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UPCOMING FIELD TRIPS

March 22, 2008: Martin-Marietta Quarry, Woodleaf, NC; hosted by the Gaston County Gem, Mineral & Faceters Club (NC). Mineral collecting: calcite, chabazite, chalcopyrite, epidote, feldspar, fluorite, hornblende, molybdenite, natrolite, prehnite, pyrite, quartz, and many micro-minerals.

April 19, 2008: Chunky Gal Mountain, Corundum Knob, Clay County, NC; hosted by the Northeast Georgia Mineral Society. Mineral collecting: ruby, sapphire, spinel, talc, serpentine, brucite, tremolite, actinolite, smaragdite, pyroxene, fuchsite and dunite (rock).

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

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

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE *The Prez Rambles On . . .*

Dear Mom and Dad,

I know you're in the middle of planning the family vacation this year. Cindy, Cody, TJ, Beth, Amy and I would like to make a suggestion for our destination this year. I know we normally want to go to the beach or to one of the big amusement parks, but this year we want to do something fun and exciting and **Different!!!** We've decided we want to go to one or two of the Southeast Federation Workshops.

They have four different weeks we can choose from. The first week is June 14 – 18, 2008. It's at the William Holland Lapidary School in North Georgia. They have a second week classes too. October 12 – 18, 2008. The other two weeks take place at the Wildacres Retreat near Little Switzerland, North Carolina. Those dates are August 18-24 and September 15-21. Since each week only costs \$310 for a week of fun, maybe we can go to two weeks. It would still cost less than a trip to one of the amusement parks or a week on the beach. Plus we would be learning how to cut stones, make jewelry, make beads, or learn how to identify gems. You can learn more about these workshops by visiting the Southeast Website – www.amfed.org/sfms. Look for the links for the two workshops. You'll also find registration forms and information about the classes. There is also a link to get more information on the classes and instructors. The descriptions also give you an idea of how much money to bring for class supplies. You want to be able to make projects while in class.

Wildacres is situated on a mountain top near Little Switzerland, North Carolina. You can see mountains everywhere up at the retreat. Looking at the pictures on the website, I can tell the mountains must be beautiful in every season, but most especially during the fall when the hillsides are blazing with color. I can almost smell the fresh air just thinking about being high on a mountain. I'm thinking I may want to take the chain making class. One of our club members demonstrated this at one of our club meetings. I think this would be a great way to pass the time and relax when I'm staying in a motel after work. I might be able to make some great Christmas gifts and maybe make a few chains to sell to be able to buy more supplies. Cindy wants to learn how to cut opals, TJ wants to learn about digital photography and you know Cody - he

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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!)**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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just has to play with fire – so he'll be taking silversmithing. We've got to get the applications in early or that class will be full. Beth wants to take beading and Amy just wants to relax. She'll probably take Digital Photography. I bet Dad would enjoy scrimshaw and Mom I'm thinking you might want to take seed beading since you like fine work like crochet and tatting.

William Holland is in the northern part of Georgia. It's not all that far from Wildacres as the crow flies but it's a world away as there are lots of the Appalachian Mountains between them. It's near Young Harris, although you'd never know there was a town anywhere near. I've actually been to this area and I can tell you it's beautiful. Mountains all around, trees to keep it cool in the hot summer, a new lodge and a soon to be remodeled lodge. That reminds me our club helped furnish some of the rooms in both lodges. It's a good way to remember club members who have gone on to the rockpile in the sky or honor members who have gone above and beyond in service to the club. Maybe we could contribute some to the remodeling. Anyway if we go to William Holland, I think I want to take opal cutting or maybe I'll take wire craft. I need to learn how so I can wrap the sunstone crystal Mom found last fall in Oregon. Cindy is interested in enameling. TJ wants to learn about casting. Cody, your favorite firebug, is dying to take lampworking. He can't wait to use a torch that sounds like a jet engine. Or maybe he'll take casting, he'll like slinging hot melted metal around in a centrifuge. Beth will probably take the PMC class as she likes to play with clay and sculpt things. Amy is thinking about stained glass. Mom you might like stained glass too, since you like all those stained glass windows in the churches and cathedrals we've visited over the years. Dad might like intarsia since he likes to put things together. Be like assembling Christmas presents on Christmas Eve. Not quite as much stress, he'll have a week to do it.

I've saved the best for last. Each workshop session has plenty of extra activities. They have a auction each week. We'll want to take a couple of items for the auction as well as some extra money so we can buy a few treasures. You know I'm a sucker for auctions and have been known to drive up the bid just so more money can be raised. After all that's what the auctions are for to raise funds so they don't have to raise prices. The other thing that sounds like a lot of fun is an afternoon off to explore the area. There are places to hunt rocks in the area so some of us might want to do that. We'll be near some of the best mountain scenery that both states have to offer. Some of us may want to visit some of the mines or the mineral museum near Wildacres. Both places have a library, so some may want to just sit on the porch in a rocker and read. Some of the instructors will allow you to work that afternoon as well. It might be a good time to finish up a special project.

So you see why we're so excited about going to the workshops. Learn a little, play a lot, make some new friends, get re-acquainted with some old friends we haven't seen in a while. Not much to interfere with a totally

enjoyable experience in the mountains.

So can we go? We need to get our applications in soon before the classes we want fill up.

Your favorite son, Steve

P.S. I thought asking Granny to go too but I don't think she would consider it – it's too far from WalMart. You know she just has to go three times a week or more, every day if we're traveling.

By now you're probably thinking I've lost my every loving mind. I've never been to the workshops before. I gleaned most of the information from the website that describes the workshops. I have been to the area of both places even driven up to William Holland to see the facilities. The names have not been changed to protect the innocent. They are guilty of being my family although my dad passed away a few years ago. I hope my letter has gotten you interested enough in taking a class to get up now, get an application filled out and sent in to our registrars. They are listed in the *Lodestar*.

Enough rambling already!!!

I'll see you next month,

Steve Henegar, SFMS President

Be Safe – Be Well

Safety Committee – Don Monroe, Chairman

(My wife received this article from a fellow rockhound. She shared it with me and I felt it was worth sharing with all of you.)

You and Your Handbag

Have you ever noticed the women who sit their handbags on public toilet floors? I myself hang mine on the door. But they go from there to putting their handbags on the kitchen or dining room table at home or at someone's house. It happens way to much. So if you think about it, it's not always the *restaurant food* that causes stomach distress. Sometime what you don't know *will* hurt you!

This is an email my mom sent me about this subject. I thought it was worth sharing with all the people who come here and read the site.

Mom got so upset when guests came in the door and plopped their handbags down on the counter where she was cooking or setting up food. She always said that handbags are really dirty, because of where they have been.

It's something just about every woman carries with them. While we may know what's inside our handbags, do you have any idea what's on the outside? Women carry handbags everywhere; from the office to public toilets to the floor of the car. Most women won't be caught without their handbags, but did you ever stop to think about where your handbag goes during the day.

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Be Safe – Be Well*(Continued)*

"I drive a school bus, so my handbag has been on the floor of the bus a lot," says one woman. "On the floor of my car, and in toilets."

"I put my handbag in grocery shopping carts and on the floor of the toilet," says another woman "and of course in my home which should be clean."

We decided to find out if handbags harbor a lot of bacteria. We learned how to test them at Nelson Laboratories in Salt Lake , and then we set out to test the average woman's handbag. Most women told us they didn't stop to think about what was on the bottom of their handbag. Most said at home they usually set their handbags on top of kitchen tables and counters where food is prepared. Most of the ladies we talked to told us they wouldn't be surprised if their handbags were at least a little bit dirty. It turns out handbags are so surprisingly dirty, even the microbiologist who tested them was shocked.

Microbiologist Amy Karen of Nelson Labs says nearly all of the handbags tested were not only high in bacteria, but high in harmful kinds of bacteria. Pseudomonas can cause eye infections, staphylococcus aureus can cause serious skin infections, and salmonella and e-coli found on the handbags could make people very sick. In one sampling, four of five handbags tested positive for salmonella, and that's not the worst of it. "There is fecal contamination on the handbags" says Amy. Leather or vinyl handbags tended to be cleaner than cloth handbags, and lifestyle seemed to play a role. People with kids tended to have dirtier handbags than those without, with one exception. The handbag of one single woman who frequented nightclubs had one of the worst contaminations of all. "Some type of feces, or possibly vomit" says Amy.

So the moral of this story is that your handbag won't kill you, but it does have the potential to make you very sick if you keep it on places where you eat.

Use hooks to hang your handbag at home and in toilets, and don't put it on your desk, a restaurant table, or on your kitchen countertop. Experts say you should think of your handbag the same way you would a pair of shoes. "If you think about putting a pair of shoes onto your countertops, that's the same thing you're doing when you put your handbag on the countertops" Your handbag has gone where individuals before you have sneezed, coughed, spat, urinated, emptied bowels, etc! Do you really want to bring that home with you? The microbiologists at Nelson also said cleaning a handbag will help. Wash cloth handbags and use leather cleaner to clean the bottom of leather handbags.

Feel free to post this one your blog and share it with your readers. The world needs to know!

PATTY CONSTRUCTION QUARRY**Dixie Mineral Council Field Trip****Chattooga County, Georgia****February 16, 2008**

by Jeff Deere

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We had great weather for our Dixie Mineral Council field trip to the Patty Construction Quarry near Summerville hosted by the Rome Georgia Mineral Society, with a high in the mid 50's and partly cloudy skies. There were approximately 70 individuals assembled on this day to collect Summerville lace agate and drusy quartz at the site.

I have record of the following DMC clubs in attendance:

- Athens Rock and Gem Club (Athens, GA)
- Carroll County Gem & Mineral Society, Inc. (Carrollton, GA),
- Cobb County Gem & Mineral Society (Marietta, GA),
- Cotton Indian Gem & Mineral Society, Inc. (Stockbridge, GA),
- Forsyth Gem & Mineral Club (Winston-Salem, NC),
- Georgia Mineral Society (Atlanta, GA),
- Knoxville Gem & Mineral Society (Knoxville, TN),
- Mobile Rock & Gem Society, Inc. (Mobile, AL),
- Northeast Georgia Mineral Society (Cornelia, GA),
- Rome Georgia Mineral Society (Rome, GA),
- Southern Appalachian Mineral Society (Asheville, NC), and
- Western South Carolina G&MS (Greenville, SC).

This site has been a long time favorite of many collectors. The agate forms within Mississippian age chert as delicate concentric bands. Colors are predominantly gray and red. On occasion, one can find stalactic formations, sometimes covered in drusy quartz. Material is generally found by simply surface collecting. However, I prefer to break apart boulders with a sledge. On this day, many a bucket and an occasional wheelbarrow of material was had. Most cars and trucks were sitting low as they pulled away by late afternoon. Everyone with whom I spoke seemed happy with the ample and colorful material they collected.

*Respectfully Submitted,**Jeff Deere**Field Trip Chair**Rome Ga. Mineral Society*

(Photographs of the trip can be accessed via <http://www.mcrocks.com/ftr08DeereMarch08.html>.)

Words of Caution

**John M. Wright, Chairman
AFMS Conservation & Legislation**

When you head out this spring on a field trip or any other type of outing that involves federal lands, don't be surprised to find roads blocked by gates or earthen structures and many parks, camp sites, and trails closed. In spite of congressional legislation that requires proposals and recommendations for road closures based on in-depth studies and public hearings, the U. S. Forest Service has more-or-less chosen to ignore the congressional mandate and is pursuing a course that is indiscriminately restricting the public from vast areas of federal lands. Trying to understand the rationale they use in choosing areas to be closed is impossible and reminds me of a game kids play called "pin the tail on the donkey".

During the early 1980s the U. S. Forest Service began to make changes in their philosophy for the management of forest resources. In all fairness, I want to acknowledge up front that in large part this was because of reductions in federal funds; however, in recent years the reduction in funds has become a scapegoat for placing millions of acres off limits to the public because of pressure exerted by well-financed special interest groups. These restrictions may very well come back and bite them in the backside, but that will be of little consolation for us as our tax dollars will be used to correct the mistakes.

The following USDA News Release is the new philosophy in a "nut shell" so to speak. It also contains the website for a more detailed version:

**NEWS RELEASE
USDA Forest Service
Washington, D.C.**

**Release No. 0721
USDA FOREST SERVICE RELEASES FIVE YEAR
STRATEGIC PLAN**

WASHINGTON, October 29, 2007—U.S. Forest Service Chief Abigail Kimbell announced today the release of the agency's strategic plan for fiscal years 2007 – 2012. The plan includes Kimbell's emphasis areas of climate change, **water** and involving youngsters in forest activities.

"Forests play a unique role in meeting our Nation's future challenges associated with climate change, renewable **energy**, and sustaining abundant flows of fresh water to the American people," said Kimbell. "Because issues related to climate change and looming **water** shortages will take many years to resolve, the

Forest Service is committed to instilling stronger land ethics in future generations."

The *Forest Service Strategic Plan for FY 2007 – 2012* provides a clear yet broad direction to carry out its mission of natural resource management while focusing on critical programs and activities.

The Forest Service strategy includes the integration of environmental, social, and economic issues into its management decisions while accounting for present and future needs.

The Forest Service Strategic Plan can be found at: <http://www.fs.fed.us/publications/strategic/fs-sp-fy07-12.pdf>.

So what does this mean for you? Ultimately it will mean fewer places for field trips and other outings as competition is increased for access to private property as trail bikers, 4-wheelers, hunters, campers, etc. are displaced from federal lands and seek out new areas for their pursuits. It will also mean higher prices for lumber and wood products, fuel, and minerals used to make our lives more productive and comfortable.

The underhanded covert methods being used for taking away public access to federal lands without public approval or hearings will continue unless we take a stand. Become involved and let your opposition be known. We are not alone in this fight and can increase our leverage by joining with other groups that are opposed to the road closures and limiting the public's access to lands controlled by the Forest Service. Find a way to become aware of, and to keep yourself up to date on these important issues in your area. I recommend that you or your club join the American Lands Access Association and also the BlueRibbon Coalition (sharetrails.org). These are two of the better ones for keeping informed, but there are many more and some of them may be located in your immediate area.



2008 ROCKHOUND OF THE YEAR

IS THERE A LIMIT ON THE NUMBER OF NOMINATIONS ALLOWED EACH YEAR FROM EACH CLUB?

We look forward to and encourage all clubs to participate in the Rockhound of the Year Awards Program this year.

Yes, each club is allowed to submit only one Rockhound of the Year nomination every year.

These recognitions are an excellent way for your club to recognize those whom have done so much for the good of our beloved hobby.

BASED ON THE PREVIOUS QUESTION, WOULD IT BE WISE TO SUGGEST A CONSENSUS AMONG CLUB MEMBERS PRIOR TO SUBMISSION TO THE FEDERATION?

*Thanks,
Herb Whittington, SFMS Rockhound of the Year
Coordinator
alarocks@graceba.net*

Yes, this is something clubs should decide on as a body-- either a committee or the entire membership. They may want to make it a local competition with service points earned or something similar.

WHAT IS A ROCKHOUND OF THE YEAR?

Rockhound of the Year is an honor given to club members by their peers in recognition of their contributions and/or sacrifices involved with our hobby.

HOW WILL THE CLUB KNOW THAT A NOMINATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED FOR THE CURRENT YEAR?

WHAT IS THE TIME FRAME ON THE NOMINATION DEADLINE?

Nominations must be received by the Coordinator no later than **June 30, 2008**. Each year, every SFMS club is allowed one Rockhound of the Year nomination, to which a certificate will be awarded. From all the nominations, a Federation Committee will determine which nominee is most deserving of the SFMS Rockhound of the Year award. A plaque will be given for this SFMS award.

Each club will be notified by the Coordinator once its nominations have been received.

This committee will be assembled at the next SFMS quarterly meeting in Nashville this March. Committee names will be listed in the SFMS newsletter (*Lodestar*) following this meeting.

WHEN WILL THE SFMS AWARD BE GIVEN?

At the annual fall SFMS meeting. Details will be printed in *Lodestar*.

WHERE SHOULD NOMINATIONS BE SENT?

Directly to the Rockhound of the Year Coordinator (Please use the form:

Herb Whittington
2102 Brookhill Road, Dothan, AL 36301
or
email address: alarocks@graceba.net.

**Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies, Inc.
2008 Rockhound of the Year Nomination Form**

Name of person nominated: _____

Name of club which nominee belongs to: _____

Address of club: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Please give a brief reason why this person is being nominated as Rockhound of the Year:

Nominating Committee Members: _____

Contact phone # _____

Email address: _____

Date: _____

Please return form to Herb Whittington, 2102 Brookhill Road, Dothan, AL 36301 or email to alarocks@graceba.net. Nominations **MUST** be submitted by **June 30, 2008**.

JUNIOR RESOURCES UPDATE

Bonita Harris, SFMS Youth Resources Chairman

Please continue to encourage your junior club members to work toward the Junior of the Year (JOY) award, which concludes October 31, 2008. This prestigious award is an entire year project, for which the juniors accumulate points according to the JOY application guidelines. The JOY winner receives a beautiful specimen and plaque with the runner-up receiving a smaller specimen and certificate. All the remaining participants receive a "Certificate of Participation."



Each year we have had very few applicants. I think the clubs think they do not have a chance, but they are wrong! So encourage them to keep up with their field trips, attendance to adult and junior meetings, write articles for their local club newsletter and follow the JOY Guidelines. See the criteria and application form on pages 8–10 of this issue of *Lodestar* for more details.



Also, the junior club members ages 12-18 should be completing letters of application for the SFMS Youth Scholarship. This is for one of the Southeast Mineralogical Federation workshops at Wildacres or William Holland. In the letter, the youth should state why they should be considered and include a list of lapidary hobbies and achievements. The president of their local gem and mineral club should include a letter of recommendation for the junior. Deadline for applying for the scholarship is April 30, 2008. More details are in the January 2008 *Lodestar* and at the SFMS website on-line.

Metamorphic Magic!

This is adapted from a recipe found on-line by Tammy Payton tpayton@dmrtc.net.

Objective: For an understanding of the rock cycle.

Materials: *Metamorphic Magic Cookie* recipe
toothpicks
paper plates

Activity Description:

Have juniors measure, stir, and bake the *Metamorphic Magic Cookie* recipe. Explain that the ingredients they are adding represent sediments of material. As each ingredient is added to the mixture, they are becoming compacted together. After all of the ingredients are added, we have something similar to a sedimentary rock formation. When

we form the small, teaspoon size drops of dough on the cookie sheet, the ingredients are compacted together to form a solid material.

Discuss how this is similar to conglomerate rock: Conglomerate rocks are sedimentary rocks. They are made of large sediments like sand and pebbles. The sediment is so large that pressure alone cannot hold the rock together, but it is cemented together with dissolved minerals. The chips and nuts can represent the large sediments and the dough represents the dissolved minerals that cement the rock.

Next have the students predict what will happen to this dough when heat is added to this mixture. Explain that this is how sedimentary rock is changed, or morphed, into another kind of rock. Metamorphic rocks were once igneous or sedimentary. The rocks are under tons and tons of pressure, which fosters heat and causes them to change. Although we are not adding pressure to the cookies, we are emulating the heat that causes the rocks to change with the oven.

Once the cookies are out of the oven, have the students mine for minerals. Give each student one cookie on a paper plate and a toothpick. Have students compare the size of their cookies with other students; then weigh the cookies to see if they all weigh the same. Query your students why not all "rocks" (cookies) do weigh the same: some cookies will weigh less because some may have fewer "minerals" in their rock.

Finally, have the children mine for minerals by taking their toothpicks and excavating their rock. Sort the minerals they have and discuss whether the minerals changed their appearance since the heat was applied. Compare the number of minerals found in their rock to the rocks of the other students.

Metamorphic Magic Cookie Recipe

1/2 cup shortening or margarine
1 cup brown sugar
1/2 teaspoon vanilla
1/2 cup chopped nuts
1/2 cup well-drained crushed pineapple
1 egg, beaten
1 cup whole wheat flour
1 cup flour
1 teaspoon soda
1 teaspoon salt

Cream the shortening and the sugar. Add the beaten egg and vanilla. Add the dry ingredients and mix. Stir in the fruit and the nuts. Drop by teaspoonful onto cookie sheet. Bake for 7 minutes at 375 degrees. Note optional ingredients: chocolate chips, coconut, and wheat germ.

APPLICATION FOR SFMS JUNIOR OF THE YEAR 2008

NAME _____ AGE _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN _____

I, _____, certify that I am a member in good standing of the _____ Gem and Mineral Club, which is a member of the Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies. I am a paid member throughout the calendar Year 2008. All of the points on this application are for activities between November 1, 2007 and October 31, 2008. All entries are true and correct.

PRESIDENT OF THE SPONSORING CLUB

I _____, as President of the sponsoring Club believe that all the points recorded in this application are true and correct.

PARENT/ GUARDIAN SIGNATURE _____

**ALL MATERIAL MUST BE COMPLETED BY OCTOBER 31, 2008
ALL MATERIAL MUST BE POSTMARKED BY NOVEMBER 7, 2008**

**MAIL APPLICATIONS TO:
Bonita L. Harris, SFMS Youth Resources Chairman
12520 Jeff Hamilton Road
Mobile, AL 36695
Telephone: 251.865.9157**

THE JUNIOR OF THE YEAR (JOY) WINNER WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN THE DECEMBER 2008 *LODESTAR* AND AT THE 2008 SFMS ANNUAL MEETING! GOOD LUCK!

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SFMS JUNIOR OF THE YEAR 2008 CRITERIA

NOTE: On a separate sheet(s) of paper, list and identify/describe activities and the points attained for each individual activity (i.e. #2 Adult meetings attended: May 2007 (5 points), July 2007 (2 points) etc.).

- 1. Must be a current, paid Junior member of a club in the Southeast Federation, 5 points....._____points
- 2. Must attend at least one adult meeting, 5 points....._____points
Attendance at additional adult meetings, 2 points each....._____points
(5 points if there is no Junior meeting available to attend)
- 3. Attendance at Junior meetings/workshops, 5 points each....._____points
Serving as an officer, committee member or presenter 5 points each meeting_____points
- 4. Attendance at a Gem and Mineral Club Show other than your own. Show must be recognized by an organized Club or one of the major federations. (Obtain and save show ticket or program), 10 points....._____points

NOTE: Attendance at a primarily rock, gem, mineral, fossil, or earth science museum, National Park, or other exhibit related to our hobby will be considered a "show". Enter points above, 10 points each

- 5. Participation in a Gem and Mineral Club sponsored (or Dixie Mineral Council sponsored) field trip, including Junior Club field trips, 15 points each....._____points
- 6. Participation in a family field trip or field trip with a group other than those listed above, 10 points per trip....._____points
- 7. In keeping with the "Each one Teach one" program, a Junior club member can earn 10 points per occasion for sharing our hobby with others by teaching them a defined skill (example - Gem Tree making at your club show or presenting a program)....._____points
- 8. In the spirit of sharing our hobby and encouraging growth of the clubs in our Federation, a Junior may earn 5 points for sponsoring a new Junior or adult member and an additional 5 points for attending a meeting to introduce them_____points

NOTE: Articles accepted by the Editor but not yet published by October, 2007 can be counted for either 2007 or 2008, but for one year only.

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SFMS JUNIOR OF THE YEAR 2008 CRITERIA

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9. Publication of a well-researched educational article on some phase of our hobby or the earth sciences in your club bulletin. Accuracy of information and references required. 25 points_____points

10. Publication of a report in your club bulletin on a Junior Club meeting, workshop or field trip, 10 points each_____points

11. A Junior Club member winning a regional or national award for articles published in a club bulletin and submitted for competition will receive 25 points for each such recognition....._____points

NOTE: You may receive points for publication of an article one year and receive points for the same article for recognition the next year....._____points

12. Junior sharing our hobby at schools or in other groups by making a presentation may receive 5 points for each presentation if a written verification is obtained at the time from the adult in charge....._____points

13. Junior recognized in school, regional or state Science Fairs for exhibits related to our hobby or to Federation purposes will receive 20 points per recognition....._____points

14. Junior having an exhibit in your club show, 20 points per exhibit....._____points

15. Junior working at the annual club show will receive 5 points for each hour verified work period....._____points

TOTAL POINTS_____

For a possible tie breaker describe any other hobby related information regarding publications, activities, or recognitions achieved this past year that might help us evaluate your enthusiasm for winning this JOY award.

2008 SFMS WORKSHOPS

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

2008 WORKSHOP DATES

William Holland	June 8-14
Wildacres	August 18-24
Wildacres	September 15-21
William Holland	October 12-18

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

Who May Attend

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

REGISTRATION PROCEDURES

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

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

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

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

About instructors

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

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NOTE: Check-in at Wildacres is **MONDAY** afternoon.

Check it at William Holland is **SUNDAY** afternoon.

Early check-in is not permitted at either location.

2008 SFMS WORKSHOP REGISTRATION FORM

SESSION: (check one)	◇ 1 William Holland June 8-14	◇ 3 Wildacres September 15-21
	◇ 2 Wildacres August 18-24	◇ 4 William Holland October 12-18

ACCOMMODATIONS: ◇ Lodge ◇ Day Student ◇ Campground (Wm Holland only)

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

Spouse NAME _____ SFMS CLUB _____
 (#2) Address _____
 City _____ ST__ ZIP _____ Email _____
 Home Phone (____) _____ Cell Phone (____) _____
 Have you attended any other SFMS workshops? _____
 Do you want to be placed on standby if your class is filled when we get your application? Y N

Single applicants only: Do you have someone you want to share a room with? If yes, whom? _____
 Are you a smoker?? Y N Do you want a non-smoking roommate? Y N No preference ____
 Are you an early riser? _____ or a night owl? _____

Special needs:
 Do you need a **handicap** room? Y N Can you negotiate stairs? Y N (elevator at Wm Holland only)
Dietary: Diabetic _____ Other _____
Campers: Type _____ Length _____ (40 ft. max.)

Class Selection

**** Please list alternates****

First Choice	1 st time taking class?	Second Choice	Third Choice
Student #1	Y N	Y N	Y N
Spouse #2	Y N	Y N	Y N

Cost per person \$310.00 double occupancy
Single room with private bath \$470
*****Non members add \$50.00 to all fees*****
Day Student or camper workshop fee \$140 per person. Campsite fee (Wm Holland only) \$120 per week. No meals are included for day students or campers. They are available from and payable directly to the facility. **A \$25 non-refundable deposit per person must accompany your application.** You may, and are encouraged to pay the full amount at that time.

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

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO
SFMS William Holland Workshop
 Denise Talbott, William Holland Registrar
 216 Springview St
 Murphy NC 28906

--- OR ---

SFMS Wildacres Workshop
 Mrs. B.J. Gearhart, Wildacres Registrar
 P.O. Box 36
 Lebanon GA 30146-9998

FOR REGISTRAR'S USE ONLY

Postmark Date	Check #
Deposit #	Amt Paid \$
Accept Mailed	Bal due \$
Standby mailed	Bal check #
Cancel Date	Total Paid
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Classes with asterisk (*) have prerequisites. Check with instructor before registering.

SESSION ONE - WILLIAM HOLLAND SUNDAY, June 8-14, 2008

Beading, traditional	jCase Leeser
Cabochons, beginning	Jerry Mason
Chainmaking, beg.	TBA
Enameling	Renee Wright
Glass fusing	Julia Larson
Lampwork, beginning	Cindy Reed
Opal cutting	Sara Lee Boyce
Scrimshaw techniques	Gino Deskins/Betty Porter
Silver, beginning #1	Dan Haga
Silver, beginning #2	Allen Jewell
Wire sculpture*	Diane Mason
Wirecraft, Beginning	Danny Griffin

SESSION TWO - WILDACRES MONDAY, August 18-24, 2008

Cabochons	Betty James
Faceting, beg	David Lonser
Cold Connection	Kim St Jean
Chainmaking, beginning	Roy Deere
Gem Ident/Appreciation	Ben Smith
Metalsmithing, Advanced*	Jeff Sheer
Digital Photography	Ken Kipnis
PMC 1	Ken, Mary Ann Devos
Raku Beads, Pendants	Jim Cullen
Seed Bead Techniques	Vivian Heath
Silver, beginning	Nancy English
Wire, beginning	Rowan Rose

SESSION THREE - WILDACRES MONDAY, September 15-21

Cold Connections	Kim St Jean
Enameling	TBA
Chainmaking, advanced*	Roy Deere
Facet/Intarsia, beg	Tom Wilkie
Casting Finishing*	Gino Deskins
Opal Cutting	Sara Lee Boyce
PMC 2	Ken, Mary Ann Devos
Seed bead tech.	Roz Evans
Silver, beginning	Zane Purcell
Stained glass, beginning	Julia Larson
Wire Weaving*	Louise Coulson
Wire, knotting/braiding*	Don Coulson

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

Cabochons	Anita Westlake
Chainmaking, Inter.*	Bill & Dee Conybear
Cold Connection	Kathy Morris
Faceting Two	David Corn
Fused Glass	Addy DiPietro
Gourd Carving	Pat Davis
Opal cutting	Joe DiPietro
Lost Wax Casting	John Iacullo
Digital Photography	Ken Kipnis
PMC	Pam Hall
Scrimshaw	Gino Deskins/Betty Porter
Seed Beading	Vivian Heath
Silver, beginning #1	Don & Ann Monroe
Silver, beginning #2	Dan Haga
Silver, intermediate*	Allen Jewell
Beginning Wire	Janet Corn

**SOUTHEAST FEDERATION OF MINERALOGICAL SOCIETIES
2008 FIRST QUARTER BOARD MEETING**

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

Host: Middle Tennessee Gem and Mineral Society

Hotel: Ramada Inn and Suites Nashville Airport

2425 Atrium Way
Nashville, TN 37214
Phone: 615.883.5201

Rates: \$55.00 Single, \$64.00 Double

(Ask for Middle Tennessee Gem and Mineral Society Rate)

Campgrounds: There are several campgrounds in the Opryland Area

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

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

Things to do in the area:

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

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

Opry Mills Shopping Center

Grand Ole Opry – Friday and Saturday Night

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

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

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

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

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

Colburn Earth Science Museum
* 2 S. Pack Square at Pack Place
* Asheville, NC 28801

* 828.254.7162 phone * 828.257.4505 fax *
<http://www.colburnmuseum.org>

GRAVES MOUNTAIN "ROCK SWAPS AND DIGS"

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

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

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

The caretaker in charge of Graves Mountain, Clarence Norman Jr., in regard to his plans to hold TWO three-day digs and rock swaps on the Mountain during April 25–27, 2008 and October 3-5, 2008. He will have the mountain open to collecting from 8:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. each day. All participants must stop at the welcome table in the hospitality tent to sign a liability release and make a small 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 food cooked on the grill, cold drinks and chips will be available for purchase on the mountain during all three days of these events. Don't forget to bring some extra money to buy the special "Graves Mountain Rock Swap and Dig" T-shirt!

THESE DIGS ARE OPEN TO ALL.

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

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

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GRAVES MOUNTAIN "ROCK SWAPS AND DIGS"
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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.)**

ACCESS CORRECTION:The collecting restrictions that were imposed in October 2007 have been rescinded. As it stands now, any group (two or more rockhounds) can reserve Graves Mountain (i.e., you do not have to be the field trip leader of a college, university or gem and mineral society). In order to gain access, you will need contact Junior Norman at 706.359.3862 (business) or 706.359.2381 (home). Lots of Graves Mountain information, including reports and pictures, may be obtained on the Georgia Mineral Society website: <http://www.gamineral.org/commercial-gravesmountain.htm>

Please protect our ability to field collect at Graves Mountain!

In order to gain access to the mountain, you will need to contact the caretaker, Clarence Norman, Jr. (contact information on page 14). Give him a call and he can reserve the mountain exclusively for your group. All of the mineral societies that go there to collect offer the caretaker a donation for his trouble and effort in keeping the mountain open and accessible to them. Please consider what it is worth to your mineral society to be able to field collect minerals at Georgia's premier mineral location!

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 CODE OF CONDUCT!

- Park your vehicle in the designated area(s) only.
- NO child under the age of 12 years old is to be allowed on the mountain because of the dangers involved.
- ALL pets must be kept under control and on a leash.
- The field trip leaders have final and absolute say as to where you may safely work.
- Ladders or power tools of any kind will not be



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WILLIAM HOLLAND WANT AD



Adding to staff: Must relocate to area. For job description email: lapidarytwo@alltel.net. Resumes may be sent to the above email address or mail to: William Holland Retreat Inc., P.O. box 980, Young Harris, GA 30582.

*Suzanne via Jim Flora,
SFMS Web Master.*

LOOKING AHEAD

CLUB & SOCIETY SHOWS/SWAPS

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

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

May 3-4, 2008, North Charleston, SC—Lowcountry Gem & Mineral Society. 15th Annual Lowcountry Gem, Mineral, and Fossil Show, North Charleston Performing Arts Center - Exhibit Hall A, 5000 Coliseum Drive. Hours: 10:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. both days. Contact: Karen Havenstein at 843.795.2956 or fossils@comcast.net.

June 7-8, 2008, Birmingham, AL - Alabama Mineral & Lapidary Society. 35th Tannehill Gem, Mineral, Fossil, & Jewelry Show. Tannehill Ironworks Historical State Park, Exit #100 off I-20/59 S. or Exit #1 off I-459. Hours: 9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. both days. Contact: Rick Kittinger, 1612 Colesbury Circle, Hoover, AL 35226 or rk2273@att.com.

August 23-24, 2008, Ocean Springs, MS—Harrison County (Mississippi) Gem and Mineral Society. Annual Show. St. Martin Community Center. Hours: 23rd, 9:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. and 24th, 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. No further information available at time of publication.

September 27-28, 2008, Lexington, KY - Rockhounds of Central Kentucky. 18th Annual Show. Kentucky National Guard Armory, Airport Road. Hours: 27th, 10:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.; 28th, 12:00 Noon to 5:00 P.M. Contact: Kay Fisher at 859.537.1776 or kkay19@aol.com.

November 7-9, 2008, Pascagoula, MS - Mississippi Gulf Coast Gem & Mineral Society. Magnolia State Gem, Mineral and Jewelry Show. Civic Center Building, Jackson County Fairgrounds, Pascagoula, MS. Hours: 7th & 8th, 10:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.; 9th, 10:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.. Contact: John Wright, 3304 Nottingham Rd., Ocean Springs, MS 39564, 228.875.9192, or osjwb@datasync.com.

November 7-9, Tulsa, OK - Rocky Mountain Federation/Tulsa Rock and Mineral Society. Central Park building, Tulsa Fairgrounds, 21st Street and Yale, Tulsa, OK. Hours: 7th, 10:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.; 8th, 9:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.; 9th, 10:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Contacts: Richard Jaeger, 919.481.0249, RjgrSci@aol.com and Virgil Richards, dws@dances-with-snakes.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.

2008 REGIONAL FEDERATION SHOWS & CONVENTIONS

California Federation
Ventura, California
June 27-29, 2008

Eastern Federation
Jackson, Mississippi
Occurred February 23-24, 2008

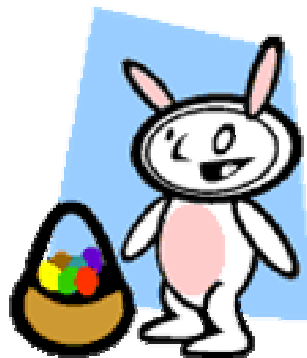
Midwest Federation
Lincoln, Nebraska
June 20-22, 2008

Northwest Federation
Ontario, Oregon
June 20-22, 2008
Hosts: Stallknecht-Morgan Museum Gem and Mineral Society

Rocky Mountain Federation
Tulsa, Oklahoma
November 7-9, 2008
Hosts: Tulsa Rock and Mineral Society

South Central Federation and AFMS Convention
Hosts: Houston Gem and Mineral Society
Humble, Texas
September 25-28, 2008

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