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UPCOMING FIELD TRIPS

July 8, 2006: Corundum Knob (*aka Chunky Gal Knob*), Clay County, NC. Ruby corundum, spinel, sapphire, talc serpentine, brucite, tremolite, actinolite, smargdite, pyroxene, fuchsite and dunite. Hosts: Northeast Georgia Mineral Society, Cornelia, GA.

August 19, 2006: Diamond Hill Mine, Antreville, Abbeville County, SC. Varieties of quartz and other pegmatite minerals. Hosts: Henderson County Gem & Mineral Society, Hendersonville, NC.

“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 heir 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!”

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PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

IT TAKES A LOT OF WORK

Often I am asked: What do we get from the Southeast Federation?

Some important things we get are the Workshop Program, the Insurance Program, the *Lodestar* and Field Trips.

These things do not just happen. Somewhere, sometime, someone is working very very hard, often having to juggle family and paying jobs, to get SFMS work done. We often take all of this for granted and do not even thank our workers.

It is difficult to please everyone in an organization as large as ours, but the best way to make most people happy is to listen to and act on their suggestions as best we can. But in order to do this we must have suggestions.

I have asked repeatedly for feedback on our different programs. I have also asked for names of members that could fill some positions in the future. How many people have I heard from? THREE!! I am asking one more time for suggestions from our members on how we can make our Federation better. I will not mention it again.

This is YOUR federation. It is up to YOU to decide which way you want it to go.

Ann Monroe SFMS President

WORKSHOP UPDATE

Advance enrollment is low for the remaining SFMS workshop sessions. It will be necessary to cancel several classes at both Wildacres and William Holland unless more students sign up. SFMS Workshop guidelines require us to cancel a class when there is insufficient enrollment to cover the cost of an instructor’s room and board. Please let our Registrars know if you have plans to attend any of the sessions. We need your support.

Earlier in the year we announced that David Lonser would teach an Advanced Faceting class at the August session at Wildacres. At the present time there is insufficient enrollment to offer the class. Please get in touch with the Wildacres Registrars by phone or email if you have any plans to take Advanced Faceting.

*Fred Sias
Education Chairman*

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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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EDITOR'S RAMBLINGS.....

This issue of the *Lodestar* is reaching you long after it should. Please forgive me. My hard drive "crashed" and every file, including stored emails was lost. I have had to start from scratch on both of the newsletters that I am currently editing. You will probably notice a slight difference in formatting in this issue of *Lodestar*.

Lesson learned: **Backup! Backup! Backup.** I will be purchasing a backup drive as soon as family finances allow. I will be saving any publications that I generate on either floppy disks or cds in the meantime.

However, this will not help with my emails. Please resubmit any emails (including show announcements) that you emailed me before July 7, 2006 and which have not been published in *Lodestar* as of the May/June 2006 issue. I will do my best to insure that they are published in a timely basis. I am sincerely sorry if this has inconvenienced anyone.

Carolyn L. Daniels, *Lodestar* Editor

LET'S PLAY, "LET'S PRETEND!"

If your club has some interest in having a youth program, what do you do now?.

1. Create a list of young people with their phone numbers and email addresses. Advertise at your club gem show, in the local library, at the local scout groups and in the local schools.
2. Pick a time and day to meet monthly. One hour before the regular club meeting is a suggestion. The adult leader will only have to arrive a little earlier and other members can be there to help. Have only one enthusiastic and responsible adult in charge and ask others to help.
3. Register with AFMS as a Junior Gem Club Group. You will receive pins and helpful ideas. There is no charge, no required number of members and it is a great resource. They are there to support you. Contact Jim Brace-Thompson at jbraceth@adelpia.net for details or call him at 805.659.3577.
4. The format of your meetings can include a topic for the evening, a rock exchange, a game (you can adapt any game you know) with a mineral reward for the winners (everyone can be a winner), a show and tell (children love to tell hobby related stories) and planning for a field trip, such as to a museum, a clubhouse or the home of a member of the adult club that has a workshop or lapidary equipment and a hobby related craft project.
5. Sitting around a table or in a classroom-like setting is a good learning atmosphere. The games can be table games.
6. Participate in the AFMS badge program. It is a wonderful, comprehensive program to use with badges

rewarded in various areas of achievement. Contact Jim as suggested in bullet #3.

7. Watch for other suggestions in the *Lodestar*. Talk to your Club president about the youth information sent to them in January 2005. Scholarships to SFMS workshops are available for those aged 12-17. The "Junior of the Year" contest is also held every year.
8. Send every youth home from every meeting with a rock for their collection and invite them to attend the adult program.
9. Most of all: **Enjoy and learn from the youth!!**

Hugh and Leona Sheffield
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BE SAFE – BE WELL

Protection

Do not get excited when you read the title of this article. It will be suitable for young readers and will not venture into forbidden or questionable areas. As a matter of fact it will not cover any of the following subjects:

- Burglar alarms, the mafia or other "protection agencies",
- Snake boots, chaps or briar-proof pants,
- Sunscreen or insect repellent,
- Goggles or safety glasses,
- Welding gloves or welding goggles,
- Bulletproof vests, or
- Mosquito nets.

I want to talk to you about umbrella liability insurance.

This is not a commercial message or even an infomercial. I have absolutely nothing to do with insurance except as a consumer but I have been increasingly concerned about my fellow rockhounds and lapidarists and exposure that they may not be aware of.

Ann and I are pretty much retired and live on retirement income and the little bit that we have put away for a rainy day. Much of our enjoyment is derived from pro-bono teaching (that means free) and we have become concerned that if someone in class or elsewhere is injured, we could be held liable even if we did nothing wrong. A little note in our auto club magazine pointed out dangers or situations that we had never thought of. Upon investigating we learned that umbrella liability coverage is quite inexpensive, covers many situations and can really add to one's peace of mind.

I have discussed this with several friends and relatives and have found two schools of thought (should we be surprised that any issue has two sides?). One school of thought was that the people I talked with were also unaware of the potential situation. They know that I do these articles and strongly suggested that the subject should be shared. The other school of thought is that when or if it becomes known that you have this coverage, you will be targeted for nuisance lawsuits.

I would really like some feedback on this situation.

Don Monroe, SFMS Safety Committee Chairman



Rockin' In Music City

Welcome to *Rockin' In Music City*, the 2006 convention and show for the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies, Inc. and the Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies, Inc. sponsored by the Middle Tennessee Gem & Mineral Society, Inc. (MTG&MS). The convention will be held in Nashville "Music City" Tennessee in August of 2006.

The following pages will provide you with much information that we believe you will find to be helpful in attending the conventions and the Gem & Mineral Show in Nashville, Tennessee. We are providing much more information on the area on our web site www.amfed.org.

MTG&MS member chairs for the convention and show are:

Lewis Elrod-General Chair
 Anna Elrod- Event Secretary
 Mary Clyde Sparks-Convention Chair
 Ann Buckner-Accommodations Chair
 Barbara Fields-Decorating & Favors Chair
 Will Smith-Show Chair, Treasurer & Publicity Chair
 Steve Henegar-Dealer Chair
 Bill Buckner-Demonstrations Chair
 Marty Hart-Physical Arrangements
 Anna Elrod & Ann Buckner-Hospitality
 John Stanley, Portia Stanley & Mike Waters-Exhibits
 John Stanley, Portia Stanley & Mike Waters-Field Trips

Host Hotel

The host hotel is the Hotel Preston. Most convention activities, including the convention banquet, will take place there. You must state that you are with the AFMS to get the convention special rates of \$82.00 per night. Be sure to make your reservations at the earliest possible date as this is a heavy tourist time in Nashville and many hotels are already booked. Reservations at the Preston must be made by July 15th as this is the end date for our block of rooms.

The hotel may be reached at their toll free number: 1.877.361.5500. More information concerning the hotel, including a map, may be found at the AFMS website: www.amfed.org, the MTG&MS site at: www.mtgms.org or the hotel's site at: www.hotelpreston.com.

Several MTG&MS members have visited the hotel, without any announcement of who they were, and have enjoyed the meals they ordered.

Camping

Many of you will want to come in various motor homes, etc. and we are pleased to tell you that you can camp at the show site on the Tennessee State Fairgrounds. There are 250 spots so no reservations are needed. All have full hookups with electric (most are 30 amp, but some are 50 amp, all with standard plugs so no adapters are needed), water and sewer connections. Find your spot and pull in. Fairgrounds security will come by, collect your payment for the stay and provide a notice to place in your window so no other security person will come by and try to collect again.

Cost is \$30 a night. They will take cash or check and there is an ATM on site if needed.

For other camping locations check www.amfed.org and you will find a lot of information about the Nashville area including camping.

Convention and Show Pins

We have very attractive show/convention pins. They are shaped in a rock form with *Rockin' In Music City 2006* on them. They are numbered from 1 to 2006. The cost is only \$2.00 each. Should you order by mail, please include \$1.0 per order to cover the extra postage cost of mailing the pins. They will also be available at the registration tables at the show and host hotel. Please purchase one, or more, to assist us with the cost of promoting the show and convention.

Bring A Rock

The MTG&MS is working with the Middle Tennessee State University's Mineral, Gem & Fossil Museum. We would like you to bring two rocks (minerals, slabs, rough, cabs, faceted stones, fossils, etc.). One will be given to the museum and one will be used at our silent auction at the show to assist in paying the expenses of the convention and show.

As you will arrive from many locations in the U.S., this is a chance for us to obtain a number of new items for display at the museum. Those items displayed will be credited with your name as the donor. Please provide us with the identity of the material, location of its origin, and your name in writing, along with the donation.

Schedule of Events

Monday, August 14:

Noon: Registration opens at Host Hotel

Tuesday, August 15:

7:30 A.M.: Registration opens at Host Hotel

8:00 A.M.: Field trip for fossils - See page 7

8:00 A.M.: Rules Committee Meeting at Host Hotel

7:30 P.M.: Cracker Barrel Meeting at Host Hotel

Wednesday August 16:

8:00 A.M.: Registration opens at Host Hotel

9:00 A.M.: AFMS Annual Convention at Host Hotel

AFMS Scholarship Board meeting immediately follows AFMS meeting

1:00 P.M.: Field trip-quartz geodes - See page 7

Visit to new Gem & Mineral Museum in Murfreesboro follows the geode trip. - See page 7

Thursday August 17:

8:00 A.M.: Registration opens at Host Hotel

Noon Dealer setup at show site (Fairgrounds)

3:00 P.M.: Exhibitor setup begins at Fairgrounds

Open Field trip-workshop of the MTG&MS - See page 7

8:00 P.M.: Show building closes

Midday General Jackson Showboat - See page 7

Friday August 18:

9:00 A.M.: Registration opens at Fairgrounds

9:00 A.M.: Show opens at Fairgrounds

9:00 A.M.: Website seminar at Host Hotel

Noon: All Officers luncheon at Host Hotel - Everyone invited to attend

2:00 P.M.: Editors Seminar (tentative) at Host Hotel

6:00 P.M.: Show closes

Night: Grand Old Opry - See page 7

Saturday August 19:

9:00 A.M.: Registration opens at Fairgrounds

9:00 A.M.: Show opens at Fairgrounds

9:00 A.M.: SFMS Convention opens at Host Hotel

1:00 P.M.: ALAA meeting at Host Hotel

6:00 P.M.: Show Closes at Fairgrounds

7:00 P.M.: Awards Banquet at Host Hotel

Sunday August 20:

7:30 A.M.: Registration opens at Host Hotel

8:00 A.M.: Editors Breakfast at Host Hotel

9:00 A.M.: Registration opens at Fairgrounds

10:00 A.M.: Show opens at Fairgrounds

5:00 P.M.: Show closes at Fairgrounds

Official Registration Form
AFMS/SFMS Annual Convention and Show
 Sponsored by the Middle Tennessee Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.

Note: Cut-off date for motel reservations is July 15, 2006. The hotel will not hold rooms past this date and you may not be able to get a room at the agreed price after this date. The cut-off date also applies to this registration sheet and the activities thereon. We may be able to entertain you after this date but this is not guaranteed. See AFMS website, www.amfed.org, for hotel information. Camping information is also available on the AFMS website.

Please copy this form as needed and complete a separate form for each person registering. Packets for same household will be combined.

Confirmation of registration will be sent to all registrants. Tickets to meals and show will be included in your packet.

Everyone is welcome to attend any session or function. Please register so we will be able to plan to accommodate you properly.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Email: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Please check all items that apply to you so we may correctly issue your name badge:

___ AFMS ___ SFMS ___ Other

___ AFMS Officer ___ SFMS Officer ___ Editor

___ Past President ___ Past President ___ Judge

___ Delegate ___ Delegate ___ Exhibitor

___ Other _____ ___ Alternate Delegate ___ Demonstrator

___ Other _____ ___ Other _____

Office(s) held as indicated above for name tag: _____

Society affiliation: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Tickets for which registration and/or payment must be made in advance:

<u>Item Cost</u>	<u>Net Amount</u>
Three day show pass-only with pre-registration \$6.00	\$ _____
All Officers Luncheon \$17.00	\$ _____
Convention Banquet-Pecan Encrusted Trout \$35.00	\$ _____
Convention Banquet-Southern Bleu Chicken \$35.00	\$ _____
Editors Breakfast-The Preston Starter \$17.00	\$ _____
Geode Hunt \$5.00	\$ _____
Show pins, \$2.00 each plus \$1.00 per order for shipping	\$ _____
Total	\$ _____

Following items at no fee, but donations are welcome, please indicate your desire to attend by checking your intent to attend. This will assist us with space planning, etc.:

Rules committee _____ AFMS Convention _____

Scholarship Board _____ Fossil hunt _____

Cracker Barrel _____ Museum visit _____

Editors Seminar _____ Web-Masters Seminar _____

Mail to: MTG&MS, P. O. Box 1256, Murfreesboro, TN 37133-1256

COMBINED SFMS & AFMS CONVENTION

Nashville, Tennessee

August 18 - 20, 2006

Competitive Exhibit Entry Form

INSTRUCTIONS: Complete all information and mail to: **Betty M. James, 167 Florence Circle, Florence, MS 39073, (601) 914-6747, to be received no later than July. 15, no exceptions.**

NAME _____ PHONE _____ E-mail _____

ADDRESS _____
Street City State Zip

EXHIBITOR GROUP: Master ___ Advanced ___ Novice ___ Jr ___ Soc. ___ Jr Soc. ___

DIVISION _____ EXHIBIT CLASS _____ SFMS _____ AFMS Direct _____

For Direct Entry: Date & Location of Regional Show where Eligibility was achieved

Exhibitor Group cannot be changed after Form has been accepted. Anything else can be changed up to exhibit is finished before judging.

CASE AND SPACE INFORMATION:

I will use my own case: Yes ___ No ___ Dimensions: W ___ H ___ D ___

Lighting is limited to 150 watts per 4' of exhibit space.

Do you need to borrow a case? _____ Note: Nashville has a limited number of modified NW slant-front cases which will be assigned on the basis of postmark date. You must furnish your own liners and risers.

Set-up time is from 3:00 pm to 8:pm Thurs., Aug. 17 and 8:00 am to 9:00 am Fri. Aug. 18.

All exhibits must remain in place through 5:00 pm Sun., Aug. 20 and be removed as soon thereafter as possible.

All Exhibitors must sign this statement except those entering Division E 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 (EXCEPT MINOR FINDINGS AS ALLOWED BY AFMS RULES) WAS DONE BY ME.

SIGNED _____ PRINT NAME _____

Society name _____ City & State _____

Club Officer's Signature & Title _____

Birth Date if Junior _____ Date of form: _____

MTG&MS WILL FURNISH SECURITY AND TAKE REASONABLE PRECAUTIONS TO PROTECT PROPERTY AND PERSON OF EXHIBITOR BUT WILL TAKE NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY LOSSES OR CLAIMS.

See AFMS Uniform Rules, 8th Edition, updated, to correctly fill out this application.

Use separate sheet for each exhibit. Copy of form will be returned to you when exhibit is accepted.

AFMS/SFMS Annual Convention and Show Information Continued

Meals

All Officers Luncheon

Friday, August 18th, Noon, At the Host Hotel

Menu:

House Salad
Ranch or Light Honey Mustard Dressing
Penne Pasta
Marinara Meat Sauce or Alfredo Sauce
Dessert
Iced Tea or Water

Awards Banquet

Saturday night, August 19th, 7:00 P.M., At the Host Hotel
Entrees are served with salad, fresh baked bread, iced tea
water, coffee and dessert.

>>>>>Salad<<<<<<

House Salad
Ranch or Light Honey Mustard Dressing

>>>>>Entrees<<<<<<

Southern Bleu Chicken
Breast of chicken stuffed with country ham, smoked gouda
cheese and baked *en crouete* topped with a creole tomato
sauce and chef's choice vegetable

>>>>>or<<<<<<

Pecan Crusted Trout
Fresh trout filet with pecan coating, wild rice pilaf and chef's
choice vegetable

Editors Breakfast

Sunday, August 20th, 8:00 A.M., at the Host Hotel

The Preston Starter
Chilled fruit juice
Assorted baked breads, bagels and breakfast pastries
Scrambled eggs
Bacon
Breakfast potatoes
Fresh brewed coffee and assorted teas

Field Trips

Field trip in Davidson County (Nashville) for fossils.

Tuesday, August 15, 2006, 8:00 A.M.

Trip Leader: Nancy Stetten

Meeting place: Host Hotel.

Tools: Rock hammer or small pick, fossils are showing in
rubble at base of road cut, no holes to be dug. A hammer
and chisel may be handy if any are located in larger rocks.
Carry a bag or bucket for your finds.

Limit: Just be reasonable in the quantity you take.

Cost: No charge, but a donation to the MTG&MS would be
appreciated to aid with cost of convention and show.

Regulations: Listen to trip leader and stay away from high
walls or the highway.

There will be a map in your packet, at the Registration

Table, showing you how to meet for the trip. We will leave
from the host hotel at 8:00 A.M. We will then caravan to
the collecting site. It is requested that you "car pool" as
much as possible to reduce congestion at the site. Visits
will be made to two, and if possible, three sites. The trip
leader will provide further information, which will be
included in your packets that will be at the registration
table.

Field trip to Woodbury, Tennessee Quartz Geodes.

Wednesday, August 16, 2006 at 9:00 A.M.

Trip leaders: John Stanley, Portia Stanley and Mike Waters

Meeting place: Woodbury, Tennessee.

Tools: Rock hammer or small pick, geodes are showing at
the surface, no holes to be dug. Carry a bag or bucket for
your finds.

Limit: Just be reasonable in the quantity you take.

Cost: \$5.00 to the landowner. Pay with your reservation.

Regulations: Must not break geodes on site. Field
breaking of geodes causes sharp fragments that are bad
for tires and farm animals. Do not leave any gates open.

There will be a map in your packet, at the Registration
Table, showing you how to meet for the trip. We will meet
at Woodbury at 9:00 A.M. We will then caravan to the
collecting site. It is requested that you "car pool" as much
as possible as the road to the field is passable in a car but
is more suitable to a pickup or SUV

Field trip to new MTSU Gem, Mineral and Fossil Museum
in Murfreesboro.

Wednesday, August 16, 2006 at 10:00 P.M.

Meeting place: At museum or on return from geode hunt.
Cost: No charge, but a donation to the museum would be
appreciated to aid in additions to the museum displays.

There will be a map in your packet, at the Registration
Table, showing you how to get to the museum. There will
be an attendant at the museum all day to allow visitors to
enter.

Other Events

Grand Old Opry

The Opry is on Friday night. For tickets call
1.800.733.6779. The cost for individual tickets is \$36.50
plus \$3.75 for mail order tickets. If 15 or more get together
then the tickets will cost only \$32.85.

General Jackson Showboat

This is available for a mid-day cruise. We have left time for
this on Thursday night. The tickets, by mail order, are:
\$49.11 plus the \$3.75 charges for mail order. Should 15 or
more want this and get together the cost will be about
\$44.20 for the best seating and no extra charge.

If these trips are desired you may call 1.800.733.6779 and
make your reservations.

Lewis F. Elrod, CFE

AN OPEN LETTER TO CLUB EDITORS

Newsletter editors are probably the most influential members of the Southeast Federation. They are the primary means by which information about the Federation and about their own club reaches most members.

It is well known that only a fraction of each club's membership actually attend club meetings at any one time. It has been suggested that perhaps 50 percent of club members obtain their information only from the newsletter.

Under these circumstances newsletter editors can have a strong influence on the orientation and activities of the club. I was a gem and mineral club newsletter editor for over 15 years and I know that a large percentage of the information received by my club members was channeled through the newsletter. From this standpoint the editors have an unusually strong influence on what member know about and what members think about the Southeast Federation.

Having remarked about the important influence of Club newsletter editors, I must now put on my Education Chair hat and point out that **many newsletter editors are not supporting the SFMS workshops adequately.** In addition to being a former editor, I have also been a State Director and have visited many clubs throughout my state and some in neighboring states. One of my favorite speaking topics is about Southeast Federation workshops. And each time I give a presentation I ask about how many people have *never* heard of the workshops. Inevitably, I see a few hands.

How is it possible that there can be members of each club who have never heard of Southeast Federation gem, mineral, and jewelry workshops? For two years the SFMS Education Committee has published a special supplement to the *Lodestar* describing our entire workshop program. Four copies are sent every month to officers in every club in the Federation. Each month the *Lodestar* continues to provide updates and changes to the workshop schedule and repeats the workshop agenda.

I have reviewed a number of gem and mineral club newsletters on the Internet. **Most newsletters contain nothing about the SFMS workshops.** A few issues merely mention the workshop dates but nothing about the classes being offered. A very few clubs do, in fact, provide good coverage and we see their members at workshops.

Some club officers report to me that they always bring up information about the workshops at the meetings although

it may never appear in their club newsletter. This means that perhaps 50% of the Federation members never receive any information about the workshops if the percentage of club members attending club meetings is any indication. This means that as many as **3000-4000 members of the Southeast Federation never receive any information about Federation sponsored workshops.**

The Southeast Federation workshop program is now in a bit of a crisis. Enrollment has been steadily falling over the past couple of years. At the present time the October SFMS session at the William Holland School has only 21 students registered. Last year we had an enrollment of 55 students, which was at that time almost full. Now there is a new lodge and the available number of beds has doubled at William Holland.

Editors, we need your help! Something must be done or the retreats where our workshops are presented will not be able to continue supporting our Southeast Federation workshop schedule. During the last couple of years the space available at the April session of our workshop at Wildacres has steadily declined. As our enrollment dropped the retreat offered the empty beds to another waiting group. It is obviously necessary for the Wildacres Retreat to have their rooms filled as much as possible every week. We cannot fault the retreats for this. If we are going to continue to have space available at the Wildacres and William Holland retreats it is important that we maintain a steady enrollment.

We are aware that there have been serious problems, such as hurricane Katrina and high gasoline prices, which make it increasingly difficult for persons to take the long trip to the retreats from the far reaches of our Federation. Still, we must conclude that that it would be useful if 3000-4000 Federation additional members received the information about the SFMS Workshops *that is now being left out of local club newsletters.*

We also understand the problem of increasing workshop registration fees. This is undoubtedly a problem for many of our retired members on a fixed income. However, when retreats increase their charges to the Federation for room and board it is necessary for the Education Committee to increase our registration fees. Everyone should be aware that the registration fees of students attending the workshops pay the room and board of the instructors and staff. The Federation does not pay Instructors, Directors and Registrars! They voluntarily provide their time during our summer workshops.

SFMS 2006 Wildacres Workshop at Little Switzerland, NC

2006 Workshop Dates

April.....Thursday, April 13 to Thursday, April 20, 2006

August.....Monday, August 21 to Sunday, August 27, 2006

September.....Monday, Sept. 18 to Sunday, Sept. 24, 2006

Wildacres Retreat is a conference center dedicated in 1946 by I.D. Blumenthal and Madolyn Blumenthal of Charlotte, NC, to the improvement of human relations.

It is situated on 1400 acres at an elevation of 3,300 feet atop a mountain called Pompey's Knob. It is in Little Switzerland, approximately half way between Asheville and Blowing Rock, NC just off the Blue Ridge Parkway.

There are two lodges, a dining hall, where meals are served family style, a library/auditorium building, mineral and lapidary shops plus a pottery studio.

Fees

Lodge accommodations: \$310 per person (double occupancy), including meals. A limited number of single rooms are available at \$470 per person. There are no facilities for camping or recreational vehicles.

Day Students: \$140 per person, no meals are included. (Individual meals may be purchased directly from the Wildacres Retreat.)

Registration Procedures

Applications from members of SFMS clubs will be accepted first; however, members of other AFMS clubs may apply and will be scheduled following SFMS applicants.

Applications will be accepted beginning on January 17, 2006 for all sessions. At that time a \$50 administrative fee should be submitted. The postmark date on or after this date determines the order of acceptance. **First-time attendees at SFMS Workshops have an extra priority.**

Students under age 18 are welcome, but they must be accompanied by a responsible adult and must be approved by the workshop director and instructor.

Reservation Deposit

A deposit of \$50 per person must accompany all applications. The full amount may be remitted with the application if the applicant wishes. (It is easier for the Registrar.) The balance is due 4 weeks before the workshop begins. **No reminders will be sent.**

Cancellation Policy

There is a \$50 nonrefundable charge to cover administrative costs. An additional \$50 charge will be assessed for cancellations made less than 4 weeks before a session begins. No refund will be returned for cancellations by the student within 7 days of the start of a session. There will be no fee adjustment for late arrival or early departure.

Workshop Directors

David and Barbara Tuttle
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Workshop Registrars

"Red" and Flora Lee Walker
164 Sexton Loop, Oakdale, TN 37829-2323
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Session 1: April 13-20, 2006

Chainmaking	Dee/Bill Conybear
Fused Glass	Jo Harrison
Jewelry and Closeup Photography	Ken Kipnis
Precious Metal Clay	Ken/Mary Ann Devos
Silversmithing, beginning	Don/Ann Monroe

Session 2: August 21-27, 2006

Cabochons	Alan Jewell
Faceting, Advanced	David Lonser
Gem Appreciation	Ben Smith
*Metalsmithing, Advanced	Jeff Sheer
Precious Metal Clay 1	Ken/Mary Ann Devos
Raku Pottery	Cindy McDowell
Seed Beading	Vivian Heath
Silversmithing, Beginning	Dan Haga
Space and Local Geology	Mike Reynolds
Stained Glass, Beginning	Julia Larson
Wirecraft, Beginning	Kathy Morris

Session 3: September 18-24, 2006

Gem Appreciation	Ben Smith
Glass Bead Masking	Marilyn Jobe
Intarsia	Tom Wilke
Mineral Identification	Betty James
Opal Cutting	Sara Lee Boyce
*Precious Metal Clay 2	Ken/Mary Ann Devos
Scrimshaw	Bill Wetzel
Southwest Silversmithing	Dan Haga
*Stained Glass 2, (Slabs)	Julia Larson
Wirecraft, Beginning	Carol Penry

***Note: Advanced courses with prerequisites are designated with an asterisk .**

SFMS 2006 William Holland Workshop at Young Harris, Georgia

2006 Workshop Dates

June.....Sunday, June 11 to Saturday, June 17, 2006

October...Sunday, October 8 to Saturday, October 14, 2006

Check in is on Sunday after 3 p.m. and departure is Saturday morning after breakfast.

The William Holland School of Lapidary Arts is situated on a mountain in north Georgia near the North Carolina border. The facility includes a two-story main building known as the Sparks Lodge with 29 air-conditioned bedrooms on the upper floor. A second lodge is located nearby with 22 additional air-conditioned bedrooms. All bedrooms are motel-like with private baths and two beds. Two rooms are equipped for the handicapped.

The lower, ground level of the Sparks Lodge houses 13 classrooms, the kitchen, and dining room. This floor is completely air-conditioned, and a new elevator permits easy access to both floors.

There are two other buildings that make up the retreat complex: the Seabolt Building, which houses the George Kasper Memorial Library as well as showers and restroom facilities for the campground, and Mary Lou's Cottage, to house the instructional staff. The campground has 10 full hook-up spaces for RV's up to 40 feet in length.

Fees

Lodge accommodations: \$310 per person double occupancy, including meals. **Single room:** \$470.

Day Students: \$140 per person, no meals are included.

Campground Students: \$120 hookup (including 2 persons; \$25 per additional person), \$140 per person for classes. No meals are included but are available directly from the retreat.

Meals: Breakfast \$5, lunch \$6, dinner \$7.

Registration Procedures

Applications from members of SFMS clubs will be accepted first; however, members of other AFMS clubs may apply and will be scheduled following SFMS applicants.

Applications will be accepted beginning on January 17, 2006 for both sessions. The postmark date on or after this date determines the order of acceptance. **First-time attendees have an extra priority.**

Students under age 18 are welcome, but they must be accompanied by a responsible adult and must be approved by the workshop director and instructor.

Reservation Deposit

A non-refundable administrative fee of \$50 per person must accompany all applications. The full amount may be remitted with the application if the applicant wishes. (It is easier for the Registrar.) The balance is due 4 weeks before the workshop begins. **No reminders will be sent.**

Cancellation Policy

There is a \$50 nonrefundable charge to cover administrative costs. An additional \$50 charge will be assessed for cancellations made less than 4 weeks before a session begins. No refund will be returned for cancellations within 7 days of the start of a session. A minimum of three students must be enrolled in a particular class to support the cost of the class. No fee will be charged if a class is canceled. No adjustment will be made for late arrival or early departure.

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Session 1: June 11-17, 2006

Chainmaking, Beginning	Dee/Bill Conybear
Faceting, Beginning	David Corn
Fused Glass	Addy DePietro
Lost Wax Casting	Fred Sias
Opal Cutting	Joe DePietro
Origami	Hideko Pezant
Polymer Clay	Marilyn Jobe
Seed Beading	Kathy Morris
*Silversmithing, Advanced	Dan Haga
Silversmithing, Beginning	Allen Jewell
Stained Glass 1	Julia Larson
Wirecraft, Beginning	Lisa Roberts
*Wirecraft, Advanced	Linda Chandler

Session 2: October 8-14, 2006

*Glass Bead Making, Intermediate	Marilyn Jobe
Cabochons	Anita Westlake
Chain Making	John Runkle
Fused Glass	Addy DePietro
Lost-wax Casting	John Iacullo
Opal Cutting	Joe DePietro
Seed Beads	Jo Harrison
*Silversmithing, Advanced	Dan Haga
Silversmithing, Beginning	Bill Cady
*Wire Weaving	Linda Chandler
*Wirecraft Sculpture	Evelyn Gantnier

***Note: Advanced courses with prerequisites are designated with an asterisk .**

2006 William Holland Workshop Registration Form

Session: June 11-17 October 8-14 **Accommodations:** Lodge Campground Day Student

(A) Mr Mrs Ms _____ SFMS Club _____
 Name Mr Mrs Ms _____
PLEASE PRINT NAME(S) AS YOU WANT IT TO APPEAR ON YOUR NAME TAG SPELL OUT CLUB NAME INITIALS NOT ACCEPTED

(B) Mr Mrs Ms _____ Phone _____
 Name Mr Mrs Ms _____ Email _____

Address: _____
STREET CITY STATE ZIP

Is this the first time you will attend William Holland? (A) Yes No (B) Yes No
 Have you attended any other SFMS Workshop? (A) Yes No (B) Yes No
 Do you wish to be placed on Stand-by if there are no vacancies when your application arrives? Yes No

Class Choices

First Choice	*	Second Choice	*	Third Choice	*
A					
B					

(*) Check box if you have previously taken this course at an SFMS Workshop

Room Assignment for Single Applicants only:

- 1) Do you have a friend with whom you wish to room?

- 2) Do you smoke? _____ Do you wish to room with a non-smoking person? _____ yes _____ no preference.
- 3) Are you an early riser _____ or a Night Owl _____

Special Needs:

- 4) Do you need a handicap room? Yes _____ No _____
- 5) Can you negotiate stairs? Yes _____ No _____
- 6) **Special Dietary needs:** Diabetic _____ Other _____
- Campers: Type _____ Length _____

INSTRUCTIONS

1) Applications will be accepted beginning on January 17, 2006 for all sessions. The postmark date on or after this determines the order of acceptance. **First-time attendees have extra priority.**

2) Your Club Membership Dues must be current and your club's dues to the Federation must also be paid before you will be accepted.

3) Cost per person for this session is \$310, double occupancy with private bath. (Single room cost is \$470.) **\$120 for camp site for 1 or 2 people, plus \$140 per person for workshop classes. \$140 for day students.** (No meals are included for campers or day students but are available directly from the retreat.)

A reservation deposit of \$50 per person must accompany this form. You may, and are encouraged to, pay the full amount with this application. If the full amount is not paid with this application, the balance will be due four weeks prior to the workshop.

4) **Cancellation Policy:** There is a \$50 nonrefundable charge to cover administrative costs and an additional \$50 charge for canceling less than 4 weeks before the session begins. No refund will be given for cancellations received less than 7 days before the session. **There are No adjustments for late arrivals or early departures.**

Amount submitted with application: \$ _____

Make Check Payable to:

SFMS William Holland Workshop

Mail check and this form to:

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Postmark Date:	Check #:
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Deposit #:	Bal. Amt. Pd: \$
Cancel Date:	Total Paid: \$
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AN OPEN LETTER TO CLUB EDITORS

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It should also be obvious that the increasing cost of silver and precious metal affects the supply costs and shop or lab fees. These have had to increase this summer. Some of the instructors include part of their travel expenses in their lab fees. It is important to recognize that an instructor traveling from South Florida, for example, will have as much as \$500 travel expenses by paying for gasoline at the present high gasoline cost and sometimes an overnight stay in a motel. I think that it is obvious that we cannot expect an instructor to spend \$500 traveling to and from a workshop and then charge a trivial laboratory fee that barely covers the cost of supplies.

It also should be pointed out that Federation Workshops bring in almost half of the cash income of the Federation. This income supports the Federation educational activities and scholarship programs. Most of that income is not from the registration fees because workshops function on close to a cost basis. The students in each class pay a registration fee that covers their room and board and part of the instructor's room and board. It takes four or more students to support an instructor and classes with insufficient enrollment must be canceled because there is no money available to pay room and board for the instructor.

Most of the income that is turned over to the Federation treasurer at the end of the year is from the auctions held at each workshop. Losing just one workshop due to poor attendance would have a significant effect on the Federation income that is used to support educational and scholarship programs.

Finally, I would like to enlist the aid of all SFMS Club newsletter Editors. I think you know how influential you are in determining the course and future of your individual clubs. You must realize that the same influence that has a powerful effect on your own club will also strongly affect the future of the Educational Programs of the Southeast Federation.

The Education Committee will be very appreciative if

more information about our workshop classes and schedules reaches the 3500 or so Federation members that now receive no information except possibly by word of mouth. Please help us this year to maintain our workshop attendance so that we can survive this period of economic difficulty brought on by high gasoline prices and the recent hurricanes. If you can reach just a few of the members who now receive no workshop information we may be able to survive until economic conditions improve. **The Education committee will appreciate every editor's effort to see that Federation members know about our schedules, costs, and class changes. We thank you for that.**

Fred Sias, Education Chairman
May 8, 2006

WEINMAN MINERAL MUSEUM CARTERSVILLE, GEORGIA CALENDAR OF SPECIAL EVENTS



TEMPORARY EXHIBITS
February 6-May 13, 2006

Exploring the Universe

This exhibit brings together elements from various NASA facilities as it examines the many methods used to observe our universe. Visitors will be able to view some stunning images as well as a genuine moon rock sample.

AFMS and SFMS WEBSITES

Check out the SFMS (Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies) and AFMS (American Federation of Mineralogical Societies) websites:

<http://www.amfed.org/sfms> and <http://www.amfed.org>, respectively.



HOW TO SPEND A HOT WEEK IN SEPTEMBER

Leave town!!! Wildacres Workshop, near Little Switzerland North Carolina, is the perfect place to go during the hot days of September. Located at 3300 feet above sea level and perched on a knob just off the Blue Ridge Parkway, Wildacres Retreat has all the comforts of home, except TVs, but you'll find out that you can live without them for a week. The dates are September 18-24, 2006.

The Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies host three workshops a year at Wildacres, April, August and September for a week each. It's too late to get into the August workshops but we have openings left for September. Some instructors will take more than they normally do to accommodate students.

We have classes in Gem Appreciation, Glass Bead Making, Intarsia, Mineral Identification, Opal Cutting, Precious Metal Clay 2 (must have PMC 1), Scrimshaw (a new offering), Stained Glass, Wirecraft (Beginning) and the popular Southwest Silver class has only 3 openings (was full but a family had to cancel due to personal problems).

You can get applications in the *Lodestar* that your club president, vice president and editor receive. You can call the Registrars, Robert and Flora Lee Walker, at 1.423.369.3077 for up to date class information.

SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER!!!!

David and Barbara Tuttle, SFMS Wildacres Directors



collect just about anywhere we wanted, but were cautioned to stay clear of the high walls because of the potential for falling rock.



**DIXIE MINERAL COUNCIL FIELD TRIP
VULCAN MATERIALS' MORGANTON QUARRY
BURKE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
JUNE 10, 2006**

*Report by Mike Streeter
Photos by Bill Williams and Mike Streeter*

Chrissy and I attended a field trip to the Vulcan Materials Vulcan Quarry that was sponsored by the Dixie Mineral Council (DMC) of the Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies and hosted by the Forsyth County Gem and Mineral Club. The field trip was also an official field trip of the Southern Appalachian Mineral Society and was scheduled from 8:00 AM until noon. Jim Stroud, who is a Vulcan geologist and Forsyth club officer, was our able field trip leader. After a brief mandatory safety meeting in front of the office, we caravanned to a lower bench of the quarry where we parked. We were free to



Morganton Quarry rockhounding pretty much involves surface collecting and boulder busting. While those of us with big hammers and sledges went about making big rocks smaller, others simply roamed the jagged boulder piles looking for specimens that had already been broken into manageable pieces by mining activities.

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**DIXIE MINERAL COUNCIL FIELD TRIP
VULCAN MATERIALS MORGANTON QUARRY**
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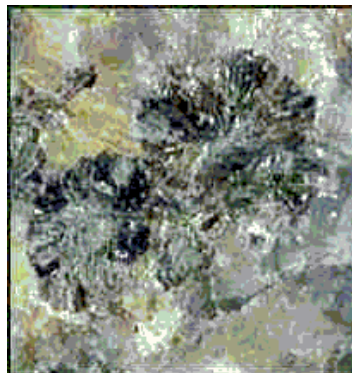
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Green Apatite



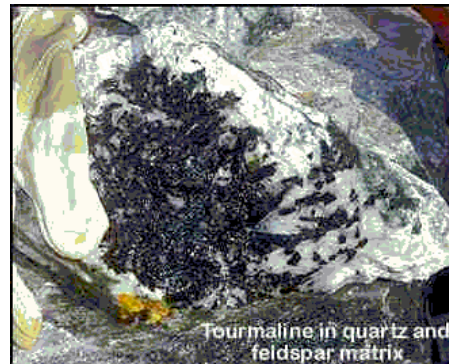
Almandine Garnet in quartz, feldspar biotite matrix



**Radial Biotite in Siderite/Quartz
Horizontal Field of View 0.7-inch**



Siderite on Gneiss



Tourmaline in quartz and feldspar matrix



buddy Bill Hayward and I were taking turns swinging his 16-lb. sledge. We were attempting to recover what appeared to be a decent specimen of siderite, biotite and quartz, except that it just happened to be attached to a boulder that weighed at least a ton. I was banging away when a cabinet-size piece of rock broke loose. When Bill turned the rock over, we were both amazed to see what appeared to be a cluster of clear quartz crystals with a coating of epidote. This assemblage of crystals had formed in a vug adjacent to a milky quartz vein. It wasn't until I got the specimen home, cleaned it up and inspected it more closely with my reading glasses and a loop did I realize that the clear crystals were actually striated calcite with a coating of granular epidote. Cool beans!!!

The following pictures show some of the terrific specimens that were recovered by the group.

**DIXIE MINERAL COUNCIL FIELD TRIP
VULCAN MATERIALS MORGANTON QUARRY**

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Calcite with unknown dark green zeolite, quartz, siderite & biotite
Vulcan Morganton Quarry
Burke Co., NC

PRESS RELEASE: FEDERATION SHOW

Middle Tennessee Gem & Mineral Society, Inc. proudly presents the *Rockin' in Music City 2006* Gem, Jewelry, Mineral, & Fossil Show in conjunction with the **Annual convention of the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies, Inc. and Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies, Inc. (Part I)**. You can expect door prizes, auctions, exhibits, demonstrations, and 30 dealers from around the US.

MTGMS is a not-for-profit educational society made up of local members from around Middle Tennessee, interested in the study, collection and understanding of minerals, the earth's geological history, jewelry making, and the polishing of gem stones. The profit from this annual show and sale goes to fund scholarships at regional Universities, along with Tennessee elementary school Earth Science Projects, and two Middle TN. Senior Citizens workshop schools open to the public to learn how to polish stones and make jewelry.

Show details are as follows:

Date: August 18, 19, & 20, 2006.

Time: 9:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M. Friday & Saturday; 10 :00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Sunday.

Place: Creative Arts Building, Tennessee State Fairgrounds, Nashville.

Admission: \$3 for Adults, \$0.50 for High School Students, under 12 are Free, & Free Parking.

Contact: Will Smith, 615.366.1022, Show Chairperson.

Website: www.mtgms.org. E-mail: whsinc@comcast.net.

Exhibits: Show Cases of **Fossils, Minerals, Jewelry, Cut & Polished Gem Stones** including local **Elmwood Minerals** from the Zinc Mines at Carthage and beautiful **Tennessee Paint Rock Agate (www.tnagate.com)** from the mountains of Middle Tennessee.

Demonstrations: **Silversmithing, Gem Polishing, Wire Wrapping, and Faceting.**

Other Activities: Hourly **Door Prizes** and **Silent Auctions.**

Dealers will offer:

Gold & Silver Jewelry, Mountings, Chains, and Repair, Colored Gem Stones, loose or mounted in Jewelry, **Crystals & Minerals** from around the world including our local world renowned Elmwood Golden Calcite's from Carthage,

Fossils & Artifacts including dinosaur life, marine life, and prehistoric arrowheads, and

Tools & Supplies for the above.

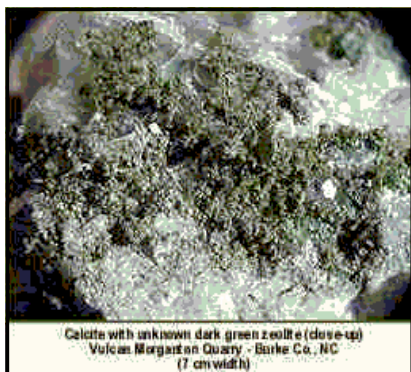
Source: Email from Will Smith



Calcite with unknown dark green zeolite (close-up)
Vulcan Morganton Quarry - Burke Co., NC
(2 cm width)



Calcite with unknown dark green zeolite (close-up)
Vulcan Morganton Quarry
Burke Co., NC



Calcite with unknown dark green zeolite (close-up)
Vulcan Morganton Quarry - Burke Co., NC
(7 cm width)

Many thanks to Jim Stroud, Vulcan Materials, the Forsyth club and DMC for making such a great morning of rockhounding possible.



Calcite with unknown dark green zeolite (close-up)
Vulcan Morganton Quarry
Burke Co., NC
(2 cm width)

(Editor: For a closer look at the photographs provided in this article, go to <http://mcrocks.com/ftr06-2/StreeterJune10,2006.html>.)

July/August 2006

The Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies, Inc.

LOOKING AHEAD

CLUB & SOCIETY SHOWS/SWAPS

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

****If you sent the editor your show information and you do not see it below, please assume it was lost when her hard drive crashed and resend it! (Otherwise, it will not appear in a future issue of Lodestar.)****

August 18-20, 2006, Nashville, TN - Middle Tennessee Gem and Mineral Society. Rockin' in Music City 2006 Gem, Jewelry, Mineral, & Fossil Show in conjunction with the AFMS and SFMS (Phase 1) Annual Conventions. See pages 4-7 and 16 of this issue of *Lodestar*.

September 8-10, Winston-Salem, NC - Forsyth Gem and Mineral Club. 35th Annual Gem, Mineral, Jewelry Show and Sale. Educational Building, Dixie Classic Fairgrounds. Hours: 8th and 9th, 10:00 A.M.—7:00 P.M.; 10th, 12 Noon—6:00 P.M. Website: www.forsythgemclub.com.

September 23-24, 2006, Hiddenite, NC - Western Piedmont Mineral & Gem Society. 18th Annual Hiddenite Gem & Mineral Show. Hiddenite Educational Complex, Sulpher Springs Road. Hours: 23rd, 9:00 A.M.—6:00 P.M.; 24th, 12 Noon—6:00 P.M. Contact: Patty Arnold at 828.465.2769.

September 30 - October 1, 2006, Lexington, KY - Rockhounds of Central Kentucky. 16th Annual Show. National Guard Armory, Airport Road. Hours: September 30th, 10:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.; October 1st: 12:00 Noon - 5:00 P.M. Contact: Bekki Miracle, 502.868.0258.

November 4-5, 2006, Ft. Pierce, FL - St. Lucie County Rock & Gem Club. Rock and Gem Show. St. Lucie County Fairgrounds, Midway Road. Hours: 4th & 5th, 10:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Contacts: Dealer Chairman, Dennis Ponte @ 772.288.3296 or dennisponte@msn.com and Show Chairman, Norm Holbert @ 772.873.0787 or normholbert@bellsouth.net.

November 10-12, 2006, Pascagoula, MS - Mississippi Gulf Coast Gem & Mineral Society. 17th Annual Magnolia State Gem, Mineral, & Jewelry Show. Jackson County Fairgrounds. Hours 10:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M. Contact: John M. Wright, 228.875.9192 or osjw@datasync.com.

December 11-12, 2006, Deland, FL - Tomoka Gem & Mineral Society (of the Greater Daytona Beach & Holly Hill, Florida Area). Volusia County Fairgrounds, Tommy Lawrence Areen, State Rd 44 (One-mile east of I-4 Exit 118). Hours: 11th, 10:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.; 12th, 10:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Contact: Pollyan Darling @ 386.428.7696 or gemdarlings@cfl.rr.com. Website: www.tomokagemmineralsociety.com.

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:

<http://www.amfed.org/sfms>.

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

2006 REGIONAL FEDERATION SHOWS & CONVENTIONS

California Federation

Hosts: Calaveras Gem and Mineral Society
Angels Camp, California
Held: June 9-11, 2006

Eastern Federation

Hosts: Gem and Mineral Society of Palm Beaches, inc.
West Palm Beach, Florida
November 17-19, 2006

Midwest Federation

Hosts: Midwest Mineralogical and Lapidary Society
Southgate, Michigan
Held: May 13-15, 2006

Northwest Federation

Hosts: Southern Washington Mineralogical Society
and Mt. Hood Rock Club
Longview, Washington
July 14-16, 2006

Rocky Mountain Federation

Hosts: Stillwater Mineral and Gem Society
Stillwater, Oklahoma
July 7-11, 2006

South Central Federation

Hosts: Ark-La-Tex Gem and Mineral Society
Bossier City, Louisiana
August 19-20, 2006

Southeast Federation (Phase 1)/AFMS Convention

Hosts: Middle Tennessee Gem and Mineral Society
Nashville, Tennessee
Show: August 18-20, 2006
Conventions: 15-20, 2006

(See Pages 4-7 and 16 of this issue of *Lodestar*)

Southeast Federation (Phase 2)

Hosts: Montgomery Gem and Mineral Society
Montgomery, Alabama
December 1-3, 2006

The policy of the Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies, Inc. is that neither the name nor the logo of the Federation may be used for commercial purposes. If any commercial ventures using the name or the logo of the Federation are found, Member Societies and their member are requested to advise Federation Officers.

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