



# The Lodestar



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## President's Letter



Most of you already know but I'd like to make an official announcement of the passing of David Wayment. Dave was a past SFMS and AFMS President and was currently the Director of the Wildacres Workshops and AFMS 2<sup>nd</sup> Regional Vice President.

Anyone who knew Dave also knew he performed many, many, many other duties for both the AFMS and SFMS. Dave is surely missed and it will take a long time to find competent replacements for all that Dave has been doing.

Leslie has asked that anyone wanting to provide a memorial please make a donation in Dave's name to the Mayo Educational Foundation. There is a Memorials and Honors Donations form on the SFMS website <https://www.southeastfed.org/about/announcements> and click on Dave's name.

Please contact someone if you have problems finding the form.

The SFMS Workshops still have openings for the June, August and September sessions. However, there are many classes that have already filled. Go to <https://www.sfmsworkshops.org> for a list of available classes and the application. If you're thinking about taking a class get those applications in fast.

I would like to remind those going on field trips to be safe and make good decisions. No specimen is worth an injury while trying to collect it.

Danny Griffin  
SFMS President 2024



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## 1st Vice President

### Vonda Echols

Happy Spring. At least that is what I am hoping, spring is here and not a April fool joke.

As most of you know we lost a great worker and man in March David Wayment. With sad hearts we say goodbye. Dave worked hard on our zoom meeting and held many positions in the SFMS organization through the years. He and Leslie were serving as Wildacres Director and Register, while they will be missed greatly. The show must go on. Please remember to sign up for classes during SFMS week at Wildacres. There are still some classes at William Holland that are not full yet, and June will be here

before you know. Sign up is still going on so don't wait too long or the class you want might be full.

In case you wanting to hold a position with SFMS there are a couple to position we are still looking for nomination for State Directors. If you would like to be considered for these position, please contact Jason Hamilton at [vp2@southeastfed.org](mailto:vp2@southeastfed.org).

Hope to see you at William Holland or Wild Acres this summer. Have a safe and fun time in what ever you are doing.

Vonda Echols

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We're on the Web!  
[southeastfed.org](http://southeastfed.org)

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## Membership Chair

### Rick Marshall



I want to thank each club for helping to make this year's renewal process so easy. I received the last payment of dues on March 4th and was able to wrap this up for another year.

We lost 2 clubs, Tampa Bay Fossil Club and the Southern Appalachian Mineral Society. We had 65 clubs renew with a total of 7,824 members. I am aware of 2 clubs that have expressed interest in

joining for the first time and I hope we can vote on those at the June meeting at William Holland School of Lapidary Arts.

Rick Marshall  
SFMS Membership Secretary  
407-949-1416



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## Secretary Message

### Jerri Heer



Our last Meeting and Rockhound Roundup at the Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park went well, some minor issues with rain, but overall was a great time. Minutes and Packet from the meeting can be found later in this issue.

I have another issue that I'm concerned with. When I became SFMS Secretary in 2013, I inherited 3 full filing cabinets of past records. As you may imagine, storage can be an issue. It is my intention to review what records and record

types I have to determine the viability of keeping them in paper form or digitizing. I will be reporting what I find at the June Meeting at William Holland with the intent to ask permission to destroy unneeded records and scanning and digitizing the needed ones.

Jerri Heer  
Secretary

**Meeting Minutes on Pg 16**

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## Assistant Treasurer

### David Liles

## Liability Insurance Update

This insurance season has been delayed, as The Southeast Federation has lost our insurance carrier, and our insurance agent has been working to get us another.

I am pleased to report that as of March 27, another carrier has been found and contracted with to provide Club and Show Insurance on terms similar to the carrier we used previously.

The process took much longer than expected. Apologies for that, but it was out of my hands. Evidently, there are changes afoot in the insurance business, and insurance for some risks is now unavailable or much more expensive.

I sent out invoices on 3/27 for all clubs that indicated a desire for insurance during the SFMS Membership season. The rates now are \$4 per member for club insurance and \$200 per show. Higher for Club insurance and a little lower for show insurance.

The contract we signed is for the period of 4/1/24 through 3/31/25. We will again and earlier look for other insurance carriers that can offer similar coverage at lower prices.

David Liles, SFMS Insurance Liaison



Bob Green

Hope all are safe and well. I had a strange end to March. I had to have a tooth extracted and I am on a blood thinner. So; the tooth was extracted on Thursday afternoon and I made a trip to the emergency room on Saturday, The Drs in the ER noted that as he had been in the Navy, they used an “over the counter” product to help “seal” the wound, so I tried that and it worked. I am now resolved to get off the blood thinner at least 4 days prior to any similar event in the future. Lesson learned.

As part of the decluttering noted in last month’s article, we called Habitat for Humanity Restore and they graciously removed several items. Two guys showed up, the items were noted and they were gone, nearly as quick as one of the television ads about “Junk removal”. This is part of the on-going declutter effort. Barb and I were semi-hoarders. Not as bad as the Television hoarders; though a friend of our family several years ago, was close. She had kept every newspaper that she had bought over the years. I went into her house one time to help her move something and a very narrow aisle between the stacks permitted access to the needed piece of furniture to move.

As I sarcastically predicted in last month’s article, it does look like we will remain as the only state to not have snow this year. Hooray!

Last month I also complained about the United Healthcare-vs-Prisma Health squabble over the contract. It looks like my company and United Healthcare have reached an agreement, which is good. So; some progress.

Spring has arrived and the flowers are blooming and trees have started developing the buds. This has been a long cold period, at least it seems that way. Also, we have had several rainy weekends which always interferes with outside work. I found it interesting, we went to Germany in 1985 for several months. Our German teacher told us, if you wait for a sunny day, you may not get one for a while, so being back in the stats has gotten us spoiled about the weather, and do not mess with Mother Nature, she will always win.

Back to safety, be careful this time of the year, many limbs have fallen and removing these can provide exertion and for those of us who were “couch potatoes” over the winter, our muscles are a bit weakened, unless you have worked to retain your strength. Also, I believe, allergies are worse this year, based on the number of tissue boxes we have gone through.

Our crawly buddies are on the verge of emerging, Copperheads are a pain. The little guys have no ability to adjust the amount of venom they inject so avoid these guys. Last year, we had 2 of these on the property and both committed suicide. For many years we have had black snakes around and I hope these guys are still around. I saw one in 2022, have not seen one since. Typically these guys start emerging this time if the year, since they are cold blooded they are a bit sluggish. Do not help these guy commit suicide.

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Bob Green

Be aware of your surroundings. The wasps have already started buzzing around. They are a bit sluggish, so easy to remove from your house. If you are allergic to bee stings be careful, have your EOI pens close by if you have this allergy.

Be safe and be prepared for things that can go wrong. I have been feeding my mice under the house so hopefully they are happily gone. Until next month take care of each other.

One thing that I have noticed about the last several months, we lost our dog in early 2022 and this past fall, we have more wild critters wandering by. I think I noted that a squirrel had built a nest under the hood of one of the autos. There were wires in the way so the wires had to go, Auto to the repair shop. The deer have started wandering through the yard and something took down the bird feeder a couple

of nights ago. This was probably a bear wandering through the neighborhood. We have had 2 previous occasions with bears. One took out the bird feeder and the other wandered by our ill-fated attempt at raising chickens. We did feed the wildlife though.

I have signed up for the local YMCA to try to improve my physical well-being. I have gained 10 pounds over the last year as my Cardiologist pointed out with a suggestion to get more exercise and eat less ice-cream.

So, we will close with a similar admonition to be a bit healthier, it does make your life better and gets you ready to do the spring outside work required to recover your yard and garden.

Be safe and plan your activities using appropriate safety thoughts and gear.

**William Holland Needs New Instructors**

Have you ever wanted to share your knowledge with a wider audience? William Holland School of Lapidary Arts is looking for a few teachers especially in the following subjects:

- Gem & Mineral ID, field trips etc,
- Photography
- Flint Knapping
- Soapstone Carving

If you, or someone you know, would be interested in teaching, please contact Kristine Robertson at [Kristine@lapidaryschool.org](mailto:Kristine@lapidaryschool.org)



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## SFMS Webmaster

### Lori Carter

#### Check Your AFMS and SFMS Website Links

The new AFMS website went live recently, make sure any links you have to the AFMS website are current. There is a cross reference of old to new links at <https://www.amfed.org/Old-New-Xref>. Also, links to the old SFMS website will no longer redirect to the new SFMS website. Please make sure any links you have to the SFMS website point to the new website: <https://www.southeastfed.org/>

#### 2024 SFMS Website Contest Deadline August 31

The website contest has many changes to the rules,

guidelines, and scoring, so please be sure to read all of the website contest information before submitting your site. The SFMS entry form is on the AFMS website under Contests & Awards, then Website Contest here: <https://www.amfed.org/contests/website-contest>

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Lori Carter, SFMS Webmaster,  
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## DMC Field Trip Chair

### Lori Carter

Thank you to the **Georgia Mineral Society** for hosting the March DMC field trip to collect some fascinating metagranite! The **Catawba Valley Gem and Mineral Club** is scheduled to host the April field trip.

Rockhounds who are members of clubs in the DMC Field trip sharing program enjoy field trips all over the southeast. If your club is not a DMC member and would like to join, you can read about the program on the SFMS website here: <https://www.southeastfed.org/sfms-field-trips/dmc-field-trip-program> or send me some email. I am happy to answer your questions.

#### DMC Trip Schedule for the next 6 months

**May** - Northeast Georgia Mineral Society (Clarkesville, GA)

**June** - Huntsville Gem and Mineral Society (Huntsville, AL)

**July** - Kanawha Rock and Gem Club (South Charleston, WV)

**August** - Henderson County Gem & Mineral Society (Henderson, NC)

**September** - Pendleton District Gem & Mineral Society (Seneca, SC)

**October** - Memphis Archaeological & Geological Society (Memphis, TN)

Lori Carter, DMC Coordinator, [dmc@southeastfed.org](mailto:dmc@southeastfed.org)



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## Education Chair

### Cindy Reed

With the passing of Dave Wayment, I will take over the duties of Wildacres Director. Leslie has agreed to remain as Registrar, but we will have someone else at the workshops. Please be patient with us as we deal with this huge loss. Dave was a great friend and helped me learn the ropes of the SFMS. He has left behind a huge vacancy which will be hard to fill.

A big thanks to everyone that has signed up for the SFMS workshops. While several of the classes are full, there's still plenty of spots left. You don't just come to learn, you come to make new friends and for the experience. I've always said, you will never find a more affordable vacation.

If you or a club member teaches and would like a wider audience, contact one of us on the Education committee. There are perks for teaching during a SFMS workshop.

See the next page for a list of classes or go to <https://www.sfmsworkshops.org> and sign up today. Cindy Reed, SFMS Education Chair, [education@southeastfed.org](mailto:education@southeastfed.org)

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## SFMS William Holland Director

### Rick Marshall

It looks like we will have a great time at William Holland School of Lapidary Arts the week of June 2-8, 2024! I am really looking forward to it. We have 67 students registered and we still have 2 months left to accept registrations. Check these out at <https://www.sfmsworkshops.org/william-holland-classes> and grab your spot as soon as possible!

Four classes are wait list only but we do have left in:

Cabbing 1 & 2 with John Wild

Moovin Metal with Cindy Moore

Faceting with Tom Mitchell (1 Left)

Intarsia 1 & 2 with Bill Boggs

Gem Trees 1 & 2 with Jerri Heer (1 Left)

Stone on Stone with Michael Bateman

Stained Glass with Stephanie Danz (1 Left)

Acid Etching & Enameling with Kristi Ross and Stephanie Savic Polk

Metal Clay with Susan Brooks

Wire 1 with Judi Wild (1 Left)

Be thinking about what you want to bring and donate for the auction we have on Tuesday night. This does not have to be lapidary related. The auction is always an event we look forward to. It is fun, entertaining and you can pick up some nice items!

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Rick Marshall

SFMS William Holland Director—407-949-1416



## 2024 SFMS Workshops

Class	Instructor	Class	Instructor
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<b>William Holland June 2-8, 2024</b>			
Gem Trees I+	Jerri Heer	Silver I+	Jason Hamilton (WLO)
Cabs I	Jack King (WLO)	Stained Glass	Stephanie Danz
Cab I & II	John Wild	Intarsia I & II	Bill Boggs
Casting	Bill Harr (WLO)	Moovin Metal	Cindy Moore
Stone in Stone	Michael Bateman	Wire I	Judi Wild
Faceting I & II	Tom Mitchell	Metal Clay	Susan Brooks
Silver W/Leather Inlay	Wayne Parker (WLO)	Acid Etch/Enameling	S Savic-Polk & K Ross

<b>Wildacres I August 12-18, 2024</b>		<b>Wildacres II September 9-15, 2024</b>	
Chain Maille	Jim Hird	Acid Etch/Enameling	S Savic-Polk & K Ross
Special Projects	Jeff Sheer	Chain—Loop n' Loop	Chuck Bruce
Stained Glass (WLO)	Stephanie Danz	Silver All-In-One	Jason Hamilton
Silver I+	Jason Hamilton	Chain Maile	Marilou
Weave-Tap-Drop	Cindy Moore	Soapstone Carving	Kim Valko
Cabs	Jack King	Moovin Metal	Cindy Moore
Casting	Bill Harr		

### Wait List Only (WLO)

It's time to start thinking about the SFMS Workshop offerings for 2024. We still have openings in most of the classes, so contact us quick to get your name on the list. The website is <https://www.sfmsworkshops.org>. You can sign up and pay your deposit directly online. If you prefer, you can download the application from the registration page and send it with a check.

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## Youth Coordinator Chair

### Mike Harrison & Nancy Roberts

Well, it is officially Spring and time to take our youth out to hunt for rocks! One of the field trips I have set up is to take the HGMS youth group to a local flooring and countertop store and let the experts there describe which stone is best for where you use it in your house. They carry not only granite (an igneous rock) and marble (a metamorphic rock) but they usually also carry quartzite (also a metamorphic rock) and some form of man-reconstituted quartz-like flooring material. And usually they have plenty of “scrap” material so the youth can take home a piece for their collection. This will satisfy Earth Resources – Minerals in the home and Earth Resources – Field trip to a mine, quarry or hardware store. Although technically not a mine or quarry, the experts at the store can tell where each slab of countertop material came from, the country and exact mine! You may want to also talk about the April Birthstone – Diamond! You probably already know of the diamond’s toughness. In fact, it’s the hardest gemstone and is made of just one element: carbon. Its structure makes it 58 times harder than anything in nature. A diamond can only be cut with another

diamond. While it’s become nearly synonymous with wedding engagements, it’s also the perfect gemstone for individuals who want something that’s just as appropriate for everyday wear as it is for special occasions.

Diamond gemstones come in several colors, including brown, yellow, red, pink, blue, and green. They range in intensity from faint to vivid. Generally speaking, the more saturated the color, the higher the value. In fact, diamonds sparkling with intense color are rare and may be priced higher than a colorless diamond of equal size. Because fancy-color diamonds are very desirable, color is sometimes introduced in a laboratory. These are correctly called “color-treated” diamonds.

And don’t forget to contact me or Nancy with any questions about how we can help with your youth group! We are here to help!

Mike Harrison and Nancy Roberts  
(256) 797-2435 (Mike’s cell)

[Youth@southeastfed.org](mailto:Youth@southeastfed.org)  
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## SFMS Juniors Year in Rocks Photo Contest

The SFMS Youth Resources Committee is excited to announce a new annual contest! SFMS club juniors are encouraged to submit a photo of rocks, minerals, gems, lapidary, and fossil items in the form of the year “2025” to be used on the officer’s contact lists page of the SFMS website. The deadline for entries is **to be announced**. Please click the following link for rules and details: <https://www.southeastfed.org/contests-awards/juniors-year-in-rocks-contest>

Copy of the rules are on page 15 of the Lodestar.



Last years winning entry

## Upcoming Shows

To add your show to the Southeast Federation Calendar go to: <https://www.southeastfed.org/show-calendar/show-submission-form> This will also update your show in the Lodestar. One Stop Scheduling.

**4/6-7/2024 DOTHAN, AL:** Dothan Alabama Gem and Mineral Club, The Wiregrass Rockhounds, Stokes Activity Barn at Landmark Park in Dothan, Alabama. April 6-7, 2024; Saturday 9AM—5PM, Sunday 10AM—4PM. Admission Free. [www.wiregrassrockhounds.com](http://www.wiregrassrockhounds.com) Contact Jeff 334-673-3554

**4/6/2024 HENDERSONVILLE, TN:** Middle Tennessee Rockhounds, Senior Citizens Center of Hendersonville 192 Imperial Blvd Hendersonville, TN 37075. April 6, 2024; Saturday 9AM—4PM,. Admission & Parking Free. <https://rockhound.org/swap>

**4/12-14/2024—RALEIGH, NC:** Annual show; Tar Heel Gem & Mineral Club; Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Club Kerr Scott Building, NC State Fairgrounds, 4285 Trinity Rd. Raleigh, NC; Fri. 3-7, Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; \$5.00 for a family of 4, \$3.00 for an individual, Free for children under 5. Admission prices are good for all 3 days of the show. Parking is free at the Kerr Scott Building. Contact Cyndy Hummel, (919) 779-6220; Email: [mchummel@mindspring.com](mailto:mchummel@mindspring.com); Website: [tarheelclub.org](http://tarheelclub.org)

**4/20/2024 —APOPKA, FL:** Wekiva Gem & Mineral Society; “Circle Up” Swap Meet, 1937 Lakeville Rd., Apopka, FL 32712; Saturday, 4/20/24—9am-3pm. Rock Clubs and Individuals are invited to set up and buy, sell and swap anything that is LAPIDARY related! Everything from slabs, rough, specimens, polished stones, finished cabochons, handmade jewelry, to tools and lapidary equipment can be swapped sold or purchased! More info at [Wekivagem.com](http://Wekivagem.com).

**4/27-28/2024 MEMPHIS, TN:** Memphis Archaeological and Geological Society, Memphis Agricenter 7777 Walnut Grove Road, Memphis, TN. Over 50 Dealers including the original “Memphis Rock Banquet” a full table of rocks that look like real food. April 27-28, 2024; Saturday 9AM—6PM, Sunday 10AM—5PM. Admission \$6 or 2-day pass for \$10, under 12- \$2, Scouts in uniform - Free. [www.theearthwideopen.wixsite.com](http://www.theearthwideopen.wixsite.com), email [info@theearthwideopen.com](mailto:info@theearthwideopen.com). 901-490-3575

**5/4-5/2024 HAMILTON COUNTY, TN:** Tennessee Valley Rock & Mineral Society, Pavillion, Chester Frost Park, Hixson, Hamilton County, TN. May 4-5, 2024; Saturday & Sunday 10AM—4PM. Free, Games, Contests, Live Demos & Exhibits. Info: [TVRMS.info@gmail.com](mailto:TVRMS.info@gmail.com)

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**6/8-9/2024 GASTONIA, NC:** Gaston Co. Gem & Mineral Club 45TH ANNUAL GEM, MINERAL, AND JEWELRY SHOW, Johan Newcombe Event Center 1840 E. Franklin Blvd. Gastonia, NC 28054. Rocks, minerals, gems, fossils - sluice mining and geode cracking outside! Fun for the whole family! June 8-9, 2024; Saturday 10AM—6PM, Sunday 10AM—4PM. Free Admission [gastongemclub.weebly.com](http://gastongemclub.weebly.com)

**9/6-8/2024—WINSTON-SALEM, NC:** 53<sup>th</sup> Annual show & Sale; Forsyth Gem and Mineral Club; Winston-Salem Fairgrounds Education Bldg., 412 27th Street Northwest Winston-Salem, NC; Fri. & Sat. 10-6, Sun. 11-5; Adults \$3, children through grade 12 free with adult. website: [www.forsythgemclub.com](http://www.forsythgemclub.com); Show Chairman W. Arvil Marion [mariona1@yadtel.net](mailto:mariona1@yadtel.net)

**10/19-20/2024 SAINT LUCIE, FL:** St Lucie Rock & Gem Club 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Club Show, MidFlorida Event Center, 9221 SE Event Center Pl, St. Lucie, FL 34952: Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-4. Admission \$5; Accompanied minors are free with adult admission. [www.slrockandgem.org](http://www.slrockandgem.org), [slclubshow2023@aol.com](mailto:slclubshow2023@aol.com)

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Editor

**Cindy Reed**

Thanks for everyone's help with early submittals. It certainly helps me get the Lodestar out on time each month.

You may notice the Rock Corner is missing. David Liles has been very busy this month and I'm sure he'll be back in May. We all need a little time off occasionally.



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# AFMS Code of Ethics

(<http://www.amfed.org/ethics.htm>)

I will respect both private and public property and will do no collecting on privately owned land without the owner's permission.

I will keep informed on all laws, regulations of rules governing collecting on public lands and will observe them.

I will to the best of my ability, ascertain the boundary lines of property on which I plan to collect.

I will use no firearms or blasting material in collecting areas.

I will cause no willful damage to property of any kind - fences, signs, buildings.

I will leave all gates as found.

I will build fires in designated or safe places only and will be certain they are completely extinguished before leaving the area.

I will discard no burning material - matches, cigarettes, etc.

I will fill all excavation holes which may be dangerous to livestock.

I will not contaminate wells, creeks or other water supply.

I will cause no willful damage to collecting material and will take home only what I can reasonably use.

I will practice conservation and undertake to utilize fully and well the materials I have collected and will recycle my surplus for the pleasure and benefit of others.

I will support the rockhound project H.E.L.P. (Help Eliminate Litter Please) and will leave all collecting areas devoid of litter, regardless of how found.

I will cooperate with field trip leaders and those in designated authority in all collecting areas.

I will report to my club or Federation officers, Bureau of Land management or other authorities, any deposit of petrified wood or other materials on public lands which should be protected for the enjoyment of future generations for public educational and scientific purposes.

I will appreciate and protect our heritage of natural resources.

I will observe the "Golden Rule", will use "Good Outdoor Manners" and will at all times conduct myself in a manner which will add to the stature and Public "Image" of Rockhounds everywhere



## Jr. Photo Contest Rules:

We are holding a contest for the clubs' juniors to submit a photo of rock, minerals, gems, and lapidary items in the form of the year "2025" to be used on the officer's page of the SFMS website. The following are the rules for the contest.

1. Each submission by a club Junior (1<sup>st</sup> thru 12 grade).
2. Photo submission deadline – TBD
3. Two submissions per club, max
4. Each submission by individual, not club.
5. Each submission must have a description of the items used to build the numbers in the year. Please have a look at this year's page: <https://www.southeastfed.org/officers>
6. Winner's picture will be used for all of 2025.
7. All submissions will be added to a website gallery (carousel).
8. The winner will be selected blindly by the State Directors.
9. The winner will be announced at the annual meeting.
10. The image must be at least 1200 pixels across.
11. If taken with a cell phone, hold the cell phone horizontal to aid in the resolution.
12. The image must show 2025 clearly.
  1. SFMS junior chairs will
    1. receive the entries (all untried submitted to [youth@southeastfed.org](mailto:youth@southeastfed.org) and [youth1@southeastfed.org](mailto:youth1@southeastfed.org))
    2. Youth Chairs will save them on the SFMS Google Workspace in a 2024 Contest folder.
    3. Youth Chairs will send a link to that folder to the SFMS judges (State Directors)
  2. The State Directors will
    1. Download the score sheet and tally spreadsheet.
    2. Judge by score sheet and tally each submission to the spreadsheet.
    3. Send their completed score sheet/spreadsheet to the SFMS junior chairs to total.
  3. SFMS Juniors chairs will compile a master spreadsheet so it would be easier to add up the scores.
  4. Announce the winner at the Annual SFMS meeting.



SOUTHEAST FEDERATION OF MINERALOGICAL SOCIETIES  
ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES  
October 21, 2023 – Port St Lucie, Florida

Agenda:

1. **Call to Order** - 9:06 am
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Invocation** – Rick Marshall
4. **Introductions** – Made of Virtual Participants, the in Person
5. **Host Welcome: St Lucie County Gem & Mineral Society**
6. **Quorum Check- 20% of Exec Board = (11+7+67).2=17** – had 20
7. **Approval of Agenda** – Added Ad hoc Audit Committee as 13a. Motion made to accept as amended by Dave Wayment, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vonda Echols. Motion carried.
8. **Appointment of Parliamentarian** - Leslie Wayment appointed by Dennis Buchanan.
9. **Minutes from 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Executive Meetings:** Minutes presented in Packet, no correction suggested. Motion made to accept both by Rick Marshall, seconded by Danny Griffin. Motion carried.
10. **Remarks by President - In Packet** – Dennis added that he and Vonda Echols attended the AFMS Annual Meeting in Billings, MT. Commented about current actions of the ALAA (American Lands Access Association). They are pushing to Preserve lands for rockhounding purposes. They are also seeking to open areas in some California national parks for the same purpose.
11. **Officer Reports:**
  - a. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President: Danny Griffin – In Packet
  - b. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President: Vonda Echols– In Packet
  - c. Secretary: Jerri Heer - In Packet
  - d. Treasurer: Barbi Beatty – In Packet
  - e. Assistant Treasurer – David Liles – Nothing to Report
  - f. Membership Secretary: Rick Marshall – In Packet
  - g. Lodestar Editor: Lori Carter – In Packet
  - h. Immediate Past President: Dennis Buchanan – No Report
  - i. AFMS 2nd VP – Dave Wayment – No Report
  - j. Mayo E.F. President: William Waggener – In Packet
12. **State Director Reports:**
  - a. Alabama: Chris Rutherford – In Packet
  - b. Florida: Meri Jo Theobold – In Packet
    - i. Florida Asst Director -Central: Janice Wojcik
    - ii. Florida Asst Director – Open
  - c. Georgia: Diana Poppelreuter – In Packet
  - d. Kentucky: Open
  - e. Mississippi: Leslie Lane – In Packet
  - f. North Carolina: Cyndy Hummel - No Report
  - g. South Carolina: John Narang –In Packet
  - h. Tennessee: Teresa Polly – No Report
  - i. Virginia: Open
13. **S.F.M.S. Committee Reports:**
  - a. Ad Hoc Audit Committee – Report by spokesperson: Rick Marshall:

“An Ad Hoc Audit Committee was appointed by the President to review the Education financial reports concerning William Holland and Wildacres Workshop weeks. The Committee consisted of Rick Marshall, Vonda Echols, Jerri Heer, Dave Wayment, Jason Hamilton and Bill Waggener. Jason and Bill were unable to attend. The William Holland review was completed very quickly. The records were complete with supporting information. The Wildacres review was not as easy. We found no consistency with accounting procedures. Supporting information for some items was not available. The prescribed accounting procedures have not been followed. We were not able to balance this review. Recommendations from this committee:

1. Follow Established accounting procedures
  2. Complete a full audit
  3. Change of leadership of Education Committee
- b. Bulletin Editor’s Contest: Mark Easterbrook – In Packet
  - c. Constitution and Bylaws: Danny Griffin - In Packet
  - d. Dixie Mineral Council – Lori Carter – In Packet
  - e. Education: Lisa Roberts – In Packet
  - f. Field Trip: Charles Carter – In Packet
  - g. Historian: Vickie Hodges – In
  - h. Inventory – Danny Griffin – In Packet
  - i. Long Range Planning: Jesse Griffin, Dennis Buchanan– No Report
  - j. Nominations: In Packet
  - k. Public Relations: Open
  - l. Publications: No Report
  - m. Safety: Bob Green- No Report
  - n. Slide, Video & DVD Programs: Jason Hamilton – No Report
  - o. Supplies: Dave Wayment – No Report
  - p. 2023 Annual Meeting Host – Port St Lucie County Gem & Mineral Society – In Person
  - q. Ways & Means: Dennis Buchanan, Danny Griffin, Barbi Beatty – In Packet
  - r. Webmaster: Lori Carter – In Packet
  - s. Wildacres Workshop Director: Lisa Roberts- In Packet
  - t. Wildacres Workshop Registrar: Marty Sharpe– In Packet
  - u. William Holland Workshop Director: Jim Reed - In Packet
  - v. William Holland Workshop Registrar: Cindy Reed – In Packet
  - w. Workshop Scholarship Committee – Dave Wayment –No Report
  - x. Youth Resources: Mike Harrison – No Report

#### **14. A.F.M.S. Committee Representative**

##### **Reports:**

- a. A.F.M.S. Newsletter: Open
- b. All American: Open
- c. Boundaries: Open - No Report
- d. Bulletin Editors’ Advisory: Mark Easterbrook – In Packet
- e. Bulletin Editor’s Hall of Fame: Mark Easterbrook– In Packet

- f. Club Rockhound of the Year: Marty Hart - No report
- g. Collecting Sites: Open
- h. Conservation and Legislation: Open
- i. Endowment Fund: Dave Wayment –No Report
- j. Inter-Regional Field Trip: Open
- k. Junior Program: Open
- l. Program Competition: Open
- m. Public Relations: Open
- n. Publications & Supplies: Dave Wayment - No Report
- o. Safety: Bob Green- No Report
- p. Uniform Rules: Leslie Wayment –Leslie reported that the AFMS Uniform Rules book is being completely redone to make it more user friendly and will be published January 1. They are proposing a Judges training to be offered at the next AFMS Annual Meeting in Ventura, California in May.
- q. Ways & Means: No Report
- r. Website: Open – No Report
- s. Website Contest: Open – No Report

#### **15. Old Business**

- a. Seeking Help for the Rockhound Roundup – Placing Signs, Finding Food Truck to service event, Recruiting more SFMS Members to participate
- b. Bylaw Revision- discussion and vote – Dave Wayment stated that this change is to bring our Bylaws inline with AFMS in terms of the use of electronic means of communication and allow for virtual meetings. Motion made by Vonda Echols to accept changes as proposed, second by Cindy Reed. Motion carried

#### **16. New Business:**

- a. Rockhound Roundup Dates: March 1-3, 2024
- b. Establish Ad Hoc Committee to review Education SOP Manual to clarify financial responsibility and fund distribution. Teresa Polly stated that she felt that more notice of the audit should have been given and that Lisa Roberts should have been present. It was then commented that numerous requests for records had been made. Leslie Wayment, Vonda Echols and Jerri Heer commented that it is not required in business environments for audits to be announced. Auditors come in to examine records routinely and the records are expected to be in order. Auditees are not permitted to be present but may be available for the purpose of answering questions. The Treasurer was available and worked with the committee to provide such records as she had available. Leslie Wayment commented that when she was registrar of Wildacres, she turned in all her records within two weeks of the last class. Dennis Buchanan announce the creation of his Education Guidelines Review committee as: Danny Griffin, Dave Wayment, Bill Waggener, Rick Marshall, Barbi Beatty, Vonda Echols, Jason Hamilton. Teresa Polly volunteered to also be on the committee.
- c. Budget- Review made of proposed budget. It was noted that a typographical error in the Total income of .00 instead of .08 should be corrected. Danny asked of the Other Officers Expense line could be used for President travel to clubs. Discussion decided that the Bylaws allowed for no other travel expense other than to AFMS Meetings. Under Miscellaneous Expenses: Officer Travel to AFMS

had been reduced to \$4000. Since next AFMS Meeting is in Ventura, California, we should keep that line item at \$5500.

Motion made by Dave Wayment to accept as amended, second by Vonda Echols. Motion carried.

d. Election of Officers – Slate:

President: Danny Griffin

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President: Vonda Echols

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President: Jason Hamilton

Treasurer: Barbi Beatty

Membership Director: Rick Marshall

AFMS 1<sup>st</sup> Regional V P 2025/26: Steve Henegar

Parliamentarian Leslie Wayment made the required requests for nominations from the floor. There being none, Jerri Heer made a motion to accept and elect slate as presented, second by Rick Marshall. Motion carried.

e. Mayo Elections:

William Waggener

Wayne Dodd

Jerri Heer

Janet Steeper

The required requests for nominations from the floor were made. No nominations were offered. Dave Wayment made a motion to accept and elect the Mayo slate as presented. Second made by Rick Marshall. Motion carried

f. Disposition of asset- non-functional laptop – Motion made by Jerri Heer to write off and dispose of the laptop. Second by Vonda Echols. Motion carried.

g. Adjourn – Motion made by Dave Wayment and seconded by Vonda Echols to adjourn. Motion carried. Adjourned at 10:03 am.

Door Prizes- Must be present to Win! Door prizes were drawn and distributed.

Mayo Meeting immediately following.

## March 2, 2024 - Report Packet

### OFFICER REPORTS:

#### President:

Since we're just getting started into the year 2024 I don't have a lot to report yet that is not already covered in the chair reports that follow this message.

I do want to remind everyone that this time of the year is when clubs start ramping up their field trips. Early field trips are when injuries are the highest. Please be careful on your next field trip and follow all safety rules implemented by your clubs Field Trip Director. No President wants to be the one who reports a serious injury or fatality to the SFMS.

Also remember to encourage your club newsletter editor to publish info about the Workshops. This is one of the many ways that SFMS members are informed about what's available to them.

One last thing I'd like to pass on for those who have not heard, Travis Paris, a past president of the SFMS passed away in November of last year. Travis was an active member of his local club and a very important contributor to the SFMS for many years. He is sadly missed.

Thanks for attending our 1st Quarterly meeting of the year.

Danny Griffin  
2024 SFMS President

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#### 1st Vice President:

Well, Spring is here and Summer is not far behind. With summer comes the SFMS workshop classes. I would like to encourage all SFMS members to sign up for a class offered at William Holland Lapidary School or Wildacres Retreat in North Carolina. SFMS has reserved one week at William Holland June 2 – 7, 2024. You are welcomed to attend the SFMS board meeting held the morning of June 8. All SFMS members are encouraged to attend the meeting and see how your SFMS board works to keep our region of American Federation Mineral Society going strong.

Two weeks have been reserved at Wildacres Retreat August 12-18, 2024, and September 9-15, 2024. Classes, instructors and cost can be found of either location's web site. Come enjoy learning new skills or advancing you knowledge of your own skill. The food is great, scenery is excellent, meeting with people with like interest and developing new friendship is wonderful. Hope to see you there. Have a wonderful summer.

Vonda Echols

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#### Membership:

Well, I was hoping we would have this all wrapped up by now and it may be by the time of the Quarterly Meeting on March 2nd. This report is being prepared on Sunday evening, the 25th of February. It looks like 65 of 67 clubs are renewing. The total number of members in these clubs is 6,412. I believe we have lost 2 clubs. I hope not, will keep trying to get them.

Tampa Bay Fossil Club has not responded to emails or phone calls. I have heard through the grapevine that they aren't renewing because our insurance doesn't meet their requirements.

The Southern Appalachian Mineral Society may renew. They don't have many members still interested and don't have a president. Will let me know what they decide.

We have received renewal checks from 64 of the 65 renewing clubs. The only club that I have not received a check from is Kanawha Rock and Gem Club. I have been assured that it was mailed on the 22nd so I should have it any day. Maybe in the future we can set up an electronic payment option.

Bill Waggener has mentioned that The Atlanta Geological Society is interested in joining but I have not received an application yet.

Thank you to all clubs for making this so easy this year!

Rick Marshall  
SFMS Membership Secretary  
407-949-1416

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**Lodestar Editor:**

I would like to thank everyone for their words of support and suggestions. We have over 650 names on the contact list at this time. If your club or members aren't receiving the Lodestar, please contact me at [editor@southeastfed.org](mailto:editor@southeastfed.org) and I will add you.

Remember all show submissions made on the SFMS website will also come directly to me. One of my goals is to list all the club shows in chronological order, so go to [southeastfed.org](http://southeastfed.org) and submit your show. You can include your flyer on the website, but I'm no longer putting them in the Lodestar.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions, criticisms, suggestions or submissions.

Cindy Reed, SFMS Lodestar Editor

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**Secretary:**

I am thankful that I have had more of you submitting reports and registration on a timely basis. This makes my job easier in preparing packets, agendas etc., as well as determining quorum for a meeting. Keep up the good work! Remember top please submit your forms and information to: [secretary@southeastfed.org](mailto:secretary@southeastfed.org). If you send things to my personal address, I am more likely to overlook it when it comes time to collate reports for a meeting packet.

Jerri Heer

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Treasurer:

22-Feb-24

Report prepared using Date as of January 1, 2024- February 22, 2024

**INCOME**

Workshop Scholarship Income	\$0.00
Membership Dues	\$10,494.50
Interest income	\$0.96
Workshop Income Wildacres	\$434.25
Workshop Income William Holland	\$3,490.50
Rock Hound Roundup 2023	\$1,094.00
Donations	\$0.00
Insurance Income	\$0.00
Youth Program Income	\$0.00
Annual meeting (Banquet)	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$15,514.21</b>

**EXPENSES**

Workshop Scholarship Expenses	\$0.00
Bank Fees	\$0.00
Treasurer Expenses	\$0.00
Secretary Expenses	\$0.00
Membership Secretary Expenses	\$0.00
Insurance Dues	\$0.00
Workshop Misc	\$0.00
Workshop Expenses Wildacres	\$0.00
Workshop Expenses William Holland	\$0.00
Rock Hound Roundup	\$12.09
Federation Meeting/Social Concerns Expenses	\$0.00
Youth Program Expenses	\$0.00
Slide Program Expenses	\$0.00
Awards/Bulletin/Website Contest Expenses	\$0.00
AFMS Federation Dues	\$5,868.00
AFMS Officer Travel Expenses	\$0.00
Office Supply/printing/postage Expenses	\$0.00
Raffle	\$0.00
Mayo Ed Foundation	\$0.00
Annual meeting	\$0.00
Miscellaneous	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$5,880.09</b>

<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>\$9,634.12</b>
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**ROCKHOUND ROUNDUP SUMMARY 2024**

Roundup Income	\$1,094.00
Roundup Expense	\$12.09
Total	\$1,106.09

**WORKSHOP SUMMARY 2024**

Wildacres Income	\$434.25
Wildacres Expense	\$0.00
Total	\$434.25
William Holland Income	\$3,490.50
William Holland Expense	
Total	\$3,490.50
Workshop Income	\$3,924.75
Workshop Expense	\$0.00
Web hosting	
Scholarships Given	\$0.00
Workshop Total	\$3,924.75

Respectfully submitted,  
 Barbi Beatty  
 SFMS Treasurer

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**Mayo President:**

Applications are being accepted through March 31, 2024. Application forms and requirements can be found on the SFMS website under Mayo Foundation. All clubs should contact their local Universities to inform Geology Departments of the availability of this need-based scholarship opportunity.

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## **State Directors Reports:**

### **Alabama:**

The Dothan Alabama Gem and Mineral Club, The Wiregrass Rockhounds, have announced the return of their annual Gem and Mineral Show for April 6 and 7 th , 2024. The club had issues securing their traditional venue for their gem show and cancelled their 2022 show. Their new venue will be at the Stokes Activity Barn at Landmark Park in Dothan, Alabama. This is a good Gem Show for those in the SW Georgia, NW Florida, and SE Alabama areas. For more information please visit their website at [www.wiregrassrockhounds.com](http://www.wiregrassrockhounds.com)

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### **Tennessee**

#### **Kingsport Gems & Minerals Society**

Bob Morgan said the club has had an influx of new members and they have been key to revitalizing the club. Their November show in Gray, TN was successful.

#### **Knoxville Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.**

The KGMS October show had the best attendance since 2002. On a sad note KGMS lost its President Travis Paris in November. Travis was also a Past President of the SFMS. Travis was an integral member of the club and his loss will be deeply felt.

#### **Memphis Archaeological and Geological Society**

Dr. Michael A. Gibson, the author of Fabulous Tennessee Fossils, retired from UT Martin. He will continue his research at the Coon Creek Research Center. Jim Butchko Memphis' longtime Show Chair, Vice President for Programs, and Youth Director will be moving to Ohio to care for his father. The club will hold their Earth Wide Open Show April 27th and 28th at the Agricenter International.

#### **Mid-Tennessee Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.**

Due to tornadoes in the Nashville area the clubs December show attendance suffered negatively. The club has an impressive lineup of classes setup at the Donelson and Tullahoma senior centers. The club has been holding their meetings in person and on Zoom.

#### **Middle Tennessee Rockhounds**

The club set up a Art & Nature display at the the Brentwood Library. MTR named Bob Thomas Rockhound of the Year. The club will hold their Tennessee Gem & Mineral Festival April 6th.

#### **Tennessee Valley Rock & Mineral Society**

The club will hold a gem show May 4th and 5th at the Chester Frost Park Campground. The club hosted the DMC trip to Dale Hollow on January 20, 2024.

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**Committee Reports:**

**Constitution and Bylaws**

The 24th revision of the SFMS Constitution and Bylaws has been posted to the SFMS website. The latest change was approved at the 2023 SFMS Annual meeting held in Stuart Florida. No additional changes have been submitted at this time.

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**Dixie Mineral Council:**

**March 2024 DMC Field Trip Sharing Program Report**

**Reminder**

Because of SFMS liability insurance requirements, the general public cannot attend DMC field trips. Do not post DMC field trip notices where the general public can access them. This includes publicly posting club newsletters with field trip information in them.

**2024 Field Trip Schedule**

- January - Tennessee Valley Rock and Mineral Club (Chattanooga, TN)
- February - Athens Rock and Gem Club (Athens, GA)
- March - Georgia Mineral Society (Norcross, GA)
- April - Catawba Valley Gem and Mineral Club (Hickory, NC)
- May - Northeast Georgia Mineral Society (Clarksville, GA)
- June - Huntsville Gem and Mineral Society (Huntsville, AL)
- July - Kanawha Rock and Gem Club (South Charleston, WV)
- August - Henderson County Gem & Mineral Society (Henderson, NC)
- September - Pendleton District Gem & Mineral Society (Seneca, SC)
- October - Memphis Archaeological & Geological Society (Memphis, TN)
- November - Emerald City Rock and Gem Club (Greenwood, SC)
- December - Upper Abbeville Gem and Mineral Club (Due West, SC)

**Joining the DMC**

If your club is not a member of the DMC, it should join! Your members are missing all the fun! If your club joins the DMC, it will be able to offer a DMC field trip every month and members will get to collect all over the southeast! Other than enjoying all of those field trips, all your club will have to do is host a DMC field trip every 2 ½ years or so! Click here for more information about the program and how to join, or go to the SFMS website ([www.southeastfed.org](http://www.southeastfed.org)), then click “SFMS Field Trips”, then “DMC Field Trip Program”, then “DMC Membership Details”.

Respectfully submitted by Lori Carter, DMC Coordinator, [dmc@southeastfed.org](mailto:dmc@southeastfed.org)  
<https://www.southeastfed.org/sfms-field-trips/dmc-field-trip-program>

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**Education:  
SFMS Education Chair Report  
2024 SFMS Workshops**

Class	Instructor	Class	Instructor
<b>William Holland June 2-8, 2024</b>			
Gem Trees I+	Jerri Heer	Silver I+	Jason Hamilton (WLO)
Cabs I	Jack King	Stained Glass	Stephanie Danz
Cab II	John Wild	Intarsia I & II	Bill Boggs
Casting	Bill Harr (WLO)	Moovin Metal	Cindy Moore
Stone in Stone	Michael Bateman	Wire I	Judi Wild
Faceting I & II	Tom Mitchell	Metal Clay	Susan Brooks
Silver W/Leather Inlay	Wayne Parker	Acid Etch/Enameling	S Savic-Polk & K Ross

**Wildacres I August 12-18, 2024**

Chain Maille	Jim Hird
Special Projects	Jeff Sheer
Stained Glass	Stephanie Danz
Silver I+	Jason Hamilton
Weave-Tap-Drop	Cindy Moore
Cabs	Jack King
Acid Etch/Enameling	S Savic-Polk & K Ross

**Wildacres II September 9-15, 2024**

Casting	Bill Harr
Chain—Loop n’ Loop	Chuck Bruce
AFMS Judges Training	Leslie Wayment
Chain Maile	Marilou
Soapstone Carving	Kim Valko
Moovin Metal	Cindy Moore

(WLO)Wait List Only

It’s time to start thinking about the SFMS Workshop offerings for 2024. We still have openings in most of the classes, so contact us quick to get your name on the list. The website is <https://www.sfmsworkshops.org>. You can sign up and pay your deposit directly online. If you prefer, you can download the application from the following registration page and send it with a check.

WH Registrar: Juergen Poppelreuter, 678-576-7034, [wh-registrar@sfmsworkshops.org](mailto:wh-registrar@sfmsworkshops.org)

WA Registrar: Leslie Wayment, 772-539-2409, [wa-registrar@sfmsworkshops.org](mailto:wa-registrar@sfmsworkshops.org)

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**Inventory**

The SFMS Inventory is current and up to date at this time. This includes the removal of the non-functional laptop that was agreed upon at the 2023 SFMS annual meeting. No additional equipment has been added since the last report.

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**Webmaster**

**2024 Website Contest**

The Website Contest is being redesigned! New rules, a new score sheet, and updated guidelines will be announced on the SFMS website when they are available. Webmasters receive final score sheets and helpful comments to improve their club website. A new non-compete category will be available this year, so you have nothing to lose and so much to gain. After the SFMS contest is concluded, the two websites with the highest scores will be submitted to the AFMS

Website Contest, so you could win national recognition!

If you have any questions, suggestions for the website, or if there is any way I can be of assistance, please let me know.

Respectfully submitted by Lori Carter, SFMS Webmaster, [webmaster@southeastfed.org](mailto:webmaster@southeastfed.org)

**Wildacres Director**

Our weeks for Wildacres this year are August 12-18 and September 9-15. We have 7 instructors lined up for each workshop. The Judges Training Class is being offered at the request of the AFMS. It is open to anyone affiliated with the AFMS. Originally this class was only taught at Eastern Federations Wildacres workshop but is now being offered in other areas and times. At this time, we have 12 students signed up for Week 1. The Stained Glass Class only has 1 opening left. Week 2 has 5 students signed up for classes. This is earlier than in years past.

Dave Wayment

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**William Holland Director:**

I am really looking forward to the William Holland Workshop the week of June 2. The club I am in, Wekiva Gem & Mineral Society, appears to have made a field trip out of it. We have 16 members signed up for classes and may still have more who will!

As of February 25th we have 60 spots filled and I know of more who are planning to attend.

Three classes already have wait lists: Cabs 1, Casting and Silver 1+.

Six Classes only have one or two spots available: Stone on Stone, Intarsha 1 & 2, Gem Trees 1 & 2, Leather /Bi Metal Bracelets, Stained Glass and Wire Wrapping 1.

We still have room in Cabs: 1 + 2, Faceting 1 & 2, Moovin Metal, Acid Etching/Enamel and Silver Metal Clay.

Thank you Cindy Reed and Juergen Poppelrueter for your hard work. I am sure we will have one of the best weeks ever!

Rick Marshall  
SFMS William Holland Director  
407-949-1416

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SOUTHEAST FEDERATION OF MINERALOGICAL SOCIETIES  
EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES  
March 2, 2024 – Live Oak, Florida

Agenda:

1. **Call to Order:** 6:16 pm
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Invocation:** By Rick Marshall
4. **Introductions** - Made of in person and online attendees
5. **Host Welcome: Rockhound Roundup:** Jerri Heer
6. **Quorum Check- 1/3 of Exec Board = (11+7).33=6** - have 12
7. **Approval of Agenda: Additions made:**
  - a. Old Business: b. Potential use/distribution of Roundup Income.
  - b. New Business: a. Audit Committee Report, b. Memoria; for Travis Paris  
Motion made by Vonda Echols to approve Agenda as amended, second by Barbi Beatty.  
Motion Carried.
8. **Appointment of Parliamentarian-** Teresa Polly appointed by Danny Griffin
9. **Minutes from Annual Meeting** – Minutes in the packet, motion made to approve as presented by Vonda Echols, seconded by Dennis Buchanan, Motion carried.
10. **Remarks by President - In Packet**
11. **Officer Reports:**
  - a. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President: Vonda Echols – In Packet
  - b. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President: Jason Hamilton– No Report
  - c. Secretary: Jerri Heer - In Packet
  - d. Treasurer: Barbi Beatty – In Packet
  - e. Assistant Treasurer – David Liles – Nothing to Report
  - f. Membership Secretary: Rick Marshall – In Packet
  - g. Lodestar Editor: Cindy Reed – In Packet
  - h. Immediate Past President: Dennis Buchanan – No Report
  - i. AFMS 1st VP – Steve Henegar – No Report
  - j. Mayo E.F. President: William Waggener – In Packet
12. **State Director Reports:**
  - a. Alabama: Chris Rutherford – In Packet
  - b. Florida: Meri Jo Theobald – No Report
    - i. Florida Asst Director -Central: Janice Wojcik
    - ii. Florida Asst Director – Open – Dennis Buchanan has collected 18 names for potential creation of a club in Live Oak/North Florida/ South Georgia area.
  - c. Georgia: Open In Packet
  - d. Kentucky: Open
  - e. Mississippi: Open
  - f. North Carolina: Cyndy Hummel - No Report
    - i. NC Asst Director – Kathryn Hackett-Fields
  - g. South Carolina: Open
  - h. Tennessee: Teresa Polly – In Packet
  - i. Virginia: Open
13. **S.F.M.S. Committee Reports:**
  - a. Bulletin Editor's Contest: Mark Easterbrook – No Report
  - b. Constitution and Bylaws: Danny Griffin - In Packet
  - c. Dixie Mineral Council – Lori Carter – In Packet
  - d. Education: Cindy Reed – In Packet
  - e. Field Trip: Charles Carter – No Report

- f. Historian: Vickie Hodges – No Report
- g. Inventory – Danny Griffin – In Packet
- h. Long Range Planning: Jesse Griffin, Dennis Buchanan– No Report
- i. Nominations: No Report
- j. Public Relations: Open
- k. Publications: No Report
- l. Safety: Bob Green- No Report
- m. Slide, Video & DVD Programs: Jason Hamilton – Jason reported that only three clubs used program materials.
- n. Supplies: Dave Wayment – No Report
- o. 2024 Annual Meeting Host – Georgia Mineral Society/ Cobb County Joint effort.
- p. Ways & Means: Danny Griffin, Vonda Echols, Barbi Beatty – In Packet
- q. Webmaster: Lori Carter – In Packet
- r. Wildacres Workshop Director: Dave Wayment- In Packet
- s. Wildacres Workshop Registrar: Leslie Wayment– In Packet
- t. William Holland Workshop Director: Rick Marshall - In Packet
- u. William Holland Workshop Registrar: Juergen Popplereuter – In Packet
- v. Workshop Scholarship Committee – Dave Wayment –No Report
- w. Youth Resources: Mike Harrison – Mike reports that we have 9 youth groups using the AFMS Future Rockhounds Program, Birmingham will make 10, and Mississippi and Greater Palm Beaches are also inquiring. Anyone wanting more info for their club should call Mike at 256-797-2435.

**14. A.F.M.S. Committee Representative Reports:**

- a. A.F.M.S. Newsletter: Open
- b. All American: Open
- c. Boundaries: Open - No Report
- d. Bulletin Editors' Advisory: Mark Easterbrook – No Report
- e. Bulletin Editor's Hall of Fame: Mark Easterbrook– No Report
- f. Club Rockhound of the Year: Marty Hart - No report
- g. Collecting Sites: Open
- h. Conservation and Legislation: Open
- i. Endowment Fund: Dave Wayment –No Report
- j. Inter-Regional Field Trip: Open
- k. Junior Program: Open
- l. Program Competition: Open
- m. Public Relations: Open
- n. Publications & Supplies: Dave Wayment - No Report
- o. Safety: Bob Green- No Report
- p. Uniform Rules: Leslie Wayment –No Report
- q. Ways & Means: No Report
- r. Website: Open – No Report
- s. Website Contest: Open – No Report

**15. Old Business**

- a. Mike Johnson, JGMS Member has volunteered to handle signs for the Rockhound Roundup.
- b. Original Plan for use of funds from Roundup was to provide a fund to support State Directors with their travel costs for visiting clubs in their states. In 2023, we had a surplus of \$1351, in 2024 we'll have about \$1400. Danny Griffin requested volunteers for an Ad

Hoc Committee to study options, and report back at June Meeting. Volunteers are Teresa Polly, Vonda Echols, Jason Hamilton and MeriJo Theobold.

**16. New Business:**

- a. Audit Committee Report: An Audit Committee consisting of Rick Marshall, Teresa Polly, Vonda Echols and Jerri Heer conducted a complete audit of the SFMS financial records for 2023, including both SFMS Workshop schools. Treasurer Barbi Beatty provided 4 binders of complete bank and account records as well as receipts for each month, for SFMS and both workshops. Records were clear and complete. Had one minor issue related to a student refund, but all other records were reconciled. Audit completed with no significant issues. Therefore, we recommend moving forward with a standard 10% audit moving forward with a plan to perform annual audits ongoing during the Spring meeting.
- b. Danny Griffin reported that long-time SFMS member, past President, former State Director and KGMS Club Member Travis Paris passed away. Danny spoke about Travis' long history with both the SFMS and KGMS. A suggestion was made to make a donation to the Mayo Foundation as a memorial. MeriJo Theobold made a motion to donate \$500 in his name, Vonda Echols seconded the motion, motion carried.
- c. MeriJo Theobold asked for advice from clubs about the advisability and reasoning for using security cameras on club property. Jason Hamilton commented that JGMS uses for insurance and liability coverage. They have a museum with expensive specimens, a lot of classrooms w/equipment. Vonda Echols from Mississippi, Barbi from Mississippi Gulfcoast and Mike Harrison from Huntsville have cameras for the same reasons.
- d. Rick Marshall announced that there are 62 paid students for the William Holland Workshop week, suggests that all of us talk up William Holland and the WildAcres workshops with our clubs
- e. Adjourn – motion to adjourn by Jerri Heer, second by Barbi Beatty. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:49pm.

Mayo Meeting immediately following. ( No Mayo Meeting was conducted – no quorum)