



STONES & Bones



President's Letter

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Jim and I attended the annual meeting for the SFMS in Greenville, SC held 9/3-4. It was a very interesting meeting and well worth the trip. We made new friendships and renewed some older ones. And, I'm now a member of the Federations nominating committee for next year. (why do I go to meetings when I know how they're going to end?) We also found the time to go to Hendersonville, NC and take in the local gem & mineral show and Apple Festival. What a bonus. There were 2 local clubs co-hosting the meeting this year and they did a fantastic job.

I would love for our club to host the meeting next year, but our Spring show lets us out. Another solution would be to co-host the meeting with another club that have a fall show. To this end, I would love to co-host with the newest Federation members, the Tampa Bay Mineral & Science Club. This is a great honor for any club and I know it would benefit us all. This is a subject that will be on the agenda at the October meeting.

Please be sure to read the Directors Message from Joe & Addy regarding their take on the annual meeting.

We have one more week at William Holland this year and will leave the day after the next meeting. Unfortunately, my class for Federation week was cancelled as were several others. I hope it's just a sign of the economy and that next year the classes will be well attended.

See you at the meeting

Remember, we will be holding elections in the next couple of months.

It's renewal time. Your new application is attached. We need it back before January 1, 2012.

We bought 10 copies of the 2012 Agate Calendar. These will be available to members for \$10 each. A savings of \$1.95....and \$3 of each sale goes to the club. You can see them at the October meeting.



Minutes for September 8, 2011

The September 8, 2011, meeting was called to order, at 7:05 pm by VP Roger McQuown. As there was no flag, the Pledge of Allegiance was not recited. There were ten members and one guest present. There were no old minutes. Debbie Rydberg, treasurer gave the Treasurer's report.

Roger gave the shop report: shop is still open by appointment only through October. Jim Reed solved the mystery of the 14" saw short. It's the plug, not the saw and he will fix it when he returns.

Cindy Reed and Laurie Williams are stepping down from their positions. One person has expressed interest in the President position and Cindy has emailed them further information on the duties. A nomination committee is needed. Jan Liles, Laurie Williams and Wes Greenmayer have volunteered to be the committee. There has been a request for a current membership for use by the committee. Members of the club have requested a membership list, too.

Debbie Rydberg said that Cindy is serious and we need the club to step up and help. Jan Liles said that if we don't have a President, the club will no longer be able to continue and we will lose our workshop use.

Roger mentioned we had a vacancy for Program Chair, as well as other positions. He may take on the Program Chair position. It was suggested perhaps as a group during a future meeting, we could discuss some of the programs available through Southeast Federation and we could choose a few that the club would like to watch.

Roger talked about his and Kay's recent trip and they brought specimens to show from it.

Old Business: We've had five vendors sign up for the upcoming February 2012 show.

New Business: Possibility of co-hosting the 2012 SFMS annual meeting with the Tampa club. Jan Liles moved to motion that further discussion is needed and it should be brought up again at the next month's meeting. Laurie Williams seconded this. Motion carried unanimously.

Jan Liles said that Bartow Art Guild is holding an Art Waltz, the first Friday of every month from 4 to 9 pm. It was suggested we may want to set up there. Debbie Rydberg said Lakeland is holding their Art Waltz, the first Friday of October. Wes Greenmayer said when he was in California, he had experience with the Anaheim Art Guild, as the rock club "Searchers" had been active with them since the 50's. It was very beneficial.

The motion was made by Jan Liles and seconded by Tim Rydberg to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 pm

Respectfully Submitted

Laurie Williams – 09-08-11

Addendum: Kay McQuown has said that she would take the Secretary position.

Letter from the Florida State Directors By Addy & Joe DePietro

2011 SFMS Annual Meeting

The SFMS2011 Annual meeting was held in Greenville, SC on Labor Day Weekend.

It was well attended and the Clarion Motel was an excellent choice. It was large and the meeting room converted to our banquet hall.

The nominating committee presented the slate of officers for next year and

Jason Hamilton was voted President for 2012

Danny Griffin was voted 1st Vice Pres

Barbara Green was voted Treasurer

Don Monroe was voted Pres Elect for AFMS

Kerri Wetzel was voted Membership Sec

The above officers were sworn in during the banquet Saturday evening.

We have a new SFMS club in Florida. Tampa Bay Mineral & Science Club was

Unanimously approved for membership and we are proud to welcome them as new members. We will present the club their charter as soon as we receive it.

In 2013 SFMS will host AFMS for their annual meeting and Jacksonville will be the host club for the AFMS and SFMS meetings September 20, 21, 22, 2013. The 2012 AFMS

Annual meeting will be in Minnetonka, MN on July 26 through July 29th.

We currently do not have a meeting place for the 2012 SFMS annual meeting so if your club has a fall show please think about hosting this meeting. Our bylaws state there must be a show at the same time as the annual meeting.

There was a discussion about having more consistency to our workshop programs and expanding the Education Committee in order to achieve this. This will be looked into

More thoroughly and presented again. The workshop at Wildacres in August did not fill to minimum requirements and the September workshop at Wildacres is also behind in attendance. The October workshop at William Holland also needs more students to reach our contracted attendance of 45 people. Some classes have already been cancelled. If we do not get 45 attendees, we must pay for 45. We already lost our April dates at Wildacres because of enrollment. I will have some personal remarks on this subject at

the end of this report as we both have taught SFMS workshops since 1992.

Jim Robertson has retired from the stamp program. There will be a new person, Carolyn Grouthus Handling it but she was unable to attend due to family health issues.

The issue of obtaining a blanket 5013C was decided to not pursue further as only 3 clubs responded positively.

The budget allowances for 2011 needed adjustments to balance. These adjustments were discussed and passed. The 2013 budget was also adjusted to reflect expected increased costs.

PERSONAL COMMENTS ON SFMS WORKSHOPS

We have been teaching SFMS workshops for 20 years. The workshops used to have waiting lists for classes with attendance over 100 students at Wildacres and capacity

at William Holland. We realize that money is tight for many people right now but the weeks before and after SFMS in October have over 100 students. WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE? Same accommodations, same tuition, same teachers, same cook.

William Holland has a campground and a walk in price for locals. The leaves are turning in October and people come to Young Harris just to see them in their entire splendor. The

local motels are usually full at this time and I'm pretty sure \$310.00 will just about cover lodging in a motel for 6 nights. At our William Holland workshops one gets room, meals, and a class for \$310.00. The only extra charge is a class fee the included consumables and in some classes materials for planned projects. This class fee is paid to the volunteer teacher. Our Education chair has introduced many new classes and teachers. The comradary and enthusiasm amongst attendees is something that has many returning to workshops every year.

Please send us any suggestions or comments as to how or what can be done to draw more students as these programs are one of the best benefits SFMS has for it's members.



Birthdays and Anniversaries



Birthdays

Barbara Fite
Gary Jones
Jim Reed
Lewis Taylor
Barbara Satterfield

Anniversaries

Roger & Kay McQuown

Birthstones

Modern Birthstone	- Opal, Tourmaline
Traditional Birthstone	- Tourmaline
Mystical Birthstone	- Jasper
Ayurvedic Birthstone	- Opal
Other	-Aquamarine, Coral, Beryl, Obsidian

October 2011 Shows and Swap Meets

Oct 8-9—ORLANDO, FLORIDA: Annual show; Florida Fossil Hunters; Central Florida Fairgrounds, 4603 W. Colonial Dr.; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 10-4; adults \$4, children \$1; fossils, rocks, minerals, gems, artifacts, children's dig pit, educational exhibits, silent auctions, supplies; contact Valerie First, 223 Ringwood Dr., Winter Springs, FL 32708, (407) 699-9274; e-mail: vjfirst@aol.com; Web site: www.floridafossilhunters.com

Oct 22-23—PLANT CITY, FLORIDA: Show and sale; Tampa Bay Mineral & Science Club; Florida Strawberry Festival Expo Bldg., 2301 W. Oak Ave.; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; adults \$5, students \$4, children under 12 free; crystals, minerals, fossils, gems, beads, unique and custom-made jewelry, lapidary supplies, lapidary and jewelry making demonstrations, children's Touch Table and Sand Mine, door prizes; contact Carolee Boyles, (813) 831-1944; e-mail: clubpresident@tampabayrockclub.com; Web site: www.tampabayrockclub.com

Oct 29-30—STUART, FLORIDA: Annual show; St. Lucie County Rock & Gem Club; Martin County Fairgrounds, 2616 SE Dixie Hwy. (A1A); Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-5; adults \$3, children under 12 free with adult, coupon on Web site; demonstrations, displays, silent auction, raffle, about 24 dealers; contact Norman Holbert, 455 SW Balfour Ave., Port St. Lucie, FL 34953 (772) 873-0787; e-mail: normholbert@bellsouth.net; Web site: slrockandgem.org

Upcoming Shows

11/5-6—MELBOURNE, FLORIDA: 37th annual show, "Parade of Gems"; Canaveral Mineral & Gem Society; Melbourne Auditorium, 625 E. Hibiscus Blvd.; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-5; adults \$4; displays, demonstrations, door prizes, children's corner, "Rock Food" display, dealers, minerals, fossils, gems, beads, cabbing and faceting rough, finished jewelry, books, tools; contact Dave Wayment, (772) 532-6432; e-mail: cmgs.show@att.net

11/11-13—ORLANDO, FLORIDA: Fall show; Central Florida Mineral & Gem Society; Central Florida Fairgrounds, 4603 W. Colonial Dr.; Fri. 1-6 Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5; adults \$5, seniors and students \$2, \$1 off with ad; minerals, metaphysical stones, beads, jewelry, cabochons, sterling silver, demonstrations, faceting, cutting and polishing cabochons, silver smithing, children's sluice table, Scout merit badge help; contact Gordon Oakley, 5032 Lido St., Orlando, FL 32807, (407) 592-4358; e-mail: oakleysmall@gmail.com; Web site: www.cfmg.org

19-20—WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA: Annual show; Gem & Mineral Society of the Palm Beaches; South Florida Fairgrounds, 9067 Southern Blvd.; Sat. 9-6; adults \$7 (2-day pass \$10), children (under 12) free; crystals, minerals, fossils, gems, beads, unique and custom-made jewelry, lapidary supplies, lapidary and jewelry making demonstrations, fossil dig, gem mining, geode cracking, door prizes, demonstrations, classes, discount coupon on Web site; contact Jeff Ursillo, (561) 706-9549; e-mail: gemsocietywpb@aol.com; Web site: www.gemandmineral.cc/show1

Some links to help you keep track of upcoming shows.

<http://www.rockngem.com/showdates>

<http://www.jewelryshowguide.com/event/>

Field Collecting Opportunities

I recently received the following invitations and thought they would be of general club interest.

October 13-15, 2011—World Championship Dig
Presented by the Chamber of Commerce
Mount Ida, Arkansas
\$75 for 3 days of fun, Prizes & trophies awarded on Sat, 6pm

Come join us this year for a great dig and a wonderful experience in our beautiful area on Lake Ouachita. We will have someone on site to help those who are novices and need to learn how to dig.

Also The Gem & Mineral show, Arts, and Crafts show and Quilt show on 10/14-16/11 9am-6pm.

For more info, please call (870)867-2723 or www.mtidachamber.com

The Hogg Mine near LaGrange, GA is under new management. You can schedule private digs—one day or multiples. They have machines that dig occasionally and the schedule can be found on the website. If you dig on a scheduled day, it's \$35 per person for a 5 gal bucket and 1 "yard" rock. Groups can schedule for \$35 per person and \$100 (less than 10 people) for a private dig. More than 10 people is \$35 per plus \$250.

Primitive camping onsite, or they're only 6 miles from hotels. Digging fee also includes fishing at a well stocked lake on-site.

The meeting place has changed to Stephens Store (Pure Gas) across the road. You can also purchase breakfast items, buckets, gloves, digging tools, hats/caps, bottled water, drinks and chips at the store.

Items found at the Hogg Mine include: beryl, aquamarine, common quartz, white quartz, smoky quartz, rose, quartz, black tourmaline crystals, black tourmaline in quartz matrix, mica books and, most recently, iron pyrite cubes.

For more information visit the website www.hoggmine.com or call or email Chris Painter rockdgr@yahoo.com (770)262-7852

(just checked the website and the next scheduled digs are 10/8/11 & 10/25/11. Just show up at the check point before 9am)

BenchTips by: Brad Smith



PICKLE PROBLEMS

Dropping a hot item into the pickle after soldering causes a hiss that sends small droplets of the acid pickle into the air. This will rust your nearby tools and can't be all that good to breathe either. My solution is to use a coffee cup of water next to my solder block to quench the piece before dropping it in the pickle.

Also, a hot pickle pot gives off fumes that bother me in my home workshop. I get around that by using my pickle cold. I mix it a little stronger than with a hot pot so that it works about as quickly. I keep it in a large-mouth peanut butter bottle and cap it off whenever I'm done using it.

MODIFY TOOLS FOR PRONG SETTING

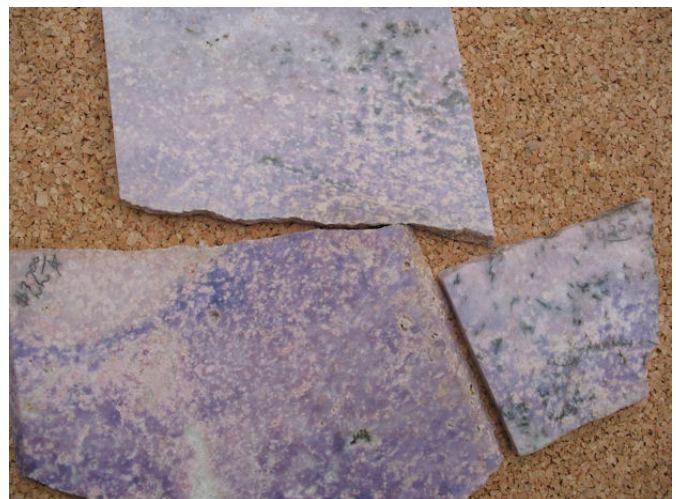
When setting stones in a prong mount avoid slipping by grinding a groove in the face of your prong pusher or one jaw of your flat-nose pliers. Easiest way to cut the slot on the pusher is with a file., and the easiest way to cut the slot on your pliers is with a cutoff wheel in the Foredom.

More BenchTips by Brad Smith are at Yahogroups.com/group/BenchTips/ or Facebook.com/BenchTips/

Jim's Rock Corner



Denver Rock Shows - Obtained many nice rough rocks to cut for the club show next year plus William Holland Lapidary School. One dealer out there had many bins of dinosaur bone @ \$50/pound. I like dinosaur bone but his price is ridiculous—Cindy told me not to buy much and I did not. I only got 3.5 pounds of small pieces of different colors that I will believe make nice intarsia. One of the interesting dealers out there was selling jade from Wyoming. Some was a little expensive but these were 20+ pound boulders. But he had small tiny slabs which he gave me a good deal to purchase. He also had some different rough called "Prairie Tanzanite" which is a variety of zoisite. Locality is from Fremont County, Wyoming. As you can see from the picture below this rock has a purple & whitish coloration. He also gave me a sheet of paper where the material was analyzed by the American Gem Society. A little on the expensive side but I believe worth the money. Cannot wait to cut a few cabs of this material. I will bring some to the next meeting for October.



SFMS Workshops for 2011

We have received the schedule for the Federation workshops at William Holland and Wild Acres.

If you would like more information or a registration form, please let me know. I'd love for our club to have a good showing this year.

Session 1, William Holland, 6/12-18/11		Session 2, Wild Acres, 8/22-28/11	
Seed Beading	Barbara Green		
Cabochons	Richard Stone	Cabochons	Pat Davis
Chain Making	Dee Conybear	Enameling/Cold Conn.	Rebecca
Enameling	Barbara	Faceting	
Faceting		Gem ID	
Lampwork		Metalsmith	
Mineral	Richard Stone	Silver Filigree	Stafford / Gibney
Opals	Dee Boyce	Stone Setting	Roberts
Silver I	Roberts	Wire Beginning	Velima Lawson
Silver II	Vieky Prillaman		
Silver Filigree	Stafford / Warrick		
Wire I	Velima Lawson		

Session 3, Wild Acres, 9/12-18/11		Session 4, William Holland, 10/9-16/11	
		Bead Weaving	Ron Midkiff
Cabochons	Anita Westlake	Cabochons	Anita Westlake
Casting		Chain Making	Dee & Bill Conybear
Chain Making		Enameling	Lynda Williams
Lampwork		Faceting	Mary Lou Kiek
Mineral	Richard Stone	Fused Glass	Addy DePietro
Raku	Bill Cullen	Jadeite Carving	Bill Smith
Silver Cold	Charlotte Caughman	Lampwork Beads	Cindy Reed
Silver Filigree	Stafford / Gibney	Opals	Joe DePietro
		Silver Filigree	Stafford / Warrick
		Southwest Silver	Dan Haga
		Silver II	Vieky Prillaman
		Wire I	Judy Peppers

Several classes were cancelled for the October session. I hope next year will be better. If the members don't support the sessions, they will not be able to continue them. This is a wonderful perk of belonging to the SFMS and I would hate to lose it.



Statement of Principals

1. To stimulate interest in the collection, study, identification, and classification of gem, mineral & fossil specimens.
2. To disseminate knowledge of lapidary work and classification of gems, minerals & fossils, and their applications in the arts and sciences.
3. To encourage and facilitate instruction in the various elements of mineralogy and lapidary work and identification and classification of fossils.
4. To arrange and conduct field trips for collection of specimens.
5. To participate by displaying and taking part in all local, state, and Federation shows to the greatest possible extent.
6. To encourage adherence to the American Federation of Mineralogical Society's Code of Ethics.

Officers for 2011

President	Cindy Reed - 863-255-5256 Cdreed57@tampabay.rr.com
1 st VP	Roger McQuown
2 nd VP	VACANT (membership chairman)
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3-Year Term	Stormie Burns
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Corresponding Secretary	VACANT
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Location of Meetings

First Presbyterian Church
175 Lake Hollingsworth Dr.
Lakeland

<http://www.fpclakeland.org/contact-us/map--directions/>

Directions: Take the Bartow Hwy (US-98 S) until you get to Hollingsworth Rd. at Lakeland High School.

Turn onto Hollingsworth Rd (toward the school). At the lake veer Left onto Lake Hollingsworth Rd. FPC is on the left. You will pull in the drive right next to the Hollingsworth apartments and park on that side. There's a children's playground there, so you can't miss it. If you go in the North entrance, just drive around the building and come to the other side. We'll have the front double doors open (facing the lake). The room # is 221

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Imperial Bone Valley Gem, Mineral and Fossil Society, Inc. meets at 7:00 P.M., the second Thursday of each month at the First Presbyterian Church, 175 Lake Hollingsworth Dr, Lakeland. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, October 13, 2011.

Visitors are always welcome.

Check out our website at www.bonevalley.net or Like us on Facebook:

<http://www.facebook.com/?ref=logo#!/pages/Auburndale-FL/Bone-Valley-Gem-Mineral-Fossil-Club/300043398239?ref=mf>

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 <i>Shop Open</i> 10-4	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 <i>Shop Open</i> 10-4	10 	11	12	13 <i>Meeting 7pm</i>	14	15
16 <i>Call</i>	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 <i>Call</i>	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 <i>Shop Open</i> 10-4	31 					

- Schedule of Events
- Shop open 10/2, 9, 30
 - 10/13 Meeting 7pm First Presbyterian

The Reed's will be finishing their travels in October. If you would like to use the shop during the 3rd & 4th Sundays, please call and we'll have someone meet you there. Jim Reed 863-644-6665 or 863-255-0651 or 863-255--5256.

