

FERNBANK MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

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For details on these exhibits, films, and events, please visit our website at www.fernbank.edu/museum or sign up for our broadcast email at http://www.fernbank.edu/museum/e_news.html.

Upcoming Public Programs and Events:

Reptile Day, Saturday, July 23, 10 AM-2 PM (included with museum admission or membership)

Dinosaur Birthday Bash, Saturday, August 20, 10 AM-2 PM (included with museum admission or membership)

Special Exhibits:

Hidden Wonders of the Appalachians: The Watercolors of Nancy Lowe (Closes July 4, 2005)

Southern Wildlands (opens July 9)

Grossology: The Impolite Science of the Human Body (through August 21st)

Showing in IMAX:

Check our website for special screenings)

The Living Sea

Bugs: A Rainforest Adventure (through July 29th)

Opening July 30th: Mystery of the Nile

Martinis and IMAX, Friday evenings, 5:30-10:00 PM

Christine Bean, GMS Member and Geologist at Fernbank Natural History Museum

**Weinman Mineral Museum
Calendar of Events**

Cookies and Coke Learning Series

6:30 PM Cookies and Coke, 7:00 PM Lecture
Free Admission

Fossils with Mr. Pete
Pete Rogers
Thursday, July 7

The Weinman Museum's resident fossil man, "Mr. Pete" Rogers, takes us on a journey through time with a hands-on program about early fossils. If you have ever experienced a Mr. Pete program you know how exciting they can be. If you haven't, you are in for a treat. This program is appropriate for kids of all ages and children are encouraged to attend.

Mineral Photography
Jeff Scovil
August TBA

World famous mineral photographer Jeff Scovil will present a lecture and slide presentation on his work. Stay tuned for more details...

Micro-Mineral Art
David Babulski
Thursday, September 1

Dave Babulski became interested in minerals and art at a very young age. His love of art led him to begin sketching and painting watercolors of his mineral specimens. This evening, Mr. Babulski will present a lecture on this mineral art in conjunction with his exhibit: **Micromineral Art: Paintings from the Microscope.**

Rockin' Saturdays

*Drop-in and learn from the experts * No additional charge with paid admission * Members free!*

Panning Extravaganza
Saturday, July 23, 10-5

"That's gold in them there hills!" Those words have driven people into "Gold Fever" for years. On Saturday July 23, the Weinman offers a cure for this illness...FREE GOLD PANNING! With your paid admission to the museum, you will be able to pan for gold and gemstones under our outdoor pavilion and keep what you find. In addition, from 10:00-12:00 someone will be available to teach you the proper panning technique to help in your quest to find this precious metal. Make plans to join us and maybe you'll strike it rich!

Special Event
Historic Bartow County Mine Tour
Saturday, September 24

Bartow County's diverse mining history and geology are explored in the popular all-day excursion. A charter bus will take us to many of the county's historic and current mine sites. Tour some of the areas barite, ochre, and bauxite mines and granite and limestone quarries.

Temporary Exhibits
Lovely
Extended through August 13

Beautiful mineral specimens combined with vintage advertising, artifacts, and hands-on activities help us explore the ways that minerals are used in cosmetics.

Micromineral Art: Paintings from the Microscope
September 5, 2005 - January 14, 2006

Mineral artist David Babulski will exhibit his paintings inspired by tiny and delicate mineral specimens.

I-75 Exit 293 at Hwy 411, (770) 386-0576
www.weinmanmuseum.org

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UPCOMING FEDERATION MEETINGS

Eastern Federation

West Palm Beach, Florida
November 17 - 19, 2006

Midwest Federation & American Federation

Hosts: Greater St. Louis Assoc. of Earth Science Clubs
St. Louis, Missouri
August 16-20, 2005

Northwest Federation Annual Convention & Show

Hosts: Willamette Agate and Mineral Society
Albany, Oregon
August 5-7, 2005

South Central Federation Annual Convention & Show

Hosts: Austin Gem & Mineral Society
Austin, Texas
December 2-4, 2005

Southeast Federation Annual Convention & Show

Hosts: The Canaveral Mineral & Gem Society
Melbourne, FL
November 12-13, 2005

(from SFMS Lodestar, May/June, 2005)

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Have you ever wondered how the Southeastern Federation of Mineralogical Societies (SFMS) and the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies (AFMS) can help you and the Georgia Mineral Society? The annual meeting of both Societies is a great place to find out first-hand what is available to assist the local clubs. There are scholarship programs, supplies and publications, libraries of club meeting materials, strength-in-numbers opportunities to affect legislation, and the support of many rockhounds to promote rockhound and lapidary activities. Come to the annual meeting of your choice and see for yourself how GMS can benefit from the resources of SFMS or AFMS.

Hope to see you there,

Bill Waggener, past President SFMS

SFMS 2005 ANNUAL MEETING

The Canaveral Gem and Mineral Society of Melbourne, Florida will host the 2005 annual meeting of the SFMS on November 11 - 12, 2005.

The annual meeting and events will be held at the Melbourne Airport Hilton, 200 Rialto Place, Melbourne, Florida 32901 and the gem and mineral show is being held at the Melbourne Auditorium, 625 E. Hibiscus Blvd., Melbourne, Florida 32901. All federation competitions and exhibits will take place in the auditorium.

The Hilton Hotel has reserved guest rooms for this convention. Those delegates and visitors attending the convention should contact the hotel directly at 321.768.0200. Our group room rate is \$109.00 per night plus 10% tax for 1-4 people. Upgrade to a Jr. suite is \$30.00 additional per night, based on space available. The chairman and contact person for this convention is Christine Miller at 321.952.9647 or chrstnmlr@aol.com.

(from the SFMS Lodestar, May/June, 2005)

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**COMBINED MIDWEST &
AMERICAN FEDERATION
CONVENTION**

GREENSFELDER RECREATION
COMPLEX
QUEENY PARK, 550 WEIDMAN RD
BALLWIN, MO.
AUGUST 16 - AUGUST 21, 2005.

Last month we told you about the field trip opportunities that have been organized to enhance your convention experience. We also printed all the forms, hotel and camping information and events schedule. You can download additional copies from our website <<http://convention.stlearthsci.org>>

Now we want to remind you to make those hotel or campground reservations and send in your request for show tickets and meals no later than July 15. If you plan on having an exhibit at the show, whether competitive or non-competitive, the deadline for submitting your application form is June 1.

Fill out and send in those forms and make those reservations now before you forget! We'd love to fill the hall with your displays so that the general public as well as our "rockhound" community can see all the wonderful work you do or get a glimpse at a portion of your mineral or fossil collection.

We can't guarantee the weather for August in St. Louis, but we can guarantee you a wonderful experience. St. Louis has lots to do and see (the Arch, our world-class zoo, the Budweiser Brewery, numerous parks, the St. Louis Cardinals baseball team to name just a few). And we're only a few miles away from the Lewis & Clark exhibition marking the spot where the famous duo began their voyage up the Missouri and into unknown territory.

So mark August 16 - 21 on your calendar and "Meet Us In St. Louis". The AFMS meetings are Tuesday, August 16 (Rules) and Wednesday August 17 (AFMS & Scholarship). The show is open on Friday, Saturday and Sunday - August 19 - 21. We hope to see you there.

From Barbara Sky

(portions from the AFMS Newsletter, April 2005 and from June, July, August, 2005)

SHOWS, SPECIAL EVENTS, AND EXHIBITS

July 27-31, 2005, Franklin, NC - The Gem and Mineral Society of Franklin, North Carolin, Inc. Annual Gem and Mineral Show. Macon County Community Building on 441 South. Hours: 27th-30th, 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM; 31st, Noon - 5:00 PM. Contact: Fred Plesner at 828.340.4224.

September 2-5, 2005, Hendersonville, NC - Henderson County Gem and Mineral Society. 24th Annual Gem and Mineral Spectacular & Sale. Whitmire Activity Building, Lily Pond Road. Hours: 2nd-4th: 10:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M., 5th, 10:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Contact: Margaret L. Johnson, P.O. Box 6391, Hendersonville, NC 28739-6391, 828.692.1249, and email at mgt.j.ed@brinet.com. **The summer SFMS board meeting is associated with this show.**

September 3, 2005, Hendersonville, NC - Henderson County Gem and Mineral Society. 16th Annual Micromount Symposium. Salvation Army Building, Grove Street between 3rd and 4th Avenues. Hours: 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM. Contact: Emily Adams, 355 Pelham Road, Greenville, SC 29615, 864.271.3877.

September 9 - 11, 2005. Winston - Salem, NC - Forsyth Gem and Mineral Club. 34th Annual Gem, Mineral, Jewelry Show and Sale. Educational Building, Dixie Classic Fairgrounds. Hours, 9th and 10th, 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM; 11th, 12:00 noon - 6:00 PM. Contact: www.forsythgemclub.com.

Important Web Sites

Georgia Mineral Society

www.gamineral.org

AFMS and SFMS Websites

The SFMS Newsletter, the **Lodestar**, and AFMS Newsletter are now available for all members to read on line at:

<http://www.amfed.org/sfms> and

www.amfed.org

Friends of Mineralogy

<http://www.friendsofmineralogy.org>



A thank you goes to all submitting material for publication in the Tips and Trips. Please send your contributions by the 10th of the month for publication in the following month's issue. Special thanks to Bill Waggener for suggestions and contributions to the July issue.

Joan White, Editor

July 2005

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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24	25 Gem Section Gracia Evins'	26	27	28	29	30
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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name: _____ Birthday month and year _____

Email: _____

Spouse: _____

Spouse's email: _____

Children's Names & Birthdays(residing at home): _____

Address: _____

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. CHILDREN 18 YEARS OF AGE AND YOUNGER ARE CONSIDERED JUNIOR MEMBERS.

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