



# The Lodestar



August 2024



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## President's Letter

I want to remind everyone that the SFMS Annual meeting is just around the corner. Please consider sending a representative from your club to this meeting. Meeting attendance is an important way for your club's voice to be heard.

There's two Workshops left for 2024, so if you are thinking about taking a class you'd better hurry up and register before all the classes are full.

One safety issue I'd like everyone to consider when on field trips this summer is heat stress. This time of year, the temperature and humidity across the southeast can be detrimental to your long- and short-term health. I know it's

easy for heat related issues to sneak up on you when you're on the "mother lode" of a mineral pocket, but its important that you remain aware of the symptoms. There is a huge amount of information on Heat Stress on the internet. Please review this information and pas it along to your Field Trip Director and club members.

I hope to see many of you at the Annual Meeting

Best regards.  
Danny Griffin  
SFMS President



**1st Vice President**  
**Vonda Echols**

Well, I hope everyone had a safe and great Fourth of July. We all need to be mindful of safety during these extremely hot days of summer.

I for one enjoyed my class at William Holland during Federation Week and hope members will take the opportunity to enjoy Federation Week at Wildacre's. There are still a few classes opened.

We are now gearing up for our Annual meeting to be hosted by GA Mineral Society September 27, 28 and Editors Breakfast August 29.

This meeting is opened to all SFMS members. Clubs and Societies are encouraged to send their President

and one Delegate to vote on matters presented to the meeting.

If neither or either are unable to attend, then the Club or Society may elect an alternate(s) to represent the club or society with voting privileges.

It is important that all the SFMS club have knowledge of how the Board of Directors conduct business on behalf of the SFMS.

Hope to see you at the Annual Meeting.

Vonda Echols

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## Annual Meeting

September 27, 28 and 29. Hosted by GA Mineral Society.

GMS will host a social Friday September 27, 2024, starting at 7pm

The social will be held at the club building, 4138 Steve Reynolds Blvd, Norcross, GA 30093

Our Annual meeting will be held at the same place Saturday morning starting at 9 am.

We will be moving to the Cochran Pavilion at Pinckneyville Park, 4758 S Old Peachtree RD for the luncheon and installation of new SFMS officers at noon.

With a live auction following the installing to officers for everyone enjoyment.

GMS will be hosting the Editors Breakfast that the club house Sunday Morning at 8 AM.

GMS has not set a fee for any events; donations will be gladly accepted to duffer the cost.

GMS has asked that we give them a count of members that will be attending these meals so they can order accordingly.

Please complete your registration forms and send them in promptly.

We do not have a host hotel but here is a list of ones near the club.

Sonesta, Hampton Inn, Residence Inn and Comfort Inn.



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## Secretary Message

### Jerri Heer



It's hard to believe we are planning the final event of our year! Our Annual Meeting is being hosted by the Georgia Mineral Society on the occasion of their Annual Club Picnic and Auction. Days are September 27-29, 2024. They are generously hosting all events: the Friday Social, Saturday Meeting, Saturday Luncheon (serving as our "Banquet") and Editor's Breakfast at no charge. Donations are welcome and encouraged, however, and early signups will give them better headcounts for meal preparation.

Registration form and Event info

is attached later in this issue.

Thank you everyone who has made this a great year. Our William Holland workshop was one of our best in quite some time, Wild Acres weeks in August and September are coming up fast, so sign up now for a great week of fun and learning.

Have a wonderful rest of your summer and join us soon for a meeting or workshop,

Jerri Heer  
Secretary  
419-344-9999

#### List of hotels:

Hampton Inn 1725 Pineland Rd, Duluth 30096, 770-931-9800  
Best Western 3670 Shackelford Rd Duluth 30096 770 935-7171  
Sonesta 3665 Shackelford Rd Duluth 678-380-0414  
Clarion Suites 3700 Shackelford RD 770-931-9299

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## Membership Chair

### Rick Marshall



Nothing new to report other than I visited with our new club, Central Florida Mineral & Gem Society, this month. I welcomed them to the SFMS and made a presentation on how to use our website to maximize the benefits of membership. They seemed to be very interested in becoming active with us.

Rick Marshall  
SFMS Membership Secretary  
407-949-1416



**Bob Green**

Welcome to summer. We have had some hot weather and just went through a very wet session, not quite a normal summer. Usually, August is really dry, and we are now there.

Be careful when exposed to hot weather and thunderstorms. As all know, the hot weather can lead to serious health issues and all should be aware of the consequences of not taking care of your health during these times. Texas this past month suffered from a hurricane followed by hot weather. The hurricane had taken the power off-line in many places and with no power, several people succumbed due to the heat and high humidity. Working outside in weather like this can be painful. Many years ago, I was working on a plant site and watching a company pave the parking lot. The temperature on the front porch of our trailer was 108 degrees F. The paving guys had good access to cold water; all wore hard hats and appropriate loose clothing. (Also, safety glasses and steel toed shoes as required by our job site safety rules).

A couple of years later at another job site, our building was evacuated due to the heat. The upper floors of the building had a temperature of 119 degrees F. Having a planned approach to the work and taking appropriate cautions are required when doing hard work in these conditions.

Now, I realize that few of us have workplace monitors other than family members and our knowledge of when to say, enough, time to seek a cool place and rehydrate. My lawn looks like it is ready to be harvested for hay, so

maybe this week, the temperature will remain comfortable in the upstate of South Carolina.

Now, thunderstorms can be scary and dangerous. Earlier this month we had one of those, flash-bang events. The windows rattled and after the storm passed, we checked outside for damage. We were lucky, this storm was a cloud-to-cloud lightning storm. In the past we have lost a tv, fried phone lines, damaged kitchen appliances because of two very close strikes. These were separated by about 10 years in two different houses.

Several years ago, while working in a five-story office building, we were watching the storm from inside our office. A large oak tree, some 75 feet away was struck and the tree exploded. Dropping limbs close to one of our fellow employees' new Thunderbird. So out he ran and moved his car much farther from the tree line and returned to the office. Of course, he was drenched, but safe as was his new car.

With the on-going weather issues, the floods seem to be worse than several years ago. And as the weather folk's admonishments of "turn around, don't drown", becomes a standard that reasonable folks need to follow. There are always some guy or lady that is in a hurry and tries to cross a flooded road and we always wish them success and no harm.

As always, be aware of the hazards around you and take appropriate precautions to protect yourself and your family.



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## SFMS Webmaster

### Lori Carter

#### 2024 SFMS Website Contest Entry Deadline August 31

The website contest has had 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> **NOTE:** There is a new non-compete category, so you can submit your website for judging and receive helpful information for

improving your website without being ranked.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

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

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## DMC Field Trip Chair

### Lori Carter

Thank you to the **Kanawha Rock and Gem Club** (South Charleston, WV) for hosting the July DMC field trip to collect fossils! **Henderson County Gem & Mineral Society** (Hendersonville, NC) is scheduled to host in August.

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

**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)

**January** – Open

**February** - Greensboro Gem & Mineral Club, Inc. (Greensboro, NC)

**March** - Mobile Rock & Gem Society, Inc. (Mobile, AL)

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



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**Education Chair**  
**Cindy Reed**

Jim Reed and Laura Odria are getting everything ready for the first Wildacres week, August 12-18. I understand there are still openings in most of the classes, but a couple are getting tight. For August, stained glass and weave-tap-drop are full, but we have room in the other classes. September has room in everything except soap stone carving. If you're still thinking of joining us see the next page for a list of classes or go to <https://www.sfmsworkshops.org> and sign up today.

As mentioned last before, Highland Park has agreed to give us one of their new Intarsia machines and they included 120, 180, 260, 500, 800 and 1000 flat lap discs. We are offering this by raffle at the workshops. Each student will receive one free ticket. Additional tickets will be \$5 ea or 5 for \$20. We'll have the machine at each session and will do the drawing at the end of the September week. We already sold \$525 worth at the WH Workshop. If you have questions, please contact me at Education@southeastfed.org.

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Rick Marshall is busy getting instructors lined up for the next William Holland week, June 8, 2025. We'll keep you updated.

Cindy Reed, education@southeastfed.org

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**SFMS William Holland Director**

**Rick Marshall**

I have been instructing Cabochons for the past 2 weeks at William Holland. Have had discussions with many excellent instructors about teaching next year the week of June 8. The lineup is looking good! More info to come. Plan on joining us.

Rick Marshall  
SFMS William Holland Director  
407-949-1416



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## SFMS Wildacres Director

### Jim Reed

We're just 12 days away from first session at Wildacres and I see that some of the classes being offered still have some room for students. If you're still thinking about a workshop this year, please consider signing up. Remember, it's not just for the class but for the friends you'll make and the experience. We just added Rick Marshall's Cabs 1.5 class for September. See the list of classes on page 8, head over to <https://www.sfmsworkshops.org> and sign up today.

On another note, RSV & Covid on the rise again this summer. If you're not feeling well, please get tested or call and cancel. We would rather refund you than spread it around.

Jim Reed, SFMS Wildacres Director  
Wa-director@southeastfed.org

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## SFMS Wildacres Registrar

### Laura Odria

I am so excited and honored to be able to assist as the registrar for this year's SFMS weeks at Wildacres. These will be my first trips there, and I am looking forward to seeing everyone and sharing our learning experiences, enjoying the camaraderie, and building on lasting friendships. I am the Treasurer for the Wekiva Gem & Mineral Society in Apopka, Florida and have been fascinated with rocks and gems since childhood. I am trying to learn as much as possible, hoping to one day find my niche and become a lapidary legend (even if only in my own mind).

While we are on a wait list for Stained Glass and Weave-Tap-Drop in August, and Stone Carving in September, we do still have space available for all our other classes for both weeks. Sign up now at <https://www.sfmsworkshops.org> to ensure your spot. Can't wait to see you all there.

Laura Odria, SFMS Wildacres Registrar  
Wa-registrar@southeastfed.org



## 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 Holland	Intarsia I & II	Kim Harrigill
Casting	Bill Harr	Moovin Metal	Cindy Moore
Stone in Stone	Michael Bateman	Wire I	Judi Wild (WLO)
Faceting I & II	Tom Mitchell	Silver W/Leather Inta	Wayne Parker (WLO)

<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	Stephanie Danz (WLO)	Silver All-In-One	Jason Hamilton
Silver I+	Jason Hamilton	Chain Maile	Marilou Hillenbrand
Weave-Tap-Drop	Cindy Moore (WLO)	Soapstone Carving	Kim Valko (WLO)
Cabs	Jack King	Moovin Metal	Cindy Moore
Casting	Bill Harr	Cabs 1.5	Rick Marshall

### 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.

WH Registrar: Juergen Poppelreuter, 678-576-7034, [wh-registrar@sfmsworkshops.org](mailto:wh-registrar@sfmsworkshops.org)  
 WA Registrar: Laura Odria, 407-697-9441, [wa-registrar@sfmsworkshops.org](mailto:wa-registrar@sfmsworkshops.org)





## Oolites

Hi Folks! I like to use this forum to discuss minerals and rocks I have encountered personally and on KGMS field trips. This month I am going to discuss Oolites.

Have you ever encountered a rock that appears to be a mass of little spheres cemented together? If so, you were probably looking at an oolite.

Oolites are sedimentary rocks. The individual spheres that make up the rock are known as ooids and rocks that contain them are given a textural qualifying term such as “oolitic limestone”. It is thought that the ooids started out as small pieces of shell, plant, or rock that were suspended in ancient seas in moving water (wave or current action) that was supersaturated with dissolved minerals - the most common being calcium carbonate (CaCO<sub>3</sub>). The rolling of the grains in the agitated water caused the dissolved minerals over time to crystallize on the grains almost in the same way a pearl forms in an oyster around a grain of sand or piece of shell. The motion of the water, and the small size of the ooids kept the ooids moving in suspension and the layers growing. As a result, the mineral layers were deposited more or less evenly – thus creating spherical grains. Eventually, the ooids themselves settled in layers on the sea floor and were then compacted by additional layers of material and cemented together to form the rock known as Oolite.

To be technical, oolites consist of ooids of diameter 0.25 - 2 millimeters. If the grains are larger than 2 mm they are called pisolites.

See: [en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Limestone](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Limestone) and [en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oolite](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oolite) and [en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pisolite](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pisolite)

My 1<sup>st</sup> experience finding Oolites was on a KGMS field trip to the Summerville Georgia Patty quarry, where the primary objective was to collect the lace and banded agate that the site is

famous for. While there, I found quartz ooids formed by secondary replacement of the original calcite, amongst the agate. The ooids in these oolites are quite small. My examples do not react to acid. I dripped some muriatic acid on them, and there was no bubbling indicating that the quartz replacement process was extensive. While not as common or as interesting as the agate, they are present, and are collectable - in my opinion. Look for the characteristic beaded composition when turning over rocks in the field.

I think I have been to the Patty Quarry site at least six times at this point. It is a fun field trip! Go if you get the chance! For me the first few trips were to collect rocks in bulk, just to have examples. Subsequent trips were for selective upgrading of the specimens in my collection. I have cut and polished the agate from this site. Unfractured examples cut and polish well. I have not yet cut and polished my Summerville Oolites, but since they appear to be quartz like the agate, they should also cut and polish well. Quartz, with a Mohs hardness of 7 takes a fine polish.

My 2<sup>nd</sup> experience involves finding a nice cut Oolite (technically a Pisolite, due to the size of the grains) in the pile of rocks behind the kitchen at William Holland School of Lapidary in Young Harris, Georgia. Some years, I go there in June during “Federation Week” (Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies) to take the lapidary and jewelry classes offered, including but not limited to: Cabochons, flint knapping, silver casting, silver fabrication, intarsia, wire wrap, etc. W.H. is a great place to learn to work stone and make jewelry! Anyway, people donate rock collections to W.H., and those rocks not put on display or used in classes are deposited outside behind the cafeteria and are sold by the pound.

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## Rock Corner by David Liles (Cont.)

Rockhounds such as myself love digging through rocks and I have found some interesting stuff there, including my large cut pisolitic limestone. The spherical ooids in this pisolite are large in contrast with my other examples, so I have photographed this specimen, and modified the photographs with Photoshop, etc. to make modern abstract photographic “Rock Art”, featuring the rounded ooid shapes.

And last, but not least, my 3<sup>rd</sup> Oolite experience involves finding some interesting examples in the Campbell County / Lafollette TN area, while squirrel and deer hunting on my in-law’s farm. This property, known in the family as the “Doug Ridge”, is located on Norris Lake at the end of Powder Mill Lane. The whole Powell Valley area following state route 63, from Interstate 75, through Caryville, Jacksboro, Lafollette and toward Cumberland Gap area bound by the Cumberland Plateau escarpment on the left and the Norris Lake/ Powell River to the right. The

“Doug Ridge” property itself is on Norris Lake and within easy eyesight of the Cumberland Plateau escarpment. The “Doug Ridge” rises from lake level and continues up several hundred feet in height.

Hunting involves both sitting patiently against a tree or walking about in search of game. Anyway, during the hunting trips, I was also looking at the rocks, which on ridgetop were primarily broken chert in soil, plus quartz oolites. In contrast, at lake level, the predominant hillside rock was massive limestone, with occasional chert nodules, chert fragments, and limestone oolites. I did the acid tests to confirm. I find this to be very interesting!! Possibly an example of quartz replacement of limestone for the oolite rocks found up on top?

Remember, have fun and keep looking at the ground! That is where the rocks are!

David Liles,



Summerville, GA Oolite

Photo by David Liles

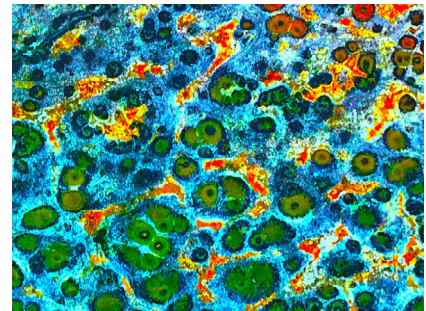


William Holland Oolite

Photo by David Liles

Oolite Inspired  
Abstract Art

by David Liles



## Youth Coordinator Chair Mike Harrison & Nancy Roberts

Welcome Future Rockhound leaders and parents! Wow, this year is really zipping by fast! But here is August and of course, the birthstone of the month, Peridot!

Olivine is also the mineral of the gemstone known as "peridot." It is a yellow-green to green gemstone that is very popular in jewelry. The most valued colors are dark olive green and a bright lime green. These specimens are of the mineral forsterite because the iron-rich fayalite is usually a brownish, less desirable color.

Much of the world's peridot used in mass-production jewelry is mined at the San Carlos Reservation in Arizona. There, a few basalt flows containing nodules of granular olivine are the source of the peridot. Most of the stones produced there are a few carats or less in size and often contain visible crystals of chromite or other minerals. They are cut in Asia and returned to the United States in commercial jewelry.

Higher quality and larger peridot crystals are mined in Pakistan and Myanmar. There, crystals of olivine are found in metamorphic rocks. These are usually found in association with serpentine or dolomitic marble.

Chemical composition: Typically  $(\text{Mg}, \text{Fe})_2\text{SiO}_4$ . Ca, Mn, and Ni rarely occupy the Mg and Fe positions.

The crystal system is Orthorhombic.

Mohs hardness of 6.5 to 7.0.

On other topics, how were the field trips you took your Future Rockhounds on this summer? It's

not too late to get out there!

I do hope you plan to attend the annual meeting September 28, 2024. I plan to be there and if you are too, look me up and we will talk about all things youth activities and how Nancy and I can help!

One last thing, be sure to have your youth enter the SFMS Juniors' "Year in Rocks" Photo Contest!

The SFMS Youth Resources Committee is excited to announce that we are doing the "Year in Rocks" photo contest again for 2025. All club juniors are encouraged to submit a photo of rocks, minerals, gems, lapidary, and fossil items in the form of the year "2025". The winning photo will be used on the officer's contact lists page of the SFMS website. The deadline for entries is Friday, August 16, 2024. Please click the following link for rules and details:

<https://www.southeastfed.org/contests-awards/juniors-year-in-rocks-contest>

Each submission must have a description of the items used to build the numbers in the year.

Your SFMS Youth Coordinators

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256-797-2435

Nancy Roberts  
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## SFMS Juniors Year in Rocks Photo Contest—**LAST CHANCE 8/16/24**

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 **August 16, 2024**. 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 18 of the Lodestar.**



Last years winning entry

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### Editor

### Cindy Reed

I hope you will take a few minutes to look over the workshop offerings at Wildacres. There are still openings and I'm sure everyone can find a class to enhance their knowledge.

David Liles has an interesting article on Oolites this month.

If you would like to share an article please submit it to [editor@southeastfed.org](mailto:editor@southeastfed.org) by the 25th of the month.

Cindy Reed, SFMS Lodestar Editor



## 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.

**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)

**9/6-8/2024—IRONDALE, AL:** Alabama Mineral and Lapidary Society; Irondale Civic Center, 3521 Ratliff Road, Irondale, Alabama 35210; Fri. & Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-4; Adults \$5, Teens \$3, children under 12 free. website: [lapidaryclub.com](http://lapidaryclub.com)

**9/7-8/2024—ORLANDO, FL:** Central Florida Mineral & Gem Society; Florida National Guard Armory, 2809 S. Fern Creek Ave., Orlando, FL 32806; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-4; Adults \$6, Kids \$3 and Scout in uniform are free. Website: [www.cfmgs.org](http://www.cfmgs.org). Contact: President Salvatore Sansone 321-278-9294 or e-mail: [ssfossilhunter@aol.com](mailto:ssfossilhunter@aol.com).

**10/11-13/2024 HUNTSVILLE, AL:** Huntsville Gem & Mineral Society, 1280 Airport Rd, Huntsville, AL 35802. Free parking, food vendors, Friday & Saturday 10AM—6PM, Sunday 10AM—5PM. Admission: Adults \$3, \$5 for weekend pass; Primary & Secondary Students \$1, Under 5 – Free. Web site [www.Huntsvillegms.org](http://www.Huntsvillegms.org), call 256-534-8803

**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.slcrockandgem.org](http://www.slcrockandgem.org), [slclubshow2023@aol.com](mailto:slclubshow2023@aol.com)

**11/9-10/2024 MELBOURNE, FL:** Canaveral Mineral & Gem Society 51st Annual Parade of Gems Crystal, Gem, Jewelry, Rock and Crafts Show, Melbourne Auditorium 625 East Hibiscus Avenue, Melbourne, Florida 32901. Saturday 10AM—5PM, Sunday 10AM—4PM. Admission: \$5 adults Free kids under 13. Website: <https://www.canaveral-mgs.com/our-show.html> Contact: [ParadeofGems.Melbourne@gmail.com](mailto:ParadeofGems.Melbourne@gmail.com)

**11/22-24/2024 COLUMBIA, SC:** The Columbia Gem & Mineral Society Annual Club Show, Jamil Temple 206 Jamil Road Columbia, SC 29210: Fri-Sat. 10-6, Sun. 12-5. Admission \$7; 12 & under free; All military & their dependents free with ID Card. Info: [www.cgms.rocks](http://www.cgms.rocks)

**11/22-24/2024—MARIETTA, GA:** Cobb County Gem & Mineral Society; Cobb County Civic Center, 548 South Marietta Parkway, Marietta, GA 30060; Fri & Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; day fun and educational event for the whole family! Free admission and parking! Hourly door prizes! Info: [www.ccgms.org](http://www.ccgms.org)

**11/23-24/2024 WEST PALM BEACH, FL:** Gem & Mineral Society of the Palm Beaches, Inc., 57TH Annual Gem, Mineral & Jewelry Show, South Florida Fairgrounds/Expo Center East 9067 Southern Blvd., West Palm Beach, Fl. 33411. November 23-24, 2024; Saturday 9AM—6PM, Sunday 10AM—5PM. Admission: Adults \$10, 2-Day Pass \$15; Children under 12 -Free. <https://gmspb.org>

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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

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## Annual Meeting

**Sponsored by Georgia Mineral Society**

**September 28, 2028**

**Norcross, GA**

Please complete and return this information using a separate form for each attendee, submitting through mail or email, ensuring receipt by September 22, 2024 for the S.F.M.S. packet processing. You can scan and email, take a picture and text, whatever works to submit your info.

Name _____ email: _____
SFMS Position _____ Club Position _____
Society Affiliations _____
➤ Attending Friday Social - 7 PM – Georgia Mineral Society - (circle one) Yes / No
➤ Attending Saturday Executive Meeting - 9 AM (8:30 AM Registration)–Georgia Mineral Society (4138 Steve Reynolds Rd, Norcross, GA)
In Person? _____ By Google Meets? _____
Google Meet joining info: <a href="https://meet.google.com/tip-edqs-fxv">meet.google.com/tip-edqs-fxv</a> Dial-in: (US) +1 470-326-0086 PIN: 829 788 895#
➤ Attending Saturday Luncheon (Installation) – 12:00 PM – Pinkneyville Park, Cochran Pavillion - 4758 S Old Peachtree Rd - In Person(circle one) Yes / No
➤ Attending Editor’s Breakfast - Sunday 8 AM – Georgia Mineral Society – In Person (circle one) Yes / No
Date _____ Signature _____

Thank you for your consideration.

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**Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies**  
**Annual Meeting Information**  
**Hosted by Georgia Society**  
**September 27-29, 2024**

**Schedule of Events:**

Friday, September 27, 2024 – 7:00 PM – Friday night social/Meet and Greet – Georgia Mineral Society Clubhouse – 4138 Steve Reynolds Rd, Norcross, GA 30093 - Refreshments by GMS - Donations welcome.

Saturday, September 28, 2024 – 8:30 AM(Registration) 9:00 – 12:00 PM, Annual Meeting - Georgia Mineral Society Clubhouse – 4138 Steve Reynolds Rd, Norcross, GA 30093

**Google Meet joining info:**

[meet.google.com/tip-edqs-fxy](https://meet.google.com/tip-edqs-fxy)

Dial-in: (US) +1 470-326-0086

PIN: 829 788 895#

Saturday, September 28, 2024 – 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM – Club Picnic – Luncheon – Will serve as our “Banquet” with Installation of Officers – Pinckneyville Park, Cochran Pavilion – 4758 S Old Peachtree Road, Berkey Lake, GA 30096 – Provided by GMS.

Annual Club Auction – Immediately following, all are invited to attend and participate.

Sunday, September 29, 2024 – 8:00 -9:30 AM – Editor’s Breakfast - Georgia Mineral Society Clubhouse – 4138 Steve Reynolds Rd, Norcross, GA 30093 - Continental Breakfast provided by GMS = Donations welcome

Sunday, 9:00AM – Field Trip with Charles Carter – specific details will be given at the meeting. Be prepared with usual safety equipment, hammers, buckets etc. Travel will be about 100 miles from clubhouse.

**Local Hotels:**

Sonesta: \$85 before taxes – 3665 Shackleford Rd, Duluth, GA 30096 – 678-380-0414

Hampton Inn: \$103 before taxes – 1725 Pineland Rd, Duluth, GA 30096 – 770-931-9800

Best Western: \$103 before taxes – 3670 Shackleford Rd, Duluth, GA 30096 – 770-935-7171

Comfort Inn: \$88-94, before taxes - 5200 Peachtree Industrial Blvd, Norcross, GA 30071 – 833-577-3728

Clarion Suites: \$68 before taxes - 3700 Shackleford Rd, Duluth, GA 30096 – 770-931-9299