

Tips *and* Trips



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Take a look at the room that you are in. How many things involve materials that were mined? I counted over fifty in my living room. Look at everything in the room that was grown. I counted over twenty five. If it isn't mined it is grown. But without mining, you cannot grow things efficiently. Farming involves equipment to plant the seeds, to water, usually to fertilize and to harvest. Once harvested, equipment is used to process the plants. All of this equipment has involved mining. In one day, enough toothpaste is used that would fill a small jet plane. Most toothpaste ingredients were mined. In one day, 80 pounds of gold is used just for dental work. Over five million paper clips are bent out of shape by fidgeting people. These were made of material that was mined.



Your carpet contains mined material, your glass, paper, paint, your mineral specimens involve mining. It takes on the average of 150 pounds of mined material per day to

insure our current status of living. Few people wish to live near a mine or quarry. But, without material coming out of the ground, we would not even be in the stone age.



Hoorah for mining!
Kim Cochran, GMS
President
(first appeared in Cotton
Indian Gems (5/06)

MAY GENERAL MEETING

7:30 P.M., Monday, August 7, 2006
Chamblee Library
4114 Clairmont Road
770.936.1380

Dinosaurs in our Backyard

By Bill Montante



Bill's last talk for us was about the Conasauga Shale Formation and the soft-body fossils found there. This time around he'll be speaking to us about fossils found in the Chattahoochee Valley. He has previously given this presentation at the Weinman Mineral Museum, so please join us for another enjoyable fossil night at the Library.

Future Dates:

Sept. 18th – Speaker to be announced - Chamblee Library

Dylan Porter
GMS VP/Programs

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Sunday, August 27, 2006, 1:00 P.M.
Eva and Irving Ostrofsky's Home
1402 Arbor Lake Court
Hoschton, GA 30548

This will be our budget meeting for the fiscal year 2007. Lunch will be served at 1:00 P.M. and the meeting held directly afterward.

You must RSVP if you wish to eat. RSVP at 678.425.2573.

Kim Cochran
GMS President



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The article submittal due date for the September 2006 newsletter August 10, 2006.

GENERAL MEETINGS

General meetings are held on the first Monday of each month. In the event that the first Monday is a holiday and/or the facilities are not available, the meeting will be held on the third Monday of the month. General meetings are currently held at the Chamblee Branch of the DeKalb County Library System. Any deviations from the above schedule will be announced in *Tips and Trips*.

The Georgia Mineral Society on the Internet:
<http://www.gamineral.org>

E-mail Early Notification Program: A field trip and club news update service. To join, members are requested to send in their current e-mail address to: gms@gamineral.org.

Chat Group: Sign on at http://groups.yahoo.com/group/gms_discussions/. To subscribe, send an email to gms_discussions_subscribe@yahoo.com.

December Show Committee

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| Set Up/Take Down | Open to Volunteers | |

Announcements for educational publications, continuing education classes, and shows or exhibits are provided in *Tips and Trips* as a service to GMS members. Appearance of the above in *Tips and Trips* does not constitute an endorsement by GMS.

**AN OFFICIAL FIELD TRIP OF HENDERSON
COUNTY GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY
(HENDERSONVILLE, NC)
AND AN OFFICIAL FIELD OF
THE GEORGIA MINERAL SOCIETY**

Diamond Hill Mine, Antreville
Abbeville County, South Carolina
8:30 A.M. EST, Saturday, August 19, 2006

The Henderson County Gem & Mineral Society would like to extend an invitation to rockhound one of the premier quartz collecting localities in the southeast. The Diamond Hill Mine has been producing skeletal, amethyst and smoky quartz crystals as well as quartz scepters and an assortment of pegmatite minerals for many years. This year saw a lot of digging with a power shovel. Come join us!

Directions to the assembly point, the Diamond Hill Mine: The Diamond Hill Mine is located near the small town of Antreville in northeastern South Carolina.

From the north: Exit I-85 at US 178 at Anderson, SC (exit # 21). Drive south on US 178 for approx. 1 mile and then bear right onto SR 28. Follow SR 28 south approx. 20 miles to Antreville. Upon entering Antreville, you will see Crawford's Store on the left. Drive past the store and then watch on the right for Emanuel Baptist Church. Turn right at the church onto SR 284. Drive west on SR 284 for 2.3 miles watching carefully on the right for Suber Road (S-01-508). Turn right onto Suber Road and follow it approximately 0.7 mile to Diamond Hill Road (on right, gravel, S-1-538). Turn right onto Diamond Hill Road and follow it about 0.5 miles. The mine entrance will be on the right.

From the south: Exit I-20 at US 221 (exit # 183) just east of Augusta, Georgia. Drive north on US 221 to McCormick, SC. In McCormick turn north onto SR 28. Continue north on SR 28 toward Antreville (approx. 50 miles). About 2 miles south of Antreville, SR 184 enters SR 28 from the left (west). When you pass SR 184 start watching carefully on the left for Emanuel Baptist Church. Turn left at the church onto SR 284. Drive west on SR 284 for 2.3 miles watching carefully on the right for Suber Road (S-01-508). Turn right onto Suber Road and follow it approximately 0.7 mile to Diamond Hill Road (on right, gravel, S-1-538). Turn right onto Diamond Hill Road and follow it about 0.5 miles. The mine entrance will be on the right.

Fees: Adults = \$15/day, Children under 16 year of age = \$5/day

Also, upon arrival, each participant will be required to sign a waiver of liability.

Other Essentials: Pick and shovel, rock hammer, chisels, and scratching tools. There is ample water on site for screening and washing specimens. Bring a lunch, plenty of fluids, hat, sunscreen, gloves, and sturdy shoes. Bring rubber boots and a change of cloths if it is going to be a rainy or wet day. Please be prepared for hot and humid conditions at the mine during this time of year.

Trip Chairman:

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**A ROCKHOUDING FIELD TRIP'S COUNTLESS
BLESSINGS**

by Mike Streeter

A rockhounding field trip involves much more than collecting rocks and minerals. For my wife Chrissy and me, finding a specimen worth keeping is just a bonus to any day spent in the field with like-minded rockhounds. Most of our friends were met on rockhounding excursions and getting together with them to swap stories, jokes and life events is far more valuable to us than any rock could ever be. While finding a decent specimen is never a certainty, laughter and good will are usually guaranteed. Beyond the friendship and camaraderie, the simple act of spending time in the great outdoors has its own unique rewards. Hiking a forest trail and enjoying a spring explosion of wildflowers or coming upon a mother deer with fawns can almost make us forget about the collecting location that we had started out to find. And if all this wasn't enough, there still exists the chance to uncover a breathtaking rock or mineral. Even at locations where we have collected countless times, we never know when we will turn over just the right rock to uncover the gem of a lifetime. But even when this doesn't happen, we are able to enjoy the countless other blessings that come with a day spent rockhounding with friends.

from Lodestar (7-8/06)

August 2006

The Georgia Mineral Society, Inc.

HOW TO SPEND A HOT WEEK IN SEPTEMBER

Leave town!!! Wildacres Workshop, near Little Switzerland North Carolina, is the perfect place to go during the hot days of September. Located at 3300 feet above sea level and perched on a knob just off the Blue Ridge Parkway, Wildacres Retreat has all the comforts of home, except TVs, but you'll find out that you can live without them for a week. The dates are September 18-24, 2006.

The Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies host three workshops a year at Wildacres, April, August and September for a week each. It's too late to get into the August workshops but we have openings left for September. Some instructors will take more than they normally do to accommodate students.

We have classes in Gem Appreciation, Glass Bead Making, Intarsia, Mineral Identification, Opal Cutting, Precious Metal Clay 2 (must have PMC 1), Scrimshaw (a new offering), Stained Glass, Wirecraft (Beginning) and the popular Southwest Silver class has only 3 openings (was full but a family had to cancel due to personal problems).

You can get applications in the *Lodestar* that your club president, vice president and editor receive. You can call the Registrars, Robert and Flora Lee Walker, at 1.423.369.3077 for up to date class information.

SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER!!!!

David and Barbara Tuttle
SFMS Wildacres Directors
from *Lodestar* (7-8/06)

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Due to unfortunate difficulties involving the Internet and the vagaries of e-mail, the listing of new members is off by one month. New members for June were listed in the July newsletter.

In an effort to correct this situation I ask you to please join me in welcoming our newest members for July – Carla, Joe, Chris, David, and Risa Griffin of East Point, GA; Kathryn, Steve, and Sarah Henderson of Covington, GA; George and Sharon Sanders of Ellijay, GA; John, Margie, Joe, and Mark Veazey of Lilburn, GA; and Maria, Art, and Isabella Zorka of Decatur, GA.

Our new members for August are as follows: Sharon Blumer of Stone Mountain, GA; James, Sharon, Daniel, Will, and Katie Brannon of Southside, AL; Chuck, Marilyn, Kelly, and Tracy Denton of Douglasville, GA; Paula Griffith of Cleveland, TN; Hugo and Marsha Hemmerich of

Woodstock, GA; Dustin Hess and Kristi Peace of Acworth, GA; Kari, James, Jason, Jamie, and Jennifer Salomon of Lawrenceville, GA; and Randy and Julia White of Acworth, GA.

Welcome to the club, and we hope to meet you all soon.

Don't forget to send in those renewals on a timely basis, everyone, and please let me know if you have any e-mail or address changes. You may e-mail me at mgm5258@netzero.net or call me at 404.872.6310.

Happy rockhounding!

Lizabeth McClain

GMS Executive VP/Membership

**ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY REPORT**

Please plan to join us for a litter pickup on October 29, 2006. It is several months away, but not too early to claim a date. We will be picking up trash and getting ready for Halloween. Hope to see you there.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Waggener

GMS Adopt-a-Highway Chair

FOSSIL SECTION MEETING

7:30 P.M., August 9, 2006
Martha & LeRoy Brown's Jome
4837 Greenway Rd., Norcross,
GA 30071
770.448.0876
(to RSVP and for directions)



We had another great meeting in May. Thank you. We never have a lot of members to attend, but they are really interesting. Kim Cochran, Gary Leonard, Harry Yingst & Carl Ziglin really made the program. They made the program very interesting. Looking at the specimens for show and tell, and the discussion on fossil locations was really great. Thank you, Carl for bringing the dessert.

June's meeting will be on fossil eggs. We will see if we can get into the omelet of the subject. This program will discuss the different types. If you have a fossil egg please bring it to show us.

Martha Brown, GMS
Fossil Section Chair

P.S. I still have mineral specimens someone left at our house. Please call me if they might be yours.



LIBRARY NEWS

GMS Library is now open for Business! There are no new additions to the Georgia Mineral Society Library, but I am now accepting any book, map, or video donations that you may have. If

you want to avail yourself of this great research material, please contact me and set up a time to come by. I will post rules and a catalog shortly.

*Julian C. Gray
GMS Librarian*

Happy Birthday, July and August Babies!

- 7/1 Jerry Sluder
- 7/2 Nancy Marden
- 7/4 Gail Grady
- 7/6 Ashley Taylor
- 7/11 Becky Anderson and Will Brannon
- 7/12 Richard Anderson
- 7/14 Walter Kubilius
- 7/16 Emory Sharpton
- 7/18 Lewis Cole McDermott and Sharon Sanders
- 7/21 Tom Batcha and Mary Cyphers
- 7/22 Michael Peck
- 7/23 Ivy Nichols, Benjamin Calderon and Lizabeth McClain
- 7/24 David Cyphers
- 7/25 Jay Gorday and Kenneth Horton
- 7/26 Scott Krebs and William Pratt
- 7/27 Hannah Curry and Kyra Dolezal
- 7/30 Katie Brannon
- 7/31 Katie Woulfe
- 8/1 Susan Calderon and Crystal Daniels
- 8/3 Jesse Clark, Eric Gurganious, and Will Horton
- 8/4 Roynan Krebs and David Lann
- 8/7 Steve Henderson
- 8/9 Peyton Waggener
- 8/15 Andrew Clark
- 8/19 Chris Lee
- 8/21 Robby Kay and Mark Smith
- 8/23 Laura Palomo
- 8/24 Luther Hunt
- 8/25 Camille Aquino

*Barbara Libby
GMS Sunshine Chair*

SUNSHINE NEWS



I feel like I am on a desert island, I guess because I don't go to meetings or go on field trips as much as I did prior to George's illness, but I do not want to feel that way, so I am asking for all the members in the club to keep me in touch. I asked you for club member wedding anniversaries and they are coming in slowly. Please help me to be a good sunshine reporter and call me at 770.978.2117 or e-mail me at angelonsite@bellsouth.net.

As of July 16, 2006, when I was writing this report, we have not been able to reach Kim Prakash. If anyone hears from her, please call me. Lewis Eldridge has decided to stay at the Georgia War Veterans Home, 2249 Vinson Hwy., Wood Building, Rm 310-A, Milledgeville, GA, 31061 until they teach him how to drive with hand controls, which he said is supposed to start mid-August, then he is going to go home to Covington and he can't wait to get started. George is moving along slowly but still moving forward. His landline telephone is 478.804.9900 and his cell phone number is 678.478.9464

They had a Bead Sit-in at Marcella Wood's house last week. Marcella Wood, Marilyn Tarantino, Jody Newson and Nancy Marden got together and watched a video and strung beads. How great! I hope to go next time.

Thanks again for the wedding anniversary dates, I need more. There are a lot more of you married folks out there that are not talking. Here are the anniversary's for August:

- 8/1 Randy and Julia White
- 8/24 Dylan and Mary Porter (10th)
- 8/31 Mickey and Lizabeth McClain (10th)

SPECIAL EVENTS REPORT

The June picnic was almost carried off by flies. Thank goodness due diligence and many eaters resulted in humans getting the best part of the many wonderful dishes. Elections followed the sumptuous feast. We have new officers for next year: Kim Cochran, President; Lizabeth McClain, Executive Vice President Membership; Anita Westlake, Vice President Programs; Dylan Porter, Treasurer; Mary Porter, Secretary; Eva Ostrofski, Trustee 2006-2009. **Congratulations to you all!!** The auction this year was lively and varied. I carried home my share of "collected" materials, very pleased with the assortments. And GMS collected a record income for our Building Fund. Thank you for your presence and your participation.

The next special event will be the Annual Banquet in October. Details will be published at a later date.

*Respectfully submitted,
Bill Waggener, GMS Special Events Chair*

EDUCATION REPORT

Most Education programs are in summer break. I spoke to about 100 rising 5th and 6th grade student at the Fossil Fanatics Camp in Macon, Georgia on June 29th We now have GMS stickers circulating in Macon. The campers thoroughly enjoyed "collecting" (and keeping their high-graded finds) in a 5-gallon bucket of Peace River gravel donated by Mickey McClain. It was a pleasure to interact with very talented and interested students.



like to host a meeting at your home or have an idea for a presentation at a future meeting, please contact me!

*Julian C. Gray
GMS Mineral Section Chair*

GEM SECTION NEWS

Monday, August 28, 2006
7:30 P.M.

Barbara and George Libby's Home
1730 Rhett Butler Drive
Lilburn, GA 30047



Kim Cochran spoke to the Cotton Indian Gem and Mineral Society about Creationism vs. Evolution on June 13th. Kim also spoke to the Alabama Gem and Mineral Society, Birmingham, Alabama about Caves on Friday June 14th.

Last month we discussed opals. We talked about kinds of opal, varieties of precious opal, and treatments of opal.

This month we will be going over a GIA lesson.

On June 22nd, Martha Brown gave a presentation at the Weinman Mineral Museum about Collecting in Georgia.

Supper will be served at 6:30 P.M. RSVP at 770.978.2117 if you plan to eat with us.

The Holly Camp Memorial Earth Science Education MiniGrant Program 2006-2007 will be announced on July 31, 2006.

Kim Cochran, GMS Gem Section Chair

Please let me know who is sharing their rock and fossil knowledge. Everyone has some unique tidbits that students love to share. It is encouraging to others to see that we are welcomed and well-received by clubs and teachers over the state.

Enjoy the rest of the summer and learn lots of new things!!

*Respectfully submitted,
Bill Waggener, GMS Education Chair*

MICROMOUNT SECTION



There will be no meeting for the Micromount Section this month. The next meeting of the Micromount Section will be announced in a future issue of *Tips and Trips*.

Carolyn L. Daniels, Editor

MINERAL SECTION NEWS



Many thanks to John Trimble for hosting the July meeting!! There will be no meeting of the mineral section in August.

Details of the next meeting will be announced in upcoming *Tips and Trips* and on the GMS web page. If you would

JUNIOR SECTION

There will be no Junior Section meeting this month. The next meeting date and time will be published in a future issue of *Tips and Trips*.

Carolyn L. Daniels, Editor



SFMS 2006 Wildacres Workshop at Little Switzerland, NC

2006 Workshop Dates

April.....Thursday, April 13 to Thursday, April 20, 2006

August.....Monday, August 21 to Sunday, August 27, 2006

September.....Monday, Sept. 18 to Sunday, Sept. 24, 2006

Wildacres Retreat is a conference center dedicated in 1946 by I.D. Blumenthal and Madolyn Blumenthal of Charlotte, NC, to the improvement of human relations.

It is situated on 1400 acres at an elevation of 3,300 feet atop a mountain called Pompey's Knob. It is in Little Switzerland, approximately half way between Asheville and Blowing Rock, NC just off the Blue Ridge Parkway.

There are two lodges, a dining hall, where meals are served family style, a library/auditorium building, mineral and lapidary shops plus a pottery studio.

Fees

Lodge accommodations: \$310 per person (double occupancy), including meals. A limited number of single rooms are available at \$470 per person. There are no facilities for camping or recreational vehicles.

Day Students: \$140 per person, no meals are included. (Individual meals may be purchased directly from the Wildacres Retreat.)

Registration Procedures

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

Applications will be accepted beginning on January 17, 2006 for all sessions. At that time a \$50 administrative fee should be submitted. The postmark date on or after this date determines the order of acceptance. **First-time attendees at SFMS Workshops have an extra priority.**

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

Reservation Deposit

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

Cancellation Policy

There is a \$50 nonrefundable charge to cover administrative costs. An additional \$50 charge will be assessed for cancellations made less than 4 weeks before a session begins. No refund will be returned for cancellations by the student within 7 days of the start of a session. There will be no fee adjustment for late arrival or early departure.

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Workshop Registrars

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Session 1: April 13-20, 2006

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| Chainmaking | Dee/Bill Conybear |
| Fused Glass | Jo Harrison |
| Jewelry and Closeup Photography | Ken Kipnis |
| Precious Metal Clay | Ken/Mary Ann Devos |
| Silversmithing, beginning | Don/Ann Monroe |

Session 2: August 21-27, 2006

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| Cabochons | Alan Jewell |
| Faceting, Advanced | David Lonser |
| Gem Appreciation | Ben Smith |
| *Metalsmithing, Advanced | Jeff Sheer |
| Precious Metal Clay 1 | Ken/Mary Ann Devos |
| Raku Pottery | Cindy McDowell |
| Seed Beading | Vivian Heath |
| Silversmithing, Beginning | Dan Haga |
| Space and Local Geology | Mike Reynolds |
| Stained Glass, Beginning | Julia Larson |
| Wirecraft, Beginning | Kathy Morris |

Session 3: September 18-24, 2006

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| Gem Appreciation | Ben Smith |
| Glass Bead Masking | Marilyn Jobe |
| Intarsia | Tom Wilke |
| Mineral Identification | Betty James |
| Opal Cutting | Sara Lee Boyce |
| *Precious Metal Clay 2 | Ken/Mary Ann Devos |
| Scrimshaw | Bill Wetzel |
| Southwest Silversmithing | Dan Haga |
| *Stained Glass 2, (Slabs) | Julia Larson |
| Wirecraft, Beginning | Carol Penry |

***Note: Advanced courses with prerequisites are designated with an asterisk .**

SFMS 2006 William Holland Workshop at Young Harris, Georgia

2006 Workshop Dates

June.....Sunday, June 11 to Saturday, June 17, 2006

October...Sunday, October 8 to Saturday, October 14, 2006

Check in is on Sunday after 3 p.m. and departure is Saturday morning after breakfast.

The William Holland School of Lapidary Arts is situated on a mountain in north Georgia near the North Carolina border. The facility includes a two-story main building known as the Sparks Lodge with 29 air-conditioned bedrooms on the upper floor. A second lodge is located nearby with 22 additional air-conditioned bedrooms. All bedrooms are motel-like with private baths and two beds. Two rooms are equipped for the handicapped.

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

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

Fees

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

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

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

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

Registration Procedures

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

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

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Session 1: June 11-17, 2006

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| Chainmaking, Beginning | Dee/Bill Conybear |
| Faceting, Beginning | David Corn |
| Fused Glass | Addy DePietro |
| Lost Wax Casting | Fred Sias |
| Opal Cutting | Joe DePietro |
| Origami | Hideko Pezant |
| Polymer Clay | Marilyn Jobe |
| Seed Beading | Kathy Morris |
| *Silversmithing, Advanced | Dan Haga |
| Silversmithing, Beginning | Allen Jewell |
| Stained Glass 1 | Julia Larson |
| Wirecraft, Beginning | Lisa Roberts |
| *Wirecraft, Advanced | Linda Chandler |

Session 2: October 8-14, 2006

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| *Glass Bead Making, Intermediate | Marilyn Jobe |
| Cabochons | Anita Westlake |
| Chain Making | John Runkle |
| Fused Glass | Addy DePietro |
| Lost-wax Casting | John Iacullo |
| Opal Cutting | Joe DePietro |
| Seed Beads | Jo Harrison |
| *Silversmithing, Advanced | Dan Haga |
| Silversmithing, Beginning | Bill Cady |
| *Wire Weaving | Linda Chandler |
| *Wirecraft Sculpture | Evelyn Gantnier |

***Note: Advanced courses with prerequisites are designated with an asterisk .**

2006 William Holland Workshop Registration Form

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

(A) Mr Mrs Ms _____ SFMS Club _____
 Name Mr Mrs Ms _____
PLEASE PRINT NAME(S) AS YOU WANT IT TO APPEAR ON YOUR NAME TAG SPELL OUT CLUB NAME INITIALS NOT ACCEPTED

(B) Mr Mrs Ms _____ Phone _____
 Name Mr Mrs Ms _____ Email _____

Address: _____
STREET CITY STATE ZIP

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

Class Choices

| First Choice | * | Second Choice | * | Third Choice | * |
|--------------|---|---------------|---|--------------|---|
| A | | | | | |
| B | | | | | |

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

Room Assignment for Single Applicants only:

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

- 2) Do you smoke? _____ Do you wish to room with a non-smoking person? _____ yes _____ no preference.
- 3) Are you an early riser _____ or a Night Owl _____

Special Needs:

- 4) Do you need a handicap room? Yes _____ No _____
 - 5) Can you negotiate stairs? Yes _____ No _____
 - 6) **Special Dietary needs:** Diabetic _____ Other _____
- Campers: Type _____ Length _____

INSTRUCTIONS

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

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

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

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

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

Amount submitted with application: \$ _____

Make Check Payable to:

SFMS William Holland Workshop

Mail check and this form to:

William Holland Registrars
 P.O. Box 268, Brevard, NC 28712
 Phone: 828-883-2029 or 864-473-0317
 Email: whregistrars@gmail.com

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| Postmark Date: | Check #: |
| Deposit #: | Amt. Paid: \$ |
| Accept. Mailed: | Balance due: \$ |
| Standby Mailed: | Bal. Check #: |
| Deposit #: | Bal. Amt. Pd: \$ |
| Cancel Date: | Total Paid: \$ |
| - Cancel. Fee: \$ | Refund: \$ |
| Refund Chk #: | Refund Mailed: |

2006 Wildacres Workshop Registration Form

Session: April August September

Accommodations: Lodge Day Student

(A) Mr
Name Mrs
 Ms _____

SFMS Club _____

PLEASE PRINT NAME(S) AS YOU WANT IT TO APPEAR ON YOUR NAME TAG

SPELL OUT CLUB NAME INITIALS NOT ACCEPTED

(B) Mr
Name Mrs
 Ma _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Address: _____
Street City State Zip

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

Class Choices

| First Choice | * | Second Choice | * | Third Choice | * |
|--------------|---|---------------|---|--------------|---|
| A | | | | | |
| B | | | | | |

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

Room Assignment for Single Applicants only:

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

- 2) Do you smoke? _____ Do you wish to room with a non-smoking person? _____ yes _____ no preference.
- 3) Are you an early riser _____ or a Night Owl _____

4) Room Request for Physical/Medical Reasons:

Please do not ask for a specific lodge or room unless you have a physical or medical reason for doing so. _____

5) **Special Dietary needs:** Diabetic _____ Other _____

NOTE: SMOKING IS NOT ALLOWED IN ANY WILDACRES BUILDING

INSTRUCTIONS

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

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

3) Cost per person for this session is \$310, double occupancy with private bath. (A limited number of single rooms are available for \$470 per person.) **\$140 per person for day students.** (Meals are not included for day students but may be purchased from the retreat.)

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

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

Amount submitted with application: \$ _____

Make Check Payable to:

SFMS Wildacres Workshop

Mail check and this form to:

Wildacres Registrars

164 Sexton Loop, Oakdale, TN 37829-2323

Phone: 423-369-3077 Email: waregistrar@gmail.com

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| Postmark Date: | Check #: |
| Deposit #: | Amt. Paid: \$ |
| Accept. Mailed: | Balance due: \$ |
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Rockin' In Music City

Welcome to *Rockin' In Music City*, the 2006 convention and show for the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies, Inc. and the Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies, Inc. sponsored by the Middle Tennessee Gem & Mineral Society, Inc. (MTG&MS). The convention will be held in Nashville "Music City" Tennessee in August of 2006.

We are providing much more information on the area on our web site www.amfed.org. MTG&MS member chairs for the convention and show are:

Lewis Elrod-General Chair
 Anna Elrod- Event Secretary
 Mary Clyde Sparks-Convention Chair
 Ann Buckner-Accommodations Chair
 Barbara Fields-Decorating & Favors Chair
 Will Smith-Show Chair, Treasurer & Publicity Chair
 Steve Henegar-Dealer Chair
 Bill Buckner-Demonstrations Chair
 Marty Hart-Physical Arrangements
 Anna Elrod & Ann Buckner-Hospitality
 John Stanley, Portia Stanley & Mike Waters-Exhibits
 John Stanley, Portia Stanley & Mike Waters-Field Trips

Host Hotel: The host hotel is the Hotel Preston. Most convention activities, including the convention banquet, will take place there. You must state that you are with the AFMS to get the convention special rates of \$82.00 per night. Be sure to make your reservations at the earliest possible date as this is a heavy tourist time in Nashville and many hotels are already booked. Reservations at the Preston must be made by July 15th as this is the end date for our block of rooms.

The hotel may be reached at their toll free number: 1.877.361.5500. More information concerning the hotel, including a map, may be found at the AFMS website: www.amfed.org, the MTG&MS site at: www.mtgms.org or the hotel's site at: www.hotelpreston.com. Several MTG&MS members have visited the hotel, without any announcement of who they were, and have enjoyed the meals they ordered.

Camping: Many of you will want to come in various motor homes, etc. and we are pleased to tell you that you can camp at the show site on the Tennessee State Fairgrounds. There are 250 spots so no reservations are needed. All have full hookups with electric (most are 30 amp, but some are 50 amp, all with standard plugs so no adapters are needed), water and sewer connections. Find your spot and pull in. Fairgrounds security will come by, collect your payment for the stay and provide a notice to place in your window so no other security person will come by and try to collect again. Cost is \$30 a night. They will take cash or check and there is an ATM on site if needed.

For other camping locations check www.amfed.org and you will find a lot of information about the Nashville area including camping.

Convention and Show Pins: We have very attractive show/convention pins. They are shaped in a rock form with *Rockin' In Music City 2006* on them. They are numbered from 1 to 2006. The cost is only \$2.00 each. Should you order by mail, please include \$1.00 per order to cover the extra postage cost of mailing the pins.

They will also be available at the registration tables at the show and host hotel. Please purchase one, or more, to assist us with the cost of promoting the show and convention.

Bring A Rock: The MTG&MS is working with the Middle Tennessee State University's Mineral, Gem & Fossil Museum. We would like you to bring two rocks (minerals, slabs, rough, cabs, faceted stones, fossils, etc.). One will be given to the museum and one will be used at our silent auction at the show to assist in paying the expenses of the convention and show. As you will arrive from many locations in the U.S., this is a chance for us to obtain a number of new items for display at the museum. Those items displayed will be credited with your name as the donor. Please provide us with the identity of the material, location of its origin, and your name in writing, along with the donation.

Schedule of Events

Monday, August 14:

Noon: Registration opens at Host Hotel

Tuesday, August 15:

7:30 A.M.: Registration opens at Host Hotel

8:00 A.M.: Field trip for fossils

8:00 A.M.: Rules Committee Meeting at Host Hotel

7:30 P.M.: Cracker Barrel Meeting at Host Hotel

Wednesday August 16:

8:00 A.M.: Registration opens at Host Hotel

9:00 A.M.: AFMS Annual Convention at Host Hotel AFMS Scholarship Board meeting immediately follows AFMS meeting

1:00 P.M.: Field trip-quartz geodes. Visit to new Gem & Mineral Museum in Murfreesboro follows the geode trip.

Thursday August 17:

8:00 A.M.: Registration opens at Host Hotel

Noon Dealer setup at show site (Fairgrounds)

3:00 P.M.: Exhibitor setup begins at Fairgrounds. Open Field trip-workshop of the MTG&MS

8:00 P.M.: Show building closes

Midday General Jackson Showboat

Friday August 18:

9:00 A.M.: Registration opens at Fairgrounds

9:00 A.M.: Show opens at Fairgrounds

9:00 A.M.: Website seminar at Host Hotel

Noon: All Officers luncheon at Host Hotel - Everyone invited to attend

2:00 P.M.: Editors Seminar (tentative) at Host Hotel

6:00 P.M.: Show closes

Night: Grand Old Opry

Saturday August 19:

9:00 A.M.: Registration opens at Fairgrounds

9:00 A.M.: Show opens at Fairgrounds

9:00 A.M.: SFMS Convention opens at Host Hotel

1:00 P.M.: ALAA meeting at Host Hotel

6:00 P.M.: Show Closes at Fairgrounds

7:00 P.M.: Awards Banquet at Host Hotel

Sunday August 20:

7:30 A.M.: Registration opens at Host Hotel

8:00 A.M.: Editors Breakfast at Host Hotel

9:00 A.M.: Registration opens at Fairgrounds

10:00 A.M.: Show opens at Fairgrounds

5:00 P.M.: Show closes at Fairgrounds

adapted from the Lodestar (7-8/06)

August 2006

The Georgia Mineral Society, Inc.



GMS GENERAL MEETING MINUTES June 24, 2006

The June General Meeting was the annual picnic and auction, which was held at Jones Bridge Park in Norcross. Approximately 55 people attended, including three visitors and two new members. The picnic began with lunch at 11:31 A.M.

At 12:35, President Kim Cochran called the brief business meeting to order. Motions were made and seconded to dispense with reading of the minutes and the treasurers report. The following committee reports were given.

Dylan Porter – VP Programs – next meeting will be on July 17th; Julian Gray will speak about Graves Mountain.

Martha Brown – Fossil Section – next meeting will be held in August; the topic will be eggs.

Kim Cochran – Gem Section – next meeting is this Monday at Kim's on minerals of Europe. RSVP for dinner.

Carolyn Daniels – Tips & Trips – needs articles and reports by the 10th. If reports are not on time, a note in the newsletter will be made in that space providing your contact information.

Bill Waggener – Education – mini-grant applications are due and are being reviewed.

Bill Waggener - Adopt A Highway – Bill purchased new pick up tongs instead of more sticks. He is planning the next clean up around Halloween.

Barbara Libby –Sunshine Chair – she is out of the loop; send her anything.

NEW BUSINESS

Kim Cochran announced the next board meeting would be held at 1:00 P.M. on August 27th at the Ostrofsky residence. RSVP for lunch.

NOMINATIONS (12:41)

Joan White read the slate of officers selected by the nominations committee. The nominees were as follows: President – Kim Cochran, EVP Membership – Lizabeth McClain, VP Programs – Anita Westlake, Treasurer – Dylan Porter, Secretary – Mary Porter, and Trustee thru

2009 – Eva Ostrofsky. Joan then asked for any nominations from the floor; no nominations were given. A motion was made to elect all as selected by the nominations committee. The motion was seconded, and approved with 27 in favor.

With no other business, the meeting adjourned at 12:43. The auction then took place.

*Respectfully submitted,
Mary Porter, GMS Secretary*

THE MICROMOUNT CORNER

Secondary Uranium Minerals – Part 1

Hello everyone, this month the *Micromount Corner* will begin a series on secondary uranium-bearing minerals.

Generally speaking, secondary uranium minerals are brightly colored and make for some striking additions to a micromount collection. This month we will investigate three secondary uranium minerals that are often found together. These are the minerals, meta-uranocircite, schoepite and ianthinite. As is often the case with mineral micromounts, more than one mineral species can be found in a given specimen. Figure 1 is a photomicrograph at a magnification of 30X of the minerals meta-uranocircite, schoepite, and ianthinite. The specimen is from the Krunkelbach Valley Uranium Deposit, Menzenschwand, Black Forest, Baden-Wurtemberg, Germany. The specimen was photographed through the microscope with Kodak ASA 400 color print film with a four second exposure. The microscope light source is a white light emitting diode.



Figure 1

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THE MICROMOUNT CORNER

Secondary Uranium Minerals – Part 1

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In Figure 1, the light green waxy looking mineral is the meta-uranocircite. Uranocircite is a hydrated barium uranium phosphate. The meta form is a dehydrated form of the mineral. This mineral is characterized by its green color and waxy appearance and tabular crystals that look very similar to the uranium bearing mineral autunite. The tabular greenish crystal of meta-uranocircite is surrounded by masses of bright yellow acicular crystals of the mineral schoepite. This mineral is a uranium oxide hydroxide hydrate and is highly radioactive. Both the meta-uranocircite and the schoepite are deposited on a dark brown resinous botryoidal matrix of the mineral ianthinite. Ianthinite is a complex uranium oxide deca-hydrate. All of these secondary uranium bearing minerals are on a light brown matrix of uraninite. Figure 2 is a closer view of the specimen photographed at a magnification of 60X.

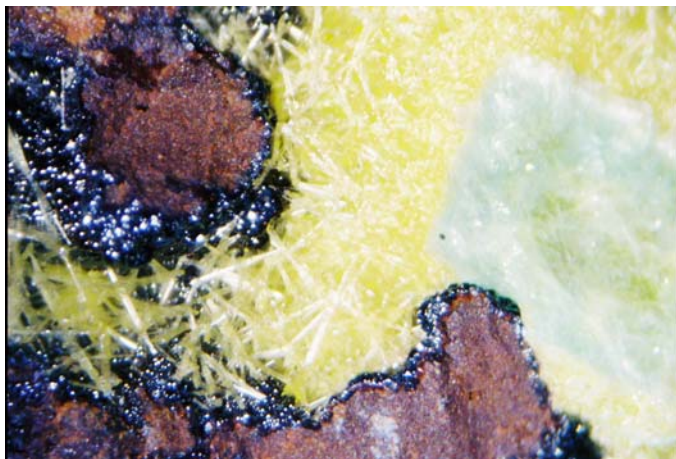


Figure 2

The Krunkelbach Valley Uranium Deposit was a series of uranium bearing barite-flourite veins hosted by granite. This deposit was worked until 1990. The dumps have now been removed and the area has been landscaped.

The mineral uranocircite is named for its uranium content and the Greek for falcon – referring to Falkenstein, Saxony, Germany, where the mineral is commonly found. The mineral schoepite is named for Alfred Schoep (1881-1966), Belgian mineralogist who studied uranium mineralogy. The mineral ianthinite is named for the Greek ianthinos, “violet” as this mineral often has a somewhat purple coloration.

Mineral species that are alteration products of primary uranium bearing minerals offer some interesting color and challenges to a micromount collection. Because these secondary minerals are often highly radioactive, care must be taken when placing the specimens in your micromount

collection. Some mineral species are very sensitive to radioactivity. Some collectors house all their radioactive specimens in special shielded containers. I encourage you to investigate these colorful mineral species.

*Until next time, may all your skies be blue and
all your vugs crystal filled,
Dave Babulski
GMS Micromount Section Chair*

SFMS CLUB & SOCIETY SHOWS/SWAPS (check with show contact for admission charges, if any)

August 18-20, 2006, Nashville, TN - Middle Tennessee Gem and Mineral Society. Rockin' in Music City 2006 Gem, Jewelry, Mineral, & Fossil Show in conjunction with the AFMS and SFMS (Phase 1) Annual Conventions. See page 11 and 15 of this issue of *Tips and Trips*.

September 2-4, 2006 (Labor Day Weekend), Brunswick, GA—Golden Isles Gem and Mineral Society. Golden Isles Gem and Mineral Show. Stellar Conference Center, 144 Ventura Drive, I 95-8/38. Hours: 2nd, 12:00 Noon-5:00 P.M.; 3rd, 10:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M.; 4th, 10:00 A.M.-4:00 P.M. For more information, call 912.265.4259.

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

September 23-24, 2006, Hiddenite, NC - Western Piedmont Mineral & Gem Society. 18th Annual Hiddenite Gem & Mineral Show. Hiddenite Educational Complex, Sulpher Springs Road. Hours: 23rd, 9:00 A.M.-6:00 .M.; 24th, 12 Noon-6:00 P.M. Contact: Patty Arnold at 828.465.2769.

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

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

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September 2, 2006, Henderson, NC - Henderson County Gem and Mineral Society. Micromounter's Symposium. Salvation Army Gym, corner of Grove Street and Fourth Ave. Hours: 8:30 A.M.-5:00 P.M. No fee for participation

*via email from Dave Babulski
GMS Micromount Section Chair*

August 2006

The Georgia Mineral Society, Inc.

2006 REGIONAL FEDERATION SHOWS & CONVENTIONS

California Federation

Hosts: Calaveras Gem and Mineral Society
Angels Camp, California
Held: June 9-11, 2006

Eastern Federation

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

Midwest Federation

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

Northwest Federation

Hosts: Southern Washington Mineralogical Society
and Mt. Hood Rock Club
Longview, Washington
July 14-16, 2006

Rocky Mountain Federation

Hosts: Stillwater Mineral and Gem Society
Stillwater, Oklahoma
July 7-11, 2006

South Central Federation

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

Southeast Federation (Phase 1)/AFMS Convention

Hosts: Middle Tennessee Gem and Mineral Society
Nashville, Tennessee
Show: August 18-20, 2006
Conventions: 15-20, 2006

(See Pages 4-7 and 16 of this issue of *Lodestar*)

Southeast Federation (Phase 2)

Hosts: Montgomery Gem and Mineral Society
Montgomery, Alabama
December 1-3, 2006

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FERNBANK MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

767 Clifton Rd, NE Atlanta, GA
404.929.6300

For details on exhibits, films, and events, please visit our
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Chocolate: The Exhibition (Closing August 13)
Day of the Dead (Closing August 13)

Upcoming Public Programs:

Chocolate, Sunday, August 6, Noon – 3 P.M. Special activities and performances, including free chocolate product samples. (Free with admission, while supplies last).

Dinosaur Birthday Bash, August 19, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. (free with admission)

Now Showing in IMAX:

(Check our website for special screenings)

Dolphins

Wild Safari (closes August 18)

Greece (opens August 19)

Everest (Friday nights only)

Martinis and IMAX:

Friday evenings, 5:30 P.M.– 10:00 P.M.

Christine Bean

Fernbank Geologist and GMS Member

WEINMAN MINERAL MUSEUM

TEMPORARY EXHIBITS

Strange but True - The Bizarre Side of Minerals
June 5-August 19, 2006

This exhibit offers a lighthearted look at some of the strange, bizarre and amazing minerals in the Weinman's collection. With lots of fun hands-on experiments, this exhibit is a perfect summer activity for the whole family.

Fall 2006 Exhibit

Under Your Feet: Mining in Bartow County
September 11, 2006 - January 13, 2007

For nearly two hundred years miners have toiled to recover the mineral resources of Bartow County. This exhibit tells the story of mining in our region through geology, mining technology and first hand accounts from the miners themselves. From gold and iron mining in the 1800's to modern day barite and ochre mining, come learn about these unique treasures literally under our feet.

Jose Santamaria

Weinman Mineral Museum Director and GMS Member

August 2006

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6 7 **GMS General Meeting** 8 9 **GMS Fossil Section Meeting** 10 **Tips and Trips Deadline** 11 12

13 14 15 16 17 18 19 **DMC Field Trip to Diamond Hill Mine & Dinosaur Bash at Fernbank**

← SFMS & AFMS Show and Conventions →

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27 **GMS Executive Board Meeting** 28 **GMS Gem Section Meeting** 29 30 31

THE GEORGIA MINERAL SOCIETY, INC.
P.O. Box 15011 Atlanta, Georgia 30333-5011
www.gamineral.org
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name: _____ Birthday: month/day _____

Email: _____

Spouse: _____ Birthday: month/day _____

Spouse's email: _____

Children's Names & Birthdays: mo/day/yr (residing at home): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip + 4 _____

Home Phone(s): _____ Office Phone(s): _____

Occupations: _____

Hobbies, Interests: _____

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS AT GMS: (Check all that apply)

Mineral Section

Micromount Section

Fossil Section

Junior Section

Gem Section

Electronic Newsletter

Dues for New Members (Single, Couple, Family) are \$25.00 per Society year. (\$20.00 + \$5.00 Initial Processing Fee)
Renewal Dues are \$20.00 per Society year. (due 12 months from the date of joining and every 12 months thereafter)
Reinstatement Dues (For Expired Membership) are \$25.00 (\$20.00 + \$5.00 Reinstatement Fee).

FAMILY MEMBERSHIPS ARE FOR THE IMMEDIATE FAMILY INCLUDING CHILDREN RESIDING WITH PARENTS.
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