rules”)

A small number of club cases are available for loan. These will be allotted on a “first come” basis.

If you are furnishing a private case, please fill in accurate exterior dimensions. W _____ H _____ D _____

Description of your exhibit _____

Maximum electrical power allowed for each exhibit is 150 watts. You may need to provide an extension cord.

Exhibitors must sign the following statement, except those entering the division E (Educational) – See AFMS UR Page E-2, Rule 17.9

I CERTIFY THAT ALL MATERIALS EXHIBITED IN COMPETITION ARE MY PERSONAL PROPERTY, AND THAT ALL WORKMANSHIP EXHIBITED WAS DONE BY ME, AS REQUIRED BY THE RULES.

Competitor’s Signature _____

Society _____

City & State _____

Club Officers Signature and Title _____

Date of Form _____ **Birth Date** _____ **(Junior Competitor Only)**

Mail to:
Dianne Johnson
10215 Macon Rd
Jacksonville, Fl 32219

Exhibits chairman must receive all completed forms no later than August 15, 2009.
 Please use a separate form for each application. Reproductions of this form are acceptable.

2009 SFMS WORKSHOP INFORMATION

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 2009.

Danny Griffin, SFMS Education Chair

2009 WORKSHOP DATES

William Holland	June 14-20
Wildacres	August 17-23
Wildacres	September 14-20
William Holland	October 11-17

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 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, 2009. 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.

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 \$310 double occupancy.
- Single room with private bath \$470.
- Non members add \$50.00 to all Tuition fees
- Day Student or camper workshop tuition fee is \$140 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.

If you have not received written confirmation of your application within 30 days, please contact the registrar or education chair.

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.

2009 SFMS WORKSHOP CLASS SCHEDULE

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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.

SESSION ONE - WILLIAM HOLLAND SUNDAY, June 14-20, 2009

Opals	Sarah Lee Boyce
Wire Braiding & Weaving	Don & Louise Coulson
Silver / Beginning	Vicki Prillaman
Digital Photography	Ken Kipnis
Fused Glass	Renee Wright
Faceting	Bill Compliment
Silver / Intermediate*	Allen Jewel
Lampwork	Cindy Reed
Cabochons	Pat Davis
Mixed Media	Cancelled
Cold Connections	Kim St. Jean

SESSION TWO - WILDACRES MONDAY, August 17-23, 2009

Advanced Metal *	Jeff Sheer
Silver / Beginning	Gene Tipton
Art Clay Silver	Barbara McGuire
Gem ID / Appreciation	Ben Smith
Raku Beads/Pendants	Jim Cullen
Wire / Beginning	Lisa Roberts
Cabochons / Beginning	Pat Davis
Fused Glass	Julia Larson
Casting	Fred Sias
Digital Photography	Ken Kipnis

SESSION THREE - WILDACRES MONDAY, September 14-20, 2009

Cold Connections Intermediate/Advanced*	Kim St Jean
Silver, Intermed/Adv.*	Nancy English
Faceting	Will Smith
Polymer Clay	Barbara McGuire
Opal Cutting	Sarah Lee Boyce
Mineral ID	Betty James
Beading Intermed/Adv*	Vivian Heath
Chainmaking Beginning/Int/Advanced	Roy Deere
Wire Intermed/Adv*	To Be Determined
Precious Metal Clay Level 3 Certification	Mary Ann & Ken Devos

SESSION FOUR - WILLIAM HOLLAND SUNDAY, October 11-17, 2009

Opals	Joe DiPietro
Cabochons	Jerry Mason
Wire Sculpture	Dianne Mason
Chainmaking / Beg.	Case Leeser
Fused Glass	Addy DiPietro
Faceting 1	Randy Walker
Channel Inlay	Don & Ann Monroe
Silver / Intermediate*	Nancy English
Silver 1	Allen Jewel
Cold Connections	Kim St. Jean
Digital Photography	Ken Kipnis
Seed Beading Int/Adv*	Vivian Heath
Wire 1	Ann Metz

2009 SFMS WORKSHOP INFORMATION
2009 SFMS WORKSHOP REGISTRATION FORM

SESSION: <input type="checkbox"/> 1 William Holland June 14-20 (check one) <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Wildacres August 17-23	<input type="checkbox"/> 3 Wildacres September 14-20 <input type="checkbox"/> 4 William Holland October 11-17
ACCOMMODATIONS: <input type="checkbox"/> Lodge <input type="checkbox"/> Day Student <input type="checkbox"/> 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 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.) _____
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Campers: (Wm Holland only) Type _____ Length _____ (40 ft. max.)

Class Selection		**** PLEASE LIST ALTERNATES****			
First Choice	1 st time taking class?	Second Choice	Third Choice		
Student #1	Y N	Y N	Y N	Y N	
Spouse #2	Y N	Y N	Y N	Y N	

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.

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 materials fee is NOT included in the \$310.00 tuition fee. Each class may have a fee set by the instructor. See the class description for a list of these fees.

- Cost per person \$310 double occupancy.
- Single room with private bath \$470.
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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. Gearhart, Wildacres Registrar 631 Lake Overlook Drive Canton, GA 30114-6887

Can You DIG it?

Yes, you can in Marion Kentucky. Come dig Fluorite and related minerals during the day and fluorescent minerals at night.

Scheduled Digs for 2009

April 25

May 23

June 6th & 7th*

July 25

August 22

September 19

October 17



*Also, dates of the Ben E. Clement Annual Gem and Mineral Show

Pre-registration is required, so register early as space is limited to the first 30 people per date. Registration forms can be found on our website.

We will gladly schedule private digs for groups of 10 or more people.

For More Information Contact:

The Ben E. Clement Mineral Museum
PO Box 391 Marion, KY 42064

Or call 270.965.4263

Or visit our website at

clementmineralmuseum.org

FALL FESTIVAL FALLS OF THE OHIO STATE PARK, IN

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and mineral piles from the dumps of Cave in Rock fluorite mines

- * Exhibit – “Green Planet: The History of Plants!” in our Interpretive Center explores the rise of plants in Earth’s fossil record. This exhibit is in partnership with paleo-botanist Dr. David W. Taylor, chair of the Department of Life Sciences at Indiana University Southeast. (The exhibit runs from August 15 – November 29.)

Proceeds benefit the educational programs at the Falls of the Ohio State Park which reach more than ten thousand students each year!

A web site with a detailed schedule for the Festival is posted on our web site at: <http://www.fallsoftheohio.org>.

For more information contact Alan Goldstein at 812.280.9970 ext. 403.

LOOKING AHEAD

CLUB & SOCIETY SHOWS/SWAPS

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

July 22-25, 2009, Franklin, NC - Gem & Mineral Society of Franklin and the Franklin Chamber of Commerce. 43rd Annual Macon County Gemboree, Macon County Community Building, US 441S. Hours: 22nd through 25th, 10:00 A.M.-6:00 P.M. Contact: 1.800.336.7829.

August 21-23, 2009, Pass Christian, MS - Harrison County Gem and Mineral Society. 34th Annual Gem, Mineral, Fossil and Jewelry Show, West Harrison Civic Center on Espy Avenue. Contact: Margaret Johnston at 228.467.1457 or Johnstonmargaret@bellsouth.net.

September 11-13, 2009, Winston-Salem, NC - Forsyth Gem and Mineral Club. 38th Annual Gem and Mineral Show, Coliseum Annex Building, Dixie Classic Fairgrounds, Gate #9 from 27th Street. Hours: 11th & 12th, 10:00 A.M.-7:00 P.M.; 13th, 12:00 Noon-5:00 P.M. Contact: W.A. Marion, 1163 Bear Creek Church Rd., Mocksville, NC 27028 or MarionA1@yadtel.net.

September 18-20, 2009, Jacksonville, FL- Jacksonville Gem and Mineral Society. 21st Annual Gem, Mineral, Jewelry, Fossil, Bead Show and Sale AND SFMS Annual Meeting and Banquet. Morocco Temple, 3800 St. Johns Bluff Road S. Contact: Tom Frame at tomframe@comcast.net.

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LOOKING AHEAD

CLUB & SOCIETY SHOWS/SWAPS

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FEDERATION CONVENTIONS & SHOWS

American Federation of Mineralogical Societies (AFMS)/Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies (NFMS)

July 30-August 2, 2008
Billings, Montana

California Federation of Mineralogical Societies (CFMS)

April 17-19, 2009
San Jose, California
Host Club: Santa Clara Valley Gem & Mineral Society

Eastern Federation of Mineralogical Societies (EFMS)

October 17-18, 2009
Bristol, Connecticut

Midwest Federation of Mineralogical & Geological Societies (MWF)

May 16-17, 2009
Berea, Ohio

Rocky Mountain Federation of Mineralogical Societies (RFMS)

October 2-3, 2009
Roswell, New Mexico

South Central Federation of Mineralogical Societies (SCFMS)

October 10-11, 2009
Temple, Texas

Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies (SFMS)

September 18-19, 2009
Jacksonville, FL
Sponsored by the Jacksonville Gem & Mineral Society

October 3-4, 2009, Lexington, KY - Rockhounds of Central Kentucky. 19th Annual Gem, Mineral, & Jewelry Show & Sale. Kentucky National Guard Armory, 4301 Airport Rd. Hours: 3rd, 10:00 A.M.- 6:00 P.M.; 4th, 12:00 Noon-5:00 P.M. Contact: Kay Fisher, 859.537.1776, kkay19@aol.com.

October 16-18, 2009, Franklin, NC - Gem & Mineral Society of Franklin and the Franklin Chamber of Commerce. Annual Leaf Looker's Gemboree. Hours: 16th & 17th, 10:00 A.M.-6:00; 18th, 12:00 Noon-5:00 P.M. Call 1.800.336.7829 for further information.

October 31 - November 1, 2009, Stuart FL- St. Lucie County Rock & Gem Club. 31st Annual Rock & Gem Show. Martin County Fairgrounds, 2616 SE Dixie Hwy. (A1A). Hours: 10:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M. both days. Discount coupon at slrockandgem.org. Contacts: Dennis Ponte at 772.288.9296 or Norm Holbert at 772.873.0787.

November 13-15, 2009, Pascagoula, MS - Mississippi Gulf Coast Gem & Mineral Society. 19th Annual Magnolia State Gem, Mineral and Jewelry Show. Civic Center Building, Jackson County Fairgrounds. Hours: 13th & 14th, 10:00 A.M.-6:00 P.M.; 15th, 10:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M. Contact: John Wright, 3304 Nottingham Rd., Ocean Springs, MS 39564 or 228.875.9192.

November 13-15, 2009, Louisville, KY - KYANA Geological Society. Annual Mineral, Fossil, Gem, and Rock Show. Resurrection Lutheran Church Gym, 4205 Gardiner View Ave. Hours: 13th, 10:00 A.M. - 7:00 P.M.; 14th, 8:00 A.M. - 7:00 P.M.; 15th, 12:00 Noon - 6:00 P.M. Contact: Mike Whitehouse, 4304 Winter Park Dr., Louisville, KY 40218; 502.905.4988, or kyanageo@gmail.com.

November 21-22, 2009, West Palm Beach, FL - Gem & Mineral Society of the Palm Beaches. 43rd Annual Gem, Jewelry, Mineral & Fossil Show, Americraft Expo Center at the South Florida Fairgrounds, 9067 Southern Blvd. Hours: 21st, 9:00 A.M.- 6:00 P.M.; 22nd, 10:00 A.M.- 5:00 P.M. Contacts: Barbara Ringhiser at bar5678@aol.com or 561.588.5458/Ellen Jean at ellenjean24@aol.com or 931.372.8236.

November 27-29, 2009, Mobile, AL - Mobile Rock and Gem Society. 15th Annual Jewelry, Gem and Mineral Show, Greater Gulf State Fairgrounds, Cody Rd and Zeigler Blvd. Hours: 27th, 2:00 PM.- 7:00 P.M.; 28th, 9:00 A.M.- 6:00 P.M.; 29th, 10:00 A.M.- 5:00 P.M.; Contact: Jerry Shirey, 2911 Pretty Branch Drive W., Mobile, AL 36618; 251.786.4777, or Rockhoundjs@aol.com.

Remember:

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