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President's Message

- James Darnell

Please forgive me for being a little remiss in communicating with you.

Our Quarterly meeting will be June 13th and 14th at William Holland, immediately following our Federation week. Notices and lodging information will be sent.



This will be an important meeting since we will be discussing items that need to be considered for change in our By-Laws/Constitution, we need as many officers and representatives present as possible.

Also, this is an opportunity to visit the facilities of William Holland for those of you who have never been there (It will be my first visit).

As a reminder to those clubs who award scholarships to the workshops, please encourage winners to only attend Federation workshop weeks at either Wild Acres or William Holland. If our attendance does not support our allotted weeks, we could lose them. Encourage all members who are planning on going to the workshops to go on our Federation specific weeks.

Danny Griffin (Past President) is heading up the nominating committee for next year's slate of officers. Please contact Danny (gcjinc@comcast.net) with your suggestions for Secretary, Treasurer and 2nd Vice President.

Our annual meeting is being sponsored by the Mississippi Gulf Coast Gem and Mineral Society in Pascagoula, MS. The dates are: November 7th, 8th and 9th. Their show that weekend is supported by 20-22 dealers and visitors from around the country. Installation of 2015 officers is on our agenda as will be following up on discussions carried over from our June quarterly meeting.

Our banquet facility will be at the New Hilton Garden Inn in Pascagoula, MS.

I look forward to seeing ALL of you at our quarterly meeting at William Holland.

Personal Health

Bob Green, Safety Chair



This month we are going to talk about personal health. The topic is the allergies and specifically those that can lead to significant health issues.

I read an article about a young lady, thirteen years of age that passed away at a summer camp, because she had a significant allergy to peanuts. The article stated that she was eating a "rice crispies" treat and told her mother that it tasted like peanut butter. She apparently stopped eating the treat and about 15 minutes later went into anaphylactic shock. Her father, a physician was present and administered three Epi-Pens that are designed to provide immediate relief to these types of episodes, however, she went into a coma and did not survive.

The statistics provided with this article stated that between 1997 and 2011, the number of children suffering from food allergies increased by 50%. Those suffering from peanut allergies tripled during the same timeframe. The article went on to state that the prevailing thought was that this was genetic and environmental.

In a time and space a long, long time ago, I knew two folks that had severe seafood allergies. One was so severe that she had been to the emergency room more than three times when she accidentally consumed a sauce that contained shrimp. The last time she was told by the ER doctor that if she had not gotten to the ER when she did, she may not have survived.

Now, many of us in the south have allergies. Our home town of Greenville, SC was designated as the worst place for allergies in the year 2010. The seasonal allergies here are the result of a wide variety of trees, grasses and molds. My wife unfortunately has allergies of foods. One of the most unusual is watermelon. She develops hives if and when she eats watermelon, so she has deleted these from her diet. She has also dropped wheat from her diet, and joined the gluten free group.

Fortunately her allergies and mine are usually just annoying, until they start impacting our breathing. As noted in several articles, the increase in persons suffering from asthma is dramatically increasing. Asthma is not to be taken lightly. It also can be a killer. My wife developed asthma several years ago and I developed asthma approximately two years ago and fortunately this seems to be under control most of the time. We have known several folks that trips to the emergency room to restore adequate breathing are regular occurrences.

For a long time, I thought that my nose was allergic to my upper lip and considered that the way of life. My wife convinced me to visit the allergy doctor which I did about a year ago. My life has been better since then. I know that my upper lip is not the issue; however, my mouth has gotten me into trouble before, but not with allergies.

It is very important as the little ones grow up that they are monitored to ensure the allergies if any are identified. I think the standard view is to be very careful until the child is old enough to tell the parent if something does not feel right.

So, with that cheery note, be safe and listen to your spouse or significant other, if they insist that you need to do something to improve your health.

2014 RMFMS/AMFS CONVENTION & SHOW

The RMFMS/AFMS Show and Convention will be held July 9 – 13, 2014 in Tulsa, Oklahoma. The Tulsa Rock and Mineral Society would like to extend a warm welcome to all members of the American Federation. The Federation meetings begin on July 9 and the Show will be on Friday July 11. The show will be held in Central Park Hall Building at The Tulsa Fair Grounds. This address us 4145 E 21st St.



This year's show will include many working demonstrations, special exhibits, competitive and non-competitive exhibits, many dealers from around the country, and an expanded children's area with many rock related activities. Programs will be presented throughout the show, door prizes will be given away every hour, and there will be a continuous silent auction. We hope to have field trips in conjunction with the show if we can finalize the arrangements.

The headquarters hotel for the convention will be the Hilton Garden Inn at 4518 East Skelly Drive, Tulsa Ok. The room rate will be \$89.00/night for a king or queen room, \$119.00/night for a suite and breakfast is included. To make reservation you may call 918-878-7777 or go to the website at: http://hiltongardeninn.hilton.com/en/gi/groups/personalized/T/TULMDGI-ROCKS-20140707/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG.

Schedule of Meetings:

Wednesday, July 9:	<u>Uniform Rules Committee Meeting</u>	7:30 pm at Host Hotel
Thursday, July 10:	<u>AFMS Delegates Meeting</u>	9:00 am at Host Hotel
	<u>AFMS Scholarship Foundation Meeting</u>	15 min after Board Meeting

	<u>All Officers Luncheon (open to everyone)</u>	12:30 pm at Host Hotel
Friday, July 11	<u>RMFMS Executive Committee Meeting</u>	1:00 pm at Show Site
	<u>Cracker Barrel</u>	7:30 - 9:00 pm at Host
	Hotel	
Saturday, July 12	<u>Rollin' Rock Club</u>	8:00 am at Show Site
	<u>ALAA Annual Meeting</u>	9:30 am at Host Hotel
	<u>RMFMS Delegates Meeting</u>	1:00 pm at Host Hotel
	<u>RMFMS/AFMS Happy Hour</u>	6:30 pm at Host Hotel
	<u>RMFMS/AFMS Awards Banquet</u>	7:30 pm at Host Hotel
Sunday, July 13	<u>Breakfast with the Editors & Webmasters</u>	8:00 am at Host Hotel
	<u>SCRIBE</u>	15 min after Breakfast
	<u>Oklahoma State Council</u>	2:00 pm at the Show
	site	

Registration forms and other forms and information will be on our website at www.townrockhound.org or the AFMS web site at www.amfed.org or the RMFMS website at www.rmfmts.org.

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WARNING: HOTELS COULD BE HAZARDOUS TO YOUR HEALTH...

By Captain RH Kauffman, Los Angeles County Fire Department

Have you ever been in a hotel during a fire? It's a frightening experience, and you should start thinking about it. For instance, how would you have acted if you had been in one of these fires?

The Thomas Hotel, San Francisco, Ca 20 DEAD

The Gulf Hotel, Houston, Texas 54 DEAD

The La Salle Hotel, Chicago, Ill 61 DEAD

The Wincoff Hotel, Atlanta, Ga 119 DEAD

Of course, there have been hundreds more with thousands of deaths, but I think you're getting the drift. The majority of those people did not have to die. My wife has been in the airline industry close to 8 years and while accompanying her on a trip recently, I learned how ill prepared she was for a hotel fire. It's not her fault.. Its' quite common.

Hotels, however, have no excuse for being ill prepared, but believe me, you cannot depend on the staff in case of a fire. History has shown some hotels won't even call the Fire Department. I have been a fire fighter in Los Angeles for over 10 years and have seen many people die needlessly in building fires. It's sad because most could have saved themselves.

What you're about to read is roughly the same "briefing" I have given my wife on hotel safety. I do not intend to "play down" the aspects of hotel fires or soft-soap the language. It's critical that you remember how to react, and if I shake you a little, maybe you will.

Contrary to what you have seen on television or in the movies, fire is not likely to chase you down and burn you to death. It's the by-products of fire that will kill you. Super heated fire gases (smoke) and panic will almost always be the cause of death long before the fire arrives if it ever does. **This is very important. You must know how to avoid smoke and panic to survive a hotel fire.** With this in mind, here are a few tips:

SMOKE

Where there is smoke, there is not necessarily fire. A smoldering mattress, for instance, will produce great amounts of smoke. Air conditioning and air

exchange systems will sometimes pick up smoke from one room and carry it out to other rooms or floors. You should keep that in mind because smoking and matches cause 70% of the hotel fires. In any case, your prime objective should be to leave at the first sign of smoke.

Smoke, being warmer, will start accumulating at the ceiling and work its way down. The first thing you will notice is THERE ARE NO "EXIT" SIGNS. I'll talk more about the exits later, just keep in mind when you have smoke, it's too late to start looking for "exit" signs.

Another thing about smoke you should be aware of is how irritating it is on the eyes. The problem is your eyes will only take so much irritation then they close. Try all you want, you won't be able to open them if there is still smoke in the area. It's one of your body's compensatory mechanisms. Lastly, the fresh air you want to breathe is at or near the floor. Get on your hands and knees (or stomach) and STAY THERE as you make your way out. Those who don't probably won't get far.

Think about this poor man's predicament for a moment:

He wakes up at 0230 hrs to a smell of smoke. He puts on his trousers and runs into the hallway only to be greeted by heavy smoke. He has no idea where the exit is. He runs to the right. He's coughing and gagging, his eyes hurt. ??Where is it?? ??WHERE IS IT?? Panic begins to set in. About the same time he thinks maybe he is going the wrong way, his eyes close. He can't find his way back to his room (it wasn't so bad in there). His chest hurts, he desperately needs oxygen. Total panic sets in as he runs in the other direction. He is completely disorientated. He cannot hold his breath any longer. We find him at 0250. -DEAD- What caused all the smoke? A small fire in a room where they store the rollaway beds. Remember, the presence of smoke does not necessarily mean the hotel is burning down.

PANIC

Panic - A sudden, overpowering terror often afflicting many people at once. Panic is the product of your imagination running wild and it will set in as soon as it dawns on you you're lost, disorientated, or you don't know what to do. Panic is almost irreversible: once it sets in, it seems to grow. Panic will make you do things that could kill you. People in a state of panic are rarely able to save themselves. If you understand what's going on, what to do, where to go, and how to get there, panic will not set in. The man in the example I used would not have died if he had known what to do. For instance, had he known the exit was to the left and 4 doors down on the left, he could have gotten on his hands and knees where there was fresh air and started counting doorways. Even if he

couldn't keep his eyes open, he could feel his way as he crawled, counting the doors. 1... 2... 3... BINGO! He would NOT have panicked. He would be alive today, telling of his "great hotel fire" experience.

EXITS

The elevator drops you at the 12th floor and you start looking for your room. "Let's see ... room 1236 ... here it is". You open the door and drop your luggage. AT THAT VERY MOMENT, turn around and go back into the hallway to check your exit. You may NEVER get another chance. Don't go into the bathroom, open the curtains, turn on the TV, smarten your appearance, or crash out on the bed. I know you're tired and you want to relax, but it's absolutely essential ... no ... CRITICAL ..that you develop the HABIT of checking for your exit after you drop your luggage. It won't take 30 seconds, and believe me, you may NEVER get another chance. If there are 2 of you sharing a room, BOTH of you locate your exit. Talk it over as you walk towards it. Is it on the left or right ... do you have to turn a corner? Open the exit door ... what do you see ... stairs or another door? (Sometimes there are 2 doors to go through, especially in newer hotels.) I'd hate to see you crawl into a broom closet thinking it was the exit! Are you passing any rooms where your friends are staying? If there was a fire, you may want to bang on their doors as you go by. Is there anything in the hallway that would be in your way ... an ice-machine maybe? As you arrive back at your room, take a look once more. Get a good mental picture of what everything looks like. Do you think you could get to the exit with a "blindfold" on? This procedure takes less than one minute and to be effective, it must become a habit. Those of you who are too lazy or tired to do it consistently are real "riverboat gamblers". There are over 5,000 hotel fires per year. The odds are sure to catch up with you.

USING THE EXIT

Should you have to leave your room during the night, it is important to close the door behind you. This is very effective in keeping out fire and will minimize smoke damage to you belongings. There was a house fire in Los Angeles recently where an entire family died. It was a 3-bedroom house with a den and family room. That night, the occupants had left every door in the house open except one, and it had led to the washrooms where the family dog slept. The house, except for the washroom, was a total loss. When the fire was knocked down, firemen opened the door to find the family dog wagging his tail. Because the door was left shut, the dog and room were in fine shape. Some doors take hours to burn through. They are excellent "fire stops" so close every door you go through. If you find smoke in the exit stairwell, you can bet people are leaving the doors open as they enter.

Always take your key with you. Get into the habit of putting the key in the same place every time you stay in a hotel. Since every hotel has nightstands, that's an excellent location. It's close to the bed so you can grab it when you leave without wasting time looking for it. It's important you close your door as you leave, and it's equally as important that you don't lock yourself out. You may find conditions in the hallway untenable, and want to return to your room. If you're now in the habit of checking your exit and leaving the room key on the night stand, you're pretty well prepared to leave the hotel in case of a fire, so let's "walk" through it once.

Something will awake you during the night. It could be the telephone, someone banging on the door, the smell of smoke, or some other disturbance. But, whatever it is, investigate it before you go back to sleep. A popular "Inn" near LAX recently had a fire and one of the guests later said he was awakened by people screaming but went back to bed thinking it was a party. He dammed near died in bed. Let's suppose you wake up to smoke in your room. Grab your key off the nightstand, roll off the bed and head for the door on your hands and knees. Even if you could tolerate the smoke by standing, DON'T. You'll want to save your eyes and lungs for as long as possible. BEFORE you open the door, feel it with the palm of your hand. If the door or knob is quite hot, don't open it. The fire could be just outside. We'll talk about that later. With the palm of your hand still on the door (in case you need to slam it shut), slowly open the door and peek into the hallway to "assess conditions". As you make your way to the exit, stay against the wall on the side where the exit is. It is very easy to get lost or disorientated in a smoky atmosphere. If you're on the wrong side of the hallway, you might crawl right on by the exit. If you're in the middle of the hall, people who are running will trip over you. Stay on the same side as the exit, count doors as you go.

When you reach the exit and begin to descend it is very important that you WALK down and hang onto the handrail as you go. Don't take this point lightly. The people who will be running will knock you down and you might not be able to get up. Just hang on and stay out of everyone's way. All you have to do now is leave the building, cross the street and watch the action. When the fire is out and the smoke clears, you will be allowed to re-enter the building. If you closed your room door when you left, your belongings should be in pretty good shape. Smoke will sometimes get into the exit stairway. If it's a tall building, this smoke may not rise very high before it cools and becomes heavy. This is called "stacking". If your room is on the 20th floor, for instance, you could enter the stairway and find it clear. As you descend you could encounter smoke that has "stacked". Do not try to "run through it" - people die that way. Turn around and

walk up. Now you must really hang onto the handrail. The people running down will probably be glassy-eyed and in a panic and will knock you right out of your socks! They will run over anything in their way, including a fireman. You'll feel as though you're going upstream against the Chicago Bears, but hang on and keep heading up towards the roof. If for some reason you try one of the doors to an upper floor and find it locked, that's normal, don't worry about it. Exit stairwells are designed so that you cannot enter from the street or roof. Once inside, however, you may exit at the street or roof but cannot go from floor to floor; this is done for security purposes. When you reach the roof, prop the door with something. This is the ONLY time you will leave a door open. Any smoke in the stairwell may now vent itself to the atmosphere and you won't be locked out. Now find the windward side of the building (the wet finger method is quite reliable), have a seat and wait until they find you. Roofs have proved to be a safe secondary exit and refuge area. Stay put. Firemen will always make a thorough search of the building looking for bodies. Live ones are nice to find.

YOUR ROOM

After you check your exit and drop the key on the nightstand, there is one more thing for you to do. Become familiar with your room. See if your bathroom has a vent; all do, but some have electric motors. Should you decide to remain in your room, turn it on to help remove the smoke. Take a good look at the window in your room. Does it open? Does it have a latch, a lock? Does it slide? Now open the window (if it works) and look outside. What do you see? A sign? Ledges? How high up are you? Get a good mental picture of what's outside, it may come in handy. It's important you know how to OPEN your window, you may have to close it again. Should you wake up to smoke in your room and the door is too hot to open or the hallway is completely charged with smoke, don't panic. Many people have defended themselves quite nicely in their room and so can you. One of the first things you'll want to do is open the window to vent the smoke. I hope you learned how to open it when you checked in. It could be dark and smoking in the room. Those who don't will probably throw a chair through the window. If there is smoke outside and you have no window to close, it will enter your room and you will be trapped. The broken glass from the window will cut like a surgeon's scalpel. At the Ramada Inn fire, an airline captain on a layover threw a chair through the window and cut himself seriously. Don't compound your problems. Besides, if you break out your window with a chair, you could hit a fireman on the street below.

If there is fresh air outside, leave the window open, but keep an eye on it. At this point, most people would stay at the window, waving frantically, while their room continues to fill with smoke, if the fire burns through. This procedure is not

conducive to longevity. You must be aggressive and fight back. Here are some things you can do in any order you choose ... if the room phone works, let someone know you're in there. Flip on the bathroom vent. Fill the bath with water. (Don't get into it - it's for fire fighting. You'd be surprised how many people try to save themselves by getting into a tub of water - that's how you cook lobsters and crabs, so you know what happens!) Wet some sheets or towels, and stuff the cracks of your door to keep out the smoke. With your ice bucket, bail the water from the bath onto the door to keep it cool. Feel the walls - if they are hot, bail water onto them too. You can put your mattress up against the door and block it in place with the dresser. Keep it wet - keep everything wet. Who cares about the mess? A wet towel tied around your nose and mouth is an effective filter if you fold it in a triangle and put the corner in your mouth. If you swing a wet towel around the room, it will help clear the smoke. If there is a fire outside the window, pull down the curtains and move everything combustible away from the window. Bail water all around the window. Use your imagination and you may come up with some tricks of your own. The point is, there shouldn't be any reason to panic - keep fighting until reinforcements arrive. It won't be long.

ELEVATORS

There isn't an elevator made that can be used as a "safe" exit. In all states, elevators by law, cannot be considered an "exit". They are complicated devices with a mind of their own. The problem is people only know one way out of a building - the way they came in, and if that was the elevator, they are in trouble. Elevator shafts and machinery extends through all floors of a building, and besides, with the shaft filling with smoke, there are hundreds of other things that could go wrong and probably will. Everyone tries to get on the elevator in an emergency. Fights break out and people get seriously injured. Smoke, heat and fire do funny things to elevator call buttons, controls and other complicated parts. Case in point:

Hotel guests in a New Orleans hotel were called on their room phones and notified of a fire on the upper floors. They were in no danger, but asked to evacuate the hotel as a precaution. Five of the guests decided to use the elevator. It was discovered later that the elevator only went down about three floors and then for some reason started going up. It did not stop until it reached the fire floor. The doors came open and were held open by smoke obscuring the photocell light beam. Besides the five guests in the elevator who died of suffocation, firemen noticed that every button had been pushed, probably in a frantic attempt to stop the elevator. Fires have killed many people, including firemen. Several New York firemen recently used an elevator when responding

to a fire up on the 20th floor. They pushed 18, but the elevator went right on by the 18th floor. The doors came open on the 20th floor to an inferno and remained open long enough to kill all the firemen. The doors then closed and the elevator returned to the lobby. Hand operated elevators are not exempt. Some elevator operators have been beaten by people fighting over the controls. If you have any idea that there might be smoke or fire in your hotel, avoid the elevator like the plague.

JUMPING

It's important I say something about jumping because so many people do it. Most are killed or injured in the process. I cannot tell you whether or not you should jump. Every fire, although similar, is different. I can tell you, however, what usually happens to "jumpers". If you're on the 1st floor, you could just OPEN the window and climb out. From the second floor you could probably make it with a sprained ankle, but you must jump out far enough to clear the building. Many people hit windowsills and edges on the way down, and they go into cartwheels. If they don't land on their head and kill themselves, they're injured seriously. If you're any higher than the 3rd, the chances are you won't survive the fall. You would probably be better off fighting the fire. Nearby buildings seem closer than they really are and many have died trying to jump to a building that looked 5 feet away, but was actually 15 feet away. Panic is what causes most people to jump. There was a fire in Brazil a few years ago where 40 people jumped from windows and all 40 died. Ironically, 36 of those jumped after the fire was out. Many people have survived by staying put whilst those around them jumped to their death. If you can resist panic and think clearly, you can use your own best judgment.

CALLING THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Believe it or not, most hotels will not call the fire department until they verify whether or not there really is a fire and try to put it out themselves. Should you call the reception to report a fire, they will always send the bellhop, security guard, or anyone else that's not busy to investigate. Hotels are very reluctant to "disturb" their guests and fire engines in the streets are quite embarrassing and tend to draw crowds. In the New Orleans hotel fire, records show that the fire department received only one call, from a guest in one of the rooms. The desk had been notified of fire 20 minutes earlier and had sent a security guard to investigate. His body was later found on the 12th floor about 10 feet from the elevator. Should you want to report a fire or smell of smoke, ask the hotel operator for an outside line for a local call. Call the fire department and tell them your room number in case you need to be rescued. You need not feel

embarrassed, that's what we're here for. We would much rather come to a small fire or smoking electrical device that you smelled than be called 20 minutes later after 6 people have died. Don't let hotel "policy" intimidate you into doing otherwise. The hotel may be a little upset with you, but really ... who gives a damn. The fire department will be glad you called - you may have saved many lives. Besides, it's a great way for us to meet people!

Well, the rest is up to you. Only you can condition yourself to react in a hotel emergency. You can be well prepared by developing the habits we've talked about.

Gem and Mineral Shows

April 26-27, 2014 Memphis, TN

Memphis Mineral, Fossil and Jewelry Show

Memphis Archaeological and Geological Society

"The Earth Wide Open"

Memphis International Agricenter, 7777 Walnut Grove Road, Memphis, TN

Saturday April 26, 0900-1800 and Sunday April 27, 1000-1700

Dealers, Exhibits, Demonstrations, Kids Area with Rockzone featuring Gem Dig, Geode Bowling, Rocks Around the Clock

Adults: \$5.00; Children 12 and under: \$2.00

Web: www.TheEarthWideOpen.com

email: info@theearthwideopen.com

Show Chair: James Butchko (901) 743-0058

Dealer Chair: WC McDaniel (901) 274-7706

May 3-4, 2014 North Charleston, SC

Lowcountry Gem and Mineral Society Annual Jewelry, Gem, Mineral, and Fossil Show

"Art by Nature"

Charleston Area Convention Center, Exhibit Hall A, 5000 Coliseum Drive, North Charleston, SC 29418

Saturday May 3, 1000-1700 and Sunday May 4, 1000-1700

Free admission and free parking. Hourly door prizes, club hospitality table, demonstrations, fossil dig, geode cracking.

Contact: Karen Havenstein (843) 795-2956; email: fossils@comcast.com

Web: www.lowcountrygemandmineralsociety.org

May 9-11, 2014 Marietta, GA

46th Annual, The Georgia Mineral Society's 2014 Mother's Day Weekend Gem and Mineral Show

Cobb County Civic Center, 548 Marietta Parkway, Marietta, GA 30339

Over 30 dealers; Free Parking; Free Admission. Door Prizes (Special Door Prize for Students!)(Win a great prize for yourself and for your school!)

Friday May 9, 1000-1800; Saturday May 10, 1000-1800; Sunday May 11, 1200-1700

Special Exciting Auction, Saturday May 10 at 1300.

May 23-25, 2014 Gulfport, MS

Harrison County Gem and Mineral Society, Inc.'s 35th Anniversary Gem, Mineral and Jewelry Show

Courtyard Marriott, 1600 East Beach Blvd., Gulfport, MS

Friday May 23, 1000-1800; Saturday May 24, 1000-1800; Sunday May 25, 1000-1600

Adults: \$5.00; Children (10 and under) Free with adult

Demonstrations, displays, Stump the Expert, hourly door prizes

Contact: Karen Johnston (228) 467-5465, email: johnstonkaren@bellsouth.net

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June 7-8, 2014 McCalla, AL

Alabama Mineral and Lapidary Society presents:

41st Annual Tannehill Gem, Mineral, Fossil and Jewelry Show

Tannehill Historical Ironworks State Park, McCalla, AL

The show is free with paid admission to the park. Both days: 0900-1700

Contact: Gene Blackerby (205) 807-6777, email: black2200@att.net

Web: <http://lapidaryclub.com>

June 7-8, 2014 Marion, KY

9th Annual Ben E Clement Gem, Mineral, Fossil and Jewelry Show and Digs

Fohs Hall, 205 North Walker Street, Marion, KY 42064



Indiana Artifact Display and Beading Class, Saturday at 1100; Vendor Tables, Free Children's Activities throughout the day, silent auctions, hourly door prizes, museum tours. Digs on Saturday and Sunday, Night dig on Saturday, Kentucky Geological Booth, and a wire wrapping class on Saturday at 1400.

Contact: Ben E Clement Mineral Museum (270) 625-4263

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September 27-28, 2014 Lexington, KY

Kentucky National Guard Armory, 4301 Airport Road, Lexington, KY 40510

Saturday 1000-1800, Sunday 1200-1700

Show includes minerals, jewelry, equipment dealers, club sales, exhibits, KY Agate, fluorescent displays, hourly prizes, and a Grand Prize drawing.

Admission: \$2.00 Adults; \$1.00 Children (\$5.00 family maximum); Scouts in uniform free

Contact: Alen Ferrell (859) 277-2469; email: kyrock2010kentucky@yahoo.com

Web: www.lexingtonrockclub.com

October 3-5, 2014 Dallas, NC

Gaston Gem, Mineral and Faceters Club presents 36th Annual Gaston Gem and Mineral Show

Gaston County Park, 1303 Dallas Cherrydale Highway, Dallas, NC 28034

Friday 0900-1800, Saturday 0900-1800, Sunday 0900-1700



Free admittance and free parking. Minerals and Fossils from around the world. Cutting material, quality gemstones, wire wrapping, settings, geodes, jewelry, etc. A real working sluice, \$3 and \$5 sand buckets; perfect for children and adults. Amethyst, Quartz crystals, faceted stones mixed at random in the buckets. Hourly raffles for prizes.

Contact: Rick Perkins (704) 825-9456

Web: <http://gastongemclub.weebly.com/our-show.html>

November 21-23, 2014 Columbia, SC

The Columbia Gem and Mineral Society presents the 47th Annual Gem, Mineral, and Jewelry Show; Friday 1000-1800, Saturday 1000-1800, Sunday 1200-1700

Jamil Temple, 206 Jamil Road, Columbia, SC 29210

Jewelry, beads, loose stones, fossils, minerals, gold, silver, and tools for sale. Geodes sold and cut, Club member rock collections on exhibit and lapidary demonstrations.

Admission: \$5 for adults, children 16 and under free with an adult; All military and their dependents are free.

Contact: Sue Shrader, Publicity, (803) 736-9317; email: ashrader@mindspring.com

Sharon Sterrett, Dealers (803) 356-1472, email: ssterrett@sc.rr.com

Web: www.cgams.org

November 21-23, 2014 Marietta, GA

29th Annual Cobb County Gem, Mineral and Jewelry Show presented by Cobb County Gem and Mineral Society

Cobb County Civic Center, 548 Marietta Parkway, Marietta, GA

Friday 1000-1800, Saturday 1000-1800, Sunday 1000-1700

Free Admission and Free Parking



Find amazing rocks, gemstones, minerals and fossils from all over the world. Choose from a large selection of beautiful beads, jewelry and jewelry making supplies. Faceting and jewelry making demonstrations, hourly door prizes.

Web: www.cobbcountym mineral.org



November 22-23, West Palm Beach, FL

The Gem and Mineral Society of the Palm Beaches presents 48th Annual Gem, Mineral, Jewelry, Bead and Fossil Show

South Florida Fairgrounds Expo Center East, 9067 Southern Blvd, West Palm Beach, FL 33411

Saturday 0900-1800, Sunday 1000-1700

Admission: \$7 (children under 12 free); Two day admission \$10; visit website for \$1 off coupon; Free parking

Over 70 dealers, Door prizes, hourly prize drawings, Scholarship Fund raffle, Fossil dig, Gem Mining, Geode cracking, Displays, Demonstrations

Contact: Jeff Slutzky (561) 585-2080, email: 2014gemshow@gmail.com

December 13-14, 2014 Franklin, TN

Gem, Jewelry, Mineral, Fossil Show and Sale presented by Mid-Tennessee Gem and Mineral Society.

Williamson County AgExpoPark, 4215 Long Lane, Franklin, TN

Saturday 0900-1800, Sunday 1000-1700

Demonstrations, exhibits, silent auction, hourly door prizes, grand prize, and over 30 dealers. Beads, crystals, geodes, rough, cabochons, gem stones, finished jewelry, native american jewelry, tools, supplies, mineral and fossil specimens, stone carvings and home accents.

Admission: \$4 (Two day pass \$6), students 18 and under \$1, children under 12 free with adult.

Contact: John Stanley, Show (615) 885-5704 email: show@MTGMS.org

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Registration for SFMS Workshops Instructions

Roy Deere, Education Committee Chair

Welcome to our 2014 edition of the SFMS Workshops. This is our 37th year of offering one of the best values in education that is available anywhere. Our workshops are taught at beautiful locations in the mountains that provide beautiful scenery and great food. Wildacres is located just off the Blue Ridge Parkway near Little Switzerland in North Carolina and William Holland is located in Young Harris in Georgia.



The dates for 2014 are: William Holland June 8-14, Wildacres August 18-24, Wildacres September 22-28 & William Holland October 12-18.

This year we will have different prices for each location. William Holland decided not to raise their prices this year so the rates will be the same as last year at William Holland. Wildacres decided to raise their prices this year so the rates will be \$15 more than last year. Consult the registration form for all of the different price variations.

The schedule for most of the classes is attached to this newsletter. We are still working on a couple more classes and should have the details on them in a couple of weeks. The SFMS Workshops 2014 website is operational. Visit SFMSworkshops.com to view the website. Details on the added classes will be posted on the website as soon as we have commitments from the instructors. Some of the instructors have not yet gotten the details on their classes to me. This will also be added as the information is provided by the instructors.

You will find details of each class, instructor bios, project pictures for the classes, location info, and a new registration sheet that can be filled out on the website and printed to send in with your deposit.

I encourage you to sign up as soon as possible before the classes that you are interested in fill up. The earlier that you sign up the better it is for you and for our staff. Your choice of classes may decrease as other people register.

The price covers lodging, meals, and instruction (materials purchased from instructors are extra). If you simply look at this as a vacation, you would spend at least that much on a hotel for the week and not get food and instruction. Also compare this to some of the national bead shows and other educational programs which charge that much for a ½ day class (no lodging or food here).

Registration Instructions

Select the registration entry from the 1st menu on the website. (You can also use the printed one attached here; but the online one is easier to use and provides us with a typed copy.)

Click the circle by the session that you want to attend (if you want to attend more than once you must register for each session on a separate form). On the printed copy you can circle the one that you wish to attend.

Fill in the information for Student 1.

If you are bringing a spouse or another person fill in the section for Student 2.

Please fill in your name, 1st choice (class name), a 2nd choice class and the "Taken Before" info for each choice.

Repeat this on the 2nd line for student 2 choices if you have filled out the student 2 section.

Check the box in Accommodations for the type of room that you want. If you want to share a room with a friend list the friend's name in the Roommate section. The rates for the types or rooms are shown in the bottom section. If you have rate questions call or email the registrar for you workshop location.

Click the Print button above the form to print out 1 or more copies of your form.

Send the printed form along with a check for the full amount or a \$50 deposit to the registrar for the workshop that you have chosen. Note – if you cancel your reservation the \$50 deposit or \$50 of your full fee will not be refunded except in certain cases which must be approved by the education committee.

2014 SFMS WORKSHOP CLASS SCHEDULE

[Www.SFMSworkshops.com](http://www.SFMSworkshops.com)

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Bracelets, Bracelets & More	Tom & Kay Benham
Cabochons	Pat Davis
Casting	Bill Harr
Chain-Maillé, Beg & Int	Roy Deere
Faceting	Tom Mitchell
Hammer & Stakes	Annette Gibbney
Lampwork	Cindy Reed
Silver 1	Jim Richardson
The New Seed Bead	Barbara Green
Wire 1	Sandra Bergquist

SESSION ONE - WILLIAM
 HOLLAND
 June 8-14, 2014

SESSION TWO - WILDACRES

MONDAY, August 18-24, 2014

Bracelets, Bracelets & More	Tom & Kay Benham
Casting	Bill Harr
Flint Knapping	Michael Miller
Gem ID	Teresa Polly
Jewelry Bench Building	Danny Griffin
*Metalwork Special Projects	Jeff Sheer
Seed Beading	Gail Deluca
Silversmithing	Bev Schabilion
Weaving Freeform Wire Jewelry	Kaska Firor
Wirecraft - Beginning	Rowan Rose-Morgan

SESSION THREE - WILDACRES

MONDAY, September 22-28, 2014

Beading Special Techniques	Haydee Hernandez
Cabochons	Anita Westlake
Casting	Bill Harr

Chain-Maille, Beg & Int. Roy Deere

Chasing & Repoussé Tom & Kay Benham

Cold Connections & Enameling Debora Mausea

Flint Knapping Michael Miller

Gem ID Teresa Polly

Seed Beading Gail Deluca

Silversmithing Bev Schabilion

SESSION FOUR - WILLIAM HOLLAND

SUNDAY, October 12-18, 2014

Bead Netting	Ronald Midkiff
*Bits & Pieces	Don & Ann Monroe
Cabochons	Ellis Bray
*Faceting II	Tom Mitchell
Lampwork	Cindy Reed
Opals	Sarah Lee Boyce
*Silver Filligree	Shannon Stafford
Wire	Pat Brown

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