

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

- May 10, 7pm, **Lecture**, Georgia's Island in Time: Three Decades of Archaeological Research on St Catherines Island. Dr. David Hurst Thomas, American Museum of Natural History (free)
- May 8, 11am-2pm, **Mothers Day Brunch** (cost)
- May 14, 10am-2pm, **Archaeology Family Fun Day** (included with paid admission or membership)
- May 24, 7pm, **Lecture**, Counting Caterpillars and Mapping Mushrooms: The Great Smokies ATBI. Dr. Dave Wagner, University of Connecticut and Nancy Lowe, Georgia Artist (free)

Special Exhibits:

Hidden Wonders of the Appalachians: The Watercolors of Nancy Lowe
Closing May 1: *Frogs: A Chorus of Colors*
Opening May 28: *Grossology: The Impolite Science of the Human Body*

Showing in IMAX: (Check our website for special screenings)

The Living Sea
Bugs: A Rainforest Adventure
Martinis and IMAX, Friday evenings, 5:30-10:00 pm.

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

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From an email from Jose Santamaria:

I am sending this message to all my mineral collector friends. I am working to once again schedule mineral photographer, Jeff Scovil, for a photo shoot and lecture at the Weinman this summer. The last two years, he has been here in August. As you know, Jeff is one of the best mineral photographers in the world. If there is enough interest, I can ask him to schedule an extra day to photograph your favorite specimen(s).

I do not have a current fee schedule for you, but it averages \$60 per slide. He retains the rights to send the photo of your slide to magazines and books, but he will give you credit. You will have a great picture of your favorite specimen, and you and your specimen may become famous!

Let me know if this would interest you.

**Weinman Mineral Museum
Calendar of Events**

Rockin' Saturdays

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

**SCOUT FREE-FOR-ALL
Saturday, May 28, 10-5**

On this day, all scouts in uniform will receive free admission to the museum. This is a *rocking* opportunity if you are working with your scouts on their geology-related badges!

COOKIES and COKE LEARNING SERIES

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

Seismology in the Plate Tectonics Revolution

**Dr. Leland Timothy Long
Thursday, May 5**

Georgia Tech's Dr. Tim Long will discuss how seismology, the study of earthquakes, has provided much evidence on the movements of the Earth's tectonic plates. He will also discuss ongoing projects such as mapping the Earth's crust and upper mantle and the possibility of predicting earthquakes.

**The Coon Creek Formation of Western Tennessee:
An Exceptional Fossil Deposit and Window to the Past**

**Dr. Michael A. Gibson
Thursday, June 2**

Fossils of the Coon Creek Formation are internationally recognized for their remarkable diversity and preservation. Paleontologist Dr. Michael Gibson will discuss these unique fossils and the important opportunities for their future study.

TEMPORARY EXHIBIT

**Lovely
Through July 16**

Minerals have been among the key cosmetic ingredients through the ages. Beautiful mineral specimens combined with vintage advertising, artifacts, and hands-on activities help us explore the ways that minerals have made us all a little more lovely.

SPECIAL EVENT

**17th Annual ROCKFEST!
Saturday, June 11, 10-5**

Mineral, gem, and fossil dealers showcase their wares on the grounds of the museum. Free admission to the museum, door prizes, mineral identification, a sale in the gift shop, food (barbecue!) and family fun add to the festive atmosphere.

Micromineral Art: Paintings from the Microscope

September 5, 2005 - January 14, 2006

Mineral artist David Babulski will exhibit his paintings inspired by his collection of 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

California Federation

Hosts: Roseville Rock Rollers
Roseville, California
June 10-12, 2005

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

Rocky Mountain Federation Annual Convention & Show

Hosts: Colorado Springs Mineralogical Society
Colorado Springs, Colorado
June 17-19, 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, 2004

(from S.F.M.S. Lodestar, 04/2005)

MEET US IN ST. LOUIS...

LEWIS & CLARK DISCOVERIES

SEE EXAMPLES OF THE ITEMS COLLECTED BY LEWIS & CLARK!

**COMBINED MIDWEST & AMERICAN
FEDERATION CONVENTION**



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

The Greater St. Louis Association of Earth Science Clubs invites you to join them for the 2005 combined Midwest Federation and American Federation Conventions and Show. Activities for the week include the AFMS Rules Meeting on Tuesday, August 16 and AFMS annual business meeting on the 17th. Come and see the AFMS at work! Later in the week it will be time for the Saturday, August 20. There's going to be a great show too. Opening on Friday, August 19 the show will have an excellent array of quality dealers, numerous exhibits - both competitive and non-competitive - a silent auction and a

voice auction plus many other activities. You're sure to have a great time. For information and registration materials, visit the show website <<http://convention.stlearthsci.org>>. Do plan to Meet Us In St. Louis!

(from the AFMS Newsletter, April, 2005)

A WORD FROM A.L.A.A.

by Peggy Blickfeldt,
ALAA President

As you can tell by this letter we still have no editor so you are stuck with another letter from me. The goal of ALAA is to promote and insure the right of amateur collecting and recreational mining, and the use of public and private lands for educational and recreational purposes. We need the help of members in each and every state to be alert to and report any activities both for and against this goal. By reporting it word will get to every member, giving them the opportunity to support you in any way possible. At this time a new web site for ALAA is in the making. I am not as computer literate as I need or hope to be so please be patient. Once I get it up and running I will publicize the address. You can also check on the AFMS website and follow the links which will be updated. A new Paleo Bill has been introduced in the 109th Congress by the same Senators who introduced a similar bill in the last session. We all need to contact our Senators and Congressmen now to voice our opposition to the bill. The Senate version is S263. Please encourage your legislators to bring the bill to the floor for discussion so that our input and opposition can be heard. Thank you to all of you for supporting this organization. We are hoping to reach many more people and clubs so please promote the organization. Also please feel free to contact me at: Peggy Blickfeldt President ALAA 304 E. 45th Street, Garden City, Idaho 83714-4841 208-321-0261 <grumpies@quixnet.net> I can always use your ideas, comments or suggestions. We need all of you to achieve our goal. And if you are not already a member of A.L.A.A., I encourage you to join us.

(from the AFMS Newsletter, April, 2005)

Editor's Note

Thanks to all of you submitting articles for the *Tips and Trips*. Please send your articles, poems, and collecting tips for publication. The Gestalt theory holds for the newsletter - the whole is greater than the sum of the parts. The same holds true for the organization. The deadline for submittal for publication is set based on the time needed to compile and edit the newsletter for publication. Please assist me in delivering a timely publication to our membership.

*Thanks,
Joan White, Editor*

SHOWS, SPECIAL EVENTS, AND EXHIBITS

May 6 - 8, 2005, Marietta, GA - The Georgia Mineral Society. 37th Annual Gem and Mineral Mother's Day Weekend Show. Cobb County Civic Center, 548 S. Marietta Pkwy. (at Fairground St.). Hours: 6th & 7th, 10:00 am-6:00 pm; 8th, Noon - 5:00 pm. Contact: Jay Gorday, 1690 Granger Ct., Chamblee, GA, 30341; 770.986.0822, or email to mayshow@gaminer.org. Website: <http://gaminer.org>.

June 4-5, 2005, Birmingham, AL - Alabama Mineral & Lapidary Society. 32nd Tannehill Gem, Mineral, Fossil, and Jewelry Show. From Birmingham, take I-20/59S to Exit 100 or Exit 1 off I-459 and follow the signs. Hours: 9:00 am-5:00 pm. Contact: Rick Kittinger, 1612 Colesburg Circle, Hoover, AL, 35226. Contact: rickkittinger@bellsouth.com.

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.l.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.

From S.F.M.S. Lodestar, April 2005



Important Sites

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>

May 2005

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| 1 | 2 General Meeting | 3 | 4 | 5 Show Set Up Dealer's Dinner | 6 GMS Show | 7 GMS Show |
| 8 Mother's Day GMS Show | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 Grave's Mtn. Rock Swap | 14 Grave's Mtn. Rock Swap |
| 15 Grave's Mtn. Rock Swap | 16 | 17 Mineral Section Meeting | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 29 | 30 Memorial Day | 31 | | | | |

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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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