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UPCOMING FIELD TRIPS

December 5, 2009: Fort Drum Crystal Mine, Fort Drum, Okeechobee County, FL (Fee Area), hosted by The Treasure Coast Rock and Gem Society. Calcite in fossil clams, fossil sea shells in the Nashua and Tamiami Limestone Formation. Also, shark teeth and bone fragments are possible.

Field Trip Contacts:

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or 772.633.4423

Laurie Soccico at harleydeluxe@bellsouth.com
or 561.441.6499

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.



FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Betty M. James

This year is swiftly coming to a close and I have some questions for you. What have you received from the Federation to improve your knowledge and enjoyment of rocks, minerals, fossils, and lapidary work? What have you given in return?

Over the years I have attended many workshops and federation meetings and have always received much more than I gave. Think of something you know or can do or can teach others, and volunteer. Or think of something you would like to learn or get to know more about and find a class or another rockhound who is willing to teach you.

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Attend a field trip with your local Society, with the DMC field trip group, or with another club. Maybe you can lead a field trip to your favorite collecting site.

Make plans to attend federation meetings and shows. Visit another club's show. See what others throughout the country are doing and join in. Correspond with other rockhounds from other areas.

How about joining AALA, the group which works toward keeping collecting sites open to recreational collectors, and informs us about federal land management practices and regulations.

When you become active yourself and join the activities of other groups, your pleasure in the hobby doubles, triples, and grows according to your participation. Be sure to attend the show and meeting in Tomoka!



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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The article submittal due date for the December 2009 (combined issue for the two months) Lodestar is November 25, 2009.

Be Safe – Be Well

Safety Committee – Don Monroe, Chairman

Hazardous Waste

If you have not been advised about the potential dangers of hazardous waste, I can only assume that you do not read the newspapers or watch TV news. I think we will all agree that there is much “bad stuff” out there that we should all avoid. Well, I want to give you a different slant on this problem.

A few days ago I walked out of a public building and noticed that there was a small test strip (used) on the ground. No, I did not pick it up with my bare hand; I used a Kleenex and carried the item to the nearest trash can. With all of the “bad germs” that may be present in human blood, I am very cautious about other people’s blood. As a matter of fact, I am a borderline diabetic and I am very cautious about how I dispose of my test strips. In addition to the obvious contamination, I also suspect that those little plastic strips will not disintegrate for a long, long, time nor will the lancets which we use to draw the little drop of blood for our testing.

At this point I realized that I had really opened a “can of worms” in my mind regarding the hazardous waste that we all may create. Let me share with you a few other waste products that we may encounter. My list includes but is not limited to the following:

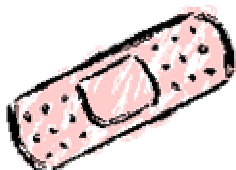


- Kleenex – Now who does not use Kleenex?
- Sanitary products – We men know just enough to leave them alone.
- Disposable diapers – I am appalled at how many times you find used diapers thrown down on the street. Now is that filthy or what?

- Tobacco products (partially consumed) and spit.
- Dental floss and chewing gum.
- Syringes – Just the threat of aids should terrify us. All of our medical service providers are most careful about this.



- Band-aids, bandages and swabs – When your doctor takes a blood sample and puts a little bandage over the hole, what do you do with the little bandages once the bleeding stops?



- Dead things – Animals, pets, bugs and other deceased organisms are not only unsightly but may be dangerous. In our area we are very suspicious of dead raccoons because of the possibility of rabies.
- Paper products such as paper cups and paper towels.
- Pet waste – Many, many of us have pets and should be cleaning up after them.



We live in a society where everything is disposable. It has not always been that way. Way back when, we drank out of glasses, cups, dippers and other durable items. We used cloth napkins and cloth handkerchiefs and laundered these items after using them. Any germs were at least kept in our dwellings. This is no longer the case. We all tend to spread our germs everywhere. Think about it.

2010 BULLETIN EDITOR’S CONTEST ENTRIES

It's time to look forward to a new Bulletin Editor's Contest for 2010. To give the judges sufficient time to evaluate the entries, I need to have them no later than December 1, 2009.

Score sheets and complete details about the 2010 contest are already on the website wwqw.amfed.org/sfms but if you do not find them there, try amfed.org/efmls. The rules will remain the same as last year.

Everyone: Please consider entering the contest.

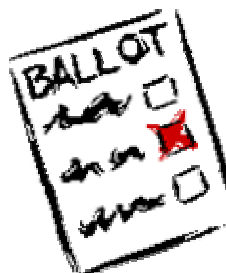
*Diane Johnson, SFMS
Bulletin Editor;s Advisory Chair*

2010 SFMS Officers

The SFMS officers elected for 2010 are as follows:

- Mark Easterbrook - President
- Barbara Green - First Vice President
- Jason Hamilton - Second Vice President
- Beryl Ferguson - Secretary

*Mark Easterbrook
SFMS First Vice President*



WILLIAM HOLLAND WORKSHOP UPDATE

Forty-six participants attended SFMS's workshop held at the William Holland School of Lapidary Arts on October 11-17, 2009. In addition to several advanced lapidary classes such as Ann and Don Monroe's Channeling & Inlay, the culinary offerings during the week included a prime rib served at a carving station, a stuffed flounder meal, and various soup specials by sous-chef Roberta. William Holland's kitchen staff received several applauses for their quality work. A three-person pattern sharing beading group turned into an informal evening beading party with as many as twenty beadners gathering to socialize and have fun. This informal "party" format could be expanded at future workshops for those interested in slab/rock identification or shop furniture design/plans. Look for 2010 workshop class offerings in the December 2009 issue of Lodestar.

Carl Talbott, WH Assistant Registrar

2009 SFMS WEBSITE WINNERS

Eight SFMS club websites were submitted for judging in the 2009 Webmaster Contest (now called the "AFMS Webmaster Contest").

Mike Baldwin, Webmaster of the Memphis Archaeological and Geological Society placed second overall among the seven federations in the 2009 AFMS Webmaster contest.

Jim Flora, SFMS Webmaster

IF YOU TEACH IT, THEY WILL COME

It's been my experience that most clubs have school tours during their annual Gem and Mineral Shows. The idea is to inspire the next generation and share our knowledge of geology. So what happens when the schools change their calendars and the kids are out of school every year during your show? (This is what happened to the Huntsville Gem and Mineral Society.) Do you throw in the towel and say, oh well? No, you improvise. All it takes is a little imagination and knowing who to talk to.

There is a segment of the child population that needs....geology. Who would that be...the Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts in your community. Cub Scouts are boys ages 6 – 12 (graduated Kindergarten to 5th grade). Boy Scouts are boys age 12 to 18.

Every Cub Scout can earn the Geology Beltloop/Pin. Beltloops/Pins are awards that each Cub may work to earn as part of the Cub Scout Academics and Sports Program. "The Cub Scout Academics and Sports program complements the scouting program by providing opportunities for scouts to improve scholarship, develop sportsmanship, and explore new games while collecting

Cub Scout belt loops and pins. The emphasis of the program is to try new things and to put forth a best effort, not of achieving proficiency or winning. This program is one method of addressing the third aim of Scouting: the development of physical, mental and emotional fitness." ¹

To earn the belt loop, the Cub must complete the following requirements for the Geology Belt Loop:

- Define geology
- Collect a sample of igneous, sedimentary, and metamorphic rocks and explain how each was formed
- Explain the difference between a rock and a mineral.
- To earn the pin, the Cub must complete the following requirements for the Geology Pin: Earn the Geology belt loop, and complete six of the following requirements: (the ones we cover during the show are in bold)
- **Make a plaster cast of a fossil. (handout- they complete at home)**
- Make a special collection of rocks and minerals that illustrates the hardness scale.
- Give examples of sedimentary, igneous, and metamorphic rocks.
- Gather several different types of rocks. Compare them and put them in groups according to physical properties such as color, texture, luster, hardness, or crystals.
- **Describe the effects of wind, water, and ice on the landscape. (Part of the activity.)**
- Make "pet rocks" using rocks, paint, and glue-on eyes. Tell a creative story about your pet rocks.
- **Draw a diagram showing different types of volcanoes or draw a diagram that labels the different parts of a volcano. (Part of the activity.)**
- **Make a crystal garden. (handout- they complete at home)**
- Make a collection of five different fossils and identify them to the best of your ability.
- Make a poster or display showing 10 everyday products that contain or use rocks or minerals.
- **Visit a mine, oil or gas field, gravel pit, stone quarry, or similar area of special interest related to geology. (Just attending the show gets this done.)**
- Visit with a geologist. Find out how he or she prepared for the job. Discuss other careers related to geology.
- **Draw the inside of a cave showing the difference between stalactites and stalagmites. (Part of the activity.)**

All Webelos (boys in the 4th and 5th grade) may also earn the Geologist Activity Pin. To earn the pin, the Webelos must complete the following (the ones we cover during the show are in bold). *Do five of these:*

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- Collect five geologic specimens that have important uses.
- **Rocks and minerals are used in metals, glass, jewelry, road-building products, and fertilizer. Give examples of minerals used in these products.**
- Make a scale of mineral hardness for objects found in the home. Show how to use the scale by finding the relative hardness of three samples.
- **List some of the geologic materials used in building your home.**
- Make a drawing that shows the cause of a volcano, a geyser, or an earthquake.
- **Explain one way in which mountains are formed.**
- Describe what a fossil is. How is it used to tell how old a formation is? Find two examples of fossils in your area.
- **Take a field trip to a geological site, geological laboratory, or rock show. Discuss what you learned at your next Webelos den meeting.**
- **While you are a Webelos Scout, earn the Cub Scout Academics belt loop for Geology.**

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Now for the Boy Scouts, they may earn the Geology Merit Badge. "Merit badges exist to encourage Scouts to explore areas that interest them and to teach them valuable skills... The award of merit badges sometimes leads to careers and lifelong hobbies. Scouts earn a merit badge by satisfying specified criteria."² These are the items we cover with the show activity:

- Define geology. Discuss how geologists learn about rock formations. In geology, explain why the study of the present is important to understanding the past.
- Pick three resources that can be extracted or mined from Earth for commercial use. Discuss with your counselor how each product is discovered and processed.
- Review a geologic map of your area with your

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counselor and discuss the different rock types and estimated ages of rocks represented. Determine whether the rocks are horizontal, folded, or faulted, and explain how you arrived at your conclusion.

- Learn about the career opportunities available in geology. Pick one that interests you and explain how to prepare for such a career. Discuss what courses might be useful for such a career. You may use resources found on the Internet (with your parent's permission), at the library, in books and articles from periodicals, from television programs, and at school.
- Define rock. Discuss the three classes of rocks including their origin and characteristics.
- Define mineral. Discuss the origin of minerals and their chemical composition and identification properties, including hardness, specific gravity, color, streak, cleavage, luster, and crystal form.
- Collect 10 different rocks or minerals. Record in a notebook where you obtained (found, bought, traded) each one. Label each specimen, identify its class and origin, determine its chemical composition, and list its physical properties. Share your collection with your counselor.
- List three of the most common road building materials used in your area. Explain how each material is produced and how each is used in road building.
- With your counselor, choose two examples of rocks and two examples of minerals. Discuss the mining of these materials and describe how each is used by society.

The first year was 2004, which I call the "Learning Year"; we had 19 Cub Scouts that attended. The following years, the word got out and we had amazing results. The next 5 years the parents that attended totaled 1168 and the kid total is 2107!

We have a cast of faithful volunteers from the club that support this activity by guiding tours and teaching the activity. We have dealers that request to be in the "Kid's Activity Area". Remember each Cub Scout needs to collect an igneous, metamorphic and a sedimentary rock.

We use what kids have in abundance, imagination. Play dough slices represent layers of sediment which become sedimentary rocks, which become a mountain using their tectonic plates (their own hands). We use Smarties candies to show erosion. All it takes is a bit of thought, some time, and quite a bit of patience. It's all worth it in the end because...if you teach, they will come. You never know which child will be the next Pebble Pup or the parent who is already a closet Rockhound.

If you are interested in attracting scouts to your show, contact your local Boy Scouts of America office:

<http://www.scouting.org/LocalCouncilLocator.aspx>

¹<http://www.boyscoutstrail.com/cub-scouts/acad-sports.asp>

²[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/History_of_merit_badges_\(Boy_Scouts_of_America\)#cite_note-career-2](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/History_of_merit_badges_(Boy_Scouts_of_America)#cite_note-career-2)

THE 2010 AFMS WEBSITE COMPETITION!!!

1. Score Sheet Guidelines

<http://www.amfed.org/sfms/pdf/2010AFMSWebSiteContestScoreSheetGuidelines.pdf>

2. Score Sheet

<http://www.amfed.org/sfms/pdf/2010AFMSWebSiteContestScoreSheet-Saveable.pdf>

3. Entry Form

<http://www.amfed.org/sfms/pdf/2010AFMSWebSiteContestEntryForm-saveable.pdf>

The club Website serves several functions. Three of the major functions of the Web site are: (1) Attract new members (2) Provide member information (3) Public advertising of club activities such as shows. This item is a subset of the higher and more important question of "Does the Web site assist in fulfilling the mission of the club?" Advertising is only one of the many functional capabilities to be assigned to the Web site. Most clubs have the mission of educating the public, and they find that providing The club Website serves several functions. Three of the major functions of the Web site are: (1) Attract new members (2) Provide member information (3) Public advertising of club activities such as shows. This item is a subset of the higher and more important question of "Does the Web site assist in fulfilling the mission of the club?" Advertising is only one of the many functional capabilities to be assigned to the Web site. Most clubs have the mission of educating the public, and they find that providing educational materials and links to educational sites for geologic and Earth Science information is a good use for the Web site.

Therefore most of the items in this contest are emphasizing these items. This contest attempts to determine the effectiveness of the club's Web site in providing information for these goals, not to determine the quality or capabilities of the club. An effective Web site can be created without requiring weekly or even monthly updates. However, a Web site that is updated frequently might score more points in the Outstanding Features category. This contest does not demand that Web sites be formatted to a specific format or template, but it does try to give as much latitude as possible for freedom of expression. Hopefully in the future as we share more information, we will learn how and why some things work better for some Web sites, and we will learn from the efforts of our fellow clubs. The Internet is

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SFMS APPLICATION FOR 2010 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

The Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies, Inc.

Club/Society Name _____

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL: Due January 1, 2010 through January 31, 2010

In compliance with SFMS By-laws Article I, Section 2, and Article VIII, Section 1, member clubs/societies desiring to renew membership are required to submit to Membership Secretary the following:

Completed Membership Renewal Application (all 3 pages) with the Annual Dues Check attached (No cash please), based on total members, both Adults & Juniors, on Club/Society rolls as of December 31, 2009.

Annual Dues: Total Number of Adult Members _____

 Total Number of Junior Members _____

 * Total Dues Enclosed @ \$1.25 per member _____

*** Does not include optional Liability Insurance fees, which will be billed separately.**

Mail (Check for dues only), payable to the Southeast Federation or SFMS along with all 3 pages of the Renewal Application and a current list of your members to the following address:

**Ray Behr
SFMS MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY
PO Box 30
Franklin, NC 28744**

According to SFMS By-laws, Article VIII, Section 1 ---
Membership renewals are due January 1 through January 31, and are delinquent as of February 1. Delinquent clubs/societies forfeit voting rights at the next Annual Meeting, use of Slide Programs, the right to participate in the Federation’s sponsored third-party liability insurance program, the rights of their members to participate in DMC field trips, the rights of their members to attend SFMS sponsored workshops, and receipt of Lodestar (the SFMS federation newsletter.) A club/society delinquent membership may be reinstated to full SFMS Membership upon payment of all dues and fees in arrears before March 1, 2010. **Any club/society not paying all dues and fees in arrears before March 1 will be dropped from federation rolls.** They may be readmitted as a new club/society by submission of an Application for Membership.
(This requires being voted in as a new club at the next Executive Board Meeting.)

Non-paid clubs are delinquent on February 1, 2010

SFMS APPLICATION FOR 2010 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY

Name of Club/Society _____

Club Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Meeting Place (facility) _____ Day _____ Time _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Club/Society Web Site _____ Email _____

Bulletin Name _____ Published: Monthly ___ Bimonthly ___

Editor _____ Quarterly ___ Other _____

Phone number _____ Email _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Please indicate which officers elect to receive the SFMS LOADSTAR via email:

Pres. ___ Recording Sec ___ Corresponding Sec ___ Treasurer ___ Editor ___ Other _____

Please indicate which 3 officers wish to receive the AFMS Newsletter:

Pres. ___ Recording Sec ___ Corresponding Sec ___ Treasurer ___ Editor ___ AFMS Liaison _____

ELECTED OFFICIALS

(List all officers Elected by membership vote & title of office held)

Month Officers Elected _____ Month Officers take office _____

Officers are elected: Annually _____ Other (be specific) _____

President _____ Email _____

Street Address _____ Telephone _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

1st Vice President _____ Email _____

Street Address _____ Telephone _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

2nd Vice President _____ Email _____

Street Address _____ Telephone _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Corresponding Secretary _____ Email _____

Street Address _____ Telephone _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Recording Secretary _____ Email _____

Street Address _____ Telephone _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Treasurer _____ Email _____

Street Address _____ Telephone _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

SFMS APPLICATON FOR 2010 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Do you wish to participate in the optional Liability Insurance program? Yes__ No__

Contact Name _____ Email _____

Street Address _____ Telephone _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Person in your Club/Society who is Federation Liaison in your Club/Society

Name _____ Email _____

Street Address _____ Telephone _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Person in your Club/Society to receive renewal form(s) for next year

Name _____ Email _____

Street Address _____ Telephone _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Committee _____ Name _____ Email _____

Street Address _____ Telephone _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Committee _____ Name _____ Email _____

Street Address _____ Telephone _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Committee _____ Name _____ Email _____

Street Address _____ Telephone _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Committee _____ Name _____ Email _____

Street Address _____ Telephone _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Please include other officers such as directors, etc. and other pertinent information about your club or society on a separate sheet of paper.

CLUB SPONSORED SHOW(S)

Show Director _____ Email _____

Street Address _____ Telephone _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Show Dates & Times:

Show location & Address _____

Day 1 _____ Day 2 _____ Day 3 _____ Day 4 _____

Show location & Address _____

Day 1 _____ Day 2 _____ Day 3 _____ Day 4 _____

Signature of person submitting this application _____

Office Held _____

This page could have had an article.

**Will you be contributing to the next
issue??**

**Your new editor in January 2010 will
appreciate your efforts.**

FROM THE CURRENT EDITOR

THE 2010 AFMS WEBSITE COMPETITION!!!*(Continued from Page 6)*

will learn from the efforts of our fellow clubs. The Internet is constantly evolving, and the contest is not intended to limit this process.

A major contest goal is to provide support to the webmaster in balancing the content of the Web pages between internal club administrative data and the data necessary to make the site useful to the visitor. The organization of the Web site should separate general interest data (data useful to a visitor) from data that is of interest to a current club member of the club. Club member data should be in the background.

Judging will be at both the regional level and AFMS level.

At the regional level, a first place plaque will be awarded in 2010 as well as certificates for 2nd through 10th and honorable mentions. The first place entry from each region will be forwarded to the AFMS competition for judging at that level. Awards at the regional level will be at the Editor and Webmaster's Breakfast for each federation as part of the BEAC Awards. The AFMS winners will be announced at the Bulletin Editor and Webmasters' Breakfast in La Habra CA, on June 20, 2010.

DIRECTIONS TO ENTER:

1. Download the above three PDF files (Guidelines, Score Sheet, and Entry Form)
2. READ the Competition Guidelines carefully!
3. Use an Adobe Reader vs. 9 to fill-in and save the forms on your harddrive.
4. Fill in the Entry form with ALL the information requested.
5. Fill in the top portion of the Score Sheet with your club's name, your name, city, state, your club website URL and check the Regional Federation you club is a member. Email attach the completed Entry Form and Score sheet to the SFMS Webmaster no later than January 15, 2010 Email to : Jim Flora at jimflora@windstream.net or sfms@amfed.org.

Jim Flora
SFMS Website Contest Chair

As of this issue, I will have one more issue of *Lodestar* to put together before I end my time as editor. I have greatly enjoyed my time as your editor, but find that family and work commitments are making it impossible to continue.

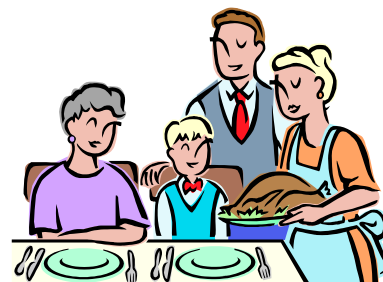
This year has been difficult, issues have been printed and mailed later in the month than I would like. I am very much into "time-management" and am known for being on time. However, this past one to one and a half years deadlines seem to have been ignored or forgotten by many officers and other regular contributors to the *Lodestar*. With my other commitments I have been unable to send those "gentle reminders" or "nag" (if necessary) as in the past.

Carl Talbot graciously volunteered and was elected to replace me as editor beginning with the January 2010 issue of *Lodestar*. He will be providing an article with his contact information and further instructions in the December 2009 issue. Continue to email (or mail) your articles to me in the meantime. I will do everything that I can to ease Carl's way.

Please, please, get those articles in to your new editor by the 25th of the month proceeding the issue you wish your article to appear. Carl may revise the deadlines that he wants to impose. The editor cannot do it on his or her own. Remember, the *Lodestar* is the lifeblood of the federation. Without it, the information highway almost shuts down. The website is a great resource, but many of our members still may not have computers or their computers are of such an age that they have difficulty downloading large files.

Thank you so much for allowing me to be your editor for six years. (Maybe I'll volunteer again once family and work has settled down.)

Carolyn Daniels
SFMS Editor



Have a Blessed Thanksgiving!

November 2009

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LOOKING AHEAD

CLUB & SOCIETY SHOWS/SWAPS

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

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

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

November 20-22, 2009, Marietta, GA—Cobb County Gem and Mineral Society. 24th Annual Gem, Mineral and Jewelry Show Cobb County Civic Center, 548 S. Marietta Parkway. Hours: 20th & 21st, 10:00 A.M. – 6:00 P.M.; 22nd, 10:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M. Contacts: Mary Ingram at mandmingram@gmail.com or Becky Patellis at beckypatellis@mindspring.com.

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

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

November 27-29, 2009, Columbia, SC—Columbia, SC Gem and Mineral Society. 42nd Annual Gem, Mineral and Jewelry Show, South Carolina State Museum, 301 Gervais Street. Hours: 27th & 28th, 10:00 A.M.– 6:00 P.M.; 29th, 12:00 Noon– 5:00 P.M.; Contact: Sue Shrader at 803.736.9317 or ashrader@mindspring.com and Sharon Sterrett at 803.356.1472 or sssterrett@sc.rr.com.

December 4-6, 2009, Montgomery, AL—Montgomery Gem & Mineral Society. 39th Annual Gem, Mineral and Jewelry Show, Garrett Coliseum, 1555 Federal Drive. Hours: 4th, 9:00 A.M.– 6:00 P.M.; 5th, 10:00 A.M – 6:00 P.M.; and 6th, 11:00 A.M – 5:00 P.M. Contact: Jane Barkley at 334.277.2722 or Iris McGehee at 334.262.7272.

December 12-13, 2009, Nashville, TN—Mid-Tennessee Gem & Mineral Society. 29th Annual Earth Treasures Show, Tennessee State Fairgrounds, Creative Arts Building, Nolensville Rd & Smith Ave. Hours: 12th, 9:00 A.M.– 6:00 P.M.; 13th, 10:00 A.M.– 5:00 P.M.. Contact: John Stanley at 615.371.8776x2227 (office) or 615.885.5704 (home).

January 15-17, 2010, Largo, Florida-Pinellas Geological Society. 34th Annual Gem, Jewelry and Mineral Show and Sale, Largo Cultural Center, Parkside Room, 105 Central Park Drive. Hours: 15th & 16th, 10:00 A.M.-6:00 P.M.; 17th, 12:00 Noon-5:00 P.M. Contact: Hugh Sheffield at Telephone: 727.894.8440, Cell: 727.707.3236, or 2440 Southshore Dr. SE, St. Petersburg, FL 33705.

January 16-17, 2010, Deland, Florida-Tomoka Gem and Mineral Society. 39th Annual Jewelry, Gem Minerals and Fossils Show and Sale, Volusia County Fairgrounds, Tommy Lawrence Building, State Route 44 (1 mile east of I-4, Exit 118). Hours: 16th, 10:00 A.M.-6:00 P.M.; 17th, 10:00 A.M.--5:00 P.M. Contact: 386.226.4032 or fn.design@aol.com.

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

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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.

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