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## UPCOMING FIELD TRIPS

**July 14, 2007:** Columbia Mines, Marion County, KY (fee site) for fluorite, calcite, smithsonite, sphalerite, cerussite, galena, hemimorphite, hydrozincite, quartz, and pyromorphite. Host: Middle Tennessee Gem & Mineral Society.

**August 18, 2007:** Chunky Gal Mountain, Clay County, NC for zoisite with ruby and sapphires. The forest service has created a fire break on the mountain adjacent to some of the collecting areas where some great crystal finds have recently occurred. Host: Tennessee Valley Rocks and Mineral Club.

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

*"Field trips are open to all members of associated clubs of the DMC program of the SFMS Field Trip Committee and to all members of SFMS member clubs who have provided their membership with SFMS liability insurance. Because of insurance requirements, members of the GENERAL PUBLIC are NOT invited on this or any DMC program field trips!"*

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Greetings from the Oregon Outback,

Reba and I are here at the Dust Devil Mine hoping to find a really good colored sunstone or two. It has really been busy due to the June 2<sup>nd</sup> Executive Board meeting held near Birmingham,

Alabama and the Uniform Rules Committee Meeting portion of the American Federation Meeting in Roswell, New Mexico being held on June 5<sup>th</sup>, but we managed to attend both.

The SFMS Executive board meeting at Tannehill State Park in Alabama went really well, and I want to thank the Alabama Mineral and Lapidary Society for sponsoring it.

The American Federation Annual Meeting was held at Roswell, New Mexico. The Southeastern Federation representatives in attendance were: AMFED Past President Jim Robinson and wife Awilda, SFMS Past President John Wright and wife Billie, SFMS Second VP Betty James, SFMS Treasure Ken Anderson, SFMS Bulletin Contest Chair Ed Johnson and his wife, SFMS Uniform Rules Chair Diane Johnson, and Reba (my wife) and myself. June 6<sup>th</sup> was the AMFED business meeting where the budget for 2008 was adopted and the new slate of officers was approved. June 9<sup>th</sup> was the banquet and the new slate of officers were installed at it. Reba and I stood in for Don Monroe (AMFED 4<sup>th</sup> Vice President) and wife Ann (SFMS Immediate Past President).

**HELP:** The Southeast Federation needs people that are willing to volunteer their time to support our hobby. If you can help your Federation please contact 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Steve Henegar or Immediate Past President and 2007 Nominations Committee Chair Ann Monroe.

The next SFMS meeting will be the annual meeting in Biloxi, Mississippi on November 10<sup>th</sup>. Registration will be at 8:30 A.M. at the host hotel conference room, the banquet will be Saturday evening at 7 P.M. at the host hotel and will include Gulf Coast seafood. The show will be in Pascagoula, Mississippi on November 9<sup>th</sup> through 11<sup>th</sup>, at the Jackson County Fairgrounds. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone there.

Buddy Shotts  
SFMS President



# 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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(No exceptions!)**

### OKLAHOMA SELENITE SITE CURRENTLY CLOSED TO COLLECTING

*From Stanley W. Nowak, Vice Pres., Rocky Mountain Federation of Mineralogical Societies*

I urgently request that the following information be passed on to all clubs in all regional federations. In late April we were informed that the Great Salt Plains Selenite Digging Area near Jet and Cherokee, Oklahoma has been closed indefinitely. A Boy Scout was digging about two (2) feet down when he found a glass vial. The vial broke and the scout's eyes began to water and burn. This was reported to the park ranger who found six more vials and proceeded to close the area and contact the U. S. Army.

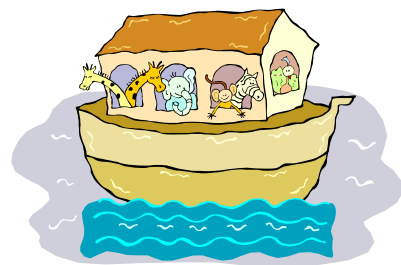
An Army team from Aberdeen, Maryland has since found a total of 130 vials that contain one (1) of four (4) chemicals that were used for training the military in chemical identification. These vials are approximately 8-inches long and may be up to the diameter of the size of a quarter. They are not lethal, but may be very irritating. If anyone may have these vials and have kept them as a souvenir, please contact me at 580.747.2046 or the Fish and Wildlife Service at the Great Salt Plains (I am sorry that I don't have their number for this report, but I will get it) immediately.

These items need to be destroyed properly. These vials were part of Chemical Agent Identification Sets (CAIS) that were buried in the 1960's. The area is fenced off in some areas and under armed guards until the Army and the Fish and Wildlife Service deem it safe to open again. The earliest that it could reopen will be April 1, 2008 if everything goes right.

*via Betty James, 2nd VP SFMS*

areas and see if there is evidence of heavy run-off in canyons, draws, gulleys or whatever the common term is in your area. Seeing where trees and big rocks have been moved around by some really strong forces should make us wonder what would happen if we had been there. I found a fantastic fossil of significant size out in the Big Bend country of Texas a couple of years ago. Since the rock was big and I did not have the help I needed, I decided to carefully take bearings so that I could come back the next year. Well, flash flooding in the intervening year had changed everything. My fine fossil was gone and never seen again.

Heavy rain can do other things to your trip. I had my return route blocked in rural Missouri and have experienced land slides in Georgia and Alabama. I had the thrill of a wild spin as the result of hydroplaning on a major highway in the South. When we finally stopped we had burst two tires, bent two rims and made many silent promises to the Almighty.



Too much water can mean drowning. Wading in lakes and small streams is one way that we find sapphires and rubies in North Carolina. Have you ever stepped off in a deep hole wearing rubber boots? Even a good swimmer can get in real trouble quickly when the boots fill up, the clothing is soaked and that bag of goodies is weighing you down.

Well, that is enough about too much water, but do we have problems with too little water? I have! Thirst and dehydration are extremely serious conditions that can result in bad things including death. There is little substitute for planning ahead and carrying adequate water. If you must use stream or groundwater, you really need to know what you are doing. Outdoor outfitters can supply filtration equipment and chemical treatment outfits but local knowledge can also be invaluable. I have never lived in the West and really do not know much about water that is poisonous. My knowledge is gleaned from Louis L' Amour novels but I have been assured by western natives (some of my cousins) that the situation is very real and most dangerous. I only know that in no circumstance should one drink salt water from the ocean. Now don't tell me that we can't search for rocks and fossils in the ocean as I have found some neat stuff snorkeling off the Florida coast.

I have reached the end of my sheet of paper and the patience of my editor so we will talk at a later date about how water and electricity do not mix.



### Be Safe – Be Well

Safety Committee – Don Monroe, Chairman

### Water, Water Everywhere

We are not *ancient mariners*, but rockhounds

are definitely mobile people and travel a lot. We go many places and need to give a lot of thought about water which can be our friend or our foe.

Rain, particularly heavy rain, has caused problems in many parts of the country and a little thought and planning can help us avoid hazardous situations. Have you ever seen a flash flood? If not, look around in your favorite field trip

**WORKSHOP UPDATE**

The June workshop at William Holland was both fun and successful. For the first time in a long while, we hosted a Family Week. Members were encouraged to sign up children, grandchildren, neighborhood kids, etc. for the special Youth classes. Only two instructors were sufficiently intrepid to take on the challenge of introducing young folks to our wonderful hobby. Anita Westlake taught kids how to make cabochons, and they really turned out some beautiful pieces. Yours truly taught a glass class where the kids made a mosaic tile, a stained glass suncatcher, and a fused nightlight. They also made palm-sized kaleidoscopes thanks to a generous donation of kits from David Wayment of the Canaveral Mineral & Gem Society. Youth turnout was a bit ... um... underwhelming. A grand total of FOUR (4) kids were signed up, so each of us had only two (2) students at a time.

Aside from class time, the youngsters were kept busy with such activities as: ice cream ball s'mores over a makeshift campfire, hula hoops (surprisingly popular), and spider sniffing which was a *huge* success. They listened in rapt attention to the tall tale of researchers at Georgia Tech who experimented with spiders some two decades ago. (What can I say? They were nine-year-olds.) The spiders, of course, escaped from the lab and their offspring grew to the size of dinner plates. Oh, and they also built giant webs in the trees, so we had to watch our heads as we searched with flashlights after dark for these mythical critters. No monsters were spotted, but we did find a variety of real spiders around the facility.

Our Youth Coordinator, Pat Davis, had to leave early due to an icemaker malfunction that caused flooding in her home; however, other folks stepped in to make sure the activities went on as planned. Leona Sheffield of the Pinellas County Geological Society escorted us on a field trip to the Franklin N.C. Gem & Mineral Museum and to the Mason Mountain Mine, where the new rockhounds found lots of treasures. Dave and Joanne Cordes of the Suncoast Gem & Mineral Society bought an extra super bucket, so their take-home bounty was double. Leona also taught a bit of basic wire wrapping so some of the treasures could be worn right away.

My thanks to everyone who helped make this venture happen.

We now look forward to the August and September workshops at Wildacres. Registration is up, so if you want to attend, send in your reservation NOW. (Registration forms are on pages 6-8. You'll have to add the new classes to the form if you wish to attend them.) We have some new classes and new instructors.

The October session at William Holland will feature an added class, *Advanced Metalsmithing*, with Linda Chandler. **This is not a beginning class, and basic metalsmithing is required.**

Please be sure to let us know any ideas or suggestions you have for future classes. The 2008 schedule is being planned *now*.

*Julia Larson, SFMS Education Chair*



**PUBLICATIONS CHAIR REPORT**

The Directory has been "put to bed" although it was not quite complete. Yes, it is now in the hands of the printer and will soon be on its way to each of you even though we lacked four clubs having all the information in. This information will be forwarded to you via the *Lodestar* when it is received.

The Directory is used throughout the year by many people in the Federation. The Secretary needs up-to-date names and addresses of recipients of registration letters and information pertaining to Federation meetings. The Editor uses the Directory to make her mailing list for the *Lodestar*. The Insurance Liaison contacts clubs who need insurance for their shows, field trips, and other events. Show dates and data from the many Clubs and Societies can be found on the last two pages of the Directory. Your Program Chair can find programs covering all facets of the hobby 33 through 40.

As they say about the Constitution of the United States, the SFMS Directory should be a living instrument. I will depend on each of you to help me make it so. Please look over your copy carefully and notify me of any errors in your information. As you know, it is not easy to proofread your own work especially when it contains many numbers in addresses and phone number, and as hard as I tried to prevent errors, I am sure some crept in. These corrections will be reported in the *Lodestar* so that everyone may correct their copies.

When any of your officers have a change of address, email, phone number, etc., please let me know. A change of officer or any other change in your club's status, may be the very information needed by someone. If you will report them to me, then I will report them monthly to keep everyone up to date.

Finally, the Directory is provided to members of your Clubs and Societies for their use throughout the year. Take a copy with you to your meetings; place it in your library; make it available to your members. It contains much valuable information. Make it your first reference for Federation information. This is our way of keeping in touch with each other.

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*Betty James, SFMS Publications Chair*

**FUTURE ROCKHOUNDS OF AMERICA YOUTH POSTER CONTEST 2007**

David Rich contacted me recently with a very neat idea! His club, the Summit Lapidary Club from the Midwest Federation of Mineralogical & Geological Societies, is sponsoring a poster contest, which they're opening up to any and all kids who belong to the AFMS Future Rockhounds of America (FRA) program nationwide, regardless of which regional federation they're in. In addition, they welcome entries from any school teachers who would like to do this as a class project. So if you're utilizing the FRA program within your club, I encourage you to work with your kids to design posters and send them to David. Here are the details:

**THEME: "Gemstones of the World."**

Prepare a poster illustrating one or more gemstones or minerals that interest you, from anywhere in the world.

**ELIGIBILITY:**

1<sup>st</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Each grade will have a winner. Ribbons awarded for 1<sup>st</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> place, with the 1<sup>st</sup> place winner also receiving a prize.

**CONTEST RULES:**

- All entries must be presented on paper 12 inches by 18 inches.
- Include name, address, age and school grade of participant on back of Entry.
- Artwork can be in pen, ink, crayons, magic marker, paint or any other artists' medium.
- No three-dimensional posters accepted.
- The title may be on the front or the back.
- List names of the gems and/or minerals and why you chose them.
- All entries become the property of the Summit Lapidary Club.

**SCALE OF POINTS:**

- Originality & Art Work—30 points
- Design—25 points

- Title—25 points
- Listing of Gems and/or Minerals & Reason Chosen—20 points.

**DEADLINES & CONTACTS:**

- Entries must be postmarked by October 1, 2007.
- Send to:  
David Rich  
1166 Broadview Road  
Tallmadge, Ohio 44278
- Winners will be displayed and prizes and ribbons awarded at the Fall Gemboree on October 27, 2008 at 10:00 A.M.
- If you have any questions, please call the contest chairman, David Rich at 330.630.9625, or email at [DRICH@lapidaryclubofohio.org](mailto:DRICH@lapidaryclubofohio.org).

I encourage every club with juniors who have been taking part in the AFMS/FRA program to jump in and send in entries from their pebble pups and junior members. It sounds like David and the good folks of the Summit Lapidary Club have come up with a great way for kids to express their interest in their favorite gems and minerals while—as always—having fun!

*Jim Brace-Thompson  
AFMS Junior Activities Chair*



**FATHER OF GRAVES MOUNTAIN CARETAKER PASSES AWAY**

**Clarence E. Norman, Sr.  
September 14, 1929 - May 26, 2007**

Mr. Norman Sr., a lifelong resident of Lincoln County, owned and operated Norman Wrecking Co. for over 55 years and more recently with his son, Clarence E. Norman, Jr. who is the caretaker for Graves Mountain.

Norman Wrecking Company, 3333 CE Norman Rd, Lincolnton, GA 30817-3110, 706.359.3862.

*via Jim Flora, SFMS Webmaster  
and Field Trip Committee Chair*

# SFMS 2007 Workshops at Wildacres and the William Holland Retreat

The Southeast Federation will again offer a series of lapidary and jewelry-making workshops at Wildacres in Little Switzerland, NC and at the William Holland Retreat in Young Harris, GA. A significant effort has been made to obtain fresh viewpoints from a number of new instructors. Former experienced instructors with popular classes have been invited back. The 2007 workshop schedule has now been finalized and is offered for your consideration. We recognize that some of the dates are not convenient but much of the schedule is not controlled by SFMS officers. Please try to join us at one of the 2007 Workshops.

## 2007 Workshop Dates

**April**.....Friday, April 13 to Thursday, April 19, 2007

**June**.....Sunday, June 10 to Saturday, June 16, 2007

**August**.....Monday, August 20 to Sunday, August 26, 2007

**September**.....Monday, Sept. 17 to Sunday, Sept. 23, 2007

**October**.....Sunday, October 14 to Saturday, October 20, 2007

**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. The retreat is in Little Switzerland, approximately halfway 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, and a pottery studio.

**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.

Two other buildings 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.

## Who May Attend

The SFMS Workshops are open to all members of the Southeast Federation. 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 to attend an adult class. This year a **Family Week** in June will include special youth courses for rockhounds as young as age 9.

Members of other regional federations may attend on a space available basis as a guest or they may join a Southeast Federation club and have all priorities and privileges of other SFMS members.

## Family Week at William Holland

**June 10-16, 2007:** Are you tired of your kids spending the summer playing video games? Are theme parks out of the budget this year? Maybe you want to do something special with your grandchildren, nieces or nephews without spending a fortune? Look no further than the June 2007 SFMS workshop at the William Holland School.

Classes for juniors ages 9 and up as well as adults are being offered in June 2007. Parents, grandparents, and others are encouraged to sign up their juniors for this exciting week. Juniors will take two classes while their accompanying adults choose from a variety of regular classes. A special field trip for juniors is being planned, along with an evening program at the Young Harris College planetarium. Other after-class events and activities are also scheduled. Plan to take advantage of this fun and economical learning vacation with your juniors.

## 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 February 15, 2007 for all workshop sessions.** The postmark date on or after this date determines the order of acceptance. **First-time attendees have an extra priority.** Applications from non SFMS students will be accepted beginning March 15, 2007.

## Reservation Deposit

A non-refundable administrative fee of \$25 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.

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.

## How to Attend

Turn the page and look at the workshop course offerings. Staff names and addresses are also shown and you may contact them or the Education Chair, Julia Larson. Read all the instructions on the registration form carefully. This is a single registration for all workshops at both retreats. Make sure you indicate which session you wish to attend and send the registration form and your check to the registrar for the appropriate retreat.

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**April 13-19, 2007 at Wildacres**

Cabochons, beginning	Chris Calloway
Fused Glass	Julia Larson
Gem Trees	Nancy Calloway
Photography, jewelry and minerals	Ken Kipnis
Seed Beading	Roz Evans
Silversmithing, beginning	Allen Jewell
*Wirecraft, sculpture	Anna Hess

**June 10-16, 2007 at William Holland**

Beading, traditional	Case Leeser
Chainmaking, beginning	John Fetvedt
Faceting, beginning	David Corn
Jr. Lapidary with Cabochons and Stained Glass	Anita Westlake and Julia Larson
Lampwork, Beads	Betty Fetvedt
Lost-Wax Casting	John Iacullo
Opal Cutting	Sara Lee Boyce
Photography jewelry/minerals	Ken Kipnis
Silversmithing, beginning	Daingerfield Ashton
*Silversmithing, intermediate	Allen Jewell
*Silversmithing, Southwest	Dan Haga
*Wirecraft, advanced	Kathy Morris

**August 20-26, 2007 at Wildacres**

Beading, crochet	Judy Kelly
Cabochons, beginning	Betty James
Cold Connections	Kim St. Jean
Enameling	Larry Outlaw
Faceting, beginning	B. D. Moore
Gem appreciation/identification	Ben Smith
*Metalsmithing, advanced	Jeff Sheer
Precious Metal Clay 1	Mary Ann, Ken Devos
Raku Pottery	Jim Cullen
Scrimshaw	Bill Wetzel
Seed beading Techniques	Vivian Heath
Silversmithing, beginning	Gene Tipton
*Wirecraft, Rings	Ruth Ann Moore

**September 17-23, 2007 at Wildacres**

*Chainmaking, intermediate	Dee & Bill Conybear
Cold Connections	Kim St. Jean
*Faceting and Intarsia	Tom Wilke
Lost-wax Casting and Design	Tim and Janet Steeper
Opal Cutting	Sara Lee Boyce
*Precious Metal Clay 2	Mary Ann, Ken Devos
Seed Beading	Barbera Green
*Silversmithing, Southwest	Dan Haga
Wire Weaving	Louise Coulson

**October 14-20, 2007 at William Holland**

Cabochons, beginning	Lucy Caracoglia
Cold Connections	Kathy Morris
Faceting, beginning	B.D. Moore
Fused Glass	Addy DePietro
Intarsia	Tom Wilke
Lost Wax Casting	Fred Sias
Mineral Identification	Betty James
Opal Cutting	Joe DePietro
Origami	Hideko Pezant
Silversmithing, beginning	Don and Ann Monroe
Soapstone Carving	Diane H. Walker
*Wirecraft, rings	Ruth Ann Moore

Note: \* indicates advanced course with prerequisites.

## 2007 SFMS Registration Form for All Workshops

**Check Session Attending:**  April WA  June WH  August WA  Sept. WA  Oct. WH  
**Accommodations:**  Lodge  Campground at Wm. Holland only  Day Student

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<b>B. NAME</b>		<b>PHONE:</b>	
	<b>STREET:</b>	<b>EMAIL:</b>	
	<b>CITY:</b>	<b>STATE</b>	<b>ZIP</b>

Is this the first time you will attend this retreat? (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	*
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(\*) Check box if you have previously taken this course at an SFMS Workshop

**Room Assignment for Single Applicants only:**

**Special Needs:**

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| <p>1) Do you have a friend with whom you wish to room?<br/>_____</p> <p>2) Do you smoke? _____ Do you wish to room with a non-smoking person? _____ yes _____ no preference.</p> <p>3) Are you an early riser _____ or a Night Owl _____</p> | <p>4) Do you need a handicap room? Yes _____ No _____</p> <p>5) Can you negotiate stairs? Yes _____ No _____</p> <p>6) <b>Special Dietary needs:</b> Diabetic _____ Other _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Campers: Type _____ Length _____</p> |
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### INSTRUCTIONS

- 1) Applications will be accepted beginning on February 15, 2007 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 as an SFMS member.
- 3) **Cost per person:**  
 Double occupancy with private bath \$310. (Non-member \$330.)  
 Single room with private bath. . . . \$470. (Non-member \$490.)  
 Day student or WH Camper workshop fee \$140 per person.  
 Campsite for 1 or 2 people at William Holland only \$120.  
*(No meals are included for campers or day students but are available directly from the retreat.)*
- 4) **A reservation deposit of \$25 per person must accompany this form.** You may, *and are encouraged to*, pay the full amount. **Any balance will be due four weeks prior to the workshop.**
- 5) **Cancellation Policy:** If you cancel, there is a \$25 per person nonrefundable charge to cover administrative costs. No refund will be given for cancellations received less than 7 days before the session begins.  
**There are NO adjustments for late arrivals or early departures.**  
**Amount submitted with application: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

### Make Check Payable to: SFMS (WA or WH) Workshop

<p><b>William Holland Registrar</b>                  Charlotte, Caughman                  P. O. Box 4692                  Spartanburg, SC 29305                  Phone: 864-473-0317</p>	<p><b>Wildacres Registrars</b>                  Flora Lee and Robert Walker                  164 Sexton Loop                  Oakdale, TN 37829-2323                  Phone: 423-369-3077</p>
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**REPORT ON AFMS MEETING, JUNE 2, 2007**

Betty M. James, Delegate

of them received scores of 100 each. Just to study these exhibits was a great learning experience.

Thank you for allowing me to represent you at this meeting.

As the SFMS alternate delegate, I attended the AFMS meeting in Roswell, NM. The usual reports of the officers and Directors were given in order, following which several business items were considered. Results were as follows:

**EDITOR'S RAMBLINGS**

1. Change of Officer's OP # 1, President, to add #17. At the conclusion of the annual AFMS show, the President shall remove and pack the contents of the AFMS Past Presidents' case (or assure that someone will do so) and store it until the next annual AFMS show. He/she will contact the following year's show committee to reserve an exhibit case and space for the exhibit. Setting up the case is the responsibility of the Immediate Past President. Item carried.
2. Special Committee OP #10, AFMS PUBLICATIONS, To amend the OP which establishes a system for obtaining printed or other materials of any kind that are sold or distributed by the AFMS Central Office. Item carried. A copy of the amended OP will be distributed to SFMS Supplies Chair.
3. Special OP #4 IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT – To enumerate the duties and functions of the AFMS Immediate Past President. Item carried.
4. AD-HOC AFMS INTER-REGIONAL FIELD TRIP COORDINATOR – To promote relations between Regional Federations and to facilitate the administration of individuals and/or clubs coming together under a regional trip leader for the purpose of collecting and fellowship. Chair and one person from each Regional Federation to be selected by the Chair. Item Passed.
5. AD HOC COMMITTEE FOR AFMS CONTESTS AND/OR COMPETITIONS – To study decline of participation in the various contests and competitions and to see if each warrants the expense and effort to continue as is or change to meet current needs, or eliminate if there is not enough interest in the program. Item passed.
6. Consideration of annual budget – Item passed.
7. Officers elected for 2007-2008 year: President – Shirley Leeson (CA Fed), President Elect – Joy Bourne (Eastern), First Regional Vice President – Emerson Tucker (South Central), Second Regional Vice President – John Blue (Midwest), Third Regional Vice President – Lauren Williams (Northwest), Fourth Regional Vice President – Don Monroe (Southeast), Fifth Regional Vice President – Richard Jaeger (Rocky Mountain), Secretary – Anne Cook.

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you! Apparently my last message struck a chord with many of you. I received enough articles to create this issue of *Lodestar*. Some of the articles were a little late, but not so late that I couldn't get this issue out nearly on time.

I'm crossing my fingers for the next issue in September. The submittal deadline is August 25, 2007. Please be on time. I will be finishing up a report due to the State of Georgia on September 14th. (Unfortunately, the State is not as forgiving regarding missed deadlines as I am.) I'm just now starting the last phase of data gathering and will have a significant amount of field work once the notice to proceed comes through this week. I cannot work on the next issue of *Lodestar* except on weekends and any delay in article submittals will result in a big delay in publication.

Once again, thank you for submitting enough articles that ensured the completion of this issue of *Lodestar*.

*Carolyn L. Daniels, Lodestar Editor*

**SHENONDOAH VALLEY GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY  
JON WESTLEY LAPORTE  
(February 12, 1948 - July 10, 2007)**

Jon Westley Laporte, 59, husband of Patricia Laporte of 33 Whirlwind Court, died Tuesday, July 10, 2007 at Augusta Medical Center, Fishersville, Virginia.

He was born February 12, 1948 in Washington, D. C. , son of the late John and Edna Laporte.

Jon graduated from California Polytechnic University in San Luis Obispo with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. Later, he obtained a Professional Engineer License and authored several publications, presentations and regulations. During his employment with DuPont, he received many awards including International Recognition for Innovation and Design. As such, he was also the proud recipient of DuPont's *Star of Excellence*.

While Jon served in the U. S. Coast Guard, he was the Environmental Officer for the 7th District, which included Florida, the Gulf Coast and areas of the Caribbean. As an Eagle Scout with the Order of the Arrow, he actively supported Boy Scout Troops in earning badges in environmental areas.

More recently, Jon was President of the Shenandoah Gem and Mineral Society and a member of Central Virginia Woodturners.

He is survived by wife, Patricia, children Lauri, James and Matthew and granddaughter, Savannah. His extended family included sisters, Jan, Kim, Kip and brother Kelly.

In lieu of flowers and gifts, please send donations in Jon W. Laporte's name, payable to Geology Dept. Mineral Museum and send to Dr. Kearns, Geology Dept., MSC 6903, Harrisonburg, VA 22807.

*adapted from obituary  
at Henry Funeral Home Website:  
<http://www.meaningfulfunerals.net>*

Ten members of SFMS attended this meeting and show. The show was small with only ten dealers but well over 100 exhibits. More than 30 of these exhibits were competitive with some of the best material I have seen on display. I did not see all the scores but know that two (and maybe more)

**SOUTHEAST FEDERATION OF MINERALOGICAL SOCIETIES ANNUAL MEETING**

HOSTED BY  
MISSISSIPPI GULF COAST GEM AND MINERAL SOCIETY  
AND  
HARRISON COUNTY GEM AND MINERAL SOCIETY  
Saturday, November 10, 2007

**Hotel:** Super 8 located on north side of Highway 90. Take I-10 west to I-110 South, then go west on Highway 90 for about 2 miles. Rate is \$49.99 each night. Rates are valid per room, per night plus tax. **Reservations must be made by August 31<sup>st</sup> for this special rate.** The address is 1870 Beach Blvd., Biloxi, MS 39531; the phone number is 228.385.7919 (Office) or 228.385.7925 (Fax).

**Campgrounds:** There are camping facilities in the area at Martin Lake Resort, 1405 E. Parker Road, Ocean Springs, MS (228.875.9157) and Baywood Campgrounds Inc., 1100 Cowan Road, Gulfport, MS (228.896.4840).

**Show Information:** The Annual Magnolia Gem and Mineral Show will be sponsored by The Mississippi Gulf Coast Gem and Mineral Society. Show times: Friday, November 9, 9:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.; Saturday, November 10, 9:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.; Sunday, November 11, 10:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Free admission and Parking. The show will be held at the Jackson County Fair Grounds at the Civic Center.

**Meeting:** The meeting will be held in the Hotel Conference Room, at 9:00 A.M., registration will begin at 8:30 A.M.

**Banquet:** The banquet will be Saturday, November 10, 2007 at 7:00 P.M. at the host hotel. The meal will be buffet style. Reservations must be made by October 1, 2007 and the check should be made out to Harrison County Gem and Mineral Society, in the amount \$22.00 per person and send c/o Margaret Johnston, P.O. Box 3028, Bay St. Louis, MS. 39521.

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone** \_\_\_\_\_ **Number Attending** \_\_\_\_\_

**Amount Enclosed** \_\_\_\_\_

**SFMS DIRECTORY CORRECTIONS**

Please make the following corrections to your copy of the 2007 SFMS Directory:

**For the Kyana Geological Society (Kentucky):**

- Meeting Place: Louisville Nature Center (not the Louisville Nutone Center),
- Email Address Corrections:
  - \* Alan Goldstein: [deepskyspy@insightbb.com](mailto:deepskyspy@insightbb.com),
  - \* Maryann and Blythe Collings: [2by2@bellsouth.net](mailto:2by2@bellsouth.net), and
- Club website: [www.Kyanageo.org](http://www.Kyanageo.org).

**For the Kingsport Gems and Minerals Society (Tennessee):**

- Club Name: Kingsport Gems and Minerals Society (not Kingsport Gem and Mineral Society),
- Email Address Corrections:
  - \* Anne Small: [annegibbons@earthlink.net](mailto:annegibbons@earthlink.net),
  - \* Jim Small: [jsmall47@earthlink.net](mailto:jsmall47@earthlink.net),
  - \* Gene Chambers: [Pompeii@charter.net](mailto:Pompeii@charter.net),
  - \* Gerald Fleenor: [gifleenor@bvunet.net](mailto:gifleenor@bvunet.net),
  - \* Tom Wilkie: [jandtwilkie@charter.net](mailto:jandtwilkie@charter.net), and
  - \* Mike Chessman: [mike@starloremedia.com](mailto:mike@starloremedia.com).

*Carolyn Daniels, Lodestar Editor*

food cooked on the grill, cold drinks and chips will be available for purchase on the mountain during all three days of these events. Don't forget to bring some extra money to buy the special "Graves Mountain Rock Swap and Dig" T-shirt!

**THESE DIGS ARE OPEN TO ALL SFMS CLUBS.**

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

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

**Directions:** From Atlanta's I-285, take I-20 east to the exit for Washington, GA SR 78 (SR 10, SR 17) and turn left.

Travel north to Washington, turn right onto SR 378 and drive 11 miles to the Graves Mountain area. The entrance to Graves Mountain is on your right about 8/10 mile past the Lincoln county line sign. The entrance is a paved road that goes through a gate and up the hill to the parking area(s). Proceed from your parked vehicle to the registration/hospitality tent to sign your liability release form and to make a donation for the portable bathrooms, etc.

SFMS Field Trip Committee:  
Please reply by e-mail to: [dmc@gamineral.org](mailto:dmc@gamineral.org)  
Jim Flora - SFMS Field Trip Committee Chair

**GRAVES MOUNTAIN CODE OF CONDUCT!**

Park your vehicle in the designated area(s) only.

**CHILDREN WILL BE ALLOWED DURING THE "Rock Swap and Dig" IF EACH CHILD IS UNDER ADULT SUPERVISION!**

ALL pets must be kept under control and on a leash.

The Graves Mountain caretaker, Clarence Norman Jr., has final and absolute say as to where you may safely work. Ladders or power tools of any kind will not be allowed.(HAND TOOLS ONLY!)

STAY AWAY FROM ALL HIGH WALLS!!

NO RAPELLING OFF OF ANYTHING!

NO ONE IS ALLOWED TO DRIVE THEIR VEHICLE ON ANY PART OF GRAVES MOUNTAIN BEYOND THE PARKING AREA! (The caretaker must accompany anyone driving beyond the parking area!)

EVERYONE NEEDS TO BE OFF THE MOUNTAIN BY DUSK. (Absolutely no one is allowed on Graves Mountain after dark.)

Please protect our ability to field collect at Graves Mountain!

**Report Violations to:**

Clarence Norman Jr.  
706.359.3862 (his business) or 706.359.2381 (his home)  
All reported violations will be held in strict confidence.

*via email from Jim Flora*  
*SFMS Fieldtrip Committee Chairman*

**GRAVES MOUNTAIN "ROCK SWAP AND DIG" FOR 2007**

**8 A.M. to 6 P.M., Friday, October 5, 2007**  
**8 A.M. to 6 P.M., Saturday, October 6, 2007**  
**8 A.M. to 6 P.M., Sunday, October 7, 2007**

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

The SFMS Field Trip Committee has been in contact with the caretaker in charge of Graves Mountain, Clarence Norman Jr., in regard to his plans to hold a three day dig and rock swap on the Mountain during October 5-7, 2007. He will have the mountain open to collecting from 8:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. each day. All participants must stop at the welcome table in the hospitality tent to sign a liability release and make a small contribution to defray the cost of opening the mountain and providing port-o-lets. There will be several golf cart-type, four wheeled vehicles available to transport those participants who have trouble walking long distances. The dig will cease and everyone is expected to be off the mountain by around 6:00 P.M. each day. Participants will be allowed to park in a designated area on the mountain.

**Rock Swap and Hot Food/Drinks:** Junior will set aside an area in the upper parking lot for tables to be setup for daily rock swaps. Anyone who would like to setup a table(s), please contact Junior at the phone numbers listed below. Hot

**CALL FOR SPEAKERS!**

**The Southeast Chapter of the Friends of Mineralogy Annual Fall Symposium** Saturday November 3, 2007

Holiday Inn Cartersville (I-75 exit 293 in front of the Weinman Mineral Museum)

This Year's Topic: *Mining in the Southeast*

Suggested Schedule:

9-10 A.M. - Coffee reception, welcome, updates

10 A.M. -12 Noon- Lectures

12 Noon -1:30 P.M. - Lunch

1:30 P.M. - 3:00 P.M. - Lectures

3:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M. - Business Meeting

4:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M. - Auction

This year's symposium is dedicated to historic and current mining activities and their minerals. We are seeking speakers who will do brief talks on any subject related to mining in the Southeast. The goal is to have seven speakers do talks every half hour, so each talk will need to be 20 to 25 minutes with a few minutes for Questions & Answers and transition time. Anyone interested in participating as a speaker please contact Jose Santamaria, SE/FM Vice President [joses@weinmanmuseum.org](mailto:joses@weinmanmuseum.org) or 770.386.0576.

Please volunteer, spread the word and suggest someone. We can't do this without you!

*Jose Santamaria*

**FALLS OF THE OHIO FOSSIL FESTIVAL**

Falls of the Ohio State Park and the Falls of the Ohio Foundation announce the 2007 Falls Fossil Festival! This, our 13th event, will be held September 15 - 16 at one of the world's most spectacular naturally exposed fossil beds! Visitors can explore our rich Middle Devonian patch reef packed with fossils on the riverbed at the Falls of the Ohio.

This show, held rain or shine, features outdoor vendors selling fossils, minerals, books, related items and food. There are fossil bed tours and special workshops and programs from renowned paleontologists and geologists in the Interpretive Center. Speakers this year include:

**SCHEDULE  
September 15**

**9:30 A.M. - 12:15 P.M.:** The Indiana Geological Survey and Kentucky Geological Survey Web Sites as educational resources. (Pre-registration recommended, but if room is available, drop ins are welcome.) Dr. Steve Greb, Kentucky Geological Survey, Lexington; Nathan Eaton, Indiana Geological Survey, Bloomington.

**1:00 P.M.:** Tentacled fossils of the Ohio Valley, Todd Hendricks, Bardstown, Kentucky

**2:00 P.M.:** Preserving our Fossil Heritage, Peggy Fisherkeller, Curator of Geology, Indiana State Museum, Indianapolis

**3:00 P.M.:** Climate Change Through Time: Evidence at the Falls, Dr. Keith Mountain, Professor of Geosciences, University of Louisville

**4:00 P.M.:** Crinoids through the Ages, Bradley Deline, Cincinnati University, PhD Student

**5:00 P.M.:** Keynote Presentation - The History of Corals, Dr. Claudia Johnson, Indiana University, Bloomington.

**September 16  
(Both at the tent by the Fossil Pile.)**

**1:30 P.M.:** Fossil Collecting Tips, Rick Schrantz, Kentucky Paleontological Society, Lexington, Kentucky.

**2:30 P.M.:** Identifying your fossils, Dan Phelps, Kentucky Paleontological Society, Lexington, Kentucky.

There is an activity area for children with scheduled and on-going programs. We have a special fossil exhibit - Tentacles! Creatures with tentacles are highlighted in this exhibit. A variety of fossils of "tentacled" organisms for the last 700 million years will be displayed. Topics of our guest speakers cover the history of corals, global climate change in Earth's history, crinoids, animal fossils with tentacles, fossils identification, and fossil collecting.

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**FALLS OF THE OHIO FOSSIL FESTIVAL**

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Collecting is prohibited at the Falls of the Ohio; however, a local quarry donates 30 tons each of fossil-bearing Silurian Waldron shale and Devonian Jeffersonville Limestone residuum. Dig for brachiopods, bryozoans, corals, crinoids, cystoids, snails, clams, and trilobites in Hanson's Fossil Collecting Piles. New this year - a mineral collecting pile from the Hastie's mill dump in Rosiclare, Illinois! We can direct your club to other localities to collect fossils. This would be an ideal weekend field trip. We hope members of your group will be able to attend!

Details can be found at the park's web site:

[www.fallsoftheohio.org](http://www.fallsoftheohio.org)

<<https://exchweb.in.gov/exchweb/bin/redir.asp?URL=<A>>

[A>](http://www.fallsoftheohio.org)

href="http://www.fallsoftheohio.org">http://www.fallsoftheohio.org> or contact me at [agoldstein@dnr.in.gov](mailto:agoldstein@dnr.in.gov)."

*Alan Goldstein, Certified Interpretive Planner  
Interpretive Naturalist / Fossil Festival Coordinator  
Falls of the Ohio State Park*

**LOOKING AHEAD****CLUB & SOCIETY SHOWS/SWAPS**

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

**July 25-28, 2007, Franklin, NC – Gem & Mineral Society of Franklin, NC.** Community Facilities Building, Hwy 441S (Georgia Rd.). Hours: 25<sup>th</sup>-28th, 10:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M. Contacts: Fred Plesner (Show Chair) at 888.348.4224 or Franklin Chamber of Commerce at 828.524.3161 or [www.franklin-chamber.com](http://www.franklin-chamber.com).

**August 31- September 3, 2007, Hendersonville, NC-Henderson County Gem & Mineral Society.** 26th Annual Gem and Mineral Spectacular & Sale. Witmire Activity Building at Toms Park, Lily Pond Road. Show Hours: August 31<sup>st</sup> – September 2nd, 10:00 A.M.- 6:00 P.M. and September 3, 10:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M. Contact: Margaret L. Johnson (Show Chair) @ 828.692.1249 or [mgt.i.ed@brinet.com](mailto:mgt.i.ed@brinet.com).

**September 3, 2007, Hendersonville, NC-Henderson County Gem & Mineral Society.** 19th Annual Micromounters Symposium. Salvation Army Building between 3rd and 4th Avenues and Grove Street in Downtown Hendersonville. Hours: 10:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Shuttle available from show. Contact: Ted Dickert at [teddickert@yahoo.com](mailto:teddickert@yahoo.com).

**September 7-9, 2007, Winston-Salem, NC—Forsyth Gem and Mineral Club.** 36th Annual Gem, Mineral, Jewelry Show and Sale, Educational Building, Dixie Classic Fairgrounds. Hours: 7th & 8th, 10:00 A.M.- 7:00 P.M.; 9th, 12:00 Noon-5:00 P.M. Contact: W.A. Marion, Show Chairman at [www.forsythgemclub.com](http://www.forsythgemclub.com).

**September 21-23, 2007, Jacksonville, FL - Jacksonville Gem & Mineral Society.** 19th Annual Gem, Mineral, Fossil, and Bead Show. Hours: 21st, 1:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.; 22nd, 10:00 A.M. - 7:00 P.M.; 23rd, 10:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M. Contact: Mary Chambliss, 904.269.4046 or [IvoryTowers@msn.com](mailto:IvoryTowers@msn.com).

**September 22-23, 2007, Hiddenite, NC - Western Piedmont Mineral & Gem Society.** 19th Annual Hiddenite Gem & Mineral Show, Sulpher Springs Road. Hours: 22nd, 9:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.; 23rd, 12:30 P.M. - 3:00 P.M. Contact: Patty Arnold at 828.465.2739.

**September 29-30, 2007, Lexington, KY- Rockhounds of Central Kentucky.** 17th Annual Show. Kentucky National Guard Armory, Airport Road. Hours: September 29th, 10:00 A.M.--6:00 P.M. & September 30th, 12 Noon --5:00 P.M. Contact Kay Fisher at 859.537.1776 or [kkay19@aol.com](mailto:kkay19@aol.com).

**November 2 - 4, 2007, Louisville, KY - Kyana Geological Society.** Contact: Alan Goldstein at [deepskyspy@insightbb.com](mailto:deepskyspy@insightbb.com). Additional information not available at time of publication.

**November 9 – 11, 2007, Pascagoula, MS – Mississippi Gulf Coast Gem & Mineral Society.** (Being held in conjunction with the SFMS Annual Meeting in Biloxi, MS). Civic Center Building, Jackson County Fairgrounds. Hours: 9th & 10th, 10:00 A.M. – 6:00 P.M.; 11th, 10:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M. Contact: John Wright, Show Chairman, 3304 Nottingham Rd., Ocean Springs, MS 39564, Phone: 228.875.9192, or [osjw@datasync.com](mailto:osjw@datasync.com).

**November 10-11, 2007, Lake Havasu City, AZ - Lake Havasu Gem & Mineral Society (Rocky Mountain Federation of Mineralogical Societies).** 38th Annual Gem & Mineral Roundup. City Community (Aquatic) Center. Hours: 10th & 11th, 9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

**November 16-18, 2007, Marietta, GA - Cobb County Gem & Mineral Society.** Annual Show. Cobb County Civic Center, Corner of South Marietta Loop and Fairgrounds Road. Hours: 16th & 17th, 10:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.; 18th, 10:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Contact: Mary Ingram at 770.427.1108 or [mandmingam@comcast.net](mailto:mandmingam@comcast.net).

**November 17-18, 2007, West Palm Beach, FL - Gem & Mineral Society of the Palm Beaches.** 41st Annual Show. South Florida Fairgrounds and Expo Center, Fairgrounds Road. Hours: 17th, 9:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.; 18th, 10:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Contact: Carl Bengston at 561.641.4493 or [gemandmineral@bellsouth.net](mailto:gemandmineral@bellsouth.net).

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## CLUB & SOCIETY SHOWS/SWAPS

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**November 23-25, 2007, Mobile, AL - Mobile Rock and Gem Society.** 13th Annual Show. Greater Gulf State Fairgrounds, Cody and Zeigler Roads. Hours: 23rd, 2:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.; 24th, 9:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.; and 25th, 10:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M. Contact: Jerry Shirey at [www.rockhoundsjs@aol.com](mailto:www.rockhoundsjs@aol.com).

**November 23-25, 2007, Columbia, SC - Columbia, SC Gem and Mineral Society.** 40th Annual Show. Moore Building, SC Fairgrounds, 1200 Rosewood Drive. Hours: 23rd and 24th, 10:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.; 25th, 12:00 Noon - 5:00 P.M. Contact: Susan Shrader at 803.736.9317 or [ashrader@mindspring.com](mailto:ashrader@mindspring.com).

**November 23-25, 2007, Salem, VA - Roanoke Valley Gem and Mineral Society.** 28th Annual Show. Salem Civic Center, 1001 Boulevard. Hours: 23rd, 2:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.; 24th 10:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.; 25th, 12:00 Noon - 5:00 P.M. Contact: David Lemaire at 540.774.4243 or [david.lemaire@med.ge.com](mailto:david.lemaire@med.ge.com).

**December 7-9, 2007, Greensboro, NC - Greensboro Gem and Mineral Club.** 35th Annual Gem and Mineral Show. Greensboro Coliseum, 1921 West Lee Street. Hours: 7th, 2:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.; 8th, 9:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.; and 9th, 12:00 Noon - 5:00 P.M. Contact: Joe Maguire at 336.288.7452 or [joe\\_maguire@prodigy.net](mailto:joe_maguire@prodigy.net).

**December 7-9, 2007, Greensboro, NC - Greensboro Gem and Mineral Club.** 35th Annual Gem and Mineral Show. Greensboro Coliseum, 1921 West Lee Street. Hours: 7th, 2:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.; 8th, 9:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.; and 9th, 12:00 Noon - 5:00 P.M. Contact: Joe Maguire at 336.288.7452 or [joe\\_maguire@prodigy.net](mailto:joe_maguire@prodigy.net).

**December 8-9, 2007, Nashville, TN - Middle Tennessee Gem & Mineral Society.** 27th Annual Earth Treasures Show. Creative Arts Building, Tennessee State Fairgrounds. Hours: 8th, 9:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M. and 9th, 10:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Contact: John Stanley at 615.885.5704 or [jstanley@picagroup.com](mailto:jstanley@picagroup.com).

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

California Federation

## 2007 REGIONAL FEDERATION SHOWS & CONVENTIONS

Held June 15-17, 2007

### Eastern Federation

Newark, New York  
October 6-7, 2007

### Midwest Federation

Hosts: Midwest Mineralogical and Lapidary Society  
Houghton, Michigan  
August 11-12, 2007

### Northwest Federation

Butte, MT  
August 3-5, 2007

### Rocky Mountain Federation and AFMS Convention

Held June 5-10, 2007

### South Central Federation

Arlington, Texas  
September 1-2, 2007

### Southeast Federation

#### Show:

Jackson County Fair Grounds, Pascagoula, MS  
Host: The Mississippi Gulf Coast Gem and Minerals Society  
November 9-11, 2007

### Annual SFMS Meeting and Banquet:

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