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**President's Message**

Hello everyone,

All right! It's finally show time. Time to put all our preparations together and prepare to enjoy the results. The latest count shows 38 vendors signed up so things are looking good. My thanks to those of you who have committed to jobs, but I don't expect you to do them alone. We're going to need help from everyone who can-old members and new. Please do your best to be available as much as possible through the week-end. Here is a timeline to help you plan your participation:

**THURSDAY JUNE 4**

At about 3 PM some of us will meet at the club storage shed at Gilbert Douglas's home in Hoover. Sandra and Mike Sullivan will hook up the smoker for transport to Tannehill. They will load up what they can and Tim Leatherman will take the rest. There will be tables, the club tent & supplies for it, equipment for kid's activities and of course, rocks. Extra hands for loading may be needed. Cathy Kellogg will be at the park already to welcome the vendors and take charge of supplies.



**FRIDAY JUNE 5**

Cooking for the Vendor Dinner will get underway in the morning supervised by Larry Carby. He will need help then and throughout the day. Tent set up should be done by noon if possible. At least 6 people will be needed for that. Once the tent is up the club area including kid's activities and demonstrations will need to be set up. Cathy will need help throughout the day to get vendors situated, tables distributed, etc. Set up will also happen for the Hoot-N-Holler. Ideally most of our work will be done by early Friday afternoon so peple can visit vendors, most of whom will already be set up. Diana Carby will be supervising preparations to serve the Vendor Dinner which happens at 6 PM. Bring or send your heat tolerant dessert contributions. Diana will need several helpers including for clean up after dinner. We'll need to make space for the SFMS meeting as



REGGIE BOLTON  
President A.M.L.S.

**June 5th - Dealers Dinner at Tannehill State Park and the SFMS Cracker Barrel**  
**June 6th & 7th - TANNEHILL SHOW and SFMS Summer Board Meeting**

**NOTE: For the month of June because of the show there is NO usual monthly meeting.**  
**July 10th - Anita Westlake - Regular meeting**  
**Aug. 14th - Kim Cochrane - Gemstones of Africa**  
**Sept. 11th Kenneth Kornegay - Sunstones**  
**Oct. 9th - Gloria Adams - Mines, Election of officers**  
**Nov. 13th - Annual Meeting, Officers sworn in, William Holland Scholarship Speaker**  
**Dec. 11th - Kontzen Scholarship Winner announced, Christmas gift exchanged**

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**For more information:**  
**AFMS and SFMS Websites**  
 The SFMS Newsletter, *the Lodestar*, and the AFMS Newsletter are now available for all members to read on line at <http://www.amfed.org/sfms>. And [www.afed.org](http://www.afed.org) Email: [sfms@amfed.org](mailto:sfms@amfed.org)

**President's message continued ...** We'll need to make space for the SFMS meeting as soon as we can after dinner.

**SATURDAY JUNE 6**

SFMS business meeting at the Pavilion early.\*\*\* Sandra will need host(ess) help. Show opens at 9AM and closes at 5 PM. Help is needed all day in club area and Hoot-N-Holler. Cathy may need help to deal with vendor issues - a few may not arrive until Saturday morning, some are there alone and may need someone to get them lunch, etc.

**SUNDAY JUNE 7**

Show opens at 9 AM and closes at 5 PM. Help is needed all day in club area and Hoot-N-Holler. Plenty of help will be needed in late afternoon to pack up and close the show, pick up vendor rented tables etc. Also we'll need a few folks to unload tent etc. back at Gilbert Douglas's. If everyone pitches in everyone should get plenty of chance to enjoy the show. When you arrive at the show please check in at the club area to find out when your help will be needed. *Pres. Message Cont'd. on pg. 4*

**Members Serving on the Board of Directors :**

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***Minutes of Meeting May 8, 2015 ~***

Reggie asked that everyone interested in participating in the tumbling contest take their stones to the stage and place them on a plate (name written on the bottom) and put a number beside it. John Gaston blessed our food and we ate and talked and examined the tumbled stones. Members were asked to vote for their 1st, 2nd and 3rd choices while we conducted the business meeting.

We welcomed visitors Tim Smith and Lynn Bodenhausen and new member Joanna Koseki. Minutes from April were accepted.

Reggie requested that everyone volunteer for duties at Tannehill and don't forget to be prepared for HEAT. Val-Pak coupons for a free polished rock have gone out to 80,000 households (maybe yours) so we need lots of them. Please bring some with you and drop them off at the club tent.

Yvonne Foster will set up her jewelry making equipment at the Hoot-N-Holler for the whole week-end doing demonstrations. There will also be a talk or class at 2 hour intervals. If you would like to participate, please let Yvonne, Cindy Hensley or Reggie know. So far we have Larry Hensley doing a talk on fossils, Karen Williams doing a class on earrings, Cecily Chaney will instruct on sawing and doming and no-solder bail making. Cindy Hensley and Bunny Bolton will also show some interesting ways to use rocks and beads that can be purchased at the show.

If you would like to display some of your own work at the Hoot-N-Holler there will be display cases or you can bring your own.

The Southeastern Federation of Mineral Societies will hold the quarterly meeting at Tannehill along with our show. Attendees can choose to join us at the Vendor Dinner and then they will have their 'cracker barrel' meeting afterwards. The main meeting will be Saturday morning at the Roberts Pavilion. Sandra Sullivan will fill Chinese take-out containers with local rocks to give the attendees.

Walter Anderton is donating about 200 pounds of rocks to the Tannehill show for various activities. Thank-you! We look forward to a field trip to his

***Meeting Minutes Continued...*** Anderton Museum of Natural History on Shades Crest Road in the near future, maybe August.

Earth Day at the Zoo was a lot of fun. We talked to kids and adults about rocks and showed some of the things we do with them. If you know of other events like this where we can do community outreach, please let a board member know.

The contest winners were announced and prizes awarded. Reggie Bolton was first, John Gaston was second and Gene Blackerby came in third. Thanks to all who participated.

The meeting was dismissed.  
Respectfully submitted,  
Bunny Bolton, Recording Secretary

**SFMS Quarterly Meeting Announcement**

The June quarterly meeting of the SFMS is being hosted by the Alabama Mineral & Lapidary Society on the 6<sup>th</sup> of June at the Tannehill Ironworks Historical State Park in McCalla, Alabama. The Friday night Get Together "cracker barrel" meeting will also be at the park.

Lodging at a reduced rate has been arranged at the Fairfield Inn and Suites Marriott, 4980 Academy Court, Bessemer, AL 35022. Call them directly at 205-277-1700 and say you are with the Southeast Federation of Mineralogical Societies by June 1<sup>st</sup> to get the group rate of \$79 per night. Rooms with either a king bed or 2 queen beds have been reserved.

The AMLS has invited everyone to come to their cook-out prior to the Friday night Get-Together cracker barrel. The anticipated cost for dinner is \$9.

The SFMS quarterly meeting will be in the park Saturday morning. After the meeting, please feel free to attend the AMLS show, rain or shine. Watch for further information from the SFMS Secretary to register for the meeting and reserve for the Friday night dinner, but make your reservations now for your hotel room.

*Via Lodestar April 2015 page 3*

### Club & Society Shows / Swaps via the Lodestar and Rock&Gem internet listings and newsletters

**June 6 –7 Mc Calla, AL. The 42nd Annual Alabama Mineral & Lapidary Society Tannehill Show.** The SFMS will be with us for their board meeting. A large variety of dealers with all things rock related, club demonstrations, Kiddie Korner with games, club tent and more. Contact: Cathy Kellogg [tannehillgemshow@gmail.com](mailto:tannehillgemshow@gmail.com) or website: <http://www.lapidaryclub.com>

**June 13- 14 Cartersville, GA. Tellus Science Museum Gem & Mineral Show and Sale** Sat 10 – 5; Sun 10 – 5 Take I-75 at exit 293, directly behind the Clarion Inn. Hourly door prizes. Free mineral specimens for the first 200 guests each day. Bring your mystery mineral specimen for free mineral or fossil identification! Kid's activities Show contact: Mary Vinson, Event Coordinator, (770) 606-5700 ext 402 . [marvv@tellusmuseum.org](mailto:marvv@tellusmuseum.org)

**June 13 Greensboro, N.C.** Annual show; Greensboro Gem & Mineral Club, Greensboro Day School; 5401 Lawndale Drive; Sat. 10 am-6 pm; Adults \$4, Seniors \$2, Students \$2, Children \$2; Numerous gem and jewelry and mineral vendors, demonstrations, contact Charlie Finch, PO Box 13087, Greensboro, NC 27410, (336) 696-7745; e-mail: [ggmc.rockhounds@gmail.com](mailto:ggmc.rockhounds@gmail.com); Web site: [www.ggmc-rockhounds.com](http://www.ggmc-rockhounds.com)

**July 23-26 Franklin N.C.** Retail show; Gem & Mineral Society of Franklin, NC, Robert C. Carpenter Community Building; 1288 Georgia Road; Thu. 10 am-5 pm, Fri. 10 am-5 pm, Sat. 10 am-5 pm, Sun. 11 am-4 pm; Adults \$2.00, Children Under 12 FREE; 50th Annual Macon County Gemboree featuring dealers from across the country. Rough and cut gemstones, gold and silver jewelry, minerals, findings, beads and demonstrations. Door prizes drawn every hour. Repairs and settings done at the show. ; contact Linda Harbuck, 425 Porter Street, Franklin, NC 28734, (800) 336-7829; e-mail: [lindah@franklin-chamber.com](mailto:lindah@franklin-chamber.com); Web site: [www.visitfranklinnc.com](http://www.visitfranklinnc.com)

### Board Meeting Minutes May 4, 2015

In attendance were Larry and Diana Carby, Reggie and Bunny Bolton, Sandra Sullivan, Cathy Kellogg, Cindy Hensley, Diane Lightfoot and Karen Williams.

So far 30 vendors have paid their deposit. There are 4 RV spaces left as well as spaces in Shed 3 and the cul-de-sac.

In the Hoot-N-Holler there will be 4 events on Saturday and 3 on Sunday. Signage is needed for this listing subject and times for talks and classes as well as some sort of attention getter.

The kids games will be supervised by John Gaston and Larry Hensley. Diana Carby will get the food, etc. and Larry will take care of the charcoal, wood and seasoning. John Gaston will get the meat. Cathy Kellogg will mail maps, entrance tags and receipts to vendors. Entrance tags need to go to SFMS too.

On May 29th we will have a 3 minute TV spot on 'Talk of Alabama' on 33/40 with a vendor list in the background and lots of rocks. If it goes well we would like to do this on a quarterly or even monthly basis. \$800.00 was spent on Val-Pak coupons for a free polished rock going out to 80,000 households. Respectfully submitted,  
Bunny Bolton, Recording Secretary

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**President's Message Continued from page 2.** ~ If you want to help with a certain job contact the job leader:

Cathy Kellogg - Show Chairman  
Sandra Sullivan - SFMS Hospitality and Club Area  
Larry Carby - Vendor Dinner Cooking on Friday  
Diana Carby - Vendor Dinner Coordinator



Yvonne Foster - Hoot-N-Holler  
Cindy Hensley - Hoot-N-Holler

I look forward to seeing everyone at the show having a good time.  
Reggie Bolton, A.M.L.S. President



**Dixie Mineral Club Fieldtrip  
An Official Field Trip of the  
Mobile Rock and Gem Society  
(Host) Mobile, AL**

**June Field Trip June 6, 2015**

**Patty Construction Quarry - Summerville GA**  
**MEET:** Patty Construction Quarry on US 27 just east of Summerville GA

**WHEN:** Saturday, June 6, 2015

**TIME:** 9:00 AM Eastern Time - 3:00 PM Eastern Time  
**Directions:** From Summerville, GA follow US 27 South for 2.20 miles. The site will be on the right between the county owned waste dumpsters and the US Forestry Office. Coming north from the Rome area, the site will be on the left side of US 27, and approximately 3.0 miles beyond the intersection of Gore Subigna Rd.

**Collecting:** Lace agate/chert.

**Tools.** Rock hammer, scratching tools, buckets, chisels and paper for wrapping specimens. You will also need gloves, protective eyewear, hat, sunscreen, and sturdy boots with ankle support (hiking boots). A small cart or hand truck may be useful for hauling larger pieces of take home material. Much of the material is covered with a chalky white chert, and a pale of water is sometimes handy for dipping and identifying the better material.

**Other:** Bring plenty of fluids and some snacks. This is a good site for children of all ages but they must have adult supervision at all times. Any pets MUST be on a leash at all times.

**Fee:** None **Special:** THIS IS ACTIVE QUARRY. NO ONE WILL BE ALLOWED ANYWHERE NEAR ANY OF THE MACHINERY ON THE PREMISES. ANY VIOLATION OF THIS RULE MAY JEOPARDIZE FUTURE FIELD TRIPS TO THIS SITE. **Contact:** Larry Landry. Field Trip Chairman, Mobile Rock and Gem Society, 251-591-5682, [maryloulandry@aol.com](mailto:maryloulandry@aol.com)



**Mini Miners Monthly Link:**

**[A Monthly Publication for Young Mineral Collectors Vol. 9 No.4 April 2015](#)**

**Dear Mini Miners,**

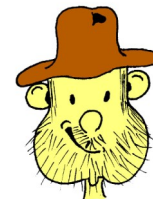
**Please find the link to the April 2015 issue [it shows February but it really is the April edition Vol.9 No.4] of *Mini Miners Monthly*.**

**Spring Special:**

**Diamond Dan is trying to clear the shelves. Our books are better in your hands than in ours!**

**The titles listed below are now 75 cents/copy (this is a 25% discount from the usual price). You can place an order by phone or email and, as always, an invoice will be emailed to you after the shipment is on its way.**

- **Mineral Oddities**
- **World of Minerals**
- **Minerals of the USA**
- **GOLD!**
- **Minerals from California**



An excellent publication designed especially for young mineral collectors is Mini Miners Monthly. Check it out at [www.diamonddanpublications.net](http://www.diamonddanpublications.net) Electronic subscription (PDF) \$9.95 for 12 issues. A fun website to check out is :

**<http://www.pinterest.com/nkarod/rocks-and-minerals/>**

**[A Monthly Publication for Young Mineral Collectors Vol. 9 No.5 May 2015](#)**

**Dear Mini Miners,**

**Please find the link to the May 2015 issue [it shows February but it really is the April edition Vol.9 No.5] of *Mini Miners Monthly*.**

**New gallery added to the Virtual Museum of Geology!**

Jason Rehorst **[www.virtualmuseumofgeology.com](http://www.virtualmuseumofgeology.com)**

This is a wonderful website you will find spending wwwaaaaayyyy too much time on. But it is worth it!



**THE YARD ROCK** from Chris Rutherford ( of the Montgomery club )

It has been my experiences over the years that geologists (and I include rock hounds in that category now too) can be divided into two types:

- + Those who have more rocks inside their home than they do in the eroded goat path they call a driveway
- + Those who have manicured landscapes that rival the finest gardens of European aristocrats.

The latter type of rock collectors are always on the hunt for a prized and elusive specimen, the Yard Rock. The Yard Rock may be overlooked by some collectors as nothing more than just a common stone found along life's journey, but to the right collector it is a one-of-a-kind find that they already have a perfect place in their master garden design for it.

Yard rocks have one common trait: they are no larger in size than what the collector can manhandle alone into to the back of his pickup or trunk of their car. To some, this would be a stone no larger than the size of a baseball. To the more serious, it could be a hernia-inducing behemoth the size of a TV set. I myself have been scolded by my cardiologist for collecting too large a rock too soon after heart catheter operation. But, in my defense, how often do you stumble upon a pegmatite granite in a rip-rap pile in Pike County, Alabama? Or for that matter, how about that snow-white Sylacauga marble that looks like a dinosaur took a bite out of it? Both are worthy specimens to border an-other flower bed in the back yard.

Along with naturally occurring stone, I also welcome numerous manmade objects into the yard rock category. I am not going to pass by a nice big piece of brass slag at an abandoned factory just because it's manmade. There were some very nice looking glass slag pieces from a steel foundry that I turned my nose up in my early days that I now regret I had collected. My favorite places to collect yard rocks include rip rap stock-piles at construction sites, road cuts, spoil piles at mines, slag dumps at foundries, any field that has a sign in the front that says "fill dirt wanted", wade-able streams near bridges, and demolition sites. **Question ??** *How many landscaping rocks do you have ? S.S.*  
*The Golden Nugget May 2015 page 2*

**Steve Adams says... Wanted: AMLS photographer for meetings! HELP**

Hi all,

I desperately need someone (or sometwo or some-three) to bring a camera to meetings and take photos for the web site. Some members have been sporadically sending photos, but most of them are low quality (bad lighting, grainy photos) and/or sent without info or captions.

Our web site is badly in need of informative pages that show prospective members what we do at meetings. I don't attend but one or two meetings a year, so I can't do it myself.

PLEASE help with this. A web site with no current information is a dead web site that will attract no interest. A good vibrant web site can be a big aid in recruiting new members. You don't have to promise me anything or sign a roster, just show up with your camera at meetings and e-mail photos and captions to me.

Thanks in advance! [steve.adams@windstream.net](mailto:steve.adams@windstream.net)

The Yard Rock Pictures





## Kid's Corner

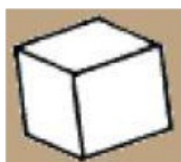
# Mineral Cleavage & Fracture

Cleavage and fracture are descriptions of how a mineral breaks into pieces.

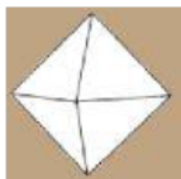
**Cleavage** describes how a mineral breaks into flat surfaces (usually one, two, three or four surfaces). Cleavage is determined by the crystal structure of the mineral.

**Fracture** describes how a mineral breaks into forms or shapes other than flat surfaces. Not all minerals have cleavage, however, all minerals will have some form of fracture.

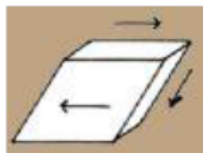
### Common Cleavage Descriptions ~



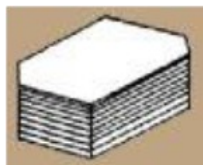
**Cubic** – when a mineral breaks in three directions and the cleavage planes form right angles (90 degrees to each other). Results in pieces in the shape of a cube.



**Octahedral** – when a mineral breaks in the form of a diamond, resulting in 8 nearly equal faces.



**Rhombohedral** – when a mineral breaks in three directions and the cleavage planes form angles that are other than 90 degrees. The shape formed is called a rhombohedron.



**Pinacoidal** – when a mineral breaks in one direction, leaving a single flat surface (cleavage plane). When a mineral breaks into very thin sheets, like mica minerals, the pinacoidal cleavage is called micaceous.

### Common Fracture Descriptions

**1. Conchoidal:** describes a curved, nearly rounded, smooth fracture that looks like the inside of a shell. This is seen best in the igneous rock, obsidian, but also in massive pieces of the mineral quartz.

**2. Fibrous:** describes minerals (like chrysotile asbestos) that break into fibers.

**3. Splintery:** describes minerals that break into stiff, sharp, needle-like pieces.

**4. Hackly:** describes fractures that have rough edges.

**5. Uneven or irregular:** describes minerals that break into rough, uneven surfaces.

Sometimes one person might identify a fracture as hackly and another would describe the same specimen as irregular because they are fairly close to each other in appearance. With more experience, a mineralogist can easily tell the difference between these two fractures.



## Educational Workshops Report - Danny Griffin, SFMS Education Co-Chair

Everyone that's interested in taking an SFMS Workshop this year should check out the schedule, and class details, at [www.sfmsworkshops.com](http://www.sfmsworkshops.com). There are several classes that have never been offered before. Here's a short list:

### William Holland June 7 – 13th, 2015

Silver Advanced – Channel Inlay  
Tool Making  
Jr. Rockhounding – Mineral ID  
Jr. Rockhounding – Wire Wrapping and Chain  
Wire for Beaders

### Wildacres August 17 – 23, 2015

Stakes and Hammers  
Meteorite – Symposium  
Stone Carving

### Wildacres Sept. 21-27, 2015

Advanced Flint Knapping  
Fused Chain-Maille  
Meteorite – Symposium

Many of the classes on this year's schedule are returns that have been requested by prior attendees. The ability to pay tuition via credit card has been setup for both locations. The details should be on the website very soon. There will be a 5% processing charge for each student paying by credit card. This is to offset the processing company's fees to the SFMS. For details on paying your tuition with a credit card contact the Registrars listed at the bottom of the Registration form or visit the website at [www.sfmsworkshops.com](http://www.sfmsworkshops.com). For additional details concerning tuition, cost, etc. see the registration form at [www.sfmsworkshops.com](http://www.sfmsworkshops.com).

Beginning in the next issue of the Lodestar, I will highlight a class or two that will hopefully peak your interest. And most important - If you are reading this article, please pass this information on to others in your club who do not have access to the Lodestar. Thanks!

(Editors note: anyone may subscribe and receive the Lodestar, just send your email address to [sfms.lodestar@gmail.com](mailto:sfms.lodestar@gmail.com).)

## IMPORTANT NOTICE =====

### Session One - William Holland SUNDAY, June 7-13, 2015

There are a few cancellations in the schedule. Please verify your class **IS** being taught by going to the website at [www.sfmsworkshops.com](http://www.sfmsworkshops.com).

As of now these are the **cancellations** listed due to not enough people signing up to attend.

Glass Fusing  
Jr Rockhounding - Mineral ID  
Jr Rockhounding - Wire Wrap & Chain  
Tool Making

These classes offer the SFMS club members a wonderful opportunity to learn more about their hobby and/or profession. The gathering of like-minded people from all over the southeast to discuss and learn from one another to terrific!

### Mailbag item .... Sandra,

I saw your email address on Bob's Rock Shop and thought I'd drop you a line. My wife and I live in the Birmingham area, and are longtime rock hounds, but we've never joined the AMLS. We like those of your members we've met at Tannehill over the years and I thought some of the AMLS members might enjoy a website I put up a few weeks ago: [godmadeagates.com](http://godmadeagates.com).

It contains many rather good agate photos and a lot of agate technical info (from an old geologist) among other things. If you like it, pass it along. Thanks, Bill Kitchen

### Welcome these new Members !

*Let 's extend a hand and let these new people know rockhounds are a likeable bunch. We need to get to know just what they are interested in and help.*

*~ Joanna Kosecki and Rev. Elaine Hagenbuch*



*Last page funnies ...*

Never lend a geologist money. They consider a million years ago to be recent.

A man goes into a restaurant, sits down and starts reading the menu. The menu says:

- Broiled Accountant \$5.95 per plate
- Fried Engineer \$7.95 per plate
- Toasted Teacher \$7.95 per plate
- Grilled Geologist \$25.95 per plate



The man calls a waiter over and asks "Hey, why does the Grilled Geologist cost so much more?"

The waiter says, "Are you kidding? Do you know how hard it is to clean one of them?!?!"

You can get more funnies at this location. S.S.

From: [http://www.xs4all.nl/~jcdverha/scijokes/5\\_1.html](http://www.xs4all.nl/~jcdverha/scijokes/5_1.html)

~Via the Rockhound Roundup Smokey Mountain Mineral Society of Hartford, TN. April 2008

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**A.M.L.S. Application for Membership**      \_\_\_\_\_ New    \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal

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Meeting Place: Emmet O'Neal Library 50 Oak St. Mountain Brook, AL. 35213 PH. (205) 897-0459  
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