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UPCOMING FIELD TRIPS

October 10, 2009: Nantahala Talc & Limestone Quarry, Hewitt, NC hosted by SFMS. Pink, gray, & yellow marble; calcite; dolomite; pyrite; travertine; and talc from 9 A.M. to 5 P.M. Hard hats & safety glasses required. Contact Mike Streeter at e-mail: mcastreeter@charter.net or telephone: 828.667.8290.

October 17-18, 2009: Taylorsville, Spencer Co., KY (17th) for Upper Ordovician fossils and Falls of the Ohio State Park (18th—no collecting). Parking fee for the state park.

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

Yes, we had a meeting in Jacksonville in September even though I was unable to attend. Mark Easterbrook did an admirable job of chairing the meeting and directing the election of new officers. He may be contacting some of you for committee positions in the near future. None of our committees require a lot of time and effort and you are sure to get more from them than you give.

As you may know, I was teaching a class at Wildacres. This is a commitment made before I know the date of the annual meeting and I felt obligated to fulfill it. Our schools should and could be the glue that holds our federation together. We can gather there up to four times a year (at Wildacres and William Holland) to learn something new or improve our former knowledge.

As soon as the information on classes is released next year, I urge you to submit your application. If you wish to teach a class, also send your resume to the Director – especially if it is a class we have not had for some time. We strive to keep the classes fresh and new from year to year for your benefit.

At the annual meeting, Tomoka Gem & Mineral Society in Florida asked to hold a Federation meeting at their show the first of next year. Be watching your *Lodestar* for more information on the date and other particulars. Some annual business was postponed to be handled at that meeting and we need as many members there as possible. Plus, you get to attend a great show!

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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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Be Safe – Be Well

Safety Committee – Don Monroe, Chairman

Flood!!

In many parts of the country we have experienced severe flooding, and here in the Southeast, it has really been bad.



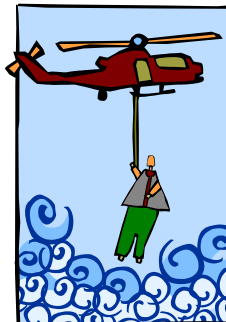
Noah had a real advantage over us because he was warned that the flood was coming and he was able to prepare by building an ark. During the last couple of years we knew that heavy rains and flooding were likely because hurricanes were forecast and modern forecasting can be surprisingly accurate. The latest

rains that inundated the southeast were not forecast and really caught many people by surprise resulting in several fatalities.

What could we have done? The first thing would be to listen to news and weather broadcasts and follow the instructions given by the local authorities. Many people insisted on driving down flooded roads when they did not know how deep the water was. A few drowned. Other people did not evacuate their homes or trailer dwellings and were washed away. There have been several news broadcasts giving good advice on how to get out of a motor vehicle that was sinking in deep water, and at least one life might have been saved if the occupant had used common sense. One of the most fascinating points presented involved breaking window glass. Unless you are athletic enough to kick out the glass in your vehicle, you really need to plan ahead and have a means readily at hand (not under the seat or in the trunk) to break out the window in your car doors. One of the tools is a type of hammer with a point on the hammer head and most of them include a built-in cutter to cut seat belts. Our kids gave us one of these and it is always with us. Another tool that was demonstrated is one of the spring loaded center punches that many of us use to mark the location of holes to be drilled. I was really amazed to see how this punch would shatter an automobile window. Both the "escape hammer" and the spring loaded automatic punch are available at your local hardware store or discount tool source. There is no doubt in my mind that many of us would have a really tough time watching the water level rise inside and outside the car until the pressure is equalized and we can open a door or window.

I personally know how easy it is to panic if you believe you are drowning. Drowning is a terrible way to die and I remember how totally frightened I was when, as a young boy scout, I was trapped in a sinking boat. Obviously I got out, but I have never forgotten the experience. When I was

a student at Georgia Tech I had the opportunity (it was a requirement for graduation) to take the Drown-Proofing Course from Professor Fred Lanoue. It has been said that no one who took the course ever drowned. Part of the course required that you jump in the pool with hands and feet tied and swim the length of the pool under water using the "bobbing" technique. It was a strenuous, challenging course but you truly achieved a level of total confidence in your ability to survive in deep water.



None of us know when we may wind up in deep water and it is important that we remember that we, and we alone, have to capability to survive if we keep our wits about us and use the brains we were given.

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ALAA Membership Drive

We need each of you to talk up ALAA and have your club members and members of clubs surrounding you to join. We're a member of the Blue Ribbon Coalition – a group working to keep the roads to our collecting sites open to us.

We have a real deal for you. For those new members they can join now and their membership will be paid through December 31, 2010. The dues are: \$25 for single or couples and only \$50 for your whole club.

We are focusing on working with those people who are "managers" of the land" we want to collect on. In the west it will be Forestry, Bureau of Land Management and State parks. We need to know the person in charge, his/her address, phone and email. What we want to do is have a working relationship with each person and his/her crew who manages the land we collect on and the roads we travel to get there.

In the east, it's property owners and quarry owners as well as Forestry, BLM and State Parks. If they allow collecting by a club, we would like to know that. However, this information will be on a database and not released to the public or other clubs. If a club is interested in a particular quarry, we can search our database, and if listed, we can refer the interested club to the club who works with the quarry owner. If the quarry is not open to collecting under any circumstances, then we'd like to know that as well. We want to be good rockhounds and have a reputation of working with the proper authorities.

In this time of short budgets for those entities, we may be able to help them. If they need help with road management we may be able to help as well. With this stated, we need your help to make our organization grow and be recognized.

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ALAA Membership Drive
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Here's what each of you can do. Bring in at least one new member/couple. Get your clubs and those surrounding you to join us. In addition to your membership, we're looking for clubs and people who are also willing to be active in our endeavor, especially those who enjoy field trips. In order to keep everyone informed of what's going on, we need to have an e-mail contact for everyone.

We are searching for those people who are willing to work with the bureaucracy of each state or federal entity within each state. In addition we need someone who will be willing to coordinate the clubs in that state. Please go to our website, <amlands.org> and see the states we already have covered.

I encourage you to join us in preserving our collecting sites and the roads to them!

Shirley Leeson
1st Vice President, membership
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Contact the Committee Member for your region for information about the contest and the deadlines. This information varies by region according to when their annual show is scheduled.

Webmasters wishing to enter their Web sites into the contest should download from the AFMS Web site (or from their regional federation's Web site) the contest **Guidelines**, the **Entry Form**, and the **Score Sheet** form. These are in PDF format, and they can be opened with Adobe Acrobat Reader®. Free Acrobat Reader software is available at <http://www.adobe.com/products/reader/>. The contest information on the AFMS Web site can be found at http://www.amfed.org/web/website_contest.htm.

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AFMS 2010 Web Site Contest
by Phyllis George
AFMS Ad Hoc Web Site Contest Chair

The Web Site Contest Committee Members (one for each regional federation) are very busy working on their second year of running the Web Site Contest for their regional federation. Dale Watts is the only new member on the committee, and he is heading up the Rocky Mountain Federation Web Site Contest. The Committee Members receive the entries, they forward the entries to the judges for that region, they receive from the judges the completed score sheets, and they rank the results and award the first-place plaque and the certificates (places one through ten and honorable mention) at the Breakfast with the Editors and Webmasters at their regional federation's annual show. The first-place entry is forwarded to the AFMS level for judging. Currently the Committee Members are notifying webmasters, editors, and club presidents in their region and the regional newsletter editor about the details of the contest, the due date for entries, and of the schedule for their regional contest.

To enter the contest, the webmaster needs to fill out the Entry Form completely and fill out the information requested in the top part of the Score sheet. These forms can be filled-in on your computer and saved to your hard drive. *Important: You need Acrobat Reader version 9 to be able to save the filled-in forms to your hard drive and to modify them later if necessary.* Send the two completed forms as e mail attachments to your regional Committee Member before the due date in your region.

Members of the Webmasters Contest Committee are as follows:

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Dan Imel.....lapidry@aol.com

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Cindy Root.....d-root@sbcglobal.net

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Cheri George.....lizardwoman3@yahoo.com

My plan is to have two judges for each regional competition (their scores for each contestant will be averaged) and one judge for the AFMS level. Each pair of judges probably will be judging two or three different regions, but they will not be judging their own region. Right now I have a total of three judges for sure, and possibly another two. I **must have at least four more judges**, preferably an additional 11 judges. If I can get a total of 14 judges, each pair will judge the entrants from only one regional federation.

If you are a current (or former) webmaster or are very Web-site savvy, please help make the contest a success by volunteering a little of your time to act as a judge. Read the Guidelines to see what the judges will be looking for on the sites that they judge, and contact me at pgeorge4@comcast.net to help this fledgling contest be an even bigger success in its second year.

And now I have a plea. Someone volunteering to be a judge sent me an e-mail the last day of August or during the first three days of September. I was in the hospital at that time and didn't have an internet connection to be able to respond (my son had copied my unread e-mails to a laptop computer and brought it to the hospital so I could at least see them). Since returning home I have searched for that e-mail, and I absolutely cannot find it. Would whoever sent that e-mail to me PLEASE contact me again? Your background sounded like you would be an excellent judge, and I would like to add you to my list of judges.

SFMS APPLICATON 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 _____

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City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Committee _____ Name _____ Email _____

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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 _____

October 2009

The Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies, Inc.

America's Red Rock Wilderness Act S. 799 & H.R. 1925

What are the chances of passing America's Red Rock Wilderness Act in the 111th Congress? Very Good if we take no action!

The American's Red Rock Wilderness Act of 2009 will designate as wilderness certain Federal portions of the red rock canyons of the Colorado Plateau and the Great Basin Deserts in the State of Utah. This bill, if enacted, would designate 9.4 million acres of land managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in Utah as Wilderness.

According to a Congressional Research Service report, 5.7 million BLM acres is nearly 3 times the BLM wilderness recommendations and 75% more than the BLM's Wilderness study acreage. The 5.7 million acres amounted to 26% of all BLM lands in Utah, and 11% of the entire state.

October 1, 2009, the massive Utah Wilderness bill, known as the America's Red Rock Wilderness Act of 2009, HR 1925, will be heard in the U.S. House of Representatives Natural Resources Committee.

The core of America's Red Rock Wilderness Act remains the same. It still proposes to designate road less wilderness for BLM public lands in Utah. The areas considered for closure are:

- o Great Basin Areas ~ 2,240,827 acres
- o Zion/Mojave Desert Areas ~ 160,000 acres
- o Grand Staircase-Escalante Areas ~ 1,771,717
- o Moab-LaSal Canyons Areas ~ 256,815 acres
- o Henry Mountains Areas ~ 444,204 acres
- o Glen Canyon Areas ~ 906,446 acres
- o San Juan-Anasazi Areas ~ 520,606 acres
- o Canyonlands Basin Areas ~ 689,884 acres
(Moab Jeep Trails)
- o San Rafael Swell Areas ~ 1,098,773 acres
- o Book Cliffs/Uinta Basin Areas ~ 1,015,821 acres

There is no question that our access to Rockhounding sites would be severely curtailed, if not totally destroyed, by these bills. Sec. 209 withdraws entry and disposition of minerals, so we can't pick up anything anyway.

In Sec. 204, the Dept of the Interior will grab all the water rights in the wilderness areas, regardless of existing downstream prior rights. This is a crucial issue in a desert state with ranching, farming, industry and homesteads dependent on seasonal water.

With the expanded Democratic majority in Congress, the chances are the best they've been in over a decade. Returning and new pro-wilderness Members of Congress are in position to move legislation that closes Utah's public lands. At the very least for the 111th Congress, the Utah

wilderness champions have been discussing the possibility of Congressional hearings on this legislation in there Levant committees, and more Congressional support makes that important first step to a bill's movement even more likely.

Cosponsors (See below) are important if Utah wilderness faces attack in Congress and with your help we can foster that attack. Should legislation be introduced that proposed a different Utah wilderness or would otherwise threaten these lands, America's Red Rock Wilderness Act stands as the benchmark for Utah public lands closure legislation that other proposals must help to cancel.

Cosponsors (See below) reaffirm the national importance of America's Red Rock Wilderness, they are providing support for actions by the Obama administration to develop stronger management policy. By gaining support from Members of Congress from throughout the country, they demonstrate that closing public lands in wild Utah is indeed a national issue that is getting national attention. If we do not take action soon the supporters will work to urge the Obama administration's Interior Department to change the policies, regulations, and guidelines that prevented our public lands from closing under President Bush. We need to proactively pursue a unified effort that keeps Public Lands open for all public use. This is an important compliment to our legislative goals.

Senator Bennett is a new Member of the Public Lands Subcommittee in the Energy and Natural Resources Committee and a contact website is listed below:

<http://www.govtrack.us/congress/person.xpd?id=300007>

We need you to write to Senator Bennett asking him not to support S 799 and that we are in support of his effort in keeping Utah's Public Lands open to all Public Users and not the Special Interest Groups who want to close 9 million Acres for their own usage.

Utah's political representatives need to know that the majority of Utahans and concerned people from all across the United States oppose this bill, and they need to hear it from you. Today please.

Rep. Rob Bishop:202.225.0453
Rep. Jim Matheson:202.225.3011
Rep. Jason Chaffetz: 202-225-7751

Be polite. None of Utah's Representatives or Senators supports this madness. If you call now, you can make this bill look like toxic waste, so that none of Utah's representatives will ever come near it. Ever. Contact your own state's House Representative and asks them NOT to support S 799, the American's Red Rock Wilderness Act of 2009

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America's Red Rock Wilderness Act
S. 799 & H.R. 1925
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The Senate is much more willing than the House to abide by the wishes of home state representatives, so Bennett's new appointment may have a negative impact in Durbin's ability to hold a hearing on the Red Rock bill this Congress. This can work in our favor and give us some time to act.

These are the sponsors of the bill at this time; writing to them is not advised as they are going to be pushing this legislation through the senate. Feel free to contact any of the 80 senators not listed and offer your comments and opinions.

Senate Sponsor: Richard Durbin [D-IL]
 House Sponsor: Rep. Maurice Hinchey [D-NY22]

Senate Co Sponsors:

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Roland Burris [D-IL]
Maria Cantwell [D-WA]
Benjamin Cardin [D-MD]
Russell Feingold [D-WI]
Kirsten Gillibrand [D-NY]
Thomas Harkin [D-IA]
Edward Kaufman [D-DE]
John Kerry [D-MA]
Frank Lautenberg [D-NJ]
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Joseph Lieberman [I-CT]
Robert Menéndez [D-NJ]
Jeff Merkley [D-OR]
John Reed [D-RI]
Bernard Sanders [I-VT]
Charles Schumer [D-NY]
Debbie Ann Stabenow [D-MI]
Mark Udall [D-CO]
Sheldon Whitehouse [D-RI]

House Co Sponsors (132), too many to list here.

Please pass this on to all Rockhounds and Clubs in your area. Thank you for your time and effort in this urgent matter.

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(The Lodestar Editor has modified the above article slightly to allow for publication. John Martin provided email links for all of the bill sponsors and copies of the two bills currently under review by their committees. Please contact John Martin for actual email links to the sponsors listed above and pdf copies of the two bills currently being reviewed by their committees at this time.-Carolyn Daniels)

LOOKING AHEAD

CLUB & SOCIETY SHOWS/SWAPS

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

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

October 16-18, 2009, Taylorsville, NC - Western Piedmont Mineral & Gem Society. Carolina Gem & Mineral Rock Swap, Taylorsville Lions Club Fairgrounds. Hours: 16th & 17th, 9:00 A.M.- 5:00; 18th, 12:00 Noon-5:00 P.M. Dealers Contact: 800.589.4619 or WPMGS-ROCKS@charter.net.

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

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

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

LOOKING AHEAD

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

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