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: mcreeter@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

After a few days recuperation from my recent heart surgery, I drove to Billings, Montana to attend the American Federation annual meeting and show. Ann Monroe was elected Third Vice President while Don served as SFMS alternate since our First Vice President could not attend.

At the Uniform Rules meeting we made several small changes in the rules and voted to adopt a new rule for exhibiting and judging beading. You will soon be able to download this new rule from the AFMS website. Many SFMS members are great beaders and should get a copy of these rules for their own use. I have found that even when I do not intend to exhibit in a particular division, becoming acquainted with the rules for exhibiting increases my knowledge in that area.

I also attended the banquet, the Editor’s Breakfast, the American Lands Access Association (ALAA) where SFMS was represented by John Wright, and the Editor’s Breakfast. Several of our SFMS editors and writers took home awards for their bulletins.

The week was by no means all work and no play. The show was excellent with over 40 competitive exhibits and many, many non-competitive ones, with a host of dealers with rocks, gems, tools, equipment, jewelry, etc. to fill four days of looking and dealing. The best part of the show was seeing and visiting old and dear friends from all across the country – many of whom I only see once a year at the American Federation Meeting. If you ever go to one, you will become a regular attendee.

I regret very much I will not be able to attend the SFMS meeting in Jacksonville. This is one of my favorite shows but I had already agreed to teach a class at Wildacres before realizing that was the date of our annual meeting.

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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

Kidnapped

No, I am not so presumptuous that I would attempt to rewrite or revise that great novel by Robert Louis Stevenson. I so however find that there is so much evil in the world that we need to think about the issue of kidnapping.

Some years ago I was working in Italy and was meeting with the owners and managers of a sizeable, privately owned valve company. As we approached the factory, my attention was drawn to a grand home (like a castle) that was on a steep bluff located within the confines of the gated plant. When I asked who lived there, I learned that it was the residence of the owner of the company. Further questions revealed that he lived there in the protected location because of fear of kidnappers.

Today we have much to be concerned about because there is much kidnapping in our country. Within the last couple of weeks a young woman walking on the road near her house was snatched and, as of today, there is no news of her whereabouts. This morning on the national news we learned of the miraculous recovery of a young woman who was kidnapped nineteen years ago and has been held for this time by a convicted sex offender.

Do you feel threatened? I think we all should be and take any measures we can to protect ourselves and our families. In many areas including where we live, people walking along the roads at night carry guns. We all drive with our car doors locked because car-jacking has become common place. It is not that we live in a bad area, it is that these things happen too often everywhere.

Why is this happening? I do not have all of the answers but I suspect there is a connection with the current state of the economy and unemployment and housing foreclosures. Many people are in dire straits and will do anything to get money.

It is never my intent to use this column a political forum but, by the same token, we must be concerned about our personal welfare and remind all of those we care for that they must be vigilant and more cautious than they have been in the past.

ROCKHOUNDING CLUB MEMBERSHIPS

Are you having fun?

As the North Carolina Director for the Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies (SFMS), it is my observation that membership numbers in many clubs has shown a marked decline in the past decade. In my March 2007 annual report to the SFMS, I offered my top 10 ways to bolster club membership. The following is an outline of my suggestions for you to again consider:

1. Conduct monthly meetings in a fast paced and entertaining fashion.
2. Have your club purchase a Power Point projector and secure a lap top computer.
3. Something good to eat and drink at your meetings will attract just about anybody!
4. Advertise your monthly meetings, programs and field trips in newspapers, radio and the NET.
5. Be wary of joining or supporting non-sanctioned groups as this may ultimately harm the SFMS and your club.
6. Volunteer to give a talk about rockhounding at your local elementary school.
7. Start a Junior Section for your younger rockhounds.
8. Update your club brochure and disseminate it to local rock shops, museums, malls and other places where potential rockhounds flock.
9. Reinigorate and support your club’s field trip program.
10. Present and discuss your own ideas to attract and maintain members at your membership and board meetings.

After further reflection and perhaps a little bit more experience, I now feel that most of the above actions will do little to bolster membership roles unless you can answer yes to the following two questions:

1. Is it fun to be a member of your club?
2. Are all your meetings and field trips about rockhounding (including fossil hunting, lapidary and other related activities)?

Rockhounding is a hobby and hobbies are meant to be enjoyable. If it isn't fun to be a member of your club then why should anyone other than a masochist decide to show up to meetings month after month? Of course, getting something good to eat and drink at your meetings is considered fun for just about anybody. And, the opportunity to spend time with other good-natured people who share a passion for rockhounding is always a plus. But, don't hesitate to mix things up at meetings and, by all means, loosen up those stale old parliamentary procedures; this is America people, not proper old England!

Call me crazy, but the main focus of a rockhounding club is supposed to be rockhounding. However, it seems to me that the agendas of some SFMS clubs have expanded to include unrelated activities. Therefore, those who show up
at a meeting eager to hear and talk about rockhounding are likely to be discouraged and bored when the evening's program is more about some unrelated subject than rockhounding. Having to sit through a seemingly endless slide show about Joe Bob's butterfly hunting vacation in Costa Rica may be enjoyable to some with nothing better to do with their time, but it can be like watching paint dry to most die-hard rockhounds. Also, non-rockhounding programs could cause potential new members in attendance for the first time to never return because they were disappointed to not hear much talk about rockhounding as was expected.

I realize that it is an ongoing struggle to fill a club's list of monthly programs, but in my opinion, it is better to not have a program than to have one about an unrelated subject. In the absence of a rockhounding program, feel free to adjourn the formal part of a meeting to conduct a show and tell where club members bring in rocks, minerals or fossils they collected, bought or stole. Or, you could have your club's lapidaries and jewelry makers bring in their finished goods to show and tell and maybe even have one of these folks present a hand's on lapidary demonstration. There is a wealth of knowledge in most clubs that often goes untapped and eventually gets lost to time. And, don't hesitate to spend the better part of any meeting informally talking about rockhounding while enjoying some snicky-snacks - now, that's what I call fun!

No discussion about rockhounding and fun would be complete without a discussion about field trips. Simply put, any organization that does not have a viable field trip program will not prosper as a bona-fide "rockhounding" club. Unfortunately, this aspect of some clubs has faltered as many long time members have simply gotten too old to be able to go out and collect as they once did. Also, the number of viable collecting sites has dwindled over the years due to progress, liability issues and private property concerns. But, plenty of rockhounding opportunities still exist and all that is needed to invigorate a club is a can-do attitude coupled with a desire to get out and collect.

One of the biggest hurdles in maintaining a viable field trip program is finding someone willing and able to assume the leader role. After all, it can be trying for someone to have to continually come up with collecting locations, especially in the face of the all too often "we've been there and done that" complaining and no-shows by fellow club members. Perhaps a size-11 attitude adjustment is in order these grumbling members. You're having "been there and done that" should be a plus as this gives you the experience to find bigger and better rocks and minerals and to help those who may be new to rockhounding or just the site itself. It's all about attitude, baby - so keep it positive, people!

In my opinion, the responsibilities of a field trip leader are too challenging for any one person so most who assume the role burn out and decide to step down within a certain time frame. Therefore, I recommend that each club designate more than one person for the job or institute a small field trip committee to come up with fresh ideas. Spreading out the responsibility makes it easier on everyone and helps to keep a field trip program alive. Another way to come up with fresh collecting ideas is to network with field trip leaders of other SFMS clubs. When I was the field trip leader for the Southern Appalachian Mineral Society, I made it my practice to invite other SFMS member clubs to join us on our official field trips. I'd choose clubs within range of a given collecting site and they were all too happy with the invitation and to join in on the fun. It didn't take long before this favor was returned and we established the equivalent of the SFMS' Dixie Mineral Council, just on a smaller scale. I strongly urge all field trip leaders to do the same - check out the SFMS web site for a listing of club leaders and invite them to your next outing - a great way to broaden your horizons and make new friends at the same time!

Mike Streeter
SFMS North Carolina State Director

OMNIBUS PUBLIC LANDS BILL

The Omnibus Public Lands Bill passed the House and the Senate, was signed by the President on March 31, 2009 and is now the law. It includes the Senate amendment (682) to protect scientists and visitors from unfair penalties for collecting insignificant rocks. However, the exact effect on the public, on rockhounds, on our rights to access our Public Lands is still not known. And it will not be determined until each Bureau of Land Management (BLM) District/office, each Forest Service (FS) District/office, and each of the other affected governmental agencies interprets these laws, and incorporates them into their specific Management Plan. This is where we [rockhounds] can still have a say. This is where we can still have a voice and have affect on the final implementation.

How? By becoming involved in the process. By talking with the managers of our Public Lands; by participating in the meetings called for public input; by providing our ideas and wishes with letters, e-mails and telephone calls. By being involved in the process.

How do we, how do YOU get started? All of us live less than 100 miles from a BLM, FS or other agency office. Better yet go to the office that manages the land where your favorite collecting site is. The first step is to get acquainted with the office and the personnel. Get signed up to receive notices of public meetings and/or get on their general mailing list. Next get involved – attend meetings, learn how that office implements the current laws and how

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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
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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 ______
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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 ______

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

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2009 SFMS WORKSHOP INFORMATION

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 2009. Danny Griffin, SFMS Education Chair

2009 WORKSHOP DATES

William Holland June 14-20
Wildacres August 17-23
Wildacres September 14-20
William Holland October 11-17

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 PROCEDURE

Applications from members of SFMS clubs will be accepted as soon as the schedule is posted. Applications from other regional federations and the public at large will be accepted beginning April 1, 2009. Your club’s 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.

Workshop Tuition

NOTE: You are encouraged to pay the full amount at registration time. However, a $25 non-refundable deposit per person must accompany your registration. If you send a $25 deposit the remaining balance is due one month before the beginning of class. No reminders will be sent.

• Cost per person $310 double occupancy.
• Single room with private bath $470.
• Non members add $50.00 to all Tuition fees
• Day Student or camper workshop tuition fee is $140 per person. No meals are included for day students or campers. They are available from and payable directly to the facility.
• Campsite fee (Wm Holland only) $120 per week.

If you have not received written confirmation of your application within 30 days, please contact the registrar or education chair.

Refund / Cancellation Policy

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. If a refund is granted a $25 administrative fee will be retained.

Application Form

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 may 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 and are not compensated for their time and effort. THEY MAY CHARGE A MATERIALS FEE FOR THEIR CLASSES. THIS MATERIAL FEE IS NOT PART OF THE WORKSHOP TUITION. For additional information about our instructors, please visit www.amfed.org/sfms

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CHECK-IN DAY:

Wildacres is MONDAY afternoon
William Holland is SUNDAY afternoon.
Early check-in is NOT permitted at either location.
## 2009 SFMS Workshop Class Schedule

### Workshop Staff

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The intermediate and advanced classes listed with an asterisk (*) require some prior experience by the student. Experience in a class provided by your local club, Workshop class, or self study may be enough. Please do not exclude yourself, if you're interested in one of these classes, without contacting the instructor first.

### Session One - William Holland  
SUNDAY, June 14-20, 2009

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### 2009 SFMS WORKSHOP REGISTRATION FORM

#### SESSION:
- ◊ 1 William Holland June 14-20
- ◊ 2 Wildacres August 17-23
- ◊ 3 Wildacres September 14-20
- ◊ 4 William Holland October 11-17

#### ACCOMMODATIONS:
- ◊ Lodge
- ◊ Day Student
- ◊ Campground (Wm Holland only)

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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

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#### Single applicants only:
- Do you have someone you want to share a room with? Y N if yes, whom?

- Age Group (used to determine a compatible roommate): 20-30 31-41 42-52 53-63 64-74 74 & up
- Are you a smoker? Y N
- Are you an early riser? Y N or a night owl? Y N

#### Special Needs:
- Do you need a handicap room? Y N
- Can you negotiate stairs? Y N
- (elevator at Wm Holland only)
- Diabetic Y N Other
- Anything else we need to know? (i.e. snore loudly, can’t walk up hills, etc.)

#### Campers: (Wm Holland only)
- Type
- Length (40 ft. max.)

#### Class Selection

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#### Workshop Tuition

**NOTE:** You are encouraged to pay the full amount at registration time. However, a $25 non-refundable deposit per person must accompany your registration. If you send a $25 deposit the remaining balance is due one month before the beginning of class.

- Cost per person $310 double occupancy.
- Single room with private bath $470.
- Non members add $50.00 to all Tuition fees
- Day Student or camper workshop tuition fee is $140 per person. No meals are included for day students or campers. They are available from and payable directly to the facility.
- Campsite fee (Wm Holland only) $120 per week.

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

#### Materials Fees:
- The instructors materials fee is NOT included in the $310.00 tuition fee. Each class may have a fee set by the instructor. See the class description for a list of these fees.

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**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
631 Lake Overlook Drive
Canton, GA 30114-6897
FALL FESTIVAL
FALLS OF THE OHIO STATE PARK, IN

The Falls of the Ohio State Park's 15th Falls Fossil Festival will be held September 19 (9 a.m. - 6 p.m.) and 20 (10 A.M. - 5 P.M.). This event, sponsored by the Falls of the Ohio Foundation, will feature:

* Daily non-technical programs and workshops for hobbyists, educators and the curious on fossils, minerals, and collecting.
* Almost 20 vendors selling fossils, minerals, educational material, crafts and food.
* Children's Activity Area with a variety of activities scheduled.
* Resource Tent where you can get fossils and rocks identified by members of the Indiana Society for Paleontology, the Kentucky Paleontological Society and the Kyana Geological Society. Learn about other geological sites with material from many other fossil parks in North America, as well as information and free literature from the Indiana and Kentucky Geological Surveys.
* Fossil and mineral identification (Bring in your mystery rocks!)
* Hikes on the fossil beds, including extended hikes on the outer fossil beds
* Collecting Silurian and Devonian fossils from special rock piles donated by Hanson Aggregates and mineral piles from the dumps of Cave in Rock fluorite mines
* Exhibit – “Green Planet: The History of Plants!” in our Interpretive Center explores the rise of plants in Earth’s fossil record. This exhibit is in partnership with paleo-botanist Dr. David W. Taylor, chair of the Department of Life Sciences at Indiana University Southeast. (The exhibit runs from August 15 – November 29.)

Proceeds benefit the educational programs at the Falls of the Ohio State Park which reach more than ten thousand students each year!

A web site with a detailed schedule for the Festival is posted on our web site at: http://www.fallsoftheohio.org.

For more information contact Alan Goldstein at 812.280.9970 ext. 403.

OMNIBUS PUBLIC LANDS BILL

they propose to implement the Omnibus Laws, provide comments and get others involved with your efforts.

New legislation that will affect rockhounds has been introduced in Congress: S-796 Hard rock Mining and Reclamation Act and HR-699 Hard rock Mining and Reclamation Act of 2009 which propose significant changes in the Mining Law of 1872, and S-868 The Fee Repeal Act and Expanded Access Act of 2009 which would revoke authority given to the FS to charge new and higher user fees. Now is the time to learn about and comment on this developing legislation; now is the time we can be proactively involved.

For more information about the American Land Access Association check out our web site at www.amlands.org.

Dick Pankey, President
American Lands Access Association, Inc.

[Editor’s Note : the American Lands Access Association is a 501(c)(4) organization. Its purpose is to promote and ensure the right of amateur mineral and rock hobby collecting, recreational prospecting and mining, and the use of public and private lands for educational and recreational purposes; and to carry the voice of all amateur collectors and hobbyists to our elected officials, government regulators and public land managers.]

YOUR ARTICLE COULD BE HERE!!!

PLEASE SUBMIT ARTICLES FOR THE OCTOBER ISSUE BY NOVEMBER 25TH
AFMS 2010 Web Site Contest
By Phyllis George
Ad Hoc AFMS Web Site Contest Chair

The 2009 Webmasters Contest was a great success. The webmasters of forty-six Web sites across the country entered the contest. Seven regional finalists competed at the AFMS level, and the results are as follows:

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<td>California</td>
<td>Terry Yoschak</td>
<td>Roseville Rock Rollers Gm &amp; Mineral Soc.</td>
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<td>Southeast</td>
<td>Mike Baldwin</td>
<td>Memphis Archaeological and Geological Soc.</td>
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<td>Susan Appleby</td>
<td>Willamette Agate &amp; Mineral Soc., Inc.</td>
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<td>5</td>
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<td>Bob Loeffler</td>
<td>North Jeffco Gem &amp; Mineral Club</td>
<td>Arvada, CO</td>
<td><a href="http://www.peaktopeak.com/njeffco/">www.peaktopeak.com/njeffco/</a></td>
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<td>Eastern</td>
<td>Joe Mulvey</td>
<td>Micromounters of New England</td>
<td>Nashua, NH</td>
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<td>Midwest</td>
<td>Milton Michael Barnfield</td>
<td>Parma Lapidary Club</td>
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It was an extremely close contest—only one point separated the 2nd and 5th places, and the two sites tying for third were only a quarter point away from 2nd place.

Now that the word is out and people are aware that there is a club Web Site Contest, I feel confident that there may be twice as many entries for the 2010 contest. The name of the contest is now officially changed to “AFMS Web Site Contest,” and the Entry Form, Score Sheet, and Score Sheet Guidelines are all greatly modified—the judges and Contest Chairs evaluated the forms used during the 2009 contest and suggested major improvements. So the 2010 contest is even more focused on creating Web sites that greatly benefit their clubs.

All of last year’s regional Webmasters Contest Committee Members agreed to continue in their positions for 2010 (except me, and Dale Watts is taking over as Committee Chair for the Rocky Mountain Federation), and they are the ones running the regional Web Site Contests. 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 Bulletin Editors' and Webmasters' Breakfast at their regional federation’s annual show. The first-place entry is forwarded to the AFMS level for judging.

The Committee Members will be notifying the regional newsletter editor plus the webmasters, editors, and club presidents in their region about the details of the contest, the due date for entries, and the schedule for their regional contest. Each Committee Member sets the due dates for his or her federation’s contest.
AFMS 2010 WEBSITE CONTEST
(Continued from page 12)

Members of the Webmasters Contest Committee are as follows:

California Federation (CFMS)............... Merryan O’Neill..... mvoneill@comcast.net
Eastern Federation (EFMS)............... Dan Imel............. lapidry@aol.com
Midwest Federation (MWFMS).......... Cindy Root........... d-root@sbcglobal.net
Northwest Federation (NFMS).......... Cheri George......... lizardwoman3@yahoo.com
Rocky Mountain Federation (RMFMS).... Dale Watts........... d.watts@oksoccer.com
South Central Federation (SCFMS)...... Don Shurtz......... don.shurtz@gmail.com
Southeast Federation (SFMS)............. Jim Flora........... jimflora@att.net

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 Score Sheet 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/webmasters_contest.htm.

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, both front and back. These forms can be filled-in on your computer and saved to your hard drive. Note: Use Acrobat Reader 9 to be able to modify the saved forms later if necessary. Send the TWO completed forms as e-mail attachments to your regional Committee Member before the due date for your region. IMPORTANT: Every entrant and every judge must thoroughly read and understand the Score Sheet Guidelines. This document explains exactly what each scored item is looking for and why it is important to a good Web site.

Having two judges for each region worked out quite well last year, so I plan to do the same again this year. Neither judge will be judging entries from his or her own region. The two judges’ scores for each contestant will be averaged.

If you are a current (or former) webmaster or are very Web-site savvy, please help make the 2010 contest a success by volunteering a little of your time to act as a judge. Read the Score Sheet 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 new contest be an even bigger success in its second year.
GRAVES MOUNTAIN "ROCK SWAP AND DIG"

8 A.M. to 6 P.M., October 2, 3, & 4, 2009

"You are invited to field collect minerals at Georgia's premiere mineral location!"

The caretaker in charge of Graves Mountain, Clarence Norman Jr., has announced plans to hold a three day dig and rock swap on the Mountain during October of 2009. He will have the mountain open to collecting from 8 am to 6 pm 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 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!

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

These Digs Are Open To All SFMS Clubs and the General Public!

Directions: From Atlanta's I-285, take I-20 east to the exit for Washington, GA SR 78 (SR 10, SR 17) and turn left. Travel north to Washington, turn right onto SR 378 and drive 11 miles to the Graves Mountain area. The entrance to Graves Mountain is on your right about 8/10 mile past the Lincoln county line sign. The entrance is a paved road that goes through a gate and up a hill. Please park along the access road and then proceed to the "Welcome Tent" at the end of the pavement to obtain a liability release form and to make a donation for the portable bathrooms, etc.

SFMS Field Trip Committee
Jim Flora, SFMS Field Trip Committee Chair

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 all the dangers involved. CHILDREN WILL BE ALLOWED DURING THE "ROCK SWAP AND DIG" IF EACH CHILD IS UNDER ADULT SUPERVISION!
- ALL pets must be kept under control and on a leash.
- The Graves Mountain caretaker, Clarence Norman Jr., has final and absolute say as to where you may safely work.
- Ladders or power tools of any kind will not be allowed. (HAND TOOLS ONLY!)
- STAY AWAY FROM ALL HIGH WALLS!!
- NO REPELLING OFF OF ANYTHING OR HANGING FROM ROPES!
- NO ONE IS ALLOWED TO DRIVE THEIR VEHICLE ON ANY PART OF GRAVES MOUNTAIN BEYOND THE PARKING AREA! (The caretaker must accompany anyone driving beyond the parking area!)
- EVERYONE NEEDS TO BE OFF THE MOUNTAIN BY DUSK. (Absolutely no one is allowed on Graves Mountain after dark.)

Please protect our ability to field collect at Graves Mountain!

Report Violations to: Clarence Norman Jr. 706.359.3862 (his business) or 706.359.2381 (his home)
All reported violations will be held in strict confidence.
Can You DIG it?

Yes, you can in Marion Kentucky. Come dig Fluorite and related minerals during the day and fluorescent minerals at night.

Scheduled Digs for 2009
April 25
May 23
June 6th & 7th*
July 25
August 22
September 19
October 17

*Also, dates of the Ben E. Clement Annual Gem and Mineral Show

Pre-registration is required, so register early as space is limited to the first 30 people per date. Registration forms can be found on our website.

We will gladly schedule private digs for groups of 10 or more people.

For More Information Contact:
The Ben E. Clement Mineral Museum
PO Box 391 Marion, KY 42064
Or call 270.965.4263
Or visit our website at clementmineralmuseum.org

LOOKING AHEAD

CLUB & SOCIETY SHOWS/SWAPS
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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@aol.com 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 ssterrett@sc.rr.com.

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