UPCOMING FIELD TRIPS


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

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE
REPORT OF AFMS/SFMS CONVENTION AND SHOW

All of you that were unable to attend our meeting in Nashville definitely missed out on a good time. The first event of interest was the AFMS Uniform Rules Committee meeting on Tuesday morning. Diane Johnson, our SFMS Uniform Rules Chair represented us at the meeting and will appreciate the opportunity to report to each of you.

Don and I arrived on Tuesday and participated in the Cracker Barrel. The Middle Tennessee Gem and Mineral Society provided some great snacks and it was a good opportunity to see old friends and make some new ones. Good attendance contributed to a really nice meeting which lasted about two hours.

The AFMS Annual Convention meeting on Wednesday morning provided an excellent overview of AFMS activities for the past year. Since every officer and committee chairman had provided a brief written report, the entire meeting moved along at a brisk pace and a lot of good information was shared. Everyone that wanted to speak to any issue seemed to have adequate opportunity to participate. Howell Whiting, host for next year’s meeting in Roswell, N.M. made a brief report on the meeting plans and passed out CD’s which give a great overview. Isn’t that a great idea?

During the rest of the week, good seminars such as Marty Hart’s presentation on web sites and how to do them was really a winner and provided help for anyone that wanted to do a web site for themselves, their club or other organization.

There was a meeting of the current and incoming members of the Education Committee which provided an opportunity to discuss our Workshop Program and share ideas on ways to improve attendance. Issues such as course offerings and incentives for instructors were covered.

Our SFMS meeting on Saturday morning was very well attended. We had a quorum and also a few very welcome guests from AFMS. It was one of the best meetings of this type that we have had in quite a long time.

At the editor’s breakfast on Sunday morning, SFMS editors received quite a few certificates which will be presented at our December meeting in Montgomery, Alabama. No trophies for our editors this year but I am sure we will do more next year.

I must comment on the show. I attended two days which is unusual for me and I really enjoyed it. Saw a lot of old friends, made some new ones. The silent auction provided an opportunity to bid on some really good material.

My thanks to MTGMS and all who joined us in Nashville to make this a great weekend.

Ann Monroe SFMS President

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THE SOUTHEAST FEDERATION OF MINERALOGICAL SOCIETIES, INC.

A Non-Profit, Non-Commercial, Non-Political Organization and
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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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WORKSHOP UPDATE

Advance enrollment is low for the remaining SFMS workshop sessions. It will be necessary to cancel several classes at both Wildacres and William Holland unless more students sign up. SFMS Workshop guidelines require us to cancel a class when there is insufficient enrollment to cover the cost of an instructor's room and board. Please let our Registrars know if you have plans to attend any of the sessions. We need your support.

Earlier in the year we announced that David Lonser would teach an Advanced Faceting class at the August session at Wildacres. At the present time there is insufficient enrollment to offer the class. Please get in touch with the Wildacres Registrars by phone or email if you have any plans to take Advanced Faceting.

Fred Sias
Education Chairman

Be Safe – Be Well
Keep It Sharp!
Safety Committee – Don Monroe, Chairman

As many of you know, I was raised on a farm. My father was my teacher in many areas, and we were set up to make or repair almost everything that we needed to produce our crops and raise our livestock. We had our own blacksmith shop and all of the other tools we needed to do most any type of wood or metal work. Since we lived about 5 miles out of the nearest small town I was Dad's helper and go-for.

Dad taught many lessons dealing with all aspects of life and I often heard the same story several times since he believed that repetition was an effective teaching method. The lesson that I heard the most dealt with cutting tools such as knives, axes, adzes, saws, chisels and the like. He always said that the most dangerous tool was a dull tool. He would say: “sure you can cut yourself with a sharp tool but you are far more likely to injure yourself with a dull tool because you must apply much more force to do the job and slipping is more likely”.

This adage has been a way of life for me and I see so many lapidarists who have problems due to dull tools. I think this issue can be most effectively demonstrated in the case of the graver. If a graver is not appropriately sharpened, the tool will skid across the work causing several problems such as a long, unwanted cut or scratch in the work or, even worse an unwanted cut in our hand or fingers. When tested, a sharp graver will make a smooth cut across the top surface of your thumbnail without any slipping or gouging. This sharp cutting edge can be best obtained using fine stones such as hard India stones or a fine synthetic ruby sharpening stone. Various stones require their own special lubricant such as fine oil or water. Do read the directions! I selected the graver as a subject because all of us can profit from the use of a graver at some time or another but we do not use it enough to become proficient. Either take a course or read a good book to learn about using the graver.

A knife is a far more complex tool than we often realize. A knife-edge can be ground or honed to many different angles or “grinds” as the knife makers say and the purpose of the knife should influence how it is sharpened. The included angle made by the two surfaces of the edge can vary from about 15 degrees to about 35 degrees. The so-called sharper edge is great for slicing food and tasks of that sort but the less steep edge is necessary for chopping tasks to avoid chipping the edge of the blade. Axes and most chisels work best with a more blunt edge but all edges are best when honed to a smooth finish unless you prefer the so-called “wire edge” for cutting meat. Wire edges are often the choice of the professional butcher but every butcher that I know well has his own ideas about the best edge for his work. This typifies a professional’s attitude about his tools and all of us should really be just as demanding about our tools because we all take pride in our work and, if not professionals, are certainly craftsmen of note.

2006 SFMS SLATE OF NOMINEES

The SFMS Nomination Committee is pleased to present the following slate of nominees for officer elections to take place during Part 2 of the Annual SFMS Meeting in Montgomery, Alabama in December 2006:

President: Buddy Shotts
1st Vice President: Steve Heneger
2nd Vice President: Betty James
Secretary: Beryl Ferguson
Assistant Treasurer: Roger Campbell
Lodestar Editor: Carolyn Daniels
4th Vice President AFMS: Don Monroe

Nominations will also be taken from the floor.

Eileen Price, SFMS Nomination Committee Chair
YOUTH RESOURCES

October will be a busy month for our youth who have been working toward the “JOY” award. The criteria are to be completed by the 31st of October and submitted by the 10th of November. It is not too late to get a copy of the criteria, by calling us at 727.894.2440. The winner will be announced at the annual SFMS Banquet in Montgomery, AL on December 2, 2006 and the plaque and gift will be presented at that time. We are eager to read about what you, our youth, have been doing this year. So please send us your forms by November 10th.

Hugh and Leona Sheffield
SFMS Your Resources Committee

MINUTES OF THE SOUTHEAST FEDERATION OF MINERALOGICAL SOCIETIES ANNUAL MEETING - PHASE I
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE
AUGUST 19 2006

Phase I of the Annual Meeting of the Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies, Inc., for the year 2006 was called to order August 19, 2006 at 9:00 A.M., at Nashville, TN by President Ann Monroe. Buddy Shotts gave the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was lead by Bill Waggener.

Jim Robinson, Past President of SFMS and President of AFMS, and Past SFMS Presidents - Don Monroe, and Bill Waggener, were recognized. Also introduced were Shirley Leeson, 1st VP of AFMS, and Dee Holland, Past Pres. of AFMS. Wayne Sukow, Pres. of Eastern Federation, all first time attendees and Club Presidents. Marty Hart, President of the Mid-Tennessee Gem & Mineral Society, welcomed the federation and the Secretary stated that a quorum was present. Don Monroe was appointed to serve as Parliamentarian. The agenda was approved on motion by Fred Sias and second by Buddy Shotts, and unanimous amendment. On motion by Hugh and Leona Sheffield, the minutes of the last meeting as published in the Lodestar were approved without amendment.

President’s remarks: President Monroe’s message in the packet reminded us of the second phase of the Annual Meeting to be held in Montgomery, AL on December 1-3, at which time elections of officers will take place. She also commended committee members on a productive Education Committee meeting held on the previous day.

1st Vice President - Buddy Shotts: - Bid for 2007 Annual Meeting to be on MS Gulf Coast date not announced. On motion made by Frank Decaminada and second by Bill Waggener, bid was accepted. A tentative schedule for Birmingham Club to host one of the Executive meetings.

2nd Vice President - Nothing to report.

Secretary - Betty James: Insists that officers, directors and member clubs reply to registration letter with at least a yes or no. It is important that a quorum be present at each meeting in order for business to be conducted.

Treasurer - Ken Anderson: Some mid-year expenses still outstanding. Available funds are $77,329.03. Interest on CD’s this year should be $1986; Insurance account has plus $1361, Stamp fund $1,623.96.

Assistant Treasurer - Vacant

Membership Secretary - Joan White: See under Old Business.

Editor - Carolyn Daniels: Hard drive crash in late June/early July caused loss of time working on bulletins, but she is back on schedule now.

AFMS President - Jim Robinson: Thanked the local club, and welcomed everyone to Nashville on behalf of AFMS. Reported on very successful meeting on Wednesday. Everyone seems to be enjoying the show.

STATE DIRECTORS:

Alabama - Iris McGehee: Birmingham’s 33rd Annual Show was a success. They have started a building fund will celebrate their 50th anniversary in 2007. East AL has been invited to use Montgomery’s workshop. Mobile awarded a $500.00 scholarship to Lane Dorman, a student at University of SA. Their annual show is in November, Huntsville’s show is in October and Montgomery is working toward Phase 2 of the SFMS Annual Meeting in December. Montgomery continues to be a Partner in Education to a local elementary school.

Florida - Beryl Ferguson: Clubs are vacationing at mine sites, attending workshops and planning for fall shows. Many have contributed to New Orleans clubs.

Georgia - Anita Westlake: Would like input from other state directors for help in getting participation from the local clubs.

Kentucky - David Horn: Not present, no report.

Louisiana - Art Mott: Not present. Louisiana Club is surviving, now meeting in regular location in New Orleans. Still have great need for equipment.

Mississippi - John Wright (Acting): - Not present. Attendance low on Gulf Coast and some clubs have lost members to relocation. Pearl River Rock Club has not been able to hold some meetings nor elect officers because of lack of quorum. MGC is continuing to plan for their show November 10-12. Mississippi (Continued on next page)
president resigned, Janie Hand moved up to President, and Mary Jane Boutwell was elected to fill her unexpired term. MS school building is progressing well and is now in partial use. North MS Society is doing great and gaining members with interesting field trips and enjoyable meetings and workshops.


South Carolina - Fred Sias: - Six active G & M societies; two have already had shows and the third one will be week after Thanksgiving.


Virginia - Steve Gordon: Not present, no report.

There will be no Mayo Foundation meeting following the SFMS meeting. Bill Waggener, President of the Foundation, asked to present his report at this time. Those receiving awards for 2006-2007 are Lorri Dee Dukes, $2100; Amy Laurene Herron, $1800; Laura A. Lieberman, $1670; and Quintin Overocker, $2130, making a total of $7700. Donations for this year are less than $300; request was made for more support. Interest income for the year was $4777.78 with a projected 2006 total income of over $10,000.

SFMS COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Bulletin Contest - Anna Denton: - Resigned.

Constitution and Bylaws - Robert Walker: - No activity this period.

Education - Fred Sias: - Enrollment down for all sessions at both schools. Need suggestions for raising enrollment. Hope to have classes and instructors assigned for next year by end of September. Exact dates will be assigned later but will be near the dates of this year. Fred is asking to be replaced next year.

Historian - Charlotte Mayo Bryant: Not present, no report.

Insurance Liaison - Bob Denaburg: Not present, no report. Ken Anderson, Treasurer, stated that of 79 clubs in federation, 60 are enrolled in insurance program with 6379 members and 35 special events.

Long Range Planning - Ron Denton: Not present, no report.

Nominations - Eileen Price: Not present, Don Monroe, committee member, reported that a full slate of nominees for office will be presented in the next issue of the Lodestar.

Social Concerns - Dee Conybear: Not present, nothing to report.

Safety - Don Monroe: Currently submitting articles for both the SFMS and AFMS newsletters. He has had several suggestions for future articles and will continue to address items of concern to members.

SFMS Field Trips - Jim Flora: Hosted four trips to Bowers Farm, Stanly Co., NC; Vulcan Materials, Morganton, NC; Corundum Knob, Clay Co. NC, and Diamond Hill Mine, Abbeville Co., SC. Now have 32 clubs in 8 SFMS states.

Slides/Videos - Freda Hull: New programs have been received from AFMS competition and Endowment Fund. Encourage members to enter program competition. List is updated in January and July each year.

Stamp Program - Jim Robinson: Amount in stamp account will be published in Lodestar. Donations and sales have picked up. $1623 in account. Probably will be able to give 5 scholarships this year. Stated that if you cannot take stamps off paper without ruining them, please send in on the paper and he will remove.

Supplies - Caroline Decaminada: List of supplies and costs printed in July Lodestar. Contact her at carrie128@comcast.net or mail to home address when supplies are needed.

Uniform Rules - Dianne Johnson: 5 competitive exhibits entered, three won trophies and moved up to AFMS, two were novice but all five received blue ribbons.

Ways & Means - Frank Decaminada: Will send letter to officers and chairmen before December 8 requesting information for next years budget.

Wildacres Director - David/Barbara Tuttle: Referred to report of Education Chairman and asked for suggestions to increase enrollment.

Wildacres Registrars Robert/Flora Lee Walker: April session had income of $8207.00 and expenses of $9537.57 for net loss of $1330.57.

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SFMS ANNUAL MEETING - PHASE I MINUTES
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William Holland Directors - Dana/Ray Gonzalez: Not present, no report.

William Holland Registrars - Sonia Arnold/Charlotte Caughman: Report from Charlotte Caughman - Had wine and cheese reception and at auction, movie night, indoor and outdoor tailgating and show & tell. New chef made great meals. Need more registrants for October, Openings in almost all classes.

Web Site - Jim Flora: SFMS 2000 club Membership Renewal added to internet. Several updates to workshops and complete workshop package available for download and Lodestar available for download.

2006 Host - MTG&MS - Lewis Elrod: Not present, no report.

2006 Host - Montgomery G & M Soc. - Iris McGehee: 2nd Annual Meeting will be in Montgomery 12-2006, housed at Drury Inn northeast of I-85. Meeting will be at Garrett Coliseum and banquet at Munn Museum. Speaker will be Dr. Robert Cook.

Youth Resources - Hugh, Leona Sheffield: Workshop scholarship winner, Elizabeth Siegfried, attended Wildacres. This year's winner will be announced at Montgomery meeting.

AFMS Committee Reports: Shirley Leeson, 1st Vice President of AFMS, mentioned some of the benefits of being a part of American. She gave her email address shirleyleeson@msn.com and Dee Holland beauholland@salmoninternet.com stated that they would answer any questions by any members.

Newsletter - Carolyn Daniels: No report.

Boundaries - Beryl Ferguson: No issues requiring action pending.

Club Publications - Vacant

Club Rockhound of Year - Vacant

Collecting Sites - Vacant

Conservation/Legislation - John Wright: No report

Education/All American: Vacant

Endowment Fund-Ken Anderson: Oral report - Drawing will be at the banquet but more tickets for sale right up to time of drawing.

Juniors - Hugh Sheffield: See SFMS report. Suggested that all clubs use Jim Brace Thompson’s program. Applications available for junior groups.

Program Competition - Freda Hull: See SFMS report.

Safety - Don Monroe: See SFMS report.

Uniform Rules - Betty James: Three SFMS exhibitors received trophies and qualified to exhibit in AFMS along with five direct entries. A total of 6 AFMS trophies were presented.

Ways & Means - Frank Decaminada: No report.

Web Master - Jim Flora: No report.

Mayo Educational Foundation: No meeting. See immediately following State Directors’ reports for Mayo report. Bill Waggener, President of the Foundation, presented Amy Herron, a scholarship winner and student at Tennessee Tech. Amy is hoping to take a field trip to the Grand Canyon in early 2007. She is presently doing student teaching, is President of the Geology Club and extended her thanks for the scholarship.

Marty Hart presented a certificate from the Mid-Tennessee Club as they are also one of her sponsors. He stated Mid-TN gives four or more scholarships each year and Amy is one recipient.

Old Business:

Joan White reported that she has a promise from the printer for a 3 day turnaround on printing the directory. However, she is scheduled for surgery Thursday. If all goes well, she will mail the directory Friday. She has the information in Excel format. There is a need for a membership roster from clubs and will ask for this coming year. Just names of members and whether adult or junior.

New Business:

Application for Dothan, Al for membership. Objectives appear to meet SFMS criteria. Motion to accept by Iris McGehee with second by Bill Waggener. Passed unanimously.

Question from the floor regarding the Appalachian Club. Don Monroe stated that it had “outlived its usefulness” and disbanded. Members are attending other nearby clubs.

There being no further business, on motion and second, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Betty M. James, Secretary
PHOTOGRAPHS FROM THE AFMS/SFMS (PHASE I) CONVENTION
(by Marty Hart, SFMS Tennessee State Director)

Dr. Robert Carlson (left) presents John Trimble (Georgia Mineral Society member, SFMS member club) with his awards for his competitive exhibits.

AFMS Officers for 2006/2007 Year: (Left to right) Dr. Robert Carlson (President), Pat LaRue (Treasurer), Don Monroe (5th Vice President SFMS), Rocky McCall (4th Vice President NFMS), John Blue (3rd Vice President MWF), Carolyn Weinburger (1st Vice President EFMLS) and Shirley Leeson (President Elect CFMS).

View of the attending SFMS Executive Board Members at the SFMS Board Meeting. Left to right: Joan White (Membership Secretary), Steve Henegar (Second Vice President), Buddy Shotts (First Vice President), Ann Monroe (President), Betty James (Secretary), and Ken Anderson (Treasurer).

Ken Anderson, SFMS Treasurer, exams one of his finds at the Woodbury Geode Field Trip.

Left: From left to right: Ken Anderson (SFMS Treasurer), Hugh Sheffield (SFMS Youth Resources Co-Chairman), Betty James (SFMS Secretary), and Leona Sheffield (SFMS Youth Resources Co-Chairman) take a break at the Woodbury Geode Field Trip.
The William Holland School of Lapidary Arts is situated on a mountain in north Georgia near the North Carolina border. The facility includes a two-story main building known as the Sparks Lodge with 29 air-conditioned bedrooms on the upper floor. A second lodge is located nearby with 22 additional air-conditioned bedrooms. All bedrooms are motel-like with private baths and two beds. Two rooms are equipped for the handicapped.

The lower, ground level of the Sparks Lodge houses 13 classrooms, the kitchen, and dining room. This floor is completely air-conditioned, and a new elevator permits easy access to both floors.

There are two other buildings that make up the retreat complex: the Seabolt Building, which houses the George Kasper Memorial Library as well as showers and restroom facilities for the campground, and Mary Lou’s Cottage, to house the instructional staff. The campground has 10 full hook-up spaces for RV’s up to 40 feet in length.

### Fees

**Lodge accommodations:** $310 per person double occupancy, including meals. **Single room:** $470.

**Day Students:** $140 per person, no meals are included.

**Campground Students:** $120 hookup (including 2 persons; $25 per additional person), $140 per person for classes. No meals are included but are available directly from the retreat.

**Meals:** Breakfast $5, lunch $6, dinner $7.

### Registration Procedures

Applications from members of SFMS clubs will be accepted first; however, members of other AFMS clubs may apply and will be scheduled following SFMS applicants.

**Applications will be accepted beginning on January 17, 2006 for both sessions.** The postmark date on or after this date determines the order of acceptance. **First-time attendees have an extra priority.**

Students under age 18 are welcome, but they must be accompanied by a responsible adult and must be approved by the workshop director and instructor.

### Reservation Deposit

A non-refundable administrative fee of $50 per person must accompany all applications. The full amount may be remitted with the application if the applicant wishes. (It is easier for the Registrar.) The balance is due 4 weeks before the workshop begins. No reminders will be sent.

### Cancellation Policy

There is a $50 nonrefundable charge to cover administrative costs. An additional $50 charge will be assessed for cancellations made less than 4 weeks before a session begins. No refund will be returned for cancellations within 7 days of the start of a session. A minimum of three students must be enrolled in a particular class to support the cost of the class. No fee will be charged if a class is canceled. No adjustment will be made for late arrival or early departure.

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*Note: Advanced courses with prerequisites are designated with an asterisk.*
2006 William Holland Workshop Registration Form

Session: □ June 11-17 □ October 8-14  Accommodations: □ Lodge □ Campground □ Day Student

(A) □ Mr □ Mrs □ Ms
Name ________________________________
SFMS Club ________________________________

(B) □ Mr □ Mrs □ Ms
Name ________________________________ Phone ________________________________
Address: ________________________________ Email ________________________________

STREET ________________________________ CITY ________________________________ STATE ________________________________ ZIP ________________________________

Is this the first time you will attend William Holland? (A) □ Yes □ No (B) □ Yes □ No
Have you attended any other SFMS Workshop? (A) □ Yes □ No (B) □ Yes □ No
Do you wish to be placed on Stand-by if there are no vacancies when your application arrives? □ Yes □ No

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(*) Check box if you have previously taken this course at an SFMS Workshop

Room Assignment for Single Applicants only:

1) Do you have a friend with whom you wish to room? ____________________________________________

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Special Needs:

4) Do you need a handicap room? Yes _______ No _______

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6) Special Dietary needs: Diabetic _______ Other _______

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INSTRUCTIONS

1) Applications will be accepted beginning on January 17, 2006 for all sessions. The postmark date on or after this determines the order of acceptance. First-time attendees have extra priority.

2) Your Club Membership Dues must be current and your club’s dues to the Federation must also be paid before you will be accepted.

3) Cost per person for this session is $310, double occupancy with private bath. (Single room cost is $470.) $120 for camp site for 1 or 2 people, plus $140 per person for workshop classes. $140 for day students. (No meals are included for campers or day students but are available directly from the retreat.)

A reservation deposit of $50 per person must accompany this form. You may, and are encouraged to, pay the full amount with this application. If the full amount is not paid with this application, the balance will be due four weeks prior to the workshop.

4) Cancellation Policy: There is a $50 nonrefundable charge to cover administrative costs and an additional $50 charge for canceling less than 4 weeks before the session begins. No refund will be given for cancellations received less than 7 days before the session. There are No adjustments for late arrivals or early departures.

Amount submitted with application: $__________

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The Winnifred Mayo Scholarship Award was presented to Amy Herren (2nd from right, Geology student at Tennessee Tech University) by Ann Monroe (2nd from left, SFMS President) and Bill Waggener (far right, Mayo Foundation President). Marty Hart (far left, SFMS Tennessee State Director) represented the Middle Tennessee Gem & Mineral Society (as President) that nominated Amy for the award.

The AFMS editor’s breakfast was well attended.
GRAVES MOUNTAIN "ROCK SWAP AND DIG" FOR 2006

8:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M., Friday, October 6, 2006
8:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M., Saturday, October 7, 2006
8:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M., Sunday, October 8, 2006

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

The SFMS Field Trip Committee has been in contact with the caretaker in charge of Graves Mountain, Clarence Norman Jr., in regard to his plans to hold a three day dig and rock swap on the Mountain during October 6, 7, & 8, 2006. He will have the Mountain open to collecting from 8:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. each day. All participants must stop at the welcome table in the hospitality tent to sign a liability release and make a small contribution to defray the cost of opening the mountain and providing port-o-lets. There will be several golf cart-type, four wheeled vehicles available to transport those participants who have trouble walking long distances. The dig will cease and everyone is expected to be off the mountain by around 6:00 P.M. each day. Participants will be allowed to park in a designated area on the mountain.

Rock Swap and Hot Food/Drinks: Junior will set aside an area in the upper parking lot for tables to be setup for daily rock swaps. Anyone who would like to setup a table(s), please contact Junior at the phone numbers listed below. Hot food cooked on the grill, cold drinks and chips will be available for purchase on the mountain during all three days of these events. Don’t forget to bring some extra money to buy the special "Graves Mountain Rock Swap and Dig" T-shirt!

THESE DIGS ARE OPEN TO ALL SFMS CLUBS.

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

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

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

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

SFMS Field Trip Committee:
Please reply by e-mail to: dmc@gamineral.org

GRAVES MOUNTAIN CODE OF CONDUCT!

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

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

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

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

STAY AWAY FROM ALL HIGH WALLS!!

NO RAPELLING OFF OF ANYTHING!

NO ONE IS ALLOWED TO DRIVE THEIR VEHICLE ON ANY PART OF GRAVES MOUNTAIN BEYOND THE PARKING AREA! (The caretaker must accompany anyone driving beyond the parking area!)
Judging and Exhibiting, and I think the American Federation has devised a plan that will help ensure more uniform and encouraging in the future.

As we studied each section of the Uniform Rules, I had not only Jay’s guidance, but was also able to hear input from the other students, who presided as judges all over America. Because we were all able to talk together about which certain rules meant, I think we all came away with a more uniform understanding of what each rule means and how they should be applied to the exhibits we judge.

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The class was given by Jay Bowman, who was an excellent instructor and certainly exhibited much patience with all of us.

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**Tennessee Valley Rocks & Mineral Club**
**1995 SFMS President**
**Vi Hicks**
**1923-2006**

Mabel Vivian Hand "Vi" Hicks, of Chattanooga, died on Monday, August 28, 2006 at her home.

Born on May 6, 1923 she was a native of Laurence County, Tennessee. Mrs. Hicks lived in Hixson for many years and was retired from DuPont. She was a charter member and past president of the Tennessee Valley Rock & Mineral Club.

She taught jewelry making at the William Holland School for Lapidary Arts for several years. As part of this hobby, she served as president of the Southeastern Federation of Mineralogical Societies, and as vice president of the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies.

She was a long-time member of Burks United Methodist Church, where she was a member of the Eldridge Class.

Mrs. Hicks is survived by her husband, William TO. Hicks; a sister, Ann Hand Hensley, of Manchester, Tennessee; a daughter and son-in-law, Diane Hicks Walker and Randall WE. Walker, of Chattanooga; sisters-in-law, Marjorie Hicks Barnett, of Denver, Co., and Virginia Hicks, of Denton, TX.; and several nieces and nephews.

adapted from Chattanoogan.com August 28, 2006
via the SFMS Webmaster, Jim Flora

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**FALLS OF THE OHIO FOSSIL FESTIVAL**

Falls of the Ohio State Park and the Clarksville Riverfront Foundation announced the 2006 Falls Fossil Festival! This, our 12th event, will be held September 16 - 17 at one of the world's most spectacular naturally exposed fossil beds! Visitors can explore a luxuriant Middle Devonian patch reef packed with fossils on the riverbed at the Falls of the Ohio.

This show, held rain or shine, features outdoor vendors selling fossils, minerals, books, related items and food. There are fossil bed tours and special workshops and lectures from renowned paleontologists and geologists in the Interpretive Center. There is an activity area for children with scheduled and on-going programs. We have a special fossil exhibit – The Nature of Shells. This exhibit displays fossil and modern shells from around the world, a marine aquarium with different types of shelled animals.

Topics of our guest speakers cover cephalopods, trace fossils, the Mazon Creek fauna, faunas with pyrite-replaced shells, fossils identification, and fossil collecting.

Collecting is prohibited at the Falls of the Ohio; however, a local quarry donates 30 tons each of fossil-bearing Silurian Waldron shale and Devonian Jeffersonville Limestone residuum. Dig for brachiopods, bryozoans, corals, crinoids, cystoids, snails, clams, and trilobites in Hanson America’s Fossil Collecting Piles. We can direct your club to other localities to collect fossils. This would be an ideal weekend field trip. We hope members of your group will be able to attend!
SOUTHEAST FEDERATION OF MINERALOGICAL SOCIETIES
ANNUAL MEETING (PHASE 2)

Hosted by
Montgomery Gem & Mineral Society
Montgomery, Alabama
Saturday, December 2, 2006

Hotel: Drury Inn & Suites located at I-85 & Eastern Boulevard, 1124 Eastern Boulevard, Montgomery, Alabama. For reservations call: 1.800.325.0720 and use the code SFMS for the rate of $64.00 for King Bed Deluxe or $74.00 for two Queen Beds Deluxe (The rates are for up to six people per room). Rates are valid per room, per night plus tax. Reservations must be made by November 1st for these special rates.


Directions to Drury Inn & Suites: Exit I-85 at Eastern Boulevard. (Motel sign can be seen from the I-85.)

There are R.V. hookups at Garrett Coliseum, 1555 Federal Drive, the site of the Montgomery Gem, Mineral & Jewelry Show, for $15.00 per day. The spots are on a first-come, first serve basis, and anyone desiring a spot should go to the Coliseum office any time from 8:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M. (CST) to pay and be assigned a spot.

Directions to Coliseum from Drury Inn & Suites: Turn left on Eastern Bypass after leaving motel parking lot. Travel west approximately 4.2 miles to U.S. 231/Wetumpka exit, turn left and travel about 2.9 miles. Coliseum will be on the right side of Federal Drive (You can’t miss it.)

Show Information: The 36th Annual Montgomery Gem, Mineral and Jewelry Show, December 1-3. Show times: Friday, 9:00 A.M. – 6:00 P.M.; Saturday, 10:00 A.M. – 6:00 P.M.; Sunday, 11:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Free Admission & Parking.

Meeting: The meeting will be held in the Kiwanis Room at Garrett Coliseum, 1555 Federal Drive.

The Banquet: The banquet will be held at 7:00 P.M. at the Mann Wildlife Learning Museum auditorium and will be served buffet style. It will feature roast beef, boneless chicken breast, tossed garden salad, potatoes O’Brien, buttered green beans almondine, bread, drink, and dessert. Reservations must be made by November 1st and should include your check made payable to the Montgomery Gem & Mineral Society for $20.00 per person and returned to P.O. Box 3273, Montgomery, Alabama 36109-0273.

Directions to Mann Museum from Drury Inn: Travel as if going to Garrett Coliseum. Instead of getting off on the Highway 231 go to Coliseum Blvd. exit. Turn left, go to Gardendale (there is a traffic light there). Turn right and go about 2 blocks to Fairground Road. Turn right again and following the road pass the Zoo on right. Look for Mann Museum sign and parking. It will be on the right hand side of the road.

Name__________________________________________________________
Address ______________________________________________________________________
Phone _______________________________Number Attending________________________
Amount enclosed _____________________
September 2006

Looking Ahead

Club & Society Shows/Swaps
(Check with show contact for admission charges, if any)

September 8-10, Winston-Salem, NC - Forsyth Gem and Mineral Club. 35th Annual Gem, Mineral, Jewelry Show and Sale. Educational Building, Dixie Classic Fairgrounds. Hours: 8th and 9th, 10:00 A.M.—7:00 P.M.; 10th, 12 Noon—6:00 P.M. Website: www.forsythgemclub.com.


September 30 - October 1, 2006, Lexington, KY - Rockhounds of Central Kentucky. 16th Annual Show. National Guard Armony, Airport Road. Hours: September 30th, 10:00 A.M. – 6:00 P.M.; October 1st: 12:00 Noon - 5:00 P.M. Contact: Bekki Miracle, 502.868.0258.

September 30, 2006—October 1, 2006, McGees Crossroads, NC- Tri-State Lapidary Club. Huge Rock Sale. 20 miles south of Raleigh off of I-40 at 101 William Drive. Hours: 30th, 9:00 A.M.—5:00 P.M. and 1st, 10:00 A.M.—5:00 P.M. Contact: Joe Moylan at 919.554.3175 or (cell) 919.632.6794.

October 6-8, 2006, Gastonia, NC—Gaston Gem, Mineral, & Faceters Club. 29th Annual Show. Citizens Resource Center (Old Biggerstaff Park) on Dallas-Cherryville Highway, Hwy 279. Contact: Jackay McDaniels at 704.865.6748 or Doug Dover at 704.825.9580.

November 4-5, 2006, Ft. Pierce, FL - St. Lucie County Rock & Gem Club. Rock and Gem Show. St. Lucie County Fairgrounds, Midway Road. Hours: 4th & 5th, 10:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Contacts: Dealer Chairman, Dennis Ponte @ 772.288.3296 or dennisponte@msn.com and Show Chairman, Norm Holbert @ 772.873.0787 or normholbert@bellsouth.net.

November 17-19, 2006, Marietta, GA—Cobb County Gem & Mineral Society. 21st Annual Gem & Mineral Show. Cobb Civic Center, 548 South Marietta Parkway. Hours: 17th & 18th, 10:00 A.M.—6:00 P.M. and 19th, 10:00 A.M.—5:00 P.M. Contact: Mary Ingram at 770.427.1108, www.cobbcountymineral.org/event.html or mimgram@mindspring.com.

December 11-12, 2006, Deland, FL - Tomoka Gem & Mineral Society (of the Greater Daytona Beach & Holly Hill, Florida Area). Volusia County Fairgrounds, Tommy Lawrence Arena, State Rd 44 (One-mile east of I-4 Exist 118). Hours: 11th, 10:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.; 12th, 10:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Contact: Pollyan Darling @ 386.428.7696 or gemdarlings@cfl.rr.com. Website: www.tomokagemmineralsociety.com.

Regional Federation Shows & Conventions

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California Federation
Lancaster, California
June 15-17, 2007

Eastern Federation
Hosts: Gem and Mineral Society of Palm Beaches, Inc.
West Palm Beach, Florida
November 17-19, 2006

Midwest Federation
Hosts: Midwest Mineralogical and Lapidary Society
Southgate, Michigan
Held: May 13-15, 2006

Northwest Federation
Butte, MT
August 3-5, 2007

Rocky Mountain Federation and AFMS Convention
Roswell, NM
June 7-10, 2007

South Central Federation
Hosts: Ark-La-Tex Gem and Mineral Society
Bossier City, Louisiana
Held: August 19-20, 2006

Southeast Federation (Phase 2)
Hosts: Montgomery Gem and Mineral Society
Montgomery, Alabama
December 1-3, 2006

Remember - To insure your show is listed here, send a written notice to the Lodestar Editor: Carolyn L. Daniels, 3660 Prince Way, Tucker, GA 30084-8317 or email at: dpdaniels@mindspring.com. ALL SFMS CLUBS ARE ALSO ENCOURAGED TO REGISTER THEIR EVENT LISTINGS ON THE SFMS WEBSITE AT: http://www.amfed.org/sfms.

Choose Submission Guidelines under the SFMS Shows Column heading to find out how to apply.

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